



**Dear Parish Family,**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Today marks the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time. Jesus' baptism marked the

beginning of his public ministry. The Gospels during Ordinary Time tell the story of Jesus' public ministry.

At the 8:30 Mass this weekend, we are celebrating the Rite of Enrollment for this year's First Communion Class. This weekend twenty-two second graders will begin preparation for First Communion. Fifteen of these attend Little Flower School; seven attend Sunday Religious Education.

This week also marked the first week of Tom's sabbatical. I do not think anyone really can appreciate how much he does for our parish. Before he left, he left a list of things that we all need to do during his absence, things that he does when he is here. It was a very long list, and it does not include many of the tasks that are specifically his responsibility. When he returns, I am sure all of us on staff will have a greater appreciation for everything he does. I would ask your prayers for him that this sabbatical will be a time of renewal and blessing for him.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

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



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 our residents at St. Paul Hermitage:

- Margaret Connel, Rosemary Goodin, Nancy Lavelle**
- Margaret Moriarty, Pat Moriarty, Mary Stout,**
- Florence Zimmer**

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N 17th Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107



Please welcome into our Christian Community:

- Gabriel Aaron, son of Marvin Thruston and Liliana Estrada, baptized on Sunday, November 15, 2009.
- Kaiden James, son of Brett Cunningham and Ashley Dugan, baptized on Sunday, December 27, 2009.
- Katherine Francesca Sophia, daughter of Daniel C. Diller and Kathleen J. Lester, baptized on Sunday, December 27, 2009.



We remember our parishioner **Charles "Louie" Hauck**, who passed away on December 29<sup>th</sup>. Charles' wife, Charlotte, and his son, Alex, daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen,

and grandson, Liam, are also parishioners of Little Flower. We also offer our sympathy and condolences to Mary Lou Beaupre on the death of her brother, Bill Hickey, who passed away on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and whose funeral was in Albany, New York. May we keep both the Hauck and Beaupre families in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Louie and Bill eternal life.

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



**Masses of the Week**

**FOR THE WEEK OF January 11 – 17, 2010**

- 11 Jan. Monday**  
7:00 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Dorothy Moody by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
- 12 Jan. Tuesday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Helen Sauer by The Kelly Family
- 13 Jan. Wednesday**  
8:30 am Marjorie Spalding by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Yohler  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 14 Jan. Thursday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Betty Gavaghan by Jean Kemerer
- 15 Jan. Friday**  
8:30 am Susie Ravellette by Bill and Ellen Rodgers  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 16 Jan. Saturday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:00 pm **Vigil – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
In Memory of Michael Donahue by Clara Donahue
- 17 Jan. Sunday – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am For the People  
10:30 am Deceased Members of the Clifford and Bauman Families by Ruth Clifford  
6:00 pm For the Intentions of Lynn Bogle by Ron Sharp



**Dates to Remember**

**January 10 - 17, 2010**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Blood Pressure Screening after all Masses		
	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
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Weblos I
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion for Religious Ed
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	Church	7:00 pm	Choir
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Daisy Troop #2009
	St. Therese	6:00 pm	Respect Life
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm	PTO Board Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Council
<b>Thursday</b>	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Weblos II
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	LFAA Business Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	Scout Room	4:00 pm	Girl Scouts #787
	Duffey Hall	4:40 pm	Market Day
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	New Member Registration After All Masses		
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Youth Council Meeting

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,750.00
Collection of December 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	\$	13,710.47
Electronic Contribution 12/22 to 12/28	\$	769.00
Collection of January 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	not available-check back next week	
Electronic Contribution 12/29 to 1/4	not available-check back next week	
Year to Date Budget Goal as of 12/28	\$	357,500.00
Year to Date Collections as of 12/28	\$	347,837.36
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT as of 12/28	\$	- 9,662.64

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	\$	2,168.50

**What happens to the Christmas Collection?**

Several people have asked recently how the Christmas collection is used. The parish budget has a line for Holy Day collections and Christmas is included in this line. So although you don't see this affecting the Sunday collection totals, it does go directly into our operating budget. This year the Christmas collection was \$13,528.80.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

A special thanks goes this week to the Arts and Environment Committee and all of the other volunteers who helped to decorate (and un-decorate) our Church for the Christmas season. The church looked beautiful. Thanks also to all those who donated poinsettias in honor of loved ones.

**TAKE NOTE:**

Someone attending Mass at Little Flower on Christmas Eve lost a brand new yellow-gold ladies ring that contained some small chipped diamonds. If you happened to find a ring, please call Jeannie or Sandy at the parish center – 357-8352.

RECRUITING FOR JOBS WITH THE  
2010 U.S. CENSUS IS HAPPENING NOW!

The 2010 census is offering a testing/recruiting session in our area for census takers and other jobs paying from \$10.00 to more than \$15.00 per hour. Call 866-861-2010 for more information. You may also download a practice test to help prepare by visiting [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)

**High School boys & girls** interested in playing Co-Ed volleyball, open gym is Saturday, January 16, from 8-10 PM. Contact Sarah Stevenson at 946-3194 with any questions.

The parish newsletter is looking for your news, articles, and pictures! **Deadline is Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Please send to [lfparishnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lfparishnews@yahoo.com), or drop off at the parish office. You can also put it in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "Parish News."

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



**Three Great Things  
about Little Flower School  
Academics, Community, Tradition**

Eighth grade at Little Flower School is a special year. For many of our 13 and 14 year-old students, Little Flower School has been home for eight to ten years. We celebrate this year as a very special year in our students' lives. This semester our 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will be allowed to wear make-up, all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have unusual dress days once a month (first Tuesday), and plan the Senior Prom. Three very special traditions highlight the end of the year. Each 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for the past 6 years has created a mural depicting their year. You can see them throughout our hallways. The year will end with a 4 day trip to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C. and, of course, Graduation. This year our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will also be the first students in the U.S. to participate in the Catholic Lead Like Jesus experience. These traditions, old and new, mark the passage from youth to young adulthood. Additionally, these traditions serve as a culmination of their Little Flower years - years of building a strong academic foundation, a more mature spirituality, and an emotional bedrock. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are doing more than graduating; they are preparing to leave "Home". We look forward to Celebrating with them.



HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a First Communion class on **Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**, for the children who attend Sunday Religious Education. We will meet in the Parish Center from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



Confirmation

Session 5 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**, following the 6pm Mass. Please meet in the Parish Center.



(grades 8 thru 12)

The newly-forming youth council will meet at 7 pm on **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**, in the Parish Center. Come join this group as we plan youth activities for the future.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**SUPER BOWL "SUNDAE" PARTY** WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 6 pm Mass on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow!

**Annual Snow Tubing Trip** will be Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Save this date, and watch for further information!



**Little Flower Adult Volleyball League**

Little Flower Adult Volleyball Open Gym and Sign-Ups for Winter/Spring League will be Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 pm. All adults 19 years and older are welcome. It's only \$10 per person for a season of FUN!



**Intramural Basketball Sign-ups**

Sign-ups for this year will be Sunday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Little Flower Gym at 2 pm. Intramural Basketball is open to all children in grades kindergarten through third grade. The cost this year will be \$20.00. Please contact Erik Allstatt with questions at 847-9857.