



THE LITTLE FLOWER GARDEN

NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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If you have any upcoming events please make sure to take lots of pictures so we can use them in our upcoming issues. Submit photos and info by 4/22/10 in order for it to be published in the 5/15/10 issue.

Please e-mail all pictures and info to lfparisnews@yahoo.com



Welcome to Our Newly Registered Parishioners!

Susan Walsh; Michelle Raines and children, Dillon, Xavier, & Ania; Mary Copas and children, Tyler, Anthony & Jacob; Tandy & Vickie Branham and children, Maggie & Andrew; Alison Lynch; Iwona and Vincent Morretino; Susan Schafer; Dawnielle Sweet; John Greene and Teresa Cowden and daughter, Alyssa Greene; Kimberly Chavez and son, DaVon; Amilcar and Lucinda Cabrera and son, Beckham; Eugenio and Mandie Flores and children, Hayley Flores and Savanah Palacios; Bud and Linda Dennemann;

Matthew & Angela Huffman; Craig & Leigh Smith, and children, Jacob and Madeline; Charles Whitehill; Maria Hawkins; Joan Smith; Diana Newhart; Robert Tremblay and son, Bobby; Michael Greene; Diane Eastman; Lisa Luttrell and son, Bobby Tremblay; Charles and Judy Aughe; Demi Alarcon; John & Stephanie Marron; Ian & Erin Colgan; Ashley Dugan; Eric Lee & Maeve Laverty and son, Jake Laverty-Lee; Margaret Warner; Jamey & Laura Williams and son, James; David Black; Gina Cassidy-Jackson; Jeff & Cathy Wellner and son, Daniel; Robert Heath; Kathleen Russell; Sara Kohne; Nick Miller; Ken Sloo.



Shoes4Souls

Students from the Little Flower 5th and 6th grade Religious Ed. Class recently organized a shoe drive within our Religious Ed. Program. They collected over 25 pairs of shoes for Shoes4Souls. This organization collects and distributes shoes for people in need.

Little Flower Prayer Vine

Prayer is an important part of each of our lives. Most of us have seen and felt the power of prayer at work in us or in others. Did you know that each of you has the opportunity to pray for others on a daily basis?

The **Little Flower Prayer Vine** is a group of parishioners that prays for fellow parishioners, or their relatives and friends, in need. There are NO meetings! This is a ministry that can be done in your home, at work, in your car, whenever and wherever you pray. If you would like to pray for others or would like to request a special intention, please e-mail: helpwithprayers@sbcglobal.net. You may also go to our website, www.littleflowerparish.org, to find a list of prayer requests. If you do not have e-mail or internet access you may call the parish center, 357-8352, to leave your prayer request. Please leave your name and phone number when you call!

Adoration Chapel

The Little Flower Parish Adoration Chapel is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our goal is to have a faithful parishioner give an hour each week on a regular basis to pray for the needs of our parish, our neighborhood, our country, and our world.

There are openings available for those who wish to commit this one hour of prayer. Contact Barbara Lawless at 357-3546. "The comfort given friends, neighbors, and family, when told that someone is praying for them 24/7 is priceless!"

Parish Life Commission

The Parish Life Commission, which is responsible for providing social opportunities for Little Flower Parish, was revitalized a year ago this month. Discernment of officers was recently held and the Commission Chair is Pat Gandolph, and the Secretary is Karen Lyons. Other members include: Rita Brandt, Lori Falk, Penny Fowler, Charlie Graf, Eileen Wall and Ann O'Neill-Schlosser. Peggy Clegg is the staff liaison for the Commission.

During the past year, members of the committee planned the following events: Holy Thursday Soup Supper, Fr. Bob's Birthday Party, Parish Picnic, Halloween Party and Christmas Party. If you have any ideas or suggestions for other social events that the Commission might want to consider hosting, please let Peggy Clegg or any other member of the Commission know. It is helpful to have input from the parish when trying to plan events.

Recently one of the members of the Commission, Judy Moss, had to resign. The current members of the Commission would like to publicly thank Judy for serving on the Commission. With Judy's resignation, there is an opening on the Commission. Duties include attending a monthly meeting and helping plan and implement events sponsored by the Commission. If you are interested in being a part of the Parish Life Commission, please contact Peggy Clegg at the Parish Center.

The next big event that the Parish Life Commission will host will be the **Soup Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1st**. This is a great opportunity to "break bread" with your parish family. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Youth News

We will be making a trip to Perfect North Ski Slopes (about 90 minutes southeast of Indy) for snow tubing on Saturday February 27th (weather permitting!). This trip is open to all youth in grades 8 through 12. We will leave LF PROMPTLY at 6:00 pm and return slightly after midnight. Reservations by Wednesday, February 24th are a must so we can arrange transportation. Permission slips and fees (\$25.00) must be in by this date! Permission slips will be sent home with Little Flower 8th graders and mailed to high school students. If you did not get one, they are available at the school and the parish office. Call Tom at 357-8352 or e-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org for more information! Parents are needed to volunteer to drive. Please call Tom if you can help.

Carrie Shelhart, a senior at Marian University is working with a group of our youth to form a youth council to plan and implement activities for parish youth. We are excited to have Carrie with us this semester and look forward to the work of the youth council!

Seventeen of our parish youth are participating in the confirmation preparation program. Confirmation for our parish and several others will take place on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Cathedral. Please pray for our youth. Pictures of them and their sponsors are posted on the bulletin board by the usher's room in church.

Ladies Club News

Spring is just around the corner, and we will soon be asking all the ladies to donate their delicious baked goods for the Lenten Fish Fries. Also, be looking in the bulletin for the Ladies Club Annual Flower Sale. Order Forms should be available by the end of February with flower delivery the Thursday before Mother's Day. Please ask friends and relatives to make their Mother's Day shopping easier by ordering flowers from the Little Flower Ladies Club!



Rosenbaum Family

Michele and Steve Rosenbaum, and their two daughters, Sophie, age 8 and Lucy, age 6, have been members of Little Flower Parish for about 11 years. They settled on Little Flower after moving to the area, and sampling neighboring parishes. At the time they visited Little Flower, Fr. Vince was pastor, and was giving his famous “homilies with props”. Between these and the people they met, Steve and Michele decided this was where they belonged.

There were other bits of family history and tradition that convinced the couple that Little Flower was for them. As Michele graduated from college and started her career, she had wondered if she’d ever meet the man of her dreams. She prayed in earnest to St. Therese of the Little Flower, then met Steve on a ski trip a few years later. (His last name, Rosenbaum means “tree of roses”.)

For Michele and Steve, it was love at first sight. They met in February, married in December, and eagerly awaited the arrival of children. When it turned out this was not to be, they decided to adopt. The couple prayed hard, and took an active role in seeking a child. Steve wrote a letter of introduction to an 18-year old mother-to-be, and this resulted in their adoption of daughter Sophie. Knowing their daughter should have a sibling, they continued to pray, and Lucy’s mother found them.

The Rosenbaums brought their daughters to Little Flower. Sophie is enrolled in Grade 2, and Lucy is in Kindergarten. Becoming a school family broadened the couple’s horizons as far as parish participation goes. Steve shares his time and talent as a member of the School Commission, and works with the Buildings and Grounds crew. Michele lectures, participates in the Christmas Choir, is one of our Little Flower gardeners, and is a Brownie leader.

Both enjoy introducing their daughters to new experiences. Sophie is artistic, sensitive, reserved yet very friendly. Lucy is outgoing, independent, and very affectionate. The sisters share a room and get along very well. Their parents would like them to have a lot of experiences as youngsters as they decide on the kinds of activities they’d like to pursue as they get older. The girls have completed a series of lessons in gymnastics, and are looking forward to starting intramural basketball at Little Flower very soon. Sophie is taking violin lessons, and mom decided to try this instrument, too! Lucy has a great imagination and loves to play with her character dolls, creating stories and adventures with them.

The family recently took their first family ski trip and enjoyed it immensely. Since this is where their parents had met, they thought it would be a great way to introduce the girls to the sport. In addition, the family enjoys camping, especially at the Indiana state parks. Spring Mill and Mounds State Park are two favorite spots.

As Little Flower parishioners, the Rosenbaums participated in the recent Financial Peace University, and were very impressed to find 150 -200 other people there working to change their saving and tithing habits. They feel this can only be a good thing for the future of Little Flower parish.

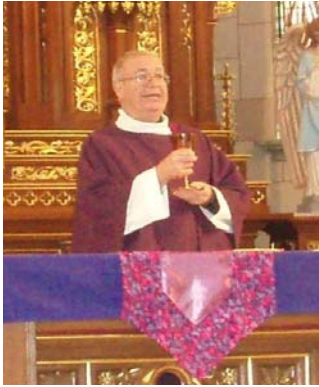
They are concerned as they note the same 100 or so people in the parish who seem to keep our ministries functioning. The couple sees this as an opportunity for younger families to get involved, and they would like to become more active in parish activities.

At the same time, in observing the world around them, they are often disappointed because so many people seem to feel that they don’t need God in their lives. Steve and Michele are very much aware of the part God has played in their lives, and how the power of prayer has transformed them both.

They look to their parish as a source of comfort and inspiration. They find Father Bob’s homilies deep and thought provoking. They expressed the wish for a few moments of silence following the homily so they can think, and take in what they’ve just heard. Theresa Eckrich’s choirs, with their accompanying instrumentalists, are a great source of joy.

So many of the friends they’ve made at Little Flower are life-long members of the parish. These friends have helped Steve and Michele appreciate the history of the parish. They look forward to the future of the parish, knowing that with prayer, God’s guidance, and the support of many loyal families, their parish will continue to be a nurturing force for their family’s growth.

Ask Fr. Bob



Question: Why did Jesus choose 12 Apostles? What separated them from the other followers?

Answer: According to the Encyclopedia of Catholicism, “the symbolism of the twelve apostles emphasized the continuity of the early Church with the twelve tribes of Israel (Matt 19:28; Luke 22:30).”

The criteria by which Jesus chose them we really do not know. We know that he chose them after spending the night in prayer. We also know that they were chosen out of his larger group of disciples (Luke 6:12-16).

The word apostle gives us some insight into what separated them from his other followers. The word apostle means one who is sent. They were the ones who

were sent out to proclaim the Good News to all creation (Mark 16:14-18). They were also the ones who were with Jesus at the Last Supper. Therefore, they were the ones he charged to celebrate the Eucharist in his memory. Finally, St. Paul emphasizes that the Church was “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone” (Ephesians 2:20).

fr. Bob

If you have any questions that you would like Fr. Bob to answer in our upcoming issues, please submit your questions at lfparisnews@yahoo.com



Fish Fry

It’s already almost time for our parish Lenten Fish Fries. They will be held on the six Fridays of Lent, beginning on Friday, February 19th and continuing through Friday, March 26th. As always, we will rely heavily on the volunteer efforts of many to make these events successful. In addition to the core team of volunteers, various parish organizations will be asked to help. Our confirmation candidates will also be volunteering, and the ladies of our Ladies Club will provide desserts that will be available each week.

This will mark the 10th year of the Lenten Fish Fries! They have become a significant source of revenue for the parish operating budget. More importantly, they have proven to be great times to build community and share a meal with members of our parish family and friends. We encourage you to invite extended family, friends, and coworkers to attend. **Please come often and bring guests!**

SUMMERFEST 2010

The first planning meeting for **SUMMERFEST** will have taken place by the time you read this newsletter. Our wonderful volunteers are sure to be making plans for a festival you won’t want to miss. **THIS YEAR OUR FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH.** As always, we ask for your support in three ways! Sell those raffle tickets, especially to your family, friends, and co-workers. Raffle tickets will be distributed in April. Volunteer to help if you are able. Opportunities to sign up to help will be provided. Plan now to attend, and invite your family, friends, and co-workers. Word of mouth is our best advertising, and it is imperative that we bring guests in from outside of the parish if we are going to be successful. Donate to the rummage sale and the silent auction. For rummage sale donations or questions, please call Debbie Belles at 359-4288 For silent auction donations of new goods or services valued in excess of \$25.00, please call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473.

Pray for the success of the festival. We need all the help we can get this year! Watch the Sunday bulletin for more news as the festival draws closer!

Welcoming Committee

Do you have free time on your hands? Do you like to talk on the phone? Do you think it’s important to make new parishioners in the parish feel welcomed? If you answered yes to any of these questions; then the Welcoming Committee needs your help!

We are looking for people who will call and welcome new parishioners to Little Flower Parish after they have registered, and to periodically call and invite them to special activities such as the Halloween Party, Christmas Party, Holy Thursday Soup Supper and so forth. This is a great ministry for someone who is not able to make it to a regular monthly meeting but would like to be involved in the parish in some way. If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile ministry, please contact Peggy Clegg at 357-8352 or by e-mail, pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE - 2010**February 17, Ash Wednesday**

Mass and Distribution of Ashes: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Friday, February 19

Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 pm
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Friday, February 26

Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 pm
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Friday, March 5

Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 pm
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Monday, March 8

Penance Service (with Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette)
First Reconciliation for Little Flower children
at Little Flower at 7:00 pm

Friday, March 12

Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 pm
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Friday, March 19

Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 pm
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Friday, March 26

Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 pm
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm

March 27th and 28th – Palm Sunday

Regular Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 6:00 pm

April 1 – Holy Thursday

Soup Supper in Duffey Hall beginning at 5:30 pm til 6:30 p.m.
All are welcome!
Adoration Chapel Closes at 7:00 pm
Mass at 7:00 pm including commissioning of all
Eucharistic Ministers
Eucharistic Adoration in Church after Mass closing with
Night Prayer at 9:15 pm

April 2 – Good Friday

Living Stations of the Cross at 8:30 am
Living Stations of the Cross at 1:00 pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 7:00 pm

April 3 – Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm
NO 5:00 pm Mass or confessions

April 4 – Easter Sunday

Masses at 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Adoration Chapel reopens after 10:30 am Mass - **There is NO 6:00 pm Mass**

**Pack #126 News**

Little Flower's Cub Scout Pack 126 has been very busy! We Christmas Caroled at Rosewalk Nursing Home on December 16th and were very proud of our Scouts! They received several compliments and many thanks for visiting from several of the residents. Before that on December 12th our Pack attended an Indiana Ice Hockey match which was very exciting and the Ice won in overtime! In January the Scouts earned their gymnastics belt loop at Gymnastics Unlimited, attended the Monster Truck Jam with nine thousand other Scouts and their families from our area, and raced their Pinewood Derby cars which they made from a kit in our annual Pinewood Derby! We have more fun stuff planned for the next few months, to include, earning the Roller Skating belt loop at Roller Cave, attending the Super Cross at Lucas Oil Stadium, learning how Maple syrup is made at Southeastway Park, attending the Shrine Circus just to name a few. We will also have our annual Blue and Gold dinner on Saturday, February 27th, this dinner is a very special time for all of our Cub Scouts. It is even more special for our Webelo II Scouts who are crossing over to Boy Scouts. We have four Webelo II Scouts who are crossing over at this year's Blue and Gold dinner; they are Lucas Brizendine, George Holle, Liam Keenan and Ray Reisinger. This is a special time in their lives and we are very excited about honoring them.

Pinewood Derby Winners**Tigers**

1st - Noland Smith
2nd - Chase Turner
3rd - Elijah Clegg

Wolves

1st - Bobby Tremblay
2nd - Walter Egan
3rd - Jaekob Campbell

Webelos I

1st - Buzz Shaeffer
2nd - Henry Egan
3rd - Keinan Corcoran

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1st - Liam Keenan
2nd - George Holle
3rd - Ray Reisinger

Overall Pack 126 Champion: Buzz Shaeffer **Best Effort:** Caleb Short **Best Design:** Bobby Tremblay **Open Division:** Gabe Story

School News

On Sunday, January 30, Little Flower began the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week with an Open House. By all accounts, this year's Open House was one of the best attended, and also one of the best planned.

Principal Kevin Gawrys commented in his brief talk during the 6:00 pm Mass that he was very pleased by the great turnout of visitors. He felt it was one of the best attended Open Houses in his experience with Little Flower School.

Many attendees were impressed with the planning that went into the Open House. School Commission members wore highly visible name tags and conducted tours throughout the school. Many of the school's students were in attendance, dressed in their school uniforms, so visitors could see what our school looks like on a normal school day. They were not only well dressed, but well mannered, happy, and energetic.

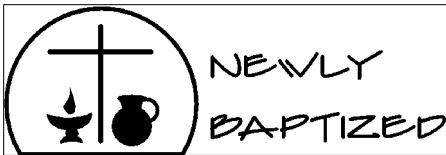
Many of the classes had parents stationed in the classrooms to assist visitors with answers to their questions, and to attest to the great learning and faith sharing that takes place in our school daily. Their presence was much appreciated by the teachers and the visitors alike. Sometimes it's good to hear about how things work from one who is personally involved!

One aspect of Little Flower School that was especially promoted during the Open House was our school's great coverage of the fine arts. In an economy where many fine arts courses are being dropped for lack of funding, the School Commission, Principal, and staff of Little Flower have continued to offer outstanding courses in art, music, and band. The feeling is that these areas are an important part of a well-rounded education for our children, and should not be disregarded.

To showcase our tremendous fine arts courses, there was plenty of entertainment during the Open House, from the Crayon Band to the Middle School Band. Singers and instrumentalists did a great job! Lots of student art was on display, and our students proudly showed it off to their family and friends. New visitors to the school were duly impressed with both the students' enthusiasm and their art work!

Another display of Little Flower's vibrant and engaging programs and staff was the painting activity offered in the social hall. Participants enjoyed it, but observers were able to see how Little Flower works, and they were impressed!

We hope this outstanding Open House translates into enrollment increases for next school year. Thank you to Mr. Gawrys, and all members of the Little Flower staff for adding an extra day to your work week, and making such a powerful statement for our school! Kudos, too, to the School Commission and the many volunteer parents who worked so hard to showcase the great things that go on at Little Flower School!



Gabriel Aaron, son of Marvin Thurston & Liliana Estrada, baptized on Sunday, November 15, 2009.

Malachi Hamilton Gordon, son of Andrew Gordon & Melinda Dant, baptized on Sunday, November 29, 2009.

Kaiden James Cunningham, son of Brett Cunningham & Ashley Dugan, baptized Sunday, December 20, 2009.

Sophia Grace, daughter of Joseph and Michele (Roseman) Cougan, baptized Sunday, December 20, 2009.

Katherine Francesca Sophia Diller, daughter of Daniel Diller & Kathleen Lester, baptized Sunday, December 27, 2009.



Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord...

Please pray for the families and friends of:

Vivian Hess, December 13, 2009

Gerrie Sweeney, December 12, 2009

Simeon Curtis, December 10, 2009

Charles Benson, December 11, 2009

Charles "Louie" Hauck, December 29, 2009

Marjorie Spalding, November 23, 2009

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION
STEWARD OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM

DATE SUBMITTED _____

In recognition of exemplary stewardship through generous donation of time and talent, I would like to nominate the following individual for Little Flower Parish "Steward of the Month".

I nominate _____ as
Steward of the Month for the following examples Stewardship of Time and Talent:

Nominated submitted by:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please return this nomination form in an envelope marked "Steward of the Month" in the collection basket or to the school or parish office. You may also return the information requested by e-mail to **tom@littleflowerparish.org**. Please title the message "Steward of the Month"

Stewardship Commission Launches Steward of the Month Program

For the past several months, the Stewardship Commission has been examining ways to better recognize all the gifts of time and talent given to our parish. At the same time, our group realized we need to do a better job of promoting stewardship year-round, not only during the annual Stewardship Campaign. Stewardship relies on our belief that everything we have is a gift from God and on our obligation to return those gifts to God. One way we do this is through gifts to His church through our parish.

One way to accomplish both of these goals is the new Steward for the Month Program. Each month we will recognize a parishioner who exemplifies the qualities of a good steward through their generous gifts of time and talent. All of our Stewards for the Month for the previous twelve months will be guests of honor at our annual Parish Feast Day and Appreciation Dinner. Our Stewards of the Month will be recognized each month in various ways such as bulletin announcements and newsletter articles.

Nominations for Steward of the Month will come from all of our parishioners. We are depending on you to nominate parishioners whom you see regularly give of their time and talent to the parish. The nomination form found in the newsletter may be used, and extra nomination forms will be available at the church doors. Our first Steward of the Month will be named around the first of April. Nominations for this first award are due by March 20th. Don't delay! Submit your nomination today!

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Dates to Remember

- 2/15** President's Day - No School
- 3/15 -19** Trash Bag Sale
- 3/22 - 26** Spring Break - No School
- 4/2** Good Friday
- 4/3** Athletic Association Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/5** Easter Monday - No School, Parish Office Closed
- 4/17** PTO Spaghetti Dinner
- 4/30 5/1** Spring Musical
- 5/3 - 7** Teacher Appreciation Week

