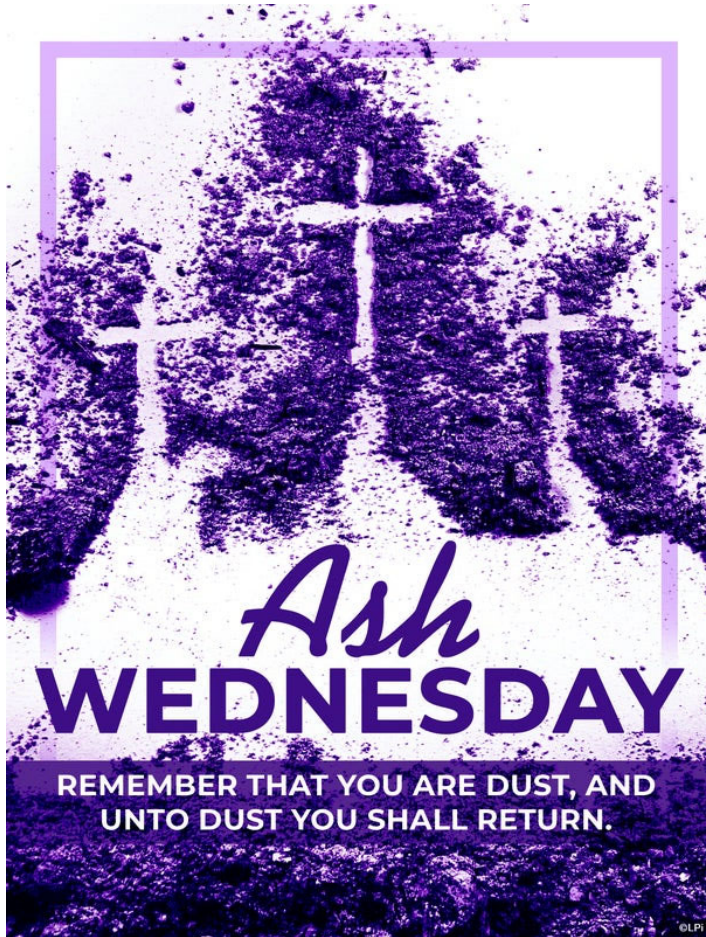


Church of the Little Flower

March 2nd, 2025

8th 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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

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

Calendar of Events

Monday	March 3	6:45-6:55	Confessions	
		7:00am	Mass	
Tuesday	March 4	6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions	
		7:00am	Mass	
Wednesday	March 5 (Ash Wednesday)	7:00am	Mass	
		5:30pm	Mass	
Thursday	March 6	6:45-6:55	Confessions	
		7:00am	Mass	
		5:30am	Mass	
Friday	March 7	6:45-6:55	Confessions	
		7:00am	Mass	
		8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration	
Saturday	March 8	4pm-4:45pm	Confessions	
		4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel	
		5:00pm	Mass	
Sunday	March 9	8:00am	Mass	
		10:00am-10:15am	Confessions	
		10:30am	Mass	

Ministers of Service March 08 & 09 2025

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

03/08 5:00pm ~ Malachi, Mattias, & Anders Verry
 03/09 8:00am ~ A. Scherman Ava Eppert Will Saykes
 03/09 10:30am ~ Clark, George, & Rosemary Woods

LECTORS

03/08 5:00pm ~ C. Verry P. Keenoy
 03/09 8:00am ~ K. Sargent M. Gibbs
 03/09 10:30am ~ E. & B. Carmody

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

03/08 5:00pm ~ B. Campeau **(Team C)**
 03/09 8:00am ~ S. Condit
 03/09 10:30am ~ J. Osterman

Sacramental Catechesis: The Sacrament of Baptism

Every Catholic loves baptism. I say that based on my lived experience witnessing and participating, as minister of the sacrament, to a multitude of families who present their young child to be baptized in the Church. In today's culture, baptism has taken on such a photogenic ceremony for parents, grandparents, and other relatives that families will plan months in advance to have their child baptized on a special day. While it's commendable for parents and families to emphasize the importance of this day by planning ahead the day of their child's baptism, expediency should be a factor in planning such an important sacrament. Baptism, to put it candidly, is the most important thing parents can do for their child; it is the most important act an unbaptized adult can do in his or her life moving forward. To receive baptism, baring God's extraordinary, supernatural acts of sanctifying grace, is necessary for eternal salvation. In other words, baptism is the ordinary means to have supernatural life and to be united with God, both in this life and in the life to come. Without baptism, human beings would still be created in God's likeness and to have intelligence and love imaging God Himself; however, without baptism men and women would not be able to share in the divine life of God—to have a familial, divine relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This would, in effect, cause one to be incapable, through the ordinary means of salvation, to enjoy heaven—which is the reality of who God is throughout eternity.

This sounds like deep, lofty theology on the Sacrament of Baptism. Yet, I think baptism is pretty straightforward when it comes to understanding its significance. When I do baptismal prep for young parents, I emphasize that baptism—whether I'm talking about their child's upcoming baptism or their own baptism—transforms the recipient into a child of God. This isn't an analogous relationship to God; it's really, truly, and substantially a familial relationship with Him as our "papa," although we're children by adoption and not by divine nature. Whether a child is adopted or natural born to parents, that child has a real and substantial relationship with mom and dad. There are duties and responsibilities owed to both child and parents because in a loving relationship there is fidelity and trust. In the human family unit this is essential; it is also essential to our relationship with God upon receiving baptism. Just as a child and parents need to work together in growing their relationship, likewise, a baptized person needs to work in growing their relationship with God through prayer, study, community relationships in mutual support in our faith (which is the family of God). The Lord, for His part, provides us His divine life through actual and sanctifying grace. What is the difference between actual and sanctifying grace? It is true that actual graces can be given to those who are unbaptized; however, sanctifying grace, ordinarily speaking, is not given to those outside of baptism. Actual grace is God's way of aiding a person to act in accord with what is good, beautiful, and true. For example, various charity services people commit their time and money to are ways a person responds to actual grace—regardless of whether they are baptized or not; it is also true that candidates and catechumens in OCIA are in the program because they are responding to actual grace, without which they wouldn't be there in the first place. In short, actual graces are temporal, direct graces God gives each person to fulfill good actions.

Sanctifying grace are graces that one *ordinarily receives through the sacraments. This is principally given through baptism and strengthened through the other sacraments. This is the grace that enables one to share in God's life and to become a child of God. To put it differently, sanctifying grace is, "[t]he gratuitous effect of God's love that is infused in the soul as a supernatural quality [supernatural life], giving it a participation in the divine nature and abiding in the soul in a habitual way"* (Feingold, *Touched by Christ: The Sacramental Economy*, 313). *What this affects is the reality that the Holy Trinity dwells within the soul of one imbued with sanctifying grace. Each of the sacraments, and principally baptism, strengthen sanctifying grace and increase the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the virtues and gifts He provides.*

The next time we go to witness and pray for a child receiving baptism, or speak on behalf of the child about to be baptized, let's remember there is a whole dynamic transformation and power going on at that baptism which will change that child's life forever. Why not celebrate and make it expedient to be baptized and have our children experience the beginning of God's fatherly love for them and for us? Our filiation with God, through baptism, is sweet and so divine!

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubel



“A tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor
rotten tree bear good fruit.”

(Luke 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 AT LITTLE FLOWER WILL BE 7:00AM & 5:30PM.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that there is a lost and found in the church restroom? If you have forgotten something in church, please check there to see if it was turned in.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Is Jesus the love of your life? Then come spend some time with Him. **Our next Holy Hour will be Tuesday, March 18th at 7 pm in the St. Therese' chapel.** Confession will be available. Let Him minister to your heart. All are welcome!

Save the Date!
Lolly's Place Trivia Night 2025



**Saturday, March 29
6:30 - 9:30 PM
Little Flower School**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we use God's gifts in the way He intended to bear good fruit and for the glory of His name.

Amen



WHY LENT? OR CALL TO CONVERSION?

Lent is a vital part of the Liturgical Year. It is an annual period of forty days beginning on Ash Wednesday which is set aside for penance, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the coming celebration of Easter.

Most importantly, it provides personal ongoing conversion to root out vices and sins, tendencies to sin and blind indifference to spiritual growth. In view of one's particular judgment at death, Lent gives us the opportunity to make needed changes (conversion). Accessing the Sacrament of Confession is a grace-filled start. Increasing prayer, adhering to fasting and days of abstinence, giving to the needy are solid avenues to spiritual growth. Little will develop without a serious plan.

Other reliable Lenten practices include Scripture reading and study, praying the Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, attending a Day of Recollection (mini-retreat), and listening to reputable podcasts.

Source: USCatholicCatechism for Adults

For information about OCIA please call the rectory 314-645-1445 or email drichter@littleflowerstl.org



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THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

**Missouri Right to Life
“Keep Missouri Pro-Life” Action Day
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Missouri State Capitol
1st Floor Rotunda
We need you to ACT!**

- Come to Jefferson City on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, for Pro-Life Action Day to encourage your legislators to pass pro-life legislation.
- Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Lobby your legislators and join the noon rally and a featured guest.

Bus transportation is available from several sites in the St Louis metro and surrounding areas. Bus registration deadline is March 14.

Sign up online at www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday.



**POLYHYMNIA SAINT LOUIS
VOCAL WORKSHOP
MARCH 15, 2025**

9:00 - 1:00 PM

A workshop focused on guiding parish singers in healthy ways to manage the stress and vocal demands of Holy Week and the Easter season.



To register please scan QR

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**Please Join Us in Supporting
BIRTHRIGHT**

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

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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

First Saturday Devotions

March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th 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
epcjesusmaryandjoseph@gmail.com or 557-214-6776



Lolly's Place After-School Tutoring

Lolly's Place is *thrilled* to announce that we have launched a second tutoring location at Little Flower. We are very excited to be a part of your community!

Lolly's Place is a holistic, literacy focused, after-school tutoring and mentoring program for children in grades K-8. We work to close learning and academic achievement gaps for children from diverse backgrounds through customized services and one-on-one tutoring. We also infuse our program with a variety of enrichment and experiential learning activities.

To enroll your child, please visit <https://lollysplace.org/tutoring-enroll>. Feel free to call Mary Pat Gallagher at 314-800-4260 or email her at 2mpg@lollysplace.org

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.



MARCH ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

OUR ST. LOUIS SIDEWALK COUNSELORS NEED PEOPLE TO STAND WITH, PRAY WITH, AND ASSIST THEM DURING SIDEWALK SHIFTS

CONSIDER TAKING 1-3 HOURS ANY DAY IN MARCH

CALL (636) 735 - 3238
BNIEHAUS@COALITIONLIFE.COM
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"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)*

	Monday	March 3	Mass Intentions
7:00am		Mary Janet Kinsella	
Tuesday		March 4	
7:00am		David Hermann	
Wednesday		March 5 (Ash Wednesday)	
7:00am		Kathryn Franke	
5:30pm		Margie Meatte	
Thursday		March 6	
7:00am		Gary Bookers	
Friday		March 7	
7:00am		Sr. Zoe Glenski	
Saturday		March 8	
5:00pm		Koudjo O. Aurelien Akakpo-Lado	
Sunday		March 9	
8:00am		Dec. Members of the Shultz Family	
10:30am		Jean Leonhardt	

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*

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

Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-1

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*

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