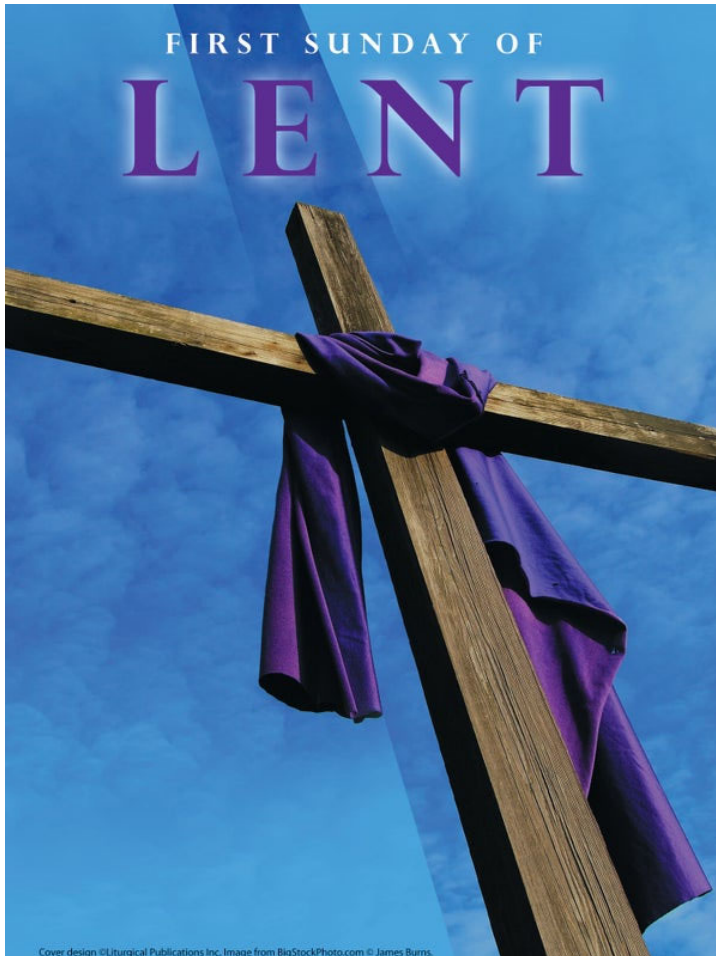


Church of the Little Flower

February 18th, 2024

First 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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Calendar of Events

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.

MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

Monday 7:00am	February 19 Mass
Tuesday 7:00am 10:00am	February 20 Mass Legion of Mary
Wednesday 7:00am 8:15am 7:00pm	February 21 Mass Mass Men's Club
Thursday 7:00am 6:30pm	February 22 Mass Ladies Club
Friday 7:00am ADORATION 8:00AM-5:00PM 5:00pm	February 23 Mass Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 8:00am 5:00pm 1:00pm	February 24 Mass Mass Wedding
Sunday 8:00am 9:15am 10:30am	February 25 Mass New Latin Mass Mass

Ministers of Service Feb. 24 & Feb. 25 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

02/24 5:00pm ~ M. Basi C. Koontz P. McClure
 02/25 8:00am ~ M. & M. Verry A. Reinagel
 02/25 10:30am ~ Cl. Koontz D. & W. Dietz

LECTORS

02/24 5:00pm ~ J. Waugh L. Waugh
 02/25 8:00am ~ M. Gibbs K. Sargent
 02/25 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann R. Provaznik

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

02/24 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy **Team A**
 02/25 8:00am ~ K. Sargent
 02/25 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

02/24 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 02/25 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 02/25 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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A love that overflows from abundance and generosity is more acceptable than one aroused by the aridity of need.

The latter derives from misery; the former from mercy. –St. Augustine

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel'."

We have now entered the season of lent, a forty-day period of time to prepare ourselves for the feast of Easter or the Resurrection of our Lord. Lent is a time of preparation. It is designated for the preparation of candidates for baptism and confirmation. This season is specifically set aside for examination, instruction, penitence and prayer for these candidates. This season is also one of preparation for all the people of God. It is also a time to reflect on Christ's journey to the cross ending at the Resurrection. Ash Wednesday and Lent began as a way for Catholics to remind themselves to repent of their sins in a manner similar to how people in the Old Testament repented in sackcloth, ashes, and fasting. During this season all Christians are invited to fast and pray and be prepared for the suffering and death of Jesus and to wait for his suffering and death. Lent is a time for penitence and discipline. It is the time for mourning for Christ who is suffering, sadness over the death of Jesus and the solemnity of the ultimate victory. Personally however, during the Lenten season, self-examination is crucial. An individual's response to the call for purposeful reflection on one's need for God is an important factor in choosing a discipline with which to actively observe Lent. During lent we spend six weeks preparing to celebrate the high point of our faith: the Paschal Mystery, the suffering, death and resurrection of the Incarnate God. Formerly it was a time of severe penance as a way of purifying ourselves from our sinful habits and preparing ready to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ with a renewed commitment to follow him.

The message we have in today's readings is one of triumph. It tells us that because of the triumph of Jesus by His death on the Holy Cross, through Him and with Him, we can also be triumphant in our battle against evil.

In the Gospel of today, Mark tells us that after his baptism, Jesus goes into the desert for forty days. And, during that time, he is tested by the Evil One. Mark does not say how he was tested or tempted but Matthew and Luke do. These tests are really examples of the kind of tests that Jesus was to face in the course of his public life and how we are going to be tempted in our life. There is the temptation to change stones to bread so that Jesus satisfies the hunger, to jump down the pinnacle of the temple and present himself as messiah, and finally to worship the Satan and receive the universe as a reward. These temptations can be summarized to say that it was an invitation to be unfaithful to the Mission of the Lord. Satan shows the easy way but the Father wants Jesus to be faithful to his mission of suffering and death to rise again.

The second part of the Gospel tells us that Jesus began his public life. He takes over from John the Baptist who has been arrested, literally "handed over". In time, Jesus too will be "handed over", as will his disciples, and thousands of other followers down to our own day. The Gospel also tells us about the Message of Jesus: The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe and listen to the good news. Jesus calls us to "Repent!" This call is not just to feel sorry about our past; it is not just to stop the bad things we are doing now. Jesus is calling for a radical change in our whole way of seeing life and the world. It is a call to a change of heart, metanoia, which involves a total transformation. The Christian in Paul's words is a "new person"; in Christ, we undergo a personality change.

God Bless—Fr. H



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

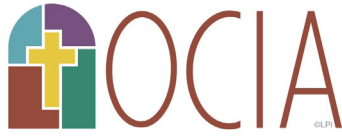
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that he was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each of us.

Amen



OCIA LESSON: MORE ON THE SACRED LITURGY OF THE MASS

For the past fifty years the Church has given believers the opportunity to participate more fully in the Mass. Restoring the vernacular allows us to pray and sing in our native language. In the Mass believers offer ourselves-- as the priest prays at the preparation of the gifts-- “that my sacrifice and yours be acceptable to God.”

At the beginning of Mass we ask for mercy. The great Kyrie is prayed, sometimes in the ancient Greek. Recognizing that we are sinners, we seek conversion—the essential acknowledgement of our need for redemption. Then we praise our Savior in the majestic “Gloria”. How generously the Church draws on the people to proclaim the first two Scriptures and invites the congregation to pray the Psalms in response. After the Gospel and homily we pray the Creed aloud.

Throughout the Mass the priest summons the congregation many times to reply to a call to enter the action. Most importantly at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we pray or sing the “Holy, Holy, Holy”. Immediately after the Consecration we boldly acknowledge the presence of Jesus by saying or singing the Acclamation with joy and reverence. At the end of the Consecration prayers the congregation affirms all the proceedings with the “Great Amen”.

Then the people pray the “Our Father” followed by the Sign of Peace. Next we pray or sing the “Lamb of God” in preparation for Communion.

At the end of Mass we are commissioned and we agree to “go out and tell the Good News”.

AS the Catholic Catechism says: The Liturgy is the work of the whole Christ, Head and Body. Our High Priest celebrates it unceasingly in the heavenly liturgy, with the holy Mother of God, the apostles, and all the saints and the multitude of those who have already entered the Kingdom. (n1187)

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

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



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.

This Tuesday, February 20th will be our monthly encounter night. We will have a holy hour beginning at 7 pm. Come away to a quiet place with Jesus and ask Him to change your heart this Lent. Confessions will be heard as well. Do you have time for Jesus? He’s always available for you.

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.

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

Registration for 2024-2025

Registration is open and ongoing for the 2024-25 school year.

Registration fee is \$300 if completed and paid by close of Friday, February 23, 2024.

Registration fee is \$350 on or after Saturday, February 24, 2024.

Current families may use SchoolSpeak to register.

New families may call for a tour either by email-ing:gopenlander@littleflowerstl.org, or call the school office 314-781-4995 between 8:30 AM and 2 PM.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Thank you,
Gloria Openlander



**Gloria Openlander
Principal**

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.



Little Flower Ladies' Club meeting:
Thurs. February 22, 2024

On Thursday evening, Feb. 22, 2024, the Little Flower Ladies Club will pray the Rosary in church at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will move to the School Hall.

Our featured activity will be painting flowerpots for decoration, or for use in planting seeds. Since the groundhog did NOT see his shadow on Feb. 2, we are supposed to have an early spring! We will have a 50/50 raffle to benefit Little Flower's St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We continue to invite the ladies of Immaculate Conception (Parish now closed) and St. Mary Magdalene Parish to join us. If you have friends at those parishes, please invite them! Call Regina Morris with any questions at 314-647-0475.

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.

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 | 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 | James Smith |
| Helena Czosnyka | Jim LaMartina | Tony Snider |
| Chandelor 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 19
Helen Miller |
| Tuesday
7:00am | February 20
Rodney Flottmann |
| Wednesday
7:00am
8:15am | February 21
Thomas E. Mueller
Souls in Purgatory |
| Thursday
7:00am | February 22
David Hermann |
| Friday
7:00am | February 23
Sp. Intention (D.R.) |
| Saturday
8:00am
5:00pm | February 24
Nancy Mueller
John Herber |
| Sunday
8:00am
9:15am
10:30am | February 25
Mary Lou McHaynes
Souls in Purgatory
Rachel Reeg |

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/
- Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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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