



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. When we look at the ills of our society, it seems abundantly clear that as individuals, as communities, and as a society, we need to do everything within our power to

support and strengthen families.

Tuesday is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. It has also been designated as a Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. Of course, January 1 is also New Year's Day. Over the past several years, attendance at holyday Masses has declined dramatically in the United States. It seems to me that on January 1 we would want to come together as a faith community to thank God for the blessings of the past year and ask his continued blessings on the New Year. Likewise, we would want to pray for peace and justice throughout the world. I hope that you will make a real effort to join us for one of the holyday Masses. Finally, I would hope that among your resolutions will be a commitment to deepen and strengthen your faith this year. The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1.

As the year draws to a close and a new year dawns, I want to thank our parish staff for everything they do throughout the year. I want to thank our school staff for their commitment to providing a Catholic school education to our students. I want to thank you for all of your support this past year through your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for your Christmas cards and gifts. I am serious when I tell you that you are unbelievably generous and affirming.

At all the Masses last Sunday, I discussed Fr. Dave Sullivan's health. For those who were not present, Fr. Dave suffered a detached retina. More importantly, his cancer has spread to his brain. Currently, the plan is treat the cancer with radiation. However, the prognosis is not good. Please pray for him and for his family.

Finally, the entire parish staff and I want to wish you a blessed New Year. In the Old Testament Book of Numbers [6:24-26], God prescribed the blessing with which Aaron and his descendants would bless the Israelites. This blessing is particularly appropriate at the beginning of the New Year:

*The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!*

fr. bob



From Our St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Our Christmas Giving Tree

gave 191 children and 45 nursing home residents who live in our Little Flower area a merrier Christmas. The gifts were picked up on Saturday, December 15. The families also got to select some miscellaneous items. They were also given a Kroger gift card. This was all due to the generosity of our parish families who took tags from the Giving Tree. The families were very thankful! God bless all of you!



FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2012 – JANUARY 6, 2012

- 31 December Monday**
7:00 a.m. No Communion Service
6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary – Don Baumgartner the Mages Family
- 01 January Tuesday** - the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
9:00 a.m. For the People
5:30 a.m. No Communion Service
- 02 January Wednesday**
7:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. David Malander by Lori Malander
- 03 January Thursday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Madelynn Miller by Michael and Mary Anne Morrissey
- 04 January Friday**
8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Margaret and Patrick Lawley by Mary Catherine Barton
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 05 January Saturday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:00 p.m. Vigil of – The Epiphany of the Lord
Glady Maddox by Dottie Spalding
- 06 January Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord**
8:30 a.m. Charles and Rita Ernstes by The Ernstes Family
10:30 a.m. Intentions of Mike and Eileen (Harris) Davis on their 40th Wedding Anniversary
6:00 p.m. For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 30, 2012 – January 6, 2013

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Have a Wonderful Day!		
Monday	Have a safe Holiday		
Tuesday	Happy New Year		
	Parish Office Closed		
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	PTO Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25. Statements for Legacy for our Mission contributions and Christ our Hope contributions will be mailed by the Archdiocese.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 21 in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.



The Adventurousome Group will not meet in January. Our next get together will be on Wednesday, February 6. This is a change from our regularly scheduled meeting date due to Ash Wednesday being February 13. Watch the bulletin for more information.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

The Little Flower Ladies Club wishes everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year! Next meeting is on Thursday, February 7, at 6:30 PM.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,850.00
Collection of December 22 nd and 23 rd check back next week	
Electronic Contributions 12/15- 12/21 check back next week	
Year to Date Budget Goal (as of 12/16)	\$ 346,250.00
Year to Date Collections (as of 12/16)	\$ 330,471.56
Year - To - Date DEFICIT (as of 12/16)	\$ - 15,778.44

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 2,307.25
October Contributions	\$ 2,003.25
November Contributions	\$ 2,323.91
December Contributions (as of 12/16)	\$ 1,668.25

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2012, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 29th/30th or the parish office by December 31. Also, any donation received in the envelope marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's day) will be credited in 2013.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

So many parishioners give so freely of their time and talent to make the holiday season special both for our parishioners and for those in need outside of our parish. From St. Vincent de Paul to all those involved in liturgy to many other groups and organizations within the parish, it's impossible to name everyone! We pray that you all will be rewarded many times over for your gifts of stewardship!

Thanks also go out to the students of Scecina High School, and Pam Brake, Student Council Moderator, who provided Christmas Gifts for a FOUR needy families and to the O'Brien Family for helping in a special way with food certificates for many of our Giving Tree families.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 28, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until sometime in April.



On Sunday, January 13, 2013, the children of our parish making their first Eucharist this Spring, will participate in the Rite of Enrollment at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. At this rite they will be called by name and gather around the altar with their parents as their names are enrolled as candidates for first Eucharist. Please keep these families and children in your prayers during the coming months.



Confirmation Candidates and team only for Session 4 on Sunday, January 13 from 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the parish center.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE-SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses on Monday, December 31, at 6:00 P.M. (anticipation) and Tuesday, January 1, at 9:00 A.M.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 5, at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 6, Masses at 8:30 A.M.; 10:30 A.M.; & 6:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, Dec. 30

We won't sing this weekend.

Sunday, Jan. 6

Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass - meet at 5:00 p.m. in church

Please Pray For

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

Aggie Branson

St. Paul Hermitage

501 N. 17th Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107

Scecina's CYO Night for Boys Basketball

CYO Night for Boys Basketball will take place on **Tuesday, January 8, 2013**. JV and Varsity will take on Monrovia, and the JV game will start at 6:00 p.m. with the Varsity game starting at 7:30 p.m. CYO boys basketball teams can wear their team jersey for FREE game admission! They will also be treated to food (hot dog, chips & drink) and opportunities to win prizes throughout the night! Team players and their coaches will be announced in between JV & Varsity games, and they are asked to arrive by 6:30 p.m.

East Deanery Youth Ministry Mission Trip

East Deanery Youth Ministry will be taking a group of high school students to the Tau House Franciscan Center for the Poor in Cincinnati, OH for a week-long mission trip. This trip will be from March 17-22, 2013, which is during Scecina's spring break. All high school youth are invited to attend. For more information and to print off an application, go to edcym.blogspot.com. Applications are due **Sunday, January 20, 2013**, along with a \$50 deposit. Total cost will depend on fundraising, but will not be more than \$150 (including deposit). Scholarships are available. Contact Gabby Bibeau for more information at gbibeau@holyspirit.cc.

Scecina Memorial High School Admissions Day

Scecina Memorial High School invites current eighth grade students and their families to complete the enrollment process on Saturday, January 12, 2013. Students will have an opportunity to take a placement test, attend an information session on The Scecina Experience or Tuition Assistance, submit the remainder of their admissions application documents, and/or schedule an admissions interview. There is also a chance to win a \$3,000 tuition scholarship! For additional information on Scecina Admissions's Day, please visit <http://www.scecina.org/scecina-admissions-day>.