



Dear Parish Family,

Today is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Our School Open House will begin after the 10:30

a.m. Mass and continue until 2:00 p.m. This year we are featuring our visual and performing arts. You will be able to hear our bands, including our Crayon Band, and choir. Artwork from each student will be exhibited. Student dancers will also perform. All parishioners are invited. Also, if you have friends who are in the process of choosing a school, please invite them.

In tough economic times, schools and school districts have a tendency to cut fine arts programs. I think we can honestly say that of all the Catholic Schools in Indianapolis, Little Flower has the best fine arts program. For example, 11% of our seventh and eighth graders are in the top three groups of the Indianapolis Children's Choir.

Tuesday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast celebrates of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. This day is also called Candlemas Day because it was the day on which the candles to be used during the year would be blessed.

Wednesday, February 3, is the feast of St. Blaise. The blessing of throats will be given individually during the Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Mass. Next Sunday the prayer for the blessing of throats will be the final blessing at all the Masses.

St. Blaise was a bishop who suffered martyrdom at the beginning of the fourth century. According to tradition, while he was in prison, St. Blaise cured a boy who had a fishbone in his throat and was in danger of choking to death, hence the blessing of throats on his feast.

Finally, next Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Illumination with our First Communicants. When children are baptized, the parents and godparents are given a candle, which signifies that Christ, the Light of the world, now lives in them and also that they are called to be lights to the world. This rite is repeated for them as they prepare for First Communion. Also, it is especially appropriate that we celebrate this rite on a Sunday close to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Please remember our First Communicants in your prayers.

Go, Colts!

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**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.

Spiritual Adoption: Today Many Miracles Happened

On a cold January day, many miracles happened. Among the millions of possible cells, two chosen human cells came together to create a new, unique, never-to-be duplicated human being. As these cells united, the Creator of the universe breathed into me a soul that will last for all eternity, and my journey of life began. I had my beginning in the body of my mother who did not even yet know that I exist. As if all of this is not astounding enough, at Little Flower Catholic Church, I was spiritually adopted, so I begin my life bathed in prayer. I am so grateful to my Creator, my mom and dad, and my spiritual protector. Shortly after all this happened, I started to experience cell division, and I grew from one to many cells as I floated along this tube. I will let you know how things go for me. LIFE IS ASTOUNDING!



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1 - 7, 2010

- 01 Feb. Monday**
7:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Pat Withem by A Friend
- 02 Feb. Tuesday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Gerrie Sweeney by Diane and Ron Sharp
- 03 Feb. Wednesday**
7:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Josefina Riedeman by Michael Riedeman Family
- 04 Feb. Thursday**
8:30 a.m. Mary Cox
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 05 Feb. Friday**
8:30 a.m. Margaret Merl by the Family
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 06 Feb. Saturday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:00 p.m. **Vigil – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
M.A. Galvin by Mary Shea
- 07 Feb. Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. Vivian Hess by The Ladies Club
10:30 a.m. Amy Grismore by Bernie, Cindy, and Patty Grismore
6:00 p.m. For the People



Dates to Remember

January 31 – February 7, 2010

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	School	11:30 a.m.	School Open House
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Webelos I
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Wolf Scouts
	John 23 rd	6:30 p.m.	1 st Communion Prep
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
	Tuesday	Holy Family	3:00 p.m.
Scout Room		3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Duffey Hall		6:30 p.m.	PTO/Silly Safari
John 23 rd		6:30 p.m.	LFAA Board
Church		7:00 p.m.	Choir
Parish Center		7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	Scout Room	2:30 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
	Scout Room	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #799
Thursday	School	1:00 p.m.	Little Petals Play Group
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Webelos II
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Friday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
	Scout Room	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #787
	Gym	8:00 p.m.	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	PTO Chili Dinner
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Rite of Illumination – First Communion
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	"Sundae" Youth Room & Super Bowl Party

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please note that the Ladies Club will not meet during the month of February. But mark your calendar for our next meeting on Thursday, March 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in Duffey Hall.



Please remember our parishioners who are homebound in your thoughts and prayers. If you get the chance, please send them a card or note! (Addresses may be found in our parish directory.) **This week we especially want to remember: Wilma and Donald Belviy.**

SAVE THE DATE!

The 8th grade class will once again host a “Senior Prom” for the seniors in our parish on **Saturday, Feb. 20th, following the 5 p.m. Mass.** Anyone age 55 and older is invited and encouraged to attend. The theme for this year’s prom is “**Capture the Dream.**” This fun-filled evening will include dinner, dancing, and bingo. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to meet some of the young people of our parish! 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 1 p.m.** 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!



HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a First Communion class on **Monday, Feb, 1st**, for the children who attend Sunday Religious Education. We will meet in the Parish Center from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Session 6 will take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday, February 28th**, following the 6 p.m. Mass. Please meet in the Parish Center.

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2010 planning will begin soon. Our summer festival dates this year are JUNE 4th, 5th, and 6th. A kick off meeting will be held on Monday, February 8th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center for those who would like to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Tom at 357-8352 with questions.

The Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Avenue, Beech Grove, is offering a Lenten weekend retreat designed for women who wish to deepen their relationship with God into a garment of grace through reflection, creativity, silence and prayer. **Women Clothed in Grace Retreat** is February 26, 27, & 28, 2010. Fee: \$150 includes room, meals & supplies. Register with a friend, and save \$5 each. 317-788-7581

FISH FRY

FRIDAYS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 19TH
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

A Day of Reflection and Discernment

February 27, 2010

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

College and Career Men between the ages of 18 and 45 who are open to the possibility of priesthood are invited to attend a Day of Reflection and Discernment led by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B. at his home. For more information or to register, please call the Vocations Office at 317-236-1490 or email www.HearGodsCall.com.



(grades 8 thru 12)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUPER BOWL “SUNDAE” PARTY WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 6 p.m. Mass on Feb. 7th. Details to follow!

YOUTH CHOIR will sing on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at the 6 p.m. Mass. Please meet in church at 5 p.m.

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

The Adventurousome Group will meet on Wednesday, February 10th, in the Parish Center, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This month we will be celebrating Valentine’s Day. Lunch will be served, and there will be surprises! Don’t miss out on the fun. Please call the Parish Center, 357-8352, to let us know you are coming!

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

Little Flower students and families donated \$638.87 to the Catholic Relief Services for aid to Haiti last Friday!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,750.00
Collection of January 16 th and 17 th	\$	10,004.67
Electronic Contribution 1/12 to 1/18	\$	4,230.64
Collection of January 23 rd and 24 th	\$	10,351.74
Electronic Contribution 1/19 to 1/25	\$	1,600.00
Year to Date Budget Goal as of 1/10	\$	412,500.00
Year to Date Collections as of 1/10	\$	404,828.28
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT as of 1/4	\$	- 7,671.72

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,006.00
November Contributions	\$	2,229.00
December Contributions	\$	2,168.50
January Contributions (to date)	\$	1,904.00

Annual financial statements have been mailed. If you have questions or see any discrepancies please call Lisa at 357-8352, ext 33. Statements for Legacy for our Mission contributions will be mailed by the Archdiocese.