



Dear Parish Family,

It seems unbelievable that Christmas and New Year's have already passed. Every year they seem to come and go so quickly. Perhaps the lesson for our lives is that we all need to slow down a little to cherish the blessing of each day and each person we encounter.

Perhaps this is one of the good reasons the Church's liturgical season of Christmas does not end so quickly. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Today we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles represented by the magi. Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. At Jesus' baptism, God the Father proclaimed Jesus to be his Son. The Baptism of Jesus marks the end of the Christmas liturgical season.

God's greatest gift of love to us is Jesus Christ, who actually makes all human love possible. As we wind up this liturgical season when we celebrate the gift of Jesus and as we begin a new year, let us be thankful for all the people who are gifts in our lives. I am grateful for all of you who are so committed and generous to Little Flower parish, and I hope you are grateful for our parish community and especially for our parish staff and all our volunteers. In the final analysis, parishes are people, and the quality of parish life depends upon the people who make up the parish community.

Please remember that Tom begins his sabbatical today. We hope that he will get plenty of rest, relaxation, and refreshment during the month he is away.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. bob



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Christian Community Sophia Grace, daughter of Joseph and

Michele (Roseman) Cougan, baptized on Sunday, December 20, 2009.

There will be no Adventuresome Group meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 10th and will be a Valentine's Day celebration. Mark your calendar and plan on attending.



HOLY COMMUNION

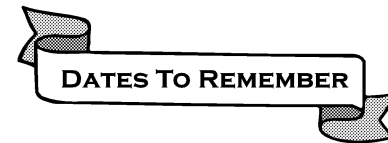
First Communion

On Sunday, January 10, 2010 at the 8:30 am Mass our children who will receive First Eucharist this Spring will be publicly enrolled into the preparation program. Please keep these families in your prayers during their preparation that they will find peace and joy as they approach the table of the Lord together.



FOR THE WEEK OF January 4 - 10, 2010

- 04 Jan. Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Jim Freeland by Carol Freeland
- 05 Jan. Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Therese Campbell by Dennis and Lisa Hanley
- 06 Jan. Wednesday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm For the Intentions of Sr. Lavonne Long by Jon Bowling
- 07 Jan. Thursday**
8:30 am Marjorie Spalding by Marjean Schlachter
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 08 Jan. Friday**
8:30 am Amy Grismore by Bernie, Cindy, and Patty Grismore
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 09 Jan. Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil - The Baptism of the Lord**
Larry Krackenberger by Bea Krackenberger and Family
- 10 Jan. Sunday - The Baptism of the Lord**
8:30 am For the Intentions of Mary Shaler by Ron Sharp
10:30 am For the People
6:00 pm Mary and Charles O'Hara



January 3 - 10, 2010

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	5:00 pm	Youth Choir
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation Prep
Monday	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
Tuesday	Scout Room	3:00 pm	Girl Scouts
	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	LFAA Board
	Church	7:00 pm	Choir
Wednesday	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	School Commission
Thursday	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #799
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Webelos II
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
Saturday	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
			Blood Pressure Screening after all Masses
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Church	8:30 am	Rite of Enrollment-First Communion
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	St. Therese	1:30 pm	Franciscan Associates

The Epiphany of the Lord

Please remember our parishioners who are homebound in your thoughts and prayers. If you get the chance, please send them a card or note! This week we especially want to remember:

Mary Jane Render

St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital, Room 108
8050 Township Line Road
Indianapolis, IN 46260

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,750.00
Collection of December 19 th and 20 th	\$	10,626.44
Electronic Contribution 12/15 to 12/21	\$	4,946.64
Collection of December 26 th and 27 th		not available due to early deadline
Electronic Contribution 12/22 to 12/28		not available due to early deadline
Year to Date Budget Goal as of 12/21	\$	343,750.00
Year to Date Collections as of 12/21	\$	333,357.89
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT as of 12/21	\$	- 10,392.11

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$	2,244.00
September Contributions	\$	2,030.85
October Contributions	\$	2,006.00
November Contributions	\$	2,229.00
December Contributions (up to 12/21)	\$	2,135.50

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have been so generous with time and treasure to help those in need this Christmas Season. We also want to thank the students of Scecina High School, and Pam Brake, Student Council Moderator, who provided Christmas Gifts for a needy parish family and helped the Gabriel Project with much needed baby supplies. Finally, thanks to the Shi-Kay and also to the O'Brien Family for helping in a special way with perishable food from many of our Giving Tree families.



Session 4 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday January 3rd** following the 6pm Mass. Please meet in the parish center.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 22nd. Statements for Legacy for our Mission contributions will be mailed by the Archdiocese.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing for 6pm Mass on January 3rd. Please meet in church at 5pm.

Scecina Memorial High School Announcements

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Young Alumni Recognition Night

Crusaders vs. University at 6 pm

Free Admission for the Classes of 2005-2009

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Alumni and Friends Casino Trip to Southern Indiana Horseshoe Casino

Depart Scecina: 8:45 am; Return by 6:15 pm

\$20 Includes Round Trip, Lunch Buffet, and \$5 in Chips

Must be 21 to Attend

For more information contact Tom Branson,
tbranson@scecina.org or 356-6377 ext. 1312

What is a "Nun Run?" A Nun Run is a 24+ hour experience during which single women ages 18-35 are invited to visit 3-4 different Sisters' convents. You will have the opportunity to pray with us, eat with us, share stories and laugh with us. So fasten your seatbelts and plan to join us for a whirlwind weekend that will give you an inside look into Religious Life for women as a Sister! Transportation provided. No fee for the weekend. Nun Run is scheduled for Feb. 26-27, 2010. The event will begin at 6pm on Fri, Feb. 26th and conclude at 8:30 pm on Sat, Feb. 27th. Call Sr. Theresa Sullivan at 812-963-7563 or email theresa.sullivan@doc-ecp.org to receive a brochure and to register. Sponsored by Religious Communities of the greater Indianapolis area.

Are you married to a stranger? Do you feel alone? Do you argue - or have you just stopped talking to each other? Do you dread the drive home" does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 15-17 call 317-489-6811 or email register@retroindy.com or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.com.

Archdiocesan Youth for Life (AYL)

Jan. 14 and Feb. 11, 2010

The Archdiocesan Youth for Life (AYL) is a pro-life group that meets in the Franciscan Room at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis on the second Thursday of every month from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. The group is open to high school students who have a passion for the pro-life cause and desire to be leaders in the pro-life movement in the archdiocese. For more information and to join, contact Sister Diane at 317-236-1521.

Marian's Adult Programs (MAP) at Marian University, Indianapolis, invites you to attend an information session to find out about the accelerated undergraduate degree programs that it offers in Business Administration. (Most classes meet one night per week for five weeks.) The next sessions are:

- Tuesday, January 12th, 2010, 6-7pm, Marian University, Marian Hall, Academic Conference Room, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222
- Thursday, February 18, 2010, 6-7pm, Greenwood Site, 300 South Madison, Suite 201, Greenwood, IN 46142.

Please RSVP to 317-955-6271.