

Church of the Little Flower

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family



*"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 1**
9:15am **(New Years Day)**
10:30am **New Latin Mass**
Mass

Tuesday **January 2**
7:00am Mass
10:00am Legion of Mary

Wednesday **January 3**
7:00am Mass

Thursday **January 4**
7:00am Mass

Friday **January 5**
7:00am Mass
ADORATION 8:00AM-5:00PM

Saturday **January 6**
8:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

Sunday **January 7**
8:00am Mass
9:15am New Latin Mass
10:30am Mass

Ministers of Service Jan. 06 & Jan. 07 2023

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

01/06 5:00pm	~ J. Schibig	L. Allman	M. Husmann
01/07 8:00am	~ A. & H. Reinagel	A. Hormberg	
01/07 10:30am	~ A. Eppert	G. & C. Woods	

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

01/06 5:00pm	~ B. Campeau	Team C
01/07 8:00am	~ S. Condit	
01/07 10:30am	~ D. Koeller	

LECTORS

01/06 5:00pm	~ P. Keenoy	C. Verry
01/07 8:00am	~ M. Boyce	D. Bello
01/07 10:30am	~ M. Seal	M. Mabery

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

01/06 5:00pm	~ Volunteer	Volunteer
01/07 8:00am	~ Volunteer	Volunteer
01/07 10:30am	~ Volunteer	Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Let us continue to serve the Triune God all our lives with joy, to obey Him and to love Him above all—

Trust and Dare, Words for Each Day by Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed, 'When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. "

Today in the heart of the Christmas season the church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family, consisting of Jesus Mary and Joseph. It is a time when we can reflect on the quality of our own family life in the light of the Church's 'First Family'. It is neither the size nor the wealth of a family that makes it perfect or blessed. It is the harmony, togetherness, trust, and the sharing of love that makes the family. Joseph and Mary were simple ordinary persons perhaps not with plentiful financial means. They could not even afford to buy a sheep to offer the sacrifice in the Temple at the presentation. Yet in their simplicity and poverty they were together sharing their life and cares with each other in an atmosphere which manifested peace, understanding and the presence of the divine. The church today places great importance on the Christian family. From history we read that the Coptic Church has been celebrating the feast from the early days and to the west it spread only in the 17th century. The feast was instituted however only in 1921. It is the feast of the Christian families. A Christian family is understood as a community of faith, hope, and charity; it assumes singular importance in the Church, as is evident in the New Testament. It is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit which is strengthened by the spirit of charity, dedication and sacrifice. The family lives in such a way that its members learn to care and take responsibility for each of the members. Human communities are made up of persons with their own rights duties and responsibilities. The fourth command as given in the Bible tells of the necessity to support, respect and honor the elders.

The passage from the Gospel of Luke narrates how Mary and Joseph obeyed God and performed the typical ceremonies in the life of a Jewish family. As the parents of Jesus, the son of God did not give them any privileges. They followed the law like anyone else. They present Jesus in the temple and dedicate him to God for the mission he has chosen for him. A challenge for all families even to this day.

God Bless—Fr. H



"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."

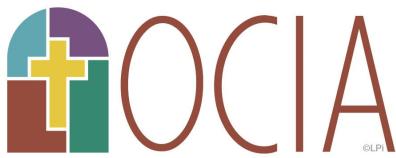
(Colossians 3:13)

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and Forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone—a family member, A friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That God will provide us the strength to forgive those who have hurt us.

Amen



WHAT ARE THE SACRAMENTS?

Sacraments are signs established by Christ that cause what they signify. By God's will, the sacraments bring about his divine action. They cause what they signify and are not merely signs or symbols of his work. The Seven Sacraments and effects are: Baptism (forgiveness of sins, new life of grace, membership of the Church); Confirmation (sealing with the Holy Spirit for mature Christian life); Eucharist (Calvary re-presented, the Real Presence, spiritual food); Confession (forgiveness of sins and restoration of grace); Anointing (forgiveness of sins, spiritual strength and healing); Holy Orders (ordination of a minister to act in the person of Christ); Matrimony (union of the spouses as Christ is united to the Church.)

Source: [Evangelium](#)

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 MOS-cholars 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.

New Year's Day-The Solemnity of Mary
Mass is at 10:30am
New Latin Mass at 9:15am



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 .



Seasons come and seasons go but it is always in season to focus on our faith life in Christ Jesus. Covenant Network Catholic radio helps by drawing us into the beautiful spirituality of our Catholic prayers and devotions. Even the current events, seen through a Catholic prism, keep us attentive to the things that matter for our salvation. Tune into KHOJ 1460 AM or listen on the Covenant Network app or anytime at OurCatholicRadio.org.

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 # _____



Archer Ervin –son of Louise & Jonathon Ervin



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

Dear Little Flower Community,

I pray daily to St. Therese of the Little Flower to take care of our community. I have trusted her to be my guide and not to become discouraged on challenging days. The Little Flower community is dedicated to the church's mission to foster Catholic Education for children. The parish and the school families have committed themselves to St. Therese's spirit by believing as she did in God's great love and to imitate her "Little Way" of doing good for others each day.

Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure! The administration, the faculty, and the staff embrace the Little Flower mission. Each day we come to school to give our best to your children during these uncertain times. Your children enjoy coming to school. They are excited to learn and to give their best each day. The expectations of producing a quality Catholic Education Program is our mission. We will continue to work together as we enter the new year.

Together, we value our rich past, and we look to a future filled with challenge, enthusiasm, value, and joy. (Little Flower School Handbook.) Currently, the teachers are reflecting on how they will move forward with their personal Catholic Education careers. We patiently wait and pray for more direction from the All Things New process.

For now, the faculty and I wish you peace and success in the New Year. Enjoy the Christmas season with your loved ones! The weekly newsletter will resume on January 4, 2022! The faculty, staff and I thank you for all that you do! We wish you a very blessed Christmas filled with joy and hope! May God guide you through the New Year with new challenging opportunities to serve others with kindness and compassion. Please continue to pray for each other.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God bless you,

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.



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.

FRIENDS OF BIRTHRIGHT DINK & DROP PICKLEBALL SCRAMBLE

TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT COUNSELING, ST. LOUIS

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

MISSOURI PICKLEBALL CLUB
747 Gravois Bluffs, Fenton, MO 63026

\$50.00/Player
\$20.00/Non-player
\$15.00 Learn to Play Add On

REGISTRATION INCLUDES PICKLEBALL, FOOD & FUN!
SOCIAL REC & INTERMEDIATE LEVELS

Scan to Register or visit
<http://friendsofbirthrightsstl.ticketspice.com/dink-drop-pickleball-scramble-2023>

BIRTHRIGHT COUNSELING
SAINT LOUIS

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MISSOURI PICKLEBALL CLUB



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:

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

Mass Intentions

Monday	January 1
9:15am	Souls in Purgatory
10:30am	Sp. Intention (The U. S. Armed Forces)
Tuesday	January 2
7:00am	Maureen Stuart
Wednesday	January 3
7:00am	Robert Paul Hutchings
8:15am	No 8:15am Mass
Thursday	January 4
7:00am	Bonnie Dickhens Layton
Friday	January 5
7:00am	Bruce Blattenberger
Saturday	January 6
8:00am	Marie Gregg
5:00pm	Members of the Parish
Sunday	January 7
8:00am	James Feser
9:15am	William Martin
10:30am	Paul Corley

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday:Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday:1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next 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

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



Allen Conrey
Mollie Conrey
Rebecca Conrey
Blaise Coulter
Alex Garofalo
Derek Hirtz
Brian Kloppenburg
Justin Kloppenburg
Alexander LaRochelle
Ean Eichert

Maurice Muro
Ashton Piper
Christopher Wamhoff
John Weber
Jonathon Habb
Dashawn Arrendondo