

Church of the Little Flower

March 30th, 2025

4th Sunday of Lent



"We Remember"

"We Celebrate"

"We Believe"

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Eucharistic Community of the Little Flower is to deepen the relationship of its members with God and with each other; to witness to and, therefore, to reveal Jesus Christ and His Good News to the local and wider communities; and to serve as a model of Catholic Christian community valuing the diversity of backgrounds and sharing the gifts of its varied members.

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Monday - Friday,
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www.littleflowerstl.org

Calendar of Events

MASS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 7:00am
 Holyday Masses: Please check the bulletin for Mass schedule

Legal Holidays: 9:00am

First Saturday: 9:00am

Offered by Eucharistic Prayer Companions JMJ

MORNING PRAYER of the LITURGY of the HOURS:

Monday through Friday: 7:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm or 6:45am-6:55am Monday thru Friday

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:

Tuesday: 6:45am (before 7:00am Mass)

ROSARY:

Saturday: 4:30am

ADORATION: Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are a cause for celebration and may be celebrated with the entire parish at one of the weekend Masses. Parents are asked to complete the preparation sessions prior to scheduling the date for the baptism. Please call the parish office to arrange the sessions. A baptism class will be offered monthly on the second Sunday after the 10:30 Mass.

MARRIAGES:

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Friday at 10:00am

Monday March 31

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass

Tuesday April 1

6:45-6:55 Perpetual Help Devotions

7:00am Mass

6:00pm-Simple Supper-7:00pm Evening of Lenten Reflection

Wednesday April 2

7:00am Mass

Thursday April 3

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass

Friday April 4

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass

8:00am-5:00pm Adoration

5:00pm Fish Fry in Parish Hall

Saturday April 5

4pm-4:45pm Confessions

4:30pm Rosary in Little Flower Chapel

5:00pm Mass

1st Saturday Program 9:00am

Buckley Visitation 11:00am Funeral

Mass 12:00 Noon

Sunday April 6

8:00am Mass

10:00am-10:15am Confessions

10:30am Mass

Ministers of Service April 05 & 06 2025

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

04/05 5:00pm ~ L. & Ph. Armbrecht M. Husmann
 04/06 8:00am ~ Aus. & Ann. Reinagel K. Thomason
 04/06 10:30am ~ A. Scherman D. Spiegel L. Zylka

LECTORS

04/05 5:00pm ~ J. Waugh L. Waugh
 04/06 8:00am ~ Patrick & Pat Dolan
 04/06 10:30am ~ M. Chauvin M. Seal

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

04/05 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy (Team A)
 04/06 8:00am ~ K. Sargent
 04/06 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

Sacramental Catechesis: The Sacrament of Matrimony

While I have been on retreat in Alabama, I have spent some of my prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament in the priests' chapel. One of the stained glass windows is a depiction of Jesus and Mary at the Wedding Feast in Cana. The scene has Our Lord and Our Lady to the left of the window, with the head waiter in the center holding a glass of wine with stone water jugs at his feet. Toward the background is the bride and bridegroom at the table, looking curious as to what phenomenon is taking place. The stained glass window is a subtle, picturesque representation of Jesus' first miracle recorded in Scripture. This miracle of the Wedding Feast at Cana is so much more than simply turning water into wine; it conveys something deeper and more profound to who Jesus is in salvation history and to the profound identity and mission of the Sacrament of Matrimony in the life of the Church. In both the earthly life of Christ and in those who enter into Christian matrimony, the scene at the Wedding Feast at Cana gives ample commentary on the dramatic, existential transformation that sets people's lives on course for unification with divinity.

An incredibly striking meditation on Our Lord's experience at the Wedding Feast at Cana, especially as it relates to Him and His relationship with the Virgin Mary, is taken from John Henry Cardinal Newman's reflection titled, "Our Lord Refuses Sympathy." It is worth quoting Cardinal Newman in full:

The last day of the earthly intercourse [communication] between Jesus and Mary was at the marriage feast at Cana. Yet even then there was something taken from that blissful intimacy, for they no longer lived simply for each other but showed themselves in public and began to take their place in the dispensation that was opening. He manifested forth His glory by His first miracle—and hers also by making her intercession the medium of it. He honored her still more by breaking through the appointed order of things for her sake and, though His time of miracles was not come, anticipating it at her instance. While He wrought His miracle, however, He took leave of her in the words "Woman, what is between thee and Me? (John 2:4). Thus, he parted with her absolutely, though He parted with a blessing. It was leaving Paradise [the comfort of the family home] feeble and alone. For in truth it was fitting that He who was to be the true High Priest should thus, while He exercised His office for the whole race of man, be free from all human ties and sympathies of the flesh..."What is between Me and thee, O woman?" is the offertory before the oblation of the Host. O my dear Lord, Thou who hast given up Thy mother for me, give me grace cheerfully to give up all my earthly friends and relations for Thee. (Newman, Newman on Lent: Meditations and Sermons, pages 11-12)

Newman's reflection seems a bit jaw-dropping when it views Jesus' relationship with His mother as now forever changed. With the miracle at Cana, Jesus and Mary's relationship as mother and son is completely altered: no longer can their relationship be serenely, comfortably, and quietly between the two of them. Now, with the manifestation of Jesus' divinity, He must be Her Lord and Savior and the special relationship between mother and son will take a backseat to Jesus' vocation.

This begs the question: what is Jesus' vocation? Certainly, the initial answer is for Him to suffer and die for humanity—this is absolutely true in all respects. However, there is something more to Jesus' vocation that fulfills why Mary brought the issue of the wine running empty to Jesus at Cana. It also says something significant about the Sacrament of Matrimony. After all, it is the bridegroom's responsibility in the ancient world to make sure all food and drinks were properly provided for during the celebration. For Mary to make this request to Jesus, she is indicating that He somehow is to take on the responsibility of the bridegroom. Mary, moreover, was not simply asking Jesus to provide ordinary wine to the wedding guests; she was asking Jesus to provide the *supernatural wine prophesied by some of the Old Testament prophets, particularly Isaiah. In these prophecies God Himself will provide a superabundance of wine to His people, which alludes to a great wedding feast in which God and His people will be wholly united as one—humanity and divinity. This is what Mary was alluding to in her statement to Jesus, "they have no wine." Jesus' response to Mary is simply, "Woman, what concern is this between you and me?" Simply put, Jesus was saying to His mother in a veiled sense: if I go forward with my vocation as the bridegroom of God's people, particularly at this juncture here at Cana, our relationship will be wholly different. It will mean the end of the quiet and serene life of Nazareth. This miracle, the beginning of my vocation as bridegroom to God's people, will be the beginning of the mission to Calvary.*

Jesus enacts His first miracle: the miracle announcing He is the divine bridegroom who has come to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies of uniting His bride, the Church and God's people, to Himself through the mission of healing, teaching, and His sacrificial death on the Cross. This, in order to bring eternal life to those wedded to Christ as His mystical bride. Jesus did this and continues to do this today. At Cana, Jesus had to reject a dimension of His relationship with Mary, His mother, for the greater good of His identity as bridegroom. Later, His apostles would do this in their relationships with others in order to follow Him. Today, this is especially true of the "sacraments of service" commonly known as Holy Orders and Matrimony. I already mentioned how priestly ordination is called to this missionary vocation of being Christ the High Priest to His Church, in which priests have to sacrifice relationships for the greater good of their vocation. Likewise, but in a different way, husbands and wives are called to be the sacramental image of Christ and the Church's spousal union to each other, usually this means relationships with others will change. All of this is impossible to do on a couple's own effort—they need to develop an individual and spousal prayer life together in union with God. Also, it is vitally important for a married couple to see the principal task of their marriage is not natural bliss or happiness, but working together and for each other to grow in holiness—to grow in sainthood together. This is the missionary dimension of their vocation because, when a couple strives to do this in their marriage, they image *sacramentally Christ's love for His Church. In other words, their marriage becomes a conduit of God's love for others in the Church; bride and bridegroom work with God to sanctify their marriage and the world around them! When Christian married couples live out their vocation in this way, their marriage is truly a sacramental blessing for the entire Church!*

In Christ the Savior, Fr. Rubie

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan."

(Joshua 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change Over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need,

Did you know?

Little Flower had monthly newsletter called the Spirit of Little Flower? It was to supply news and info to parishioners and others interested in the welfare of the parish. Today we have a weekly newsletter that is electronic. Thank you, Annie, for keeping us informed!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES!

Bulletin for April 13th is due Monday, April 6th
Bulletin for April 20th (Easter Sunday) is due
Thursday, April 10th. Please get all notices for
the bulletin in as early as possible.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 12
9:00AM-1:00PM**

**HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR THE
EASTER SEASON! AS MUCH TIME AS
YOU CAN GIVE WILL BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED.**

**MEET IN THE RECTORY MEETING
ROOM FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS
BEFORE WE GET STARTED. PLEASE
BRING YOUR OWN BUCKETS AND
RAGS TOO.**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR
HELP TO KEEP LITTLE FLOWER
BEAUTIFUL!**

**PRAYERS OF THE
FAITHFUL**

*That we trust that God will provide
all that we need.*

Amen



OCIA LESSON FOR THIS WEEK

**IS JESUS REALLY PRESENT IN THE EUCHA-
RIST?**

Jesus promised to give food from heaven that would be his flesh and blood (John 6:51-56). He fulfilled this promise at the Last Supper, when he took the bread and said explicitly "this is my Body" and when he took the wine and said "this is the chalice of my Blood." Jesus added, "Do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19)

So when the priest speaks the words of consecration in the Mass, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. The Church calls this change 'transubstantiation' because the substance of bread and wine are really changed, becoming the substance of Jesus Christ himself.

We honor the real presence of the Eucharist by genuflecting, kneeling and praying before the tabernacle. Sometimes the Eucharistic host is placed in a monstrance so that we can see the host and offer him adoration.

Source: Evangelium Learn more at OCIA. Call Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445 or email drichter@littleflowerstl.org

Vocational Chalice



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Stop by the All Souls Chapel to see the vocational chalice. It is on display there to remind us all to pray for our priests during this critical time for our parish and our archdiocese. We should pray for our current priests as well as young men and women who are discerning vocations. If you are interested in hosting the chalice in your home, simply sign the sheet and take it home with you for a week or two. It is a great prayer ministry for Lent. If you have questions, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or jwaugh123@charter.net.



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

First Saturday Devotions

April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd
and continuing...

Mass at 9:00am
followed by Rosary, Devotions
and a Family Program



Our Lady of Fatima spoke to Lucia:

"I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

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For more information go to:
www.centreformercy.org/epc or contact
epc.jesusmaryandjoseph@gmail.com



In the Spirit of St. Therese

The Way of Love

featuring

Marie Miller

A MULTI-FACETED ARTIST and speaker who weaves music, humor, and storytelling to convey God's love for us and our opportunity to share that love with others.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 2ND @ 7:00 PM
LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH
1264 ARCH TERRACE
SAINT LOUIS MO 63117

This event is free to all. Children's activities will also be offered.
Please contact Judy with any questions: osterjudy@att.net

Please Join Us in Supporting **BIRTHRIGHT**

By Attending the St. Clement of Rome & St. Gerard Majella's Annual
GAME & CARD PARTY LUNCHEON

Raffle Items – Attendance Prizes – Pot of Gold

Come play any game you like or just come for **LUNCH**

Tuesday April 8th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

St. Clement's Parish Center, 1508 Bopp Road, Des Peres, 63131

The cost per person is **\$35.00**. **Please Make your Reservation by April 1st**

Send your name, those playing with you & your check made out to "Birthright Counseling STL" to:
Birthright Counseling STL, 2525 South Brentwood Blvd. #102, 63144 Attention: Card Party

OR Click on the following website to register & pay with a credit card:

https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BirthrightCounselingStLouis_1/springcardparty.html

*** **If you have dietary restrictions, please inform us in advance!**

Questions? Call or Text Jane @ 314-570-6880




Little Flower Parish
Margie Meatte Memorial
Fish Fry
April 4, 2025
5:00–7:30pm
 Cash or Check
 Dine-In or Carry Out

ENTREES (includes 2 sides):
 Grilled Salmon – \$15
 Fried Cod – \$12
KID's MENU (includes 1 side):
 Mac n Cheese – \$6
 Small Cod – \$6
SIDES:
 Mac n Cheese or French Fries and Cole Slaw or Green Beans

Dessert included! Beer, wine, soda, and water available for purchase.
Questions? Email littleflowerfishfry@gmail.com

HOLY MASS

Is the Lord calling you to come to Mass an extra day of the week? Mass is prayed in the Little Flower chapel every week-day at 7:00am.



From Little Flower to the Big Apple-

A surprise run-in for Sarah Bub, Patrick Dolan and Mary T. Dolan reminds us that our parish family connections reach far and wide!

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 A multi-faceted artist and speaker who weaves music, humor, and storytelling to convey God's love for us and our opportunity to share that love with others.
Wednesday, April 2 @ 7 pm
 Church of the Little Flower
 1264 Arch Terrace
 Free evening for all! Confessions begin at 6:30 pm.
 Simple Supper at 6 pm in school hall. Children's activities also. **Little Flower Church 100 years and growing!...**

Our parish is offering a convenient service for contributions! Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Please notice that our offering envelopes now have a check box which indicates "I've given online," which you can use to present during offertory at Mass. Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the Internet. If you haven't already signed up, then go to our parish website at www.littleflowerstl.org and select Online Giving or you can register at our parish app.

Simply scan with your smart device. It will take you to the on-line portal of our Website.



"A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory."
 ~ St. Padre Pio



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held in the Little Flower Chapel from 8:00am to 5:00pm every Friday. All are encouraged to come and spend whatever time you are able to in the Divine Presence of God.

*For more information and/or if you are able to commit to your own weekly hour of adoration, please contact:
 Jackie Waugh (314-704-5619) or Jane McCabe (314-605-6098)*

Mass Intentions

Monday	March 31
7:00am	Celebrant's choice
Tuesday	April 1
7:00am	Kevin Buckley
Wednesday	April 2
7:00am	Celebrant's Choice
Thursday	April 3
7:00am	Celebrant's Choice
Friday	April 4
7:00am	Margie Meatte
Saturday	April 5
5:00pm	Katie Matula
Sunday	April 6
8:00am	Jim Niekamp
10:30am	Jim Driscoll

Interested in answering Jesus' call to serve others? Join The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The society of St. Vincent de Paul provides clothes, shelter, food, medicine and more -and pays for utilities for people in need throughout the St. Louis region. Our personal, one-on-one approach gives people the help they need for today and helps them to see a better tomorrow. We are a Catholic lay organization, leading men and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering service to the needy and suffering. **Join Us.** See Christ in the face of the poor and to bring the love of God to those who are in material or spiritual need. You'll grow spiritually and make friends. **How to join us? Call the rectory at 314-645-1445**

Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

*In your charity,
 please Pray for*

All the souls of the faithful departed. May they rest in peace...

The sick and shut-ins of our parish, especially:

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| Maria Adderley | Beverly Haffner | G. Tracy Mehan |
| Andrew Blum | Mary Ellen Havard | Mary Falk Mehan |
| John Boland | Louise Haynes | Peg Mango |
| Maxine Borowiak | Adrianna Hubb | Helen Mango |
| Jaxson Boyer | ChrisLewisHutchcroft | Stephanie Mortenson |
| Frankie Boyer | Stan James | David Nathe |
| Steve Bradshaw | Rebecca Jenson | Sr. Jo Ann |
| Joanne Buchholz | Barb Jones | O'Connell, BVM |
| Ellen Carmody | Chad Keeven | Lachlan Oddy |
| Kathleen Carter | Jeanne Kelly | Kristin Rafferty |
| Rachelle Chaney | Donald Kenney | Christi Rice Blum |
| Nicholas Coleman- | Mary Kinsley | Sue Rice |
| Katie Crouch Willett | Kevin Koeller | Marguerite |
| Clare Crouch | Joanne Kraus | Scheidegger |
| Margie Curran | Ken Kuhlman | James Smith |
| Helena Czosnyka | Jack Lally | Tony Snider |
| Chandlor Davis | Julie Lally | Hollie Soto |
| James Davis | Marianne Lally | Matthew Stuart |
| James E. Davis | Jim LaMartina | Gary Underwood |
| Nathan Gloré Davis | Patty LaRochelle | Miriam Varas |
| Patrick Dolan | Mary Laws | Margaret Verzino |
| Bill Edwards | Everleigh Lauber | Charles Volk |
| Kathryn Fischer | Sherry Lopez | Billy Wells |
| Bill Flottmann | Elizabeth Lyons | Joseph Wheeler |
| Peter Freundl | Emma Lyons | |
| Ron Garnier | | |
| Joyce Griffen | | |

PLEASE PRAY for our PARISHIONERS and/or LOVED ONES SERVING in the United States Military



*Allen Conrey
 Mollie Conrey
 Rebecca Conrey
 Blaise Coultier
 Alex Garofalo
 Derek Hirtz
 Brian Kloppenburg
 Justin Kloppenburg
 Alexander LaRochelle*

*Maurice Muro
 Ashton Piper
 Christopher Wamhoff
 Jonathon Habbe
 Dashawn Arrendondo
 Ean Eicher*