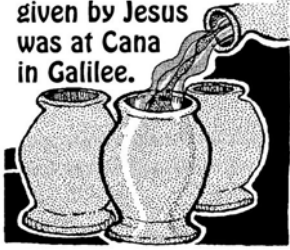


The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.



Dear Parish Family,

The Week of Prayer for Church Unity begins Monday, January 18, and runs through Monday, January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. During these days, the Church asks us to pray for the unity of all Christian Churches. Below is the traditional daily prayer during the Week of Prayer for Church Unity:

That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. [John 17:21]

*V. I say to you, you are Peter,
R. And upon this rock I will build my church.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday is Martin Luther King Day. The Parish Office and the School will be closed for the holiday. I have quoted Martin Luther King's *I Have A Dream* speech several times in homilies: "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Although the United States is a much different place than it was on August 28, 1963, when Martin Luther King delivered his speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., there is still prejudice and racism in our country. The alternate opening prayer for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time would be an appropriate prayer to pray Monday:

Almighty God, ever-loving Father, your care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation to the hearts of all who live. May the walls, which prejudice raises between us, crumble beneath the shadow of your outstretched arm. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Finally, Friday, January 22, is the 37th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. In all dioceses of the United States, it is "a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right of life." Our 8:30 a.m. All-School Liturgy will be the recommended Votive Mass for Justice and Peace. The opening prayer for the Mass for Justice and Peace is appropriate for the day:

God our Father, you reveal that those who work for peace will be called your sons and daughters. Help us to work without ceasing for that justice which brings true and lasting peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week there is an insert in the bulletin concerning health care reform. As you know, both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives have passed health care legislation that now must be reconciled. As Catholics, one of our primary concerns is that "provisions against abortion funding and in favor of conscience protection" must be part of the final bill, or the bill must be opposed.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Special Blessing

Couples who are expecting babies are invited for a special blessing on the weekend of Jan. 23rd and 24th at all the regular Masses. This will be part of our celebration of life that weekend. You will be invited to the altar at the appropriate time for the blessing. No advance preparation is needed.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK OF January 18 – 24, 2010

- 18 Jan. Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Phil Wilhelm by Sr. Lavonne Long
- 19 Jan. Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Gerri Sweeney by Diane and Ron Sharp
- 20 Jan. Wednesday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm John Koehl by Jeff and Katie Lyons
- 21 Jan. Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm **At Greentree** – Jeane Miley
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 22 Jan. Friday**
8:30 am Bill Hickey by The Roberson Family
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 23 Jan. Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil** – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dorothy Moody by The Family
- 24 Jan. Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 am Denis Hacket by Denis and Ita Moriarty
10:30 am Charley Murphy by Steve and Mary Reilly
6:00 pm For the People



Dates to Remember

January 17 - 24, 2010

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Member Registration After All Masses		
	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
Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School and Parish Office Closed		
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Webelos I
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	SVDP
Tuesday	Duffey Hall	6:00 pm	LF Neighborhood Assoc/Garden Club
	Church	7:00 pm	Choir
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	John 23rd	7:00 pm	Parish Life Commission
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation
Thursday	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	Scout Committee
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Webelos II
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Scout Room	4:00 pm	Girl Scout #787
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	7:30 am	Pinewood Derby
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Middle School Dance
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Confirmation

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
12:00-2:00 PM**

Little Flower School is a vital ministry of our parish. We invite all parishioners to come and see the good work that you are supporting. If you have school age children, please consider the value of a Catholic education. Little Flower offers a unique combination of tradition and innovation with demonstrated success. Please come and visit our Open House or call 353-2282 to schedule a personal tour.

Intramural Basketball Sign-ups

Sign-ups for this year will be Sunday, Jan. 17th, 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.

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 resident at Westminster Village North:

Pat Parent

11050 Presbyterian Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46236



Because of our emphasis on the Sacrament of Ordination this month, all parish members are asked to write a note or letter of appreciation to a priest who has been special to them. If you wish the note to be private, please seal it; if it can be shared, leave it unsealed. Please bring them to Mass next weekend and place them in the baskets at the doors.



The 5th and 6th grade Religious Education class collected more than 25 pairs of shoes for Soles4Souls. Soles4Souls is an organization that collects shoes for people in need. All of the Religious Ed classes, grades 1-8, donated shoes.

Thank you to all of the classes who brought in shoes!

SAVE THE DATE!

The 8th grade class will once again host a "Senior Prom" for the seniors in our parish. This year the date will be **Saturday, Feb. 20th, following the 5pm Mass** and will include dinner, dancing, and bingo. Mark your calendar now, and plan on attending. Watch the bulletin for more information!

A new ministry will soon begin at Little Flower. It is the "Little Petals Playgroup." This ministry will allow parents with young children an opportunity to gather and socialize while their children play together. The first meeting will be on **Thursday, February 4th, at 1pm** in school. At this gathering only, 8th grade students will watch the children, thus allowing the parents an opportunity to discuss how the group will function and determine such things as the date, time, etc for the group to meet. After the initial meeting in school, all meetings will be in the Parish Center, and parents will socialize while the children play. Watch the bulletin for more details!



St. Vincent de Paul would like to THANK everyone who took tags off the Giving Trees and for all other donations that were given to help with Christmas. We helped 62 families with 231 gifts for children. Each family received a bag of food with a Kroger gift card. Thanks to St. Vincent de Paul members who put presents and food together for families to pick up on the Saturday before Christmas and delivered 59 gifts to residents at nursing homes. Everyone was very thankful.



Session 5 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sun. Jan. 24th** following the 6 pm Mass. Please meet in the parish center.



We extend our condolences to Kevin Gawrys, Little Flower School Principal, on the death of his brother, Joe Gawrys, who died on January 8th. Joe's was 55 years old, and his funeral services were held in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Please keep all of the Gawrys family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Joe into His heavenly kingdom.



(grades 8 thru 12)

The newly-forming Youth Council will meet at 7 pm on Sunday, Jan. 17th, 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 Feb. 7th Details to follow!

Annual Snow Tubing Trip will be Sat, Feb. 26th. Save this date, and watch for further information!

Eucharistic Ministers Needed For Community Hospital East

Community Hospital East is in need of a few dedicated Eucharistic Ministers for approximately one hour, one Sunday each month, to provide Holy Communion for our Catholic patients. Please contact Carla Black in Chaplaincy Services at (317) 355-5130 or CBlack2@community.com

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,750.00
Collection of January 2nd and 3rd	\$ 13,670.77
Electronic Contribution 12/29 to 1/4	\$ 5,140.25
Collection of January 9th and 10th	not available-check back next week
Electronic Contribution 1/5 to 1/11	not available-check back next week
Year to Date Budget Goal as of 1/4	\$ 371,250.00
Year to Date Collections as of 1/4	\$ 366,648.38
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT as of 1/4	\$ - 4,601.62

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$ 2,229.00
December Contributions	\$ 2,168.50
January Contributions (as of 1/4)	\$ 1,217.00

The parish newsletter is looking for your news, articles, and pictures! **Deadline is Friday, Jan. 22nd**. Please send to lfparishnews@yahoo.com, or drop off at the parish office. You can also put them in the collection basket, in an envelope labeled "Parish News."



HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a First Communion class on **Monday, Jan. 25th**, for the children who attend Sunday Religious Education. We will meet in the Parish Center from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

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.