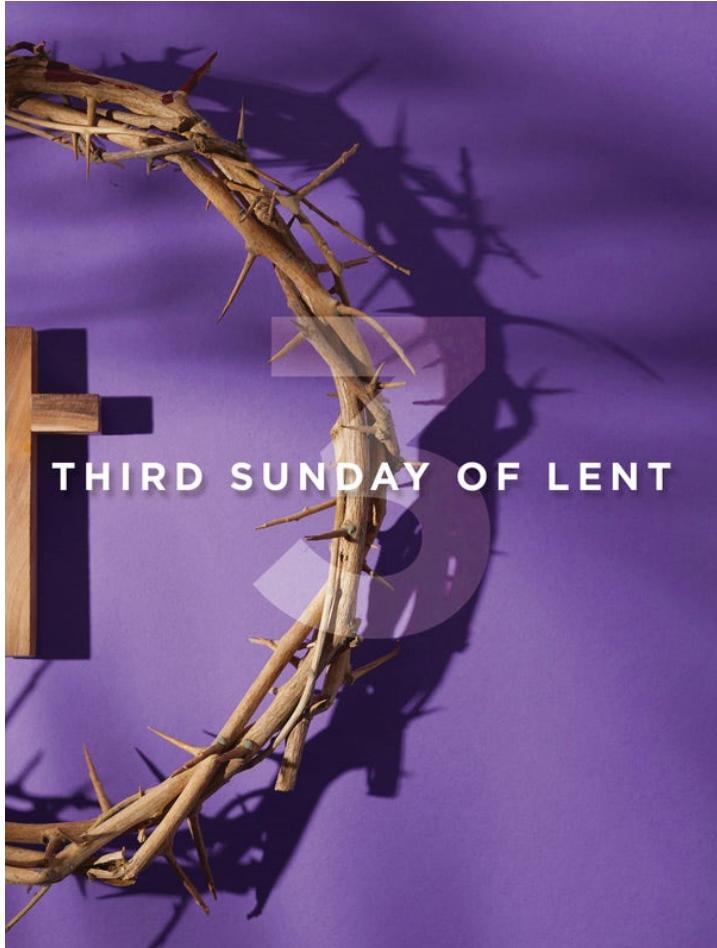


Church of the Little Flower

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent



*"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 **March 4**
7:00am Mass

Tuesday **March 5**
7:00am Mass

Wednesday **March 6**
7:00am Mass
8:15am Mass **Father/Grandfather Mass**
Spring Musical at school

Thursday **March 7**
7:00am Mass
12pm-1:30pm Organ rehearsal

Friday **March 8**
7:00am Mass
ADORATION 8:00AM-5:00PM
2:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday **March 9**
8:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

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

March 11th—15th School Spring Break

Ministers of Service March 9 & 10 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

03/09 5:00pm	~	J. Schibig	L. Allman	M. Husmann
03/10 8:00am	~	A. & H. Reinagel		A. Hormberg
03/10 10:30am	~	A. Eppert	B. Acosta	S. Donovan

LECTORS

03/09 5:00pm	~	C. Verry	P. Keenoy
03/10 8:00am	~	M. Boyce	D. Bello
03/10 10:30am	~	K. Koeller	M. Chauvin

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

03/09 5:00pm	~	Barb Campeau	Team C
03/10 8:00am	~	Sarah Condit	
03/10 10:30am	~	Darlene Koeller	

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

03/09 5:00pm	~	Volunteer	Volunteer
03/10 8:00am	~	Volunteer	Volunteer
03/10 10:30am	~	Volunteer	Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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The more the Gospel is read, the more faith becomes alive.

The Gospel is the book which serves all and for all—St. Pius X

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, 'Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace.'

When we live with a person we develop a certain amount of familiarity and we are very much certain as to how the person would behave in given circumstances. Suddenly we are confronted with a different type of behavior of the person and we are left to wonder whether it is the same person and what has brought the change in him. In fact, today's Gospel makes us feel that way, whether we really know a Jesus who is angry and who chases the people out of the Temple and even shouts at them. We are happy with a Jesus who is kind, blessed the children, brings the dead back to life, consoles the sinner refuses to condemn any one. We want to have close friendship with this loving gentle Jesus. To discover a Jesus who is angry and one who knocks down the tables is something different. Besides we are uneasy with an angry Jesus because his act in the temple challenges us even today and makes us move beyond our comfort Zone.

It makes us ask the question what is there in us that Jesus wants to overturn and knock down. It is a call to cleanse the temple of our heart, our lives only if we let him in. during these forty days of lent we are challenged by Jesus to cleanse ourselves of jealousy, apathy, hatred, despair and whatever takes us away from a good relationship with God. Lent is the time for a devotional journey and we look for the support from the Lord. The readings provide us with a message as to how we should prepare ourselves during the Lenten Season. When we reflect on them we remember their purpose during the season

The Gospel gives us a dramatic scene where Jesus is seen as Lord of the Temple. It does not seem to be the usual calm behavior of Jesus. He makes a small whip of cords and physically drives out the traders in cattle, sheep and pigeons – animals to be used in sacrifices. He overturns the coins of the money changers. In reality their services were actually needed because only Jewish money could be offered in the Temple. Roman coins had the image of the 'divine Augustus' and so were regarded as idolatrous; they had to be exchanged for Jewish coinage. Jesus objected not to the trade as such which was quite legitimate but to its being done in the temple precincts. He calls this temple his own, "my Father's house". "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Such business should have been carried on just outside the temple precincts but we know that in our own time hawkers try to get as close to the action as possible, especially if they have competition. The temple authorities in fact permitted the trade since it earned them very good income during the festival time.

The people demanded an explanation from Jesus, under what authority was He acting to do such a thing. Jesus told them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Being blind to the spiritual meaning of the words of Jesus, the people asked how He could do it in three days when the Temple was still under construction after forty-six years

As we continue on our journey towards Easter, let us reflect on the cleanliness of our Temples. Let us now make a firm commitment on cleaning our Temples for the glory of God.

God bless—Fr. H



"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."

(Exodus 20:4)

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society-those visible and Invisible.

Amen



IS JESUS REALLY PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST?

Jesus promised to give food from heaven that would be his flesh and blood (John 6:51-56). He fulfilled this promise at the Last Supper, when he took the bread and said explicitly "this is my Body" and when he took the wine and said "this is the chalice of my Blood."

When the priest speaks the words of consecration in the Mass, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. The Church calls this change 'transubstantiation' because the substance of bread and wine are really changed, becoming the substance of Jesus Christ himself.

We honor the real presence of the Eucharist by genuflecting, kneeling and praying before the tabernacle. Sometimes the Eucharistic host is placed in a monstrance so that we can see the host and offer him adoration.

Source: Evangelium Learn more at OCIA. Call Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445

Immacolata's Men's Faith Network will lead the Parish in the STATIONS of the CROSS this Lenten season.

We begin with a 7:00 pm Rosary followed by Stations at 7:30 on these dates:

2/23	3/15
3/1	3/22
3/8	

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday February 14, 2024) and Good Friday (March 29th, 2024) are days of *abstinence* for all Catholics *over the age of 14*. On these two days, *fast*, as well as *abstinence*, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All Fridays in Lent are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.



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.

Spring Event Weekend at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri. Saturday, March 16: A Relic Display featuring new relics of St. Patrick, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Anthony, St. Timothy, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, and fragments of the True Cross and the Last Supper Table will be on exhibit from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Two priests will be available from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A musical performance by "The Dining Room Consort" will take place at 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, March 17, at 1:00 p.m., a presentation titled "Transforming Hearts" will be given by best-selling author Marge Steinhage Fenelon. The relics will be on exhibit from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information regarding upcoming events, please contact us at 1-800-264-6279 or visit our website at www.amm.org.

Immaculate Conception Dardenne Annual Quilt Social March 16, 2024 in our Parish Hall (lower level of large church) 7717 Town Square Avenue, Dardenne Prairie
Doors open at 10am. Bingo begins at Noon
Come Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.
Must 16 years or older to participate
Bingo, Pot of Gold, Quilt Raffle
Lunch will be available for purchase

Join us for First Friday Devotions
Bring the whole family to join the Sodality of the Most Sacred Heart on **Friday, March 1, 2024, 4:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.**, as we honor and offer reparation to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart during Adoration, Reconciliation, and Holy Mass. **Celebrant Fr. Lawrence Brennan.** **Event Location:** Immacolata Catholic Church, 8900 Clayton Rd., St. Louis, MO 63117. For more information, visit: MostSacredHeart.net.



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



Fifth and Sixth Grade Service Project

5th and 6th grade service project to Richmond Terrace. Some students recited poetry, performed a monologue, sang a song and played games with the residents. The students and residents alike had a great time!

Officer Spinka

Officer Spinka, Maplewood Richmond Heights, will be teaching the START program to the Fifth Graders. This is a wonderful program for students on how to keep safe.



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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.



Coming to Little Flower this Lent:

Jesus and the Eucharist— An Adult Faith Formation series
We will have groups on Wednesday nights at 7 pm beginning February 7th.
There will also be a morning group on Thursdays beginning February 15th. Please note that the Wednesday group will meet Tuesday, February 13th at 7 pm instead of Ash Wednesday.
Sign up this weekend in the All Souls Chapel. For more info check out the series on Eucharisticrevival.com and scroll to the Parish Point Person section. Or contact Jackie Waugh at jwaugh123@charter.net

Where Art Serves the World: An Afternoon with Internationally-Noted St. Louis Sculptor Don Wiegand. Wednesday, April 10, Noon – 2:00 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac. Doors open at 11:30 AM; box lunch & drinks served at noon. Cost: \$50 individual ticket; \$275 table of 6; livestream \$15 per household. Purchase tickets at MERCY-CENTERSTL.ORG

RETROUVAILLE ST LOUIS WEEKEND March 15 - 17, 2024

Do you need RETROUVAILLE?
Has your romance failed?
Do you argue without reaching resolution?
Are you more like roommates than soul-mates?
Have you grown apart?
Retrouvaille can help you.

Register now - 800-470-2230 (24-hour confidential hotline) or visit: helpourmarriage.org
Questions? Tom & Kerry 314.753.2022

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
2618 S. Brentwood Blvd., 63144
Church Lower Level * Free Admission

In response to the diocesan year of Eucharistic Revival, we will be hosting the Eucharistic Miracle Display as chronicled by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Blessed Carlo was a teenager from Italy who developed a website dedicated to the documented and scientifically scrutinized occasions when the Holy Eucharist changed in its physical appearance, reminding us that the bread and wine of the Mass truly become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday, March 16 - 3:30pm-6:00pm
Sunday, March 17 - 8:00am-1:00pm



Please contact
Beki Burley
with any questions
314-322-9262

The Pro-Life Committee at St Mary Magdalene has extended an invitation to any and all Little Flower Parishioners to join them.

They meet the second Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 in the SMM Church basement. This is an active and effective group who would welcome those who want to defend and support women and their unborn babies.

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.



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

"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
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
Helena Czosnyka
Chandelier Davis
James Davis
James E. Davis
Nathan Glore Davis
Bill Edwards
Kathryn Fischer
Peter Freundl
Ron Garnier
Joyce Griffen
Linda Grobelny

Beverly Haffner
Mary Ellen Havard
Louise Haynes
Adrianna Hubb
Chris Lewis Hutchcroft
Stan James
Barb Jones
Chad Keeven
Donald Kenney
Mary Kinsley
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
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

Mass Intentions

Monday	March 4
7:00am	Betty Wells
Tuesday	March 5
7:00am	Helen Miller
Wednesday	March 6
7:00am	Bill Wells
8:15am	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	March 7
7:00am	Sp. Intention
Friday	March 8
7:00am	Lawrence Herzog
Saturday	March 9
8:00am	Members of the Parish
5:00pm	Mary Leona Echele Massey
Sunday	March 10
8:00am	Thomas E. Mueller
9:15am	Aquilina Vazquez
10:30am	Rachelle Reeg

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/

Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

**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

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