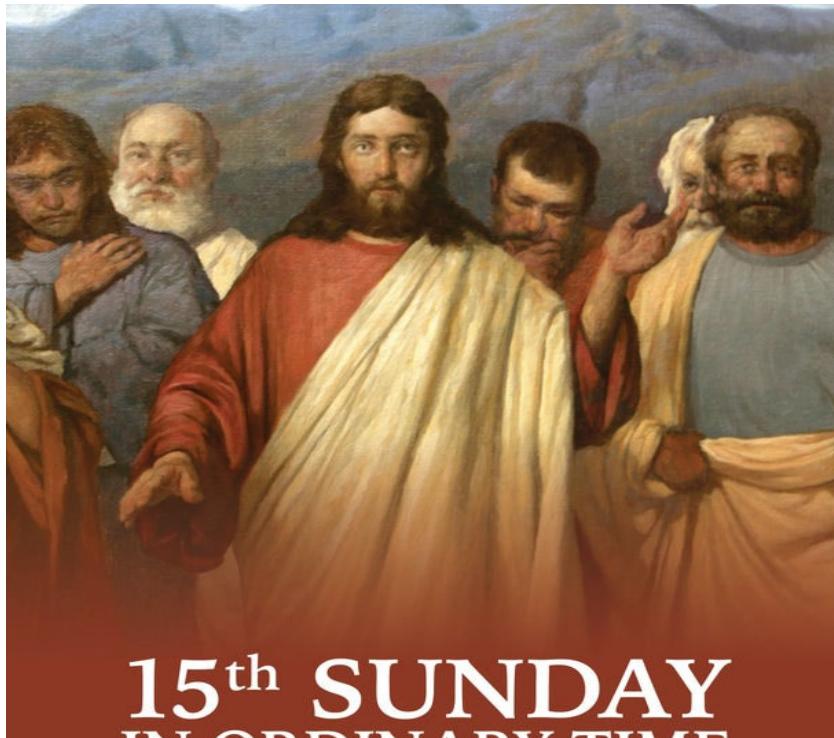


Church of the Little Flower

July 14th , 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

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"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

Holiday 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: 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday at 1:00pm

Calendar of Events

MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

Monday **July 15** (Fr. Herzog)
6:45-6:55 **Confessions**
7:00am **Mass**

Tuesday **July 16** (Fr. Herzog)
6:45-6:55 **Confessions**
7:00am **Mass**
10:00am **Legion of Mary**

Wednesday **July 17** (Msgr. McCumber)
6:45-6:55 **Confessions**
7:00am **Mass**

Thursday **July 18** (Fr. Herzog)
7:00am **Mass**

Friday **July 19** (Msgr. McCumber)
6:45-6:55 **Confessions**
7:00am **Mass**
8:00am-5:00pm **Adoration**

Saturday **July 20** (Msgr. McCumber)
4pm-4:45pm **Confessions**
5:00pm **Mass**

Sunday **July 21**

8:00am **Mass** **(Fr. Herzog)**
9:00am-9:15am **Confessions**
10:30am **Mass** **(Fr. Rubie)**

Ministers of Service July 20 & 21 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

07/20 5:00pm ~ L. Allman P. McClure M. Basi

07/21 8:00am ~ (2 Servers Needed) K. Thomason

07/21 10:30am ~ Clark—George —Rosemary Woods

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

07/20 5:00pm ~ B. Campeau

07/21 8:00am ~ B. Campeau

07/21 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

LECTORS

07/20 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy C. Verry

07/21 8:00am ~ B. Miller S. McDonald

07/21 10:30am ~ B. & E. Carmody

Feelings of Unworthiness

I remember a few years ago vacationing down in Florida with some friends. In fact, I was staying with these friends at their house close to the beach near Melbourne Beach. One day we decided to go paddleboarding in a freshwater lake nearby. I had never paddle-boarded before this experience and was a complete novice to it. Let's just say if I wasn't celibate, it would be the last thing I would do to impress a date. Nevertheless, I took on the adventure and it was a failure at first. I kept falling off the board and I looked silly. But I kept trying, and trying, and trying till I could gain my balance and finally paddleboard! I was no professional and I wasn't skilled, but I gained—literally—a foothold on the task.

In so many ways this personal experience of feeling unworthy, inadequate, and inexperienced is what our Scripture readings for this fifteenth Sunday are all about. Take for instance our First Reading: Amos is sent to the Northern Kingdom of Israel to preach repentance and justice. He is not a “professional” prophet like many of the prophets in the Northern Kingdom were trained to do for an income and for their livelihood. Amos was a dresser of sycamores from the Southern Kingdom of Judah, and he was regarded as both unfit to be a prophet and an outsider because he wasn't wealthy like the Northerners. Yet, Amos doesn't prophesy for money, for income, or notoriety; he prophesies because God picks the lowly to speak the truth—the need for Israel to return to fidelity to the living God.

Similarly, the Gospel too shows Jesus picking twelve unprofessional, largely uneducated Galileans to go out by twos to preach the Gospel. Training ground for what they will be doing after Pentecost. Jesus not only picks unworthy and unqualified men; he even picks an extortionist tax collector and a zealot—a domestic terrorist—to go out and preach! You can't get more of a motley crew of individuals who undermine experience and qualification than Jesus's twelve disciples. Yet our Lord does this intentionally because they are the most open to allowing Him to work through these unworthy disciples.

Perhaps we too have challenges in our lives where we feel unworthy, inadequate, and inexperienced to go through preaching the Gospel in our words and in our actions. If you do, then you're in the right place. Amos felt this way in his prophetic vocation; the Apostles certainly did with an unflattering curriculum vitae; you and I have weaknesses too in which the Lord can transform into an amazing and powerful means of grace. Entrusting ourselves to the Lord just requires us to try and get a foothold on the task!

Fr. Rubie



“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts.”

(Mark 6:8)

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things “we can't live without” in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may learn from the Apostles to give up our strong attachment to material possessions.

Amen



OCIA LESSON – REPAIRING THE DAMAGE OF SIN

Even though confession absolves the guilt of sin, the damage caused by sin needs to be repaired. Think about a situation where you have broken a neighbor's window. Saying you are sorry is accepted by the neighbor but the need to repair the damage—fix the window-- is necessary out of justice. That action is comparable to doing penance for sins forgiven to recover full spiritual health. The penance the confessor imposes can consist of prayer, works of mercy, service of neighbor or voluntary self-denial. By the mercy of God, these acts remove the punishment we deserve due to the effects of our sins. This is an opportunity for healing—as Jesus said: "People in good health do not need a doctor; sick people do...I have come to call, not the self-righteous, but sinners." Mt. 9:12

Source: Evangelium; Catholic Catechism p. 1460
Interested in becoming Catholic? Call 314-645-1445



Little Flower Parish



We need everyone to help make this next year fabulous!

**Call Deb at the office
314.645.1445 to sign up**



Here's a picture of our Little Flower pilgrims getting ready to participate in a Eucharistic Procession.

Rectory Summer Hours

The rectory office hours for the summer
Are Monday thru Thursday 6:45am to
2:45pm. The office will be **closed** on
Fridays.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Are you feeling emotionally drained after all the ups and downs in our parish lately? Come away from the chaos and experience the peace that only Jesus can give. Join us Tuesday, July 16th from 7-8 pm in our Little Flower chapel for Little Flower Holy Hour. We will spend some quiet time in Adoration praying for the success of the Revival that created these Encounter nights as well as our parish and priests. Confessions will also be available. All are welcome.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are our remaining 2024 experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

8/2/2024-8/4/2024 St. Peters, MO
9/27/2024-9/29/2024 St. Peters, MO.
10/11/2024-10/13/2024 Springfield, IL
12/6/2024-12/8/2024 St. Peters, MO



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY



Dogs & Donuts



Huge Success!

Thank you to Bopsy Miller for planning our first Dogs & Donuts. It was awesome! Thanks to Fr. Herzog for blessing all of our pets. There were lots of new faces and it was wonderful event to build community.



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.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus did?

Need healing after abortion? Contact:
Abortion Healing Ministry, Archdiocese of St. Louis
Hopeline (call/text): 314.406.0815
hopehealing@archstl.org
www.abortionchangesyou.com
www.supportafterabortion.com

Please join us for a Catholic Charities Young Adult

MIDSUMMER MINGLE

Fundraising Event in support of the Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball benefitting Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis

For Ages 21+
Ticket Prices: \$65

Get Your Jingle On!

<https://ccyptnick24.givesmart.com>

JULY 20TH
SATURDAY | 6:30 - 10:30 PM
GRANT'S FARM
SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE
OPEN BAR, APPETIZERS, MUSIC & DANCING, RAFFLES & PRIZES

Did you Know?

If you are homebound or know of anyone in the parish who is homebound, and would like to receive Communion please contact the rectory office at 314-645-1445. We will be happy to arrange that.

Also if you are homebound and do not have access to a computer, we would gladly send you a weekly copy of the bulletin. Please let us know what we can do for you by calling the rectory office. 314-645-1445

Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life SAVE THE DATE

15th Annual Benefit Dinner
Sunday, October 13, 2024

Keynote Speaker
Bishop David Konderla
Bishop of Tulsa, Oklahoma



Fr. Anthony Wieck, SJ
Zip Rzepka
Scott Kennebeck



Where: Orlando's Garden South

4300 Hoffmeister Ave.
Hwy 55 at Union Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 4:00 pm
Followed by Cocktails and Dinner

Scan if you would like to receive an invitation to the dinner:



More information go to: ourladyforlife.com

We Need You to PRAY



In November, there is a potential amendment that would enshrine abortion in the Missouri Constitution

If passed, it will:

- Allow unlimited, unrestricted abortions *for all 9 months of pregnancy*
- NO parental consent or notification
- NO health and safety standards
- NO ability to sue for malpractice
- Taxpayer funded



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Pray the Rosary daily



Scan here or go to:
therosary.online

Pray the Cardinal Burke Novena daily



Scan here or go to:
novena.cardinalburke.com

"There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, I tell you, that we cannot resolve by the Rosary."
-Saint Lucia of Fatima

"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 (330-6796)



Mass Intentions

<i>Monday</i>	<i>July 15</i>
7:00am	Sp. Intention (Jonathon Klimpel)
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>July 16</i>
7:00am	Joann Williams
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>July 17</i>
7:00am	Souls In Purgatory
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>July 18</i>
9:00am	Helen Miller
<i>Friday</i>	<i>July 19</i>
7:00am	Sp. Intention (M. C.)
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>July 20</i>
5:00pm	Ralph P. Rice
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>July 21</i>
8:00am	Members of the Parish
10:30am	Mac & Marita Dryden

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:

Andrew Blum
John Boland
Maxine Borowiak
Jaxson Boyer
Frankie Boyer
Steve Bradshaw
Joanne Buchholz
Marissa Campeau
Ellen Carmody
Kathleen Carter
Rachelle Chaney
Nicholas Coleman-
Katie Crouch Willett
Clare Crouch
Margie Curran
Helena Czosnyka
Chandelier Davis
James Davis
James E. Davis
Nathan Glore Davis
Patrick Dolan
Bill Edwards
Kathryn Fischer
Bill Flottmann
Peter Freundl
Ron Garnier
Joyce Griffen

Beverly Haffner
Mary Ellen Havard
Louise Haynes
Adrianna Hubb
Chris Lewis Hutchcroft
Stan James
Barb Jones
Chad Keeven
Donald Kenney
Mary Kinsley
Kevin Koeller
Joanne Kraus
Ken Kuhlman
Jack Lally
Julie Lally
Marianne Lally
Jim LaMartina
Patty LaRochelle
Mary Laws
Everleigh Lauber
Jean Leonhardt
Sherry Lopez
Greg & Shelley
Lowrey
Elizabeth Lyons
Emma Lyons
Bob McShane

Bob McShane
John McShane
G. Tracy Mehan
Mary Falk Mehan
Peg Mango
Helen Mango
David Nathe
Sr. Jo Ann
O'Connell, BVM
Lachlan Oddy
Kristin Rafferty
Christi Rice Blum
Sue Rice
Ken Roberts
Marguerite
Scheidegger
Tom Schuette
James Smith
Tony Snider
Hollie Soto
Matthew Stuart
Gary Underwood
Miriam Varas
Margaret Verzino
Charles Volk
Billy Wells
Joseph Wheeler

Readings for the week of July 14, 2024

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

**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
John Weber
Jonathon Habbe
Dashawn Arrendon-
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Ean Eicher