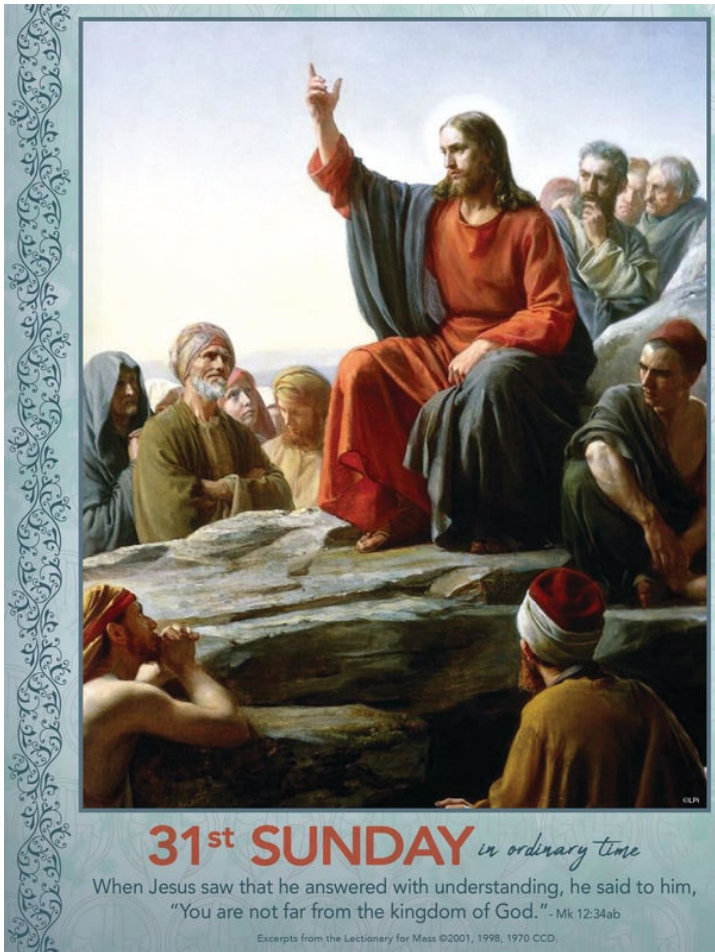


Church of the Little Flower

November 3rd, 2024

31st 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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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

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 November 4

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass

10:00am Funeral Mass

Rectory Office closed

Tuesday November 5

6:45-6:55 Perpetual Help Devotions

7:00am Mass

Election Day-Go Vote if you haven't already!

Rectory Office closed

Wednesday November 6

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass

Thursday November 7

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass

Friday November 8

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass

8:00am-5:00pm Adoration

Saturday November 9

4pm-4:45pm Confessions

4:30pm Rosary in Little Flower Chapel

5:00pm Mass

Sunday November 10

8:00am Mass

10:00am-10:15am Confessions

10:30am Mass

Ministers of Service Nov. 9 & 10 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

11/09 5:00pm ~ M. Husmann P. McClure T. Sullivan

11/10 8:00am ~ Austin, Annalise, & Henry Reinagel

11/10 10:30am ~ William, Michael, & David Dietz

LECTORS

11/09 5:00pm ~ L. Waugh J. Waugh

11/10 8:00am ~ M. Boyce D. Bello

11/10 10:30am ~ M. Mabery M. Chauvin

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

11/09 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy (Team A)

11/10 8:00am ~ K. Sargent

11/10 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

The Jewish “Shema”–The Foundation of the Christian “Our Father”

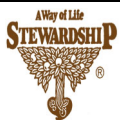
When I was a transitional deacon in the seminary, my classmates and I had the awesome opportunity to travel to the Holy Land in a retreat and pilgrimage. It was an unforgettable encounter with the melting pot of different cultures and religions in one place, although one could readily experience some tension among Jews, Muslims, Christians, and Palestinians especially if you are in Jerusalem. Yet, despite the tension and the melting pot of different religious beliefs, it became clear to me that the one thing each of these religious people had in common was the intensity and zeal for their religious convictions. I poignantly encountered this in my experience of seeing pious, Orthodox Jews not only in the Holy Land but on the airplane flying over to Tel Aviv from Newark, NJ. On this nearly fifteen hour flight, my classmates and I saw many Orthodox Jews stand up in the airplane at key hours of the flight praying. Before they would stand or sit for prayer, they would bring out their phylacteries and wrap one around their head (with a little box over their forehead) and the other would be coiled around their forearm. If a child were to witness this spectacle, he or she might ask, “What are they doing?” “What is that wrapped around their head and arm?” The phylacteries many Orthodox Jews wear during key times of the day for prayer contains in a little box the prayer of the *Shema*, taken from *Deuteronomy 6:4-8*: “Hear, O Israel, the Lord God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might... You shall teach them to your children... And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.” It was amazing to see that these phylacteries are worn across one’s mind and heart during prayer. A prayer, by the way, that is prayed three times per day by pious Jews.

While the Jewish *Shema* gets to the heart of the purpose of what the Mosaic Law is all about: namely to love the Lord God with all our heart, mind, and strength, it also teaches us Catholics the importance of praying the “Our Father” with conviction and intentionality throughout the course of our day. Witnessing pious Jews praying with conviction the words of the *Shema* in the discomfort and, no doubt, awkward looks and glances from Gentile passengers on the airplane really made me pause about how intentional I am in praying the “Our Father.” How often do each of us pray the “Our Father” in a rushed tone, whether we do it at Mass, as a penance for confession, or if we’re praying it during the Liturgy of the Hours? I know I am guilty of this more often than I care to admit. Sometimes many of us might be sheepish about praying the Catholic prayer before meals, especially out in public. Yet, despite a pious Jews’ zeal and conviction in praying faithfully the *Shema* each day, Jesus makes it clear in our Gospel this weekend that there is more than simply praying the *Shema* and living it out faithfully; one must recognize and accept the God of Israel in the person of Jesus Christ. That is the meaning behind Jesus’ words to the pious scholar, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” The Kingdom of God is standing right in front of the pious scholar!

This is where we can learn a lot from our Gospel about our attitude toward God our Father, Jesus Christ our Savior, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us. How can we go beyond the *Shema* and intentionally and faithfully pray the “Our Father” with conviction, acknowledging readily that God is my Father, that Jesus Christ as God is human—raising my humanity into the awesomeness of His divinity, and the Holy Spirit infusing my life with His gifts which exceed anything I could do on my own. All of this is contained, whether implicit or explicit, in the words of the “Our Father.” The *Shema* teaches us to love God with all our heart and mind, not only doing so but praying this prayer multiple times per day. The “Our Father” exceeds the *Shema* in that we speak with conviction our intimacy with God as Father because Jesus, who is God, is one with us in our humanity. The *Shema* only points to the Kingdom of God; the “Our Father” possesses it and we make it our own through the intensity of our prayer and our daily, livable actions. Pray with great intensity and conviction the “Our Father” each day and you will not be far from the Kingdom of God—instead you will possess it!

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubie



“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, and all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

(Mark 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with **all** of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we are generous with our visible gifts of charitable works and generous giving, but that we are more generous with our invisible gifts of love, mercy and forgiveness.

Adorers Needed

We currently have some openings for committed adorers on Friday mornings and afternoons. If you are willing to commit to making a weekly Holy Hour let Jackie Waugh or Jane McCabe know. And if you don't want to commit, please consider being a sub. Subs step in when committed adorers can't be there to make sure someone is with Jesus while He is on the altar. It's a great way to start coming to pray with us. If you want more information, call 314-704-5619.



The Vocational Chalice Is Looking For Places To Go!

The vocational chalice is looking for more places to go. If you and your family would like to host it for a week or two, please sign up in the All Souls Chapel. We currently have no one else signed up to take the Chalice home with them. You can take it again if you had it earlier in the year. Please help us continue this important prayer for our priests and our pastorate.

Food Drive for Immaculate Conception Food Pantry

Items needed:

Personal Care Items
Toiletries
Toilet Paper
Spaghetti Sauce
Pasta
Canned Chili
Canned Vegetables
Beans
Tuna
Chef Boyardee
Canned Pastas
Beef Jerky
Crackers

*Items will be collected in bins at all church entrances throughout the month of November.



Use the gifts you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

St. Therese of Lisieux

Family Holy Hour?

Would you like to see some family programming with our Little Flower Holy Hour? I am looking for someone to collaborate with me to provide programming for kids while their parents join in the Holy Hour. It's important to reach out to our families right now so that they remain a part of our community. If you have ideas how we can do this, I'd love to hear from you. Call



THE GREAT COMMISSION FROM JESUS

To faithful followers of Our Lord Jesus, he commissions each of us to "Go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize ... Teach them to carry out all that I have commanded you." (Mt 28:19) "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

In response, you have a perfect opportunity to jump in now—today—to invite new members to investigate OCIA. Invite them to check out, without commitment, Catholic teachings and practices.

Who might want to come? Someone who has been thinking about joining the Catholic Church. A baptized individual who has not yet been confirmed. Parents of children attending Catholic school or Parish School of Religion and would like to understand their Faith Formation. Or someone who may want clarification about a Catholic belief or practice. OCIA might provide the answer. Just imagine how our parish would grow if we fulfill Jesus' great commission.

For information contact the Rectory 314-645-1445 or drichter@littleflowerstl.org

Santa's Workshop

Setup Tuesday, Dec. 3 | Shopping Wednesday, Dec. 4

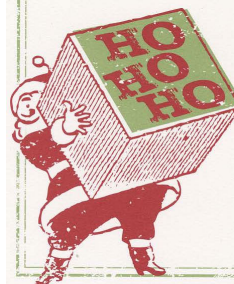
New location at Saint Mary Magdalen School

Volunteer Elves Needed!
Setup on Tuesday, December 3
6:30 p.m.

JK4 - 4th Grade Shopping
Wednesday, December 4
7:45 a.m. to noon

Santa's Workshop is still accepting gift donations

Donations of new and lightly used toys, board games, puzzles, books, jewelry, knick-knacks and other treasures are welcome. Drop donations on the front porch of the Gibbs Home at 1140 Boland Pl., 63117



For questions or to volunteer, contact Constance Gibbs at (760) 845-5259 or StMMSantasWorkshop@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the two greatest commandments are to love God and love your neighbor?



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord...

*A solo concert reflecting death and remembering those
who have passed before us.*

Featuring **Saturday, November 2, 2024**
Rose Fulton, soprano and **7:00 PM**
Charles Badami, piano **Church of the Little Flower**
1264 Arch Terr, St. Louis, MO, 63117



Songs by Brahms, Faure, Rachmaninoff, Schubert, et al.

Claim your free seat (and a special invitation) by visiting <https://allsoulsconcert.eventbrite.ca>



Please join us for the annual

Advent Party

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH
6:00 P.M - 10 P.M

Little Flower School
Drinks & Dinner provided
Hosted by the Little Flower Ladies and Mens Clubs
(adults only)

All are invited to attend an All Souls' Day concert with Little Flower's very own Rose Fulton on Saturday, November 2 at 7:00 PM. The program reflects on those who have gone before us. To claim your free ticket and to receive a special invitation, visit <https://allsoulsconcert.eventbrite.ca>.



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, November 17th
DONUT SUNDAY

LECTORS NEEDED!

We have a need for
Lectors for the 5:00pm
and 10:30am weekend Masses.
Please contact the rectory at 314-
6451445.

We could really use your help!
Thank you.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

	10/13/2024	Year-to-Date Offertory
Collection:	\$ 2,946.00	\$ 66,576.53
Budget:	\$ (7,496.15)	\$ (111,992.25)
Surplus/ (Deficit).8	\$ (4,550.15)	\$ (23,377.27)

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

Pre-election Holy Face Devotions
Vote NO on Amendment 3

Sunday November 3 at 2:30 pm
Led by Fr. Kent Pollman
St. Clare of Assisi Parish
15642 Clayton Road
Ballwin MO 63011

*Eternal Father,
I offer you the Holy Face of Jesus,
covered with blood, sweat, dust and spittle,
in reparation for the crimes of our age,
communism, atheism, abortions, blasphemers,
and for the profaners of the Holy Name and of the Holy Day of Sunday!*



The poster features the title "Life Chain" in a large, blue, cursive font at the top. Below it is a row of ten black silhouettes of people holding hands. Underneath the silhouettes, the word "SUNDAY" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of "SUNDAY" is a heart icon containing a blue silhouette of a fetus. At the bottom, the text "NOV. 3rd after 9:30 & 11:30am mass" is displayed. A white text box at the bottom right contains the following text: "Mark your calendar, wear comfy shoes and meet outside St. Mary Magdalen's Manchester exit to lock arms & hearts together as we stretch our chain westward a few blocks to link up with our neighbor The Rock Church of St. Louis' life chain...ecumenically uniting us in a peaceful and prayerful witness for life. We stand together to pray Amendment 3 is defeated safeguarding mother, father and child from the physical, mental, emotional & spiritual attack on family the abortion industry exploits."

Eucharistic Prayer Companions

FIRST SATURDAYS

Flowing with the Holy Spirit at the 10th Eucharistic Revival Congress, we are led to invigorate and honor Our Lady's Fatima request for the Rosary and Prayers of Reparation and Conversion on First Saturdays.

You are invited to gather with the Eucharistic Prayer Companions of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (EPC) at various Churches throughout our Archdiocese on First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers:

A Reparation Rosary, the Chaplets of Divine Mercy and of the Holy FACE, and 15 Minutes of Silent Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.
Prayer copies will be available at the Church.

Please join us for the following:

November 2nd St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Church 4900 Ringer Rd. 63129.

8am Mass followed by our First Saturday Prayers.

December 7th St. Alban Roe Church 2001 Shepard Road, Wildwood, 63038.

Confessions 7:30-8:15. Mass 8:30am First Saturday Prayers.

Please invite others and share this invitation with your family and friends, even in other Dioceses.

For updated information on future gatherings, please visit our website:

www.CentreForMercy.org/epc.

or email us at:

epcofjesusmaryandjoseph@yahoo.com

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us...



"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 7:00am	November 4 Gerard Saykes
Tuesday 7:00am	November 5 Liz McDonald
Wednesday 7:00am	November 6 Kathryn Franke
Thursday 7:00am	November 7 Matt Walsh
Friday 7:00am	November 8 Katie Matula
Saturday 5:00pm	November 9 Kathryn Franke
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	November 10 People of Little Flower & St. Mary Magdalen Parish 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*

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

Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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



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| <i>Allen Conrey</i> | <i>Maurice Muro</i> |
| <i>Mollie Conrey</i> | <i>Ashton Piper</i> |
| <i>Rebecca Conrey</i> | <i>Christopher Wamhoff</i> |
| <i>Blaise Coultier</i> | <i>John Weber</i> |
| <i>Alex Garofalo</i> | <i>Jonathon Habbe</i> |
| <i>Derek Hirtz</i> | <i>Dashawn Arrendon-</i> |
| <i>Brian Kloppenburg</i> | <i>do</i> |
| <i>Justin Kloppenburg</i> | <i>Ean Eicher</i> |
| <i>Alexander LaRochelle</i> | |