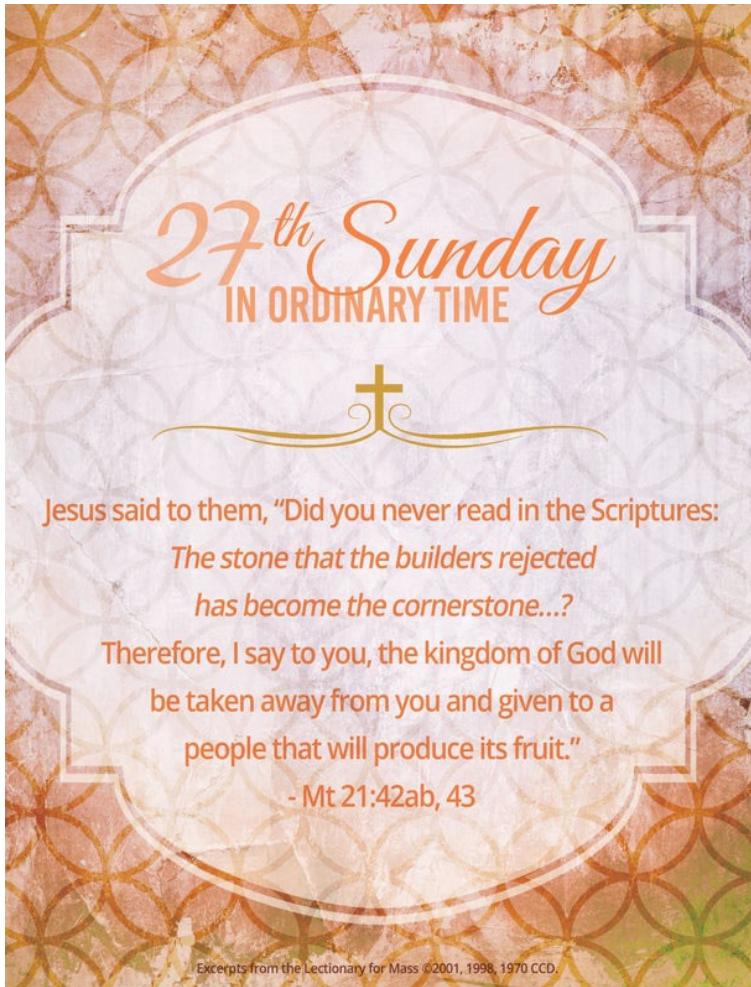


Church of the Little Flower

October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"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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MASS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
Sunday, Latin Mass: 9:15am
Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:30am Mass during the school year

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 7:00am
Saturday: 8:00am
Holyday Masses: Please check the bulletin for Mass schedule
Legal Holidays: 9:00am

School Mass: 8:15am Wednesdays (during school year)
MORNING PRAYER of the LITURGY of the HOURS:
Monday through Sunday: 7:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment and before every Mass

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:

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

ROSARY:

Saturday: 8:30am

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.

Calendar of Events

MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

Monday	October 9
7:00am	Mass
No School-Columbus Day	
Tuesday	October 10
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	October 11
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	Mass
Thursday	October 12
7:00am	Mass
Friday	October 13
7:00am	Mass
School Picture Retake Day	
Saturday	October 14
8:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Mass
Knights of Columbus Trivia Night	
Sunday	October 15
8:00am	Mass
9:15am	New Latin Mass
10:30am	Mass

Please email all bulletin submissions to:
Debra Richter -drichter@littleflowerstl.org
no later than Monday at 10:00am

Ministers of Service Oct. 14 & Oct. 15 2023

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

10/14 5:00pm	~	K. Thomason	P. McClure	M. Basi
10/15 8:00am		D. Dietz	K. Thomason	S. Donovan
10/15 10:30am	~	B. Acosta	W. & N. Saykes	

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

10/14 5:00pm	~	B. Campeau	Team C
10/15 8:00am	~	S. Condit	
10/15 10:30am	~	D. Koeller	

LECTORS

10/14 5:00pm	~	M. Hazelwood	L. Bub
10/15 8:00am	~	T. Serena	M. Campeau
10/15 10:30am	~	Family Mass -	Husmann

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

10/14 5:00pm	~	Volunteer	Volunteer
10/15 8:00am	~	Volunteer	Volunteer
10/15 10:30am	~	Volunteer	Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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To discover whether people are of God, I have found no better way than the following.

Observe whether they say the Hail Mary and the Rosary—St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "Jesus said to them, 'Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit'."

In the parable of today we have the landowner giving his vineyard on deposit, so to speak, to the tenants, when he went on a journey. The vineyard represents Israel, the chosen people of God that had been freed from captivity, led to the land of promises and received endless blessings from the Lord. The landowner is the Lord God who owns the chosen people. They are His people, his tenants. As vintage time approached he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants mistreated and killed his servants and finally in exasperation the landowner sent his son thinking they would respect his son. But they also killed his son. The context of the parable in Mathew is that Jesus teaches the Jews after arriving in Jerusalem before his Passion. We know, and the Pharisees listening to Jesus knew very well that Jesus is referring to the prophets of the Old Testament who had been rejected and killed, and Jesus is now predicting his own death. He knew very well that it would be the inevitable outcome of his ministry. The crunch line comes at the very end when Jesus says, "Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." We could see this as a reference to the Church in the first century becoming less and less Jewish and more and more Gentile. The deposit which had been given to the Chosen People would be taken from them because they did not keep it in trust as requested.

Today, we are God's people. We are the tenants in the vineyard. Now he expects us to produce fruit, fruit that will endure. We are all called to be members, active members of the Body of Christ, the Christian community, the Church. How do we visualize this call, as a privilege, a blessing, or a burden? Over the centuries, many prophets in our Christian communities have been rejected, abused and even killed. In the recent past in the State of Orissa we have seen the martyrs, the persecution and calumny. There have been people who have been killed for the sake of religion. The words in the First Reading are so true: "I expected justice but found bloodshed; I expected integrity but found only a cry of distress." In today's world we do not have to go far to see the relevance of those words.

We want to thank all those who made our Celebration of the "Little Flower" as special as it was. Those who took part in the Novena, those who decorated the Church, trained the torch bearers and servers, those who prepared and executed the music, those who participated in any way we thank. While our thanks do not adequately convey our love, our God knows and sees what has gone on. May God continue to bless us as we carry the message of the Little Flower.

Fr. Herzog



"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."

(Matthew 21:42)

Jesus was rejected by the religious leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we are not afraid of living our Faith because of fear of being "rejected" by others.

Amen



This week the vocational chalice is staying in church. We currently have no one signed up to take it home with them. So I ask that during this time we all pray for vocations as well as our current clergy as they make decisions about the parishes in our archdiocese and live with them. You can still have the privilege of hosting the chalice in your home. Sign up in the All Souls Chapel. We need someone for upcoming weeks. If you wish to sign up for more than one week at a time, simply draw an arrow from your entry to the one below. Please help us continue this important prayer. Contact Jackie Waugh for more info at 314-704-5619. Thanks for participating in this important ministry.



OICA (formerly called **RICA**-for persons considering joining the Church-

Will begin soon at Little Flower.

You might consider attending the inquiry sessions:

If you have been thinking about being a member of the Catholic Church

If you are baptized but never received the sacrament of Confirmation

If your children are attending a Catholic school and you wish to understand their Faith Formation

If you wish to deepen your understandings of the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church.

CALL DEBRA AT THE RECTORY-314-645-1445 OR E-MAIL
drichter@littleflowerstl.org

Have you heard about the Eucharistic Congress that will be held next year?

It will be in Indianapolis on July 17-23rd, 2024. If you want to attend you need to book now. The tickets are selling fast as are hotels in the area. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-6519 or jwaugh123@charter.net. If we have enough people going, we can get a group rate on tickets. But we need to act fast. Thanks for considering this awesome opportunity!

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

TBD

Collection: \$ 4,414.00

Budget: \$ (7,480.77)

Surplus/ (Deficit): \$ (1,803.77)

Year-to-Date

\$ 112,210.55

\$ (104,730.78)

\$ (TBD)

Thank you for using your envelopes as a way to return God's treasure.

WE HAVE A NEED FOR A LECTOR!

We are in need of a Lector for the 10:30 Sunday mass. A volunteer would only have to do it once every 4 weeks. If you would like to do this please call the rectory at 314-645-1445.

Thank you.



The Missouri Knights of Columbus Thank you for donating!

ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Electronic Donation Information

Benefitting

The Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

In 1981, the Missouri Knights of Columbus established the first developmental center in the region. The center is nationally recognized as one of 14 Autism Treatment Network sites in the U.S. and Canada that provides comprehensive diagnosis, Intervention, family support and professional Education services, helping over 5,000 patients a Year.

To Donate:

<http://continue to give.com/tootsieroll11437>
Just follow the prompts.

Any amount is greatly appreciated!

Little Flower Council 11437 thanks you for supporting The Knights of Columbus Developmental Center.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND-PLEASE SEND IN ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE OCTOBER 22ND BULLETIN BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 13 AT 10:00AM. THANK YOU!

ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES AND FAITHS

You are invited to join us and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, October 26, 2023, 7:00 pm, at St. Catherine Labouré Parish cafeteria (next to the playground) 9740 Sappington Rd, Sunset Hills, MO.

Immediately following the meeting there will be some entertainment (magician I believe) and refreshments. Come to celebrate fall and join in some fun with friendly folks!

SCDC is a support group for anyone feeling alone in our community. SCDC offers lots of social activities and fun times with caring people!

Ask about our \$5 discount for new members!

for more information, please contact Tom Shepard at 783-221-7839.



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

The Class of 2024

The Class of 2024 received their self-design Grade 8 Little Flower Sweatshirts! The new alumni sweatshirts came just in time for the class to prepare to pack for Camp Lakewood Leadership Camp! Stay safe and have fun! Screen printing by Arch Marketing Solutions -(Patrick and Lisa Eppert)



Lion's Choice Lunch: Grade 8 students volunteer to help pack the Lion's Choice lunch for students.

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Rice!

Sue Rice is a parishioner, school volunteer and school sub. Last Friday, Mrs. Rice celebrated her birthday with the Little Flower school community. Her daughter Clare, a Little Flower Alumni Class of 1991, surprised her mother with a birthday crown and Dunkin' Donuts for all! Clare was a former student of Mrs. Duncan. All enjoyed a happy visit down memory lane!



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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 giving portal of our website.



BABY QUILTS



The St. John Paul II quilting group has a large supply of baby quilts for sale. They are all lovingly handmade and hand quilted by a small group of dedicated quilters. Come take a look. For information call Hilda Rupee at 314-832-5680.

There is a Little Flower parishioner currently looking for a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment within the LF parish area. If you have one for rent or know of someone who does please contact the rectory at 314-645-1445.

Thank you for your help!



HELP WANTED! Maintenance Position

We are currently hiring for an experienced maintenance person who can maintain

Parish/School buildings and knowledge of plumbing and electrical repair. Please send resume's to:

lherzog@littleflowerstl.org

Little Flower on YouTube

Did you know the Little Flower parish is on YouTube? We livestream all of our Masses, Sacred Devotions and Morning Prayer. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel, **Little Flower Parish – Richmond Heights**. Be sure and LIKE our videos, and share this information with your family and friends.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer Request

Friday, November 17– Sunday, December 31

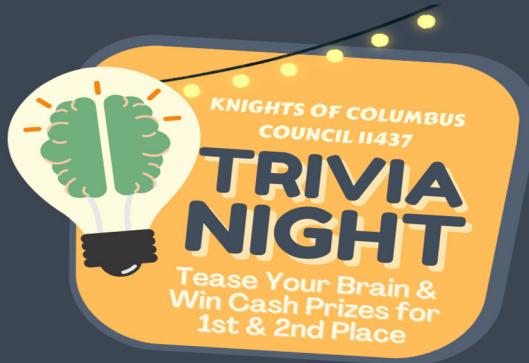
Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights

greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 17 through December 31.

This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours.

If interested, please email programs@snows.org, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: www.snows.org/wayoflights

Desert Day: I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. Come to the quiet and beauty of St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main St., O'Fallon, MO on **October 17, November 15, or December 20, 2023** from 9:15 am – 3:15 pm. The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided. A free will offering is requested. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or by email at megunelson@cpps-ofallon.org



Saturday, October 14th, 2023

For registration & further information

www.kocfundraiser.com

"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:
Margie Curran (645-1709) or Anita Blattenberger (644-4740)*

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

*In your charity,
please Pray for*

the soul of Rodney Flottmann, husband of Cindy. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace...

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

Amos James Becker	Adrianna Hubb	David Nathe
Andrew Blum	Chris Lewis Hutchcroft	Sr. Jo Ann
John Boland	Stan James	O'Connell, BVM
Maxine Borowiak	Barb Jones	Lachlan Oddy
Jaxson Boyer	Chad Keeven	Kristin Rafferty
Frankie Boyer	Donald Kenney	Christi Rice Blum
Steve Bradshaw	Mary Kinsley	Sue Rice
Joanne Buchholz	Joanne Kraus	Ken Roberts
Ellen Carmody	Jack Lally	Marguerite
Kathleen Carter	Julie Lally	Scheidegger
Rachelle Chaney	Marianne Lally	Tom Schuette
Nicholas Coleman	Jim LaMartina	Tony Snider
Katie Crouch Willett	Patty LaRochelle	Hollie Soto
Clare Crouch	Mary Laws	Matthew Stuart
Helena Czosnyka	Everleigh Lauber	Gary Underwood
Chandelier Davis	Jean Leonhardt	Miriam Varas
James Davis	Sherry Lopez	Margaret Verzino
James E. Davis	Greg & Shelley	Charles Volk
Nathan Glore Davis	Lowrey	Billy Wells
Bill Edwards	Elizabeth Lyons	Joseph Wheeler
Kathryn Fischer	Emma Lyons	
Peter Freundl	Peg Mango	
Ron Garnier	Helen Mango	
Joyce Griffen	Bob McShane	
Beverly Haffner	G. Tracy Mehan	
Mary Ellen Havard	Mary Falk Mehan	
Louise Haynes		

Mass Intentions

October 9	Liz McDonald
October 10	Sp. Int. (Charlie & Kate Mueth)
October 11	Jack Kinsella
October 12	Margie Meatte
October 13	Virginia Parker
October 14	Esther Entrikin
October 15	Rodney Flottmann
October 15	Nancy Mueller
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October 15	Souls in Purgatory
October 15	Maureen Stuart

Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

PLEASE PRAY for our PARISHIONERS and/or LOVED ONES SERVING in the UNITED STATES MILITARY



Allen Conrey
Mollie Conrey
Rebecca Conrey
Blaise Coulter
Alex Garofalo
Derek Hirtz
Brian Kloppenburg
Justin Kloppenburg
Alexander LaRochelle
Ean Eichert

Maurice Muro
Ashton Piper
Christopher Wamhoff
John Weber
Jonathon Habbe