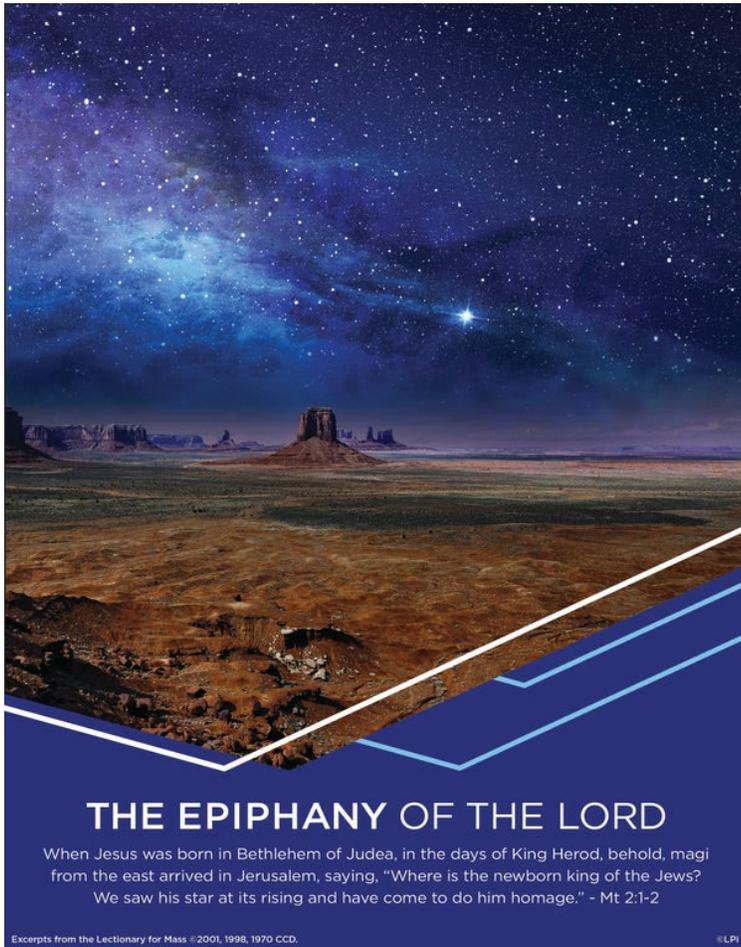


Church of the Little Flower

January 7th, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord



"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		January 8
7:00am		Mass
Tuesday		January 9
7:00am		Mass
10:00am		Legion of Mary
Wednesday		January 10
7:00am		Mass
		8:15am Mass
Thursday		January 11
7:00am		Mass
Friday		January 12
7:00am		Mass
		ADORATION 8:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday		January 13
8:00am		Mass
5:00pm		Mass
Sunday		January 14
8:00am		Mass
9:15am		New Latin Mass
10:30am		Mass

Ministers of Service Jan. 13 & Jan. 14 2023

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

01/13 5:00pm ~ M. Basi Cur. Koontz P. McClure
 01/14 8:00am ~ A. Reinagel M. & M. Verry
 01/14 10:30am ~ Cl. Koontz D. & W. Dietz

LECTORS

01/13 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy T. Serena
 01/14 8:00am ~ P. Dolan Patrick Dolan
 01/14 10:30am ~ R. Provaznik C. Flottmann

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

01/13 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy **Team A**
 01/14 8:00am ~ K. Sargent
 01/14 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

01/13 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 01/14 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 01/14 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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The rush to pass judgment should be avoided for two reasons.

It places the consciences of the judges in danger and also imperils the innocence of the accused. —St. Francis de Sales

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way."

The church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany every year. Tradition calls it as the feast of the three Kings who came to visit the Lord in Bethlehem having seen his star in the East. The Gospel of the day tells us of the three wise men from the east who went to worship the Lord. Tradition also gives them the name of Gasper, Melchior and Balthazar. Jesus born as the king of the universe now gives his first audience to the pagan visitors who had come in deep faith to see him and pay him the respect. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek and it means a 'showing' or 'manifestation'. The meaning of the word "epiphany" has its roots in the Greek language. The first part of the word, "epi," means "upon." The second part, "phainein," means "to show." By combining these two meanings, "to show upon," we are reminded of the manifestation of the glory of Christ to the Gentiles.

The original purpose of the Feast of Epiphany, which had its beginning in the Eastern Church during the 3-rd. century, was to commemorate how the glory of Christ was revealed to the Gentiles. The original feast contained four different manifestations: the birth of Jesus Christ; the arrival of the Magi; the Baptism of Jesus; the first miracle at Cana. Later the celebration of Christmas was held on December 25th and the Feast of the Magi on the 6th of January, particularly in the west. In today's feast the emphasis is on the manifestation to the gentiles. Here are strangers, foreigners, total outsiders coming to give royal homage to this tiny child.

Today's feast is telling us that for God there are no foreigners, no outsiders. From his point of view, all are equally his beloved children. We all, whatever external physical or cultural differences there may be between us, belong to one single family which has one Father, "our" Father. It means that every one of us is a brother and sister to everyone else.

This is the first opportunity to thank all those who participated in our Christmas liturgies; those who read, sang, served, carried a torch, walked in procession; those who cleaned, decorated and constructed that mangers. Your help and witness are appreciated—we know for whom you work—and you already know God Is Worth It.

God Bless, Fr. H



"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, Frankincense, and myrrh."

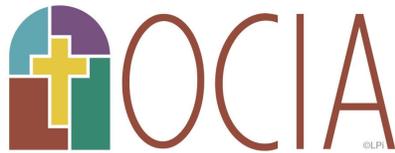
(Matthew 2-11)

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our Gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That, like the Magi, we generously share our gifts with the Lord, trusting He will provide all that we need.

Amen



Regarding the meaning of a Catholic's "Sunday obligation," the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." It goes on to say, "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin."

Interested in OCIA?

Call Debra at the rectory: 314-645-1445

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A Concert of Medieval to
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Kenrick-
Glennon
Seminary

St. Joseph Chapel
5200 Glennon Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119

Fri., Feb. 2nd
7 PM



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Parish Council Nominations

We are accepting nominations for Parish Council. Please consider nominating yourself or a fellow parishioner.

Parish Council is an advisory committee which assists the Pastor in his leadership of the Parish. The council represents the needs and interests of the entire Parish community .

Consider a term on the Parish Council. There is no election for membership. New members are chosen through a lottery system.

Membership is open to all registered, active members of Little Flower Parish, age 18 or older.

Please call Debbie at the rectory to express your interest or nominate a candidate .

COME TO THE TABLE for a PROGRESSIVE DINNER hosted by the LITTLE FLOWER LADIES CLUB and YOU!

HOSTS are needed for an eventful evening with old and new friends. If you are interested in hosting a dinner for our Progressive Dinner on Saturday, February 10, 2024, please contact Jean Flanagan at 314-608-5281, jflanaga@wustl.edu.

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.

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



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January 16, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm CDT
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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, **January 16, February 21 or March 21 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 mccgunelson@cppsfallon.org

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

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.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2024
6:00pm - 9:00pm

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Scan to Register or visit
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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!

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!

The Rosary Crusade for America and the Church will be prayed every Saturday at 4:30 in the Little Chapel. Whether you attend the 5:00 Mass or just join for the rosary, everyone is invited.



"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 | ChrisLewisHutchcroft | 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 | Tony Snider |
| Helena Czosnyka | Jim LaMartina | Hollie Soto |
| Chandelor Davis | Patty LaRochelle | Matthew Stuart |
| James Davis | Mary Laws | Gary Underwood |
| James E. Davis | Everleigh Lauber | Miriam Varas |
| Nathan Glore Davis | Jean Leonhardt | Margaret Verzino |
| Bill Edwards | Sherry Lopez | Charles Volk |
| Kathryn Fischer | Greg & Shelley | Bob Warren |
| 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 | January 8
Sp. Intention |
| Tuesday
7:00am | January 9
Robert P. Gramann Jr. |
| Wednesday
7:00am
8:15am | January 10
Nancy Mueller
Little Flower School |
| Thursday
7:00am | January 11
Marie Gregg |
| Friday
7:00am | January 12
Rodney Flottmann |
| Saturday
8:00am
5:00pm | January 13
Souls In Purgatory
Members of the Parish |
| Sunday
8:00am
9:15am
10:30am | January 14
Nancy Mueller
Jill Harris Smith
Bill Kelly |

Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18- 19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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



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| 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-
do | | | |