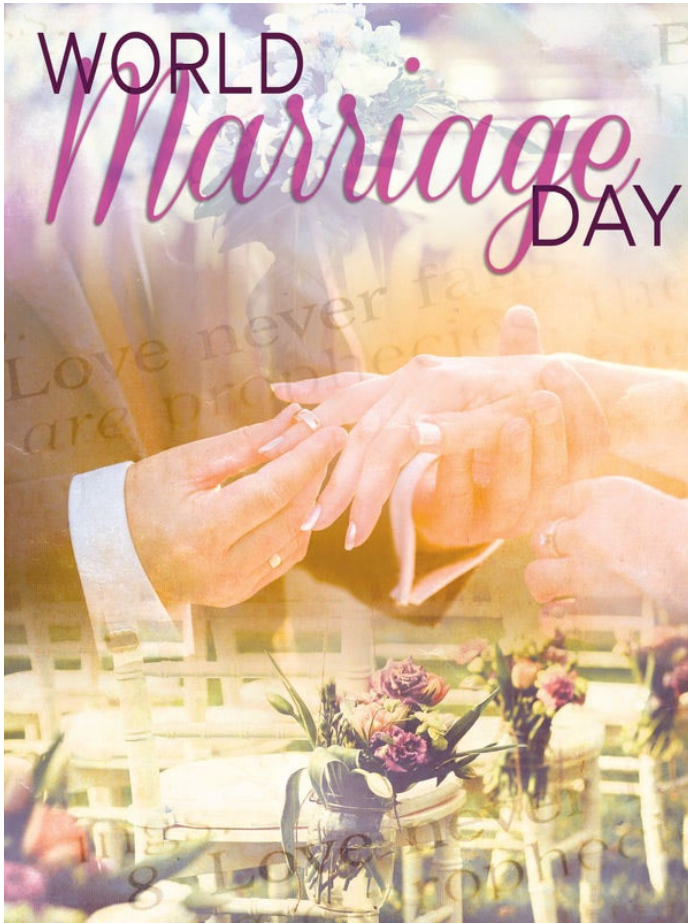


Church of the Little Flower

February 11th, 2024

Sixth 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 7:00am	February 12 Mass
Tuesday 7:00am 10:00am	February 13 Mass Legion of Mary
Wednesday 7:00am 8:15am	February 14 Ash Wednesday Mass Mass
Thursday 7:00am 7:00pm	February 15 Mass Confirmation
Friday 7:00am	February 16 Mass ADORATION 8:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday 8:00am 5:00pm	February 17 Mass Mass
Sunday 8:00am 9:15am 10:30am	February 11 Mass New Latin Mass Mass

Ministers of Service Feb. 17 & Feb. 18 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

02/17 5:00pm ~ J. Schibig L. Allman M. Husmann
 02/18 8:00am ~ A. & H. Reinagel A. Hormberg
 02/18 10:30am ~ A. Eppert G. & C. Woods

LECTORS

02/17 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy C. Verry
 02/18 8:00am ~ P. Dolan Patrick Dolan
 02/18 10:30am ~ K. Koeller M. Chauvin

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

02/17 5:00pm ~ B. Campeau **Team C**
 02/18 8:00am ~ S. Condit
 02/18 10:30am ~ D. Koeller

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

02/17 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 02/18 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 02/18 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Providence is the care God takes of all existing things—St. John Damascene

Entrusting the past to God's mercy, the present to his love, and the future to His Providence. –
St. Augustine

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "If you wish, you can make me clean' Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.' The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning the him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, 'See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.'"

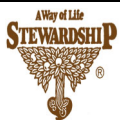
During the time of Jesus Leprosy was considered a dreaded disease and people of the time thought it to be highly contagious. Hence the persons who had leprosy had to live in isolation outside the city away from their family and friends and could not come into contact with any person. Even the relatives left the food at a distance to be picked later by the person. More distressing for a devout Jew however, was the fact that he was considered Levitical unclean and as such found unfit to share in the worship of God. At the same time if any one touched the leper was considered unclean and could not partake in ritual worship. In other words, leprosy was considered a loathsome disease and a leper was cut off completely from the community. Jesus is given to us today as a person who intends to bring the lost person into the community. In fact, all the three readings tell us of community building.

Today's Gospel Reading from Mark echoed three messages related to dwelling in the Presence of the Lord. First of all, the miraculous healing of the leper that takes place through the Divine power and the concern of Jesus. His miracles are extended to everyone, even to the lepers considered as discard of the Society. Jesus came to save all and, in his kingdom, there is place for everyone. Secondly, Jesus calls for secrecy of his healing work as we hear him telling the cured leper not to say anything to anyone. For St Mark the revelation of Jesus is gradual and Jesus himself does not want any publicity of his miraculous works. The final message in the Gospel is that once one is touched by God he cannot remain the same. He is now God filled and he is called upon to proclaim the kingdom of God. That is exactly what the leper does. The Gospel does not tell us whether he fulfilled the law proclaimed by Moses but indicates the human concern shown by Jesus. The compassion of Jesus intends to make the leper a total and complete person to be received back in the society. This passage tells us that the entire episode is the mode of prayer taught by Jesus. The leper quietly approaches Jesus even though he had to be at a distance. He is desperate and looks for the healing. He falls on his knees before Jesus, to make his request in faith. There is marvelous faith in his heart-rending appeal: "If you want to, you can cure me." It is his prayer of request or petition. We are touched by the deep concern of Jesus who strongly feels for the suffering person. His compassion is total and complete and wants to bring the person back into the society. Jesus responds in a unique way. He touches the person and tells him that he wants him to be healed. In doing so he rendered himself ritually unclean, opened himself to the risk of contagion but also expressed solidarity with the sick man. For the leper it is a simple prayer of petition which is the Christian prayer where we make a request of God and get a response from him.

Our prayer before God is that we place before him our needs and tell him that if he wants he can fulfill our request. There was the deep faith and trust in that heart-rending appeal of the leper: "If you want to, you can cure me." It expresses the man's confidence in the power of Jesus.

Grateful thanks to all you made the 7th Grade Spaghetti Supper such as wonderful success.

It seems to have been a Grace filled, Love filled and Purpose filled evening. Thank you. Fr. H



"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

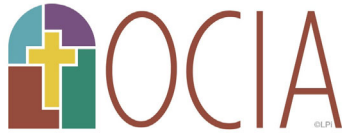
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, I'm doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That everything we do is for the glory of God.

Amen



WHAT IS THE SACRED LITURGY?

The Sacred Liturgy is the true worship of God, enacted by Jesus Christ and his body, the Church.

It is a shared “public work” (leiturgia) by believers—priests and lay members—with ceremonies, rites and formulas established by Scripture and Tradition. Christ’s command at Passover, “Do this in remembrance of me. Lk 22.19) establishes the sacramental rites of the New Testament and Tradition has passed them on to us.

Liturgy follows set times and seasons, the most important when the Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus on Sunday and at Easter.

Notable liturgies of the Church are: The Mass and sacraments; The Divine Office (prayers said by priests, religious and lay persons several times a day); Benediction—eucharistic adoration, prayers and blessing outside of Mass; Funeral Rites.

As in the parable of the King who invites guests to his banquet, we respond to an awesome invitation to enter the Kingdom through the Sacred Liturgy.

Source: Evangelium

Want to learn more? Join OCIA by calling Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445



Just a reminder that Little Flower Church offers The Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:30am Mass during the school year. Children ages 3 and up are welcome to participate in this program, where they receive the readings and Gospel in simpler language. Volunteer teachers prepare a brief lesson and give the children time to share their own thoughts about living the Gospel and being the ‘light of the world’. They learn new ways to pray and are always eager to bring their intentions to the group. The children should gather at the front of the altar when the priest invites them and walk out as a group with the teacher. They will return to their families after the homily. Please encourage your children to participate in this special faith formation opportunity that is just for them!

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Mary Morgan at 314-973-7842.

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.

Revival News! We are looking to begin the next phase of Eucharistic Revival here at Little Flower.

This will be a 7 week Lenten Adult Faith Formation experience entitled “Jesus and the Eucharist”. I’m hoping to start it the first week of February. I would host an evening group but would need someone to host a day group. The plan is to meet in the Cry Room. Check out the series at Eucharisticrevival.com under the parish point person resources at the bottom of the page. If you are interested in facilitating the day group, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or jwaugh123@charter.net. Thanks in advance for your interest in the revival.

Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation This is not the MOScholars application.

January 22, 2024 - TTEF application opens online Online application opens for all families, new and re-applying Parents are to apply as early as possible.

February 28, 2024- Beyond Sunday, Catholic Families Tuition Assistance (CFTA), and the Parish Employees Endowment Fund (PEEF) applications close. To be considered for these programs, all families must apply between January 22, 2024 -February 28, 2024. Families re-apply or apply new for Alive! In Christ and Help-For-Today, Hope-For-Tomorrow. Scholarships are available.

2024-2025 TTEF emails the award letters in late March.



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!

CONTRIBUTIONS 2023

If you itemize deductions and would like a contribution statement for 2023, please fill out the form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. Statements will be mailed by February 16, 2024.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ENVELOPE # _____



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As we prepare to celebrate Madri Gras, St. Valentine's and Ash Wednesday the following be in place next week. Your child's homeroom teacher will contact you as to how Madri Gras and St. Valentine's Day will be celebrated together on Feb 13.

The Lenten Theme will be: How can I love Jesus? There will be more details in the newsletter next week.

Feb 13: Madri Gras—Students may wear Madri Gras Accessories with Uniform. Madri Gras and St. Valentine's Day celebrations will be on Feb 13. Homeroom Teachers will contact Room Parents as to what is needed for Tuesday, Feb 13.

Feb 14: Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:15 students are to wear uniforms to Mass. If students wish to Red accessories with the school uniform, they may do so AFTER mass.

Please take time to read the note about 24-25 Registration in the newsletter. Current families have until Feb 23.

Thank you for supporting the Pasta Dinner on Saturday, Feb 3. The sixth and seventh graders raised \$1784.98 for their Camp Lakewood Field trip.

Enjoy the sunshine and remember to pray for each other.

Take care,

Gloria Openlander

**Gloria Openlander
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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.



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 **February 21, March 21 or April 16 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 mcgunelson@cpps-ofal-

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

Calling all area college students (ages 18-28):

STL Awakenings hosted by the UMSL Catholic Newman Center is our most popular retreat of the year and we would like to invite you to join us! It's a weekend of spiritual growth and fun that you will never forget (seriously). You do not have to attend UMSL just be college aged.

The retreat is 2 nights and 2 days -- we'll meet at the Catholic Newman Center on Friday, February 23rd at 4:00pm and return on Sunday, Feb. 25th at 3pm.

Cost is \$60.00 for the entire weekend. If you register online before February 12th, you get \$10 off!! The final registration deadline is Friday, February 19th. Registration and more information for our Awakenings Retreat is up on our website: cncumsl.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joe at joe@cncumsl.org.

April 20, 2024



5k Start Time: 8am
 5k Awards: 8:45am
 1/2 mile Fun Run: 9am
 Post-race refreshments

<http://tinyurl.com/ctk5k2024>

Guided Lenten Retreat featuring *The Chosen*, Tuesdays, Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, 9:30 AM-2:00 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac.

\$40 individual session; \$175 for whole series. Presented by Sr. Danielle Witt, SSND and Carolyn Held. Each day will start with a viewing of an episode of *The Chosen* followed by reflection, prayer, and discussion. Free time for optional craft activities or walking the grounds. Lunch included. Register at mercycenterstl.org.

"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*

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

Mass Intentions

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| Monday
7:00am | February 12
Tim Diefenback |
| Tuesday
7:00am | February 13
Nancy Mueller |
| Wednesday
7:00am
8:15am | February 14
L. F. Parish
Souls in Purgatory |
| Thursday
7:00am | February 15
Marie Gregg |
| Friday
7:00am | February 16
Helen Miller |
| Saturday
8:00am
5:00pm | February 17
Sp. Intention
Bill Kelly |
| Sunday
8:00am
9:15am
10:30am | February 18
Members of the Parish
Bill Martin
Ursula Hand |

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

- Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
- Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/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:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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 Habb
 Dashawn Arrendon-
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