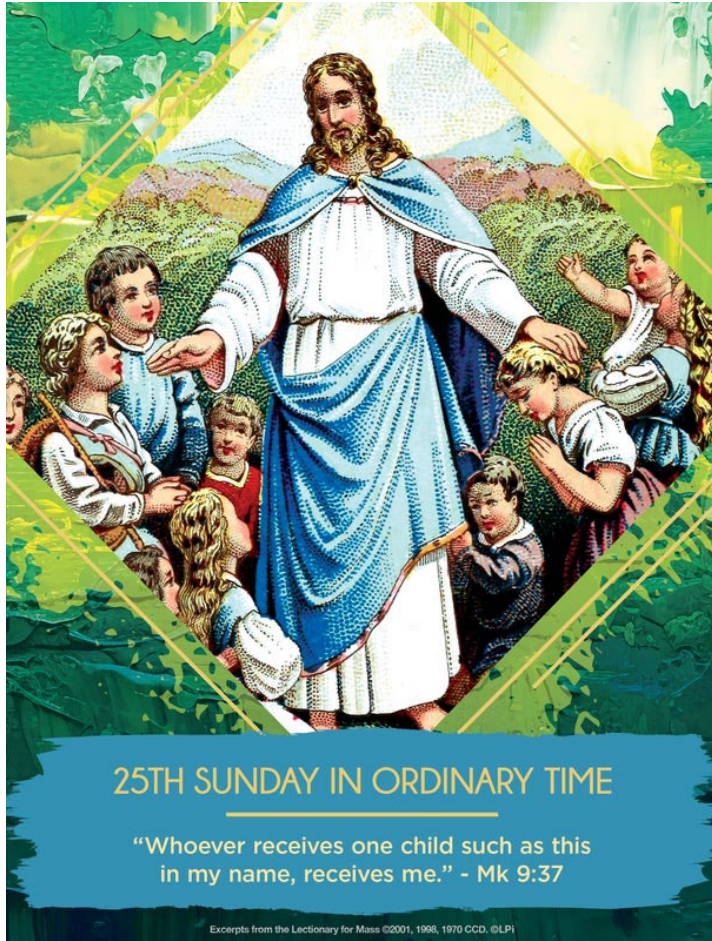


Church of the Little Flower

September 22nd, 2024

25th 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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Calendar of Events

MASS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 7:00am
 Holyday Masses: Please check the bulletin for Mass schedule
 Legal Holidays: 9:00am

MORNING PRAYER of the LITURGY of the HOURS:

Monday through Friday: 7:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm or 6:45am-6:55am Monday thru Friday

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:

Tuesday: 6:45am (before 7:00am Mass)

ROSARY:

Saturday: 4:30am

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Friday at 10:00am

Monday September 23

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Fr. Rubie)

Tuesday September 24

6:45-6:55 Perpetual Help Devotions
 7:00am Mass (Fr. Rubie)

Wednesday September 25

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Fr. Herzog)

Thursday September 26

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Fr. Herzog)

Friday September 27

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Fr. Herzog)
 8:00am-5:00pm Adoration
 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday September 28

2:00pm Wedding
 4pm-4:45pm Confessions
 4:30pm Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
 5:00pm Mass (Fr. Herzog)

Sunday September 29

8:00am Mass (Fr. Rubie)
 10:00am-10:15am Confessions
 10:30am Mass (Fr. Kovalcin)

Ministers of Service Sept. 28 & 29 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

09/28 5:00pm ~ K. Thomason Li. & Ph. Armbrecht
 09/29 8:00am ~ Aus. & Ann. & Hen. Reinagel
 09/29 10:30am Cl. & Geo. & Rose. Woods

LECTORS

09/28 5:00pm ~ L. Waugh J. Waugh
 09/29 8:00am ~ B. Miller S. McDonald
 09/29 10:30am ~ M. Campeau M. Chauvin

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

09/28 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams (Team A)
 (Patrick K. E.M.)
 09/29 8:00am ~ K. Sargent
 09/29 10:30am ~ Kitty Toombs & S. Toombs

Ravens—Those Mysterious Bird

The title of the bulletin article must be leaving you bewildered as to what the statement is all about, especially regarding the Sunday scripture readings for this week. Why on earth would I be talking about ravens? Aren't ravens simply large, black crows who squall at people? Admittedly, I would be just as puzzled too by this statement in the parish bulletin. Allow me to tie the image of this bird into the context of our Sunday readings. Perhaps the mystery of this bird would gain for us a greater appreciation of the mystery of suffering and death.

Recently on my pilgrimage to England and Scotland, I was on tour within the Tower of London. The Tower of London is part of a larger complex in which the Crown Jewels are kept under tight security. However, historically speaking, the Tower of London was a royal prison for special prisoners of the Crown. Many noteworthy prisoners suffered and died in the Tower of London, including the Catholic martyrs Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher. The Tower of London became synonymous with punishment, suffering, and death—especially during the reign of King Henry VII. Its reputation as the punishment center of the English Crown was symbolized by the raven. In fact, when I visited the Tower of London I witnessed a group of ravens flying, perching, and strolling around as if they owned the place. The bird even enjoyed being photographed and would look directly into the camera as if “The Raven” was part of the show. The raven intrigued me and I wanted to learn more about the bird. In fact, I learned that symbolisms of the raven are not only loss and bad omen, but prophecy and insight. Granted, many of these symbols derive from pagan origin, but how can the symbolism of a raven at the Tower of London be a tool for Christian catechesis? What does the raven say about our Catholic faith? Let's take this time to reflect.

Let's think about two of the Tower of London's inmates: St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher. Both men defended their Catholic faith by refusing to deny their Catholicism and allegiance to the Pope when King Henry VII asserted he was the head of the church in England. These saints stood up for the truth of their religion at the cost of losing their property, positions in the government or church, and even their lives. Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher embodied the symbolism of the raven: both men met many losses and received the bad omen of the King; however, both men were the seed that died that produced life and fruit (i.e., prophecy and insight) that enabled the Catholic Church to endure through the English Reformation, the Glorious Revolution, and the Puritan uprising. St. John Fisher, a bishop and cardinal, had on the personal side of his coat of arms a fish with wheat stalks. The symbolism I'll explain later, but it would be equally fitting to have the image of the raven on his shield.

Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher are not the only ones who valiantly stood up for the principles of truth and what is just and right. Many other martyrs suffered and died in the Tower of London and through English and world history. There are saints today who endure the Cross without any of us recognizing their pain and personal piety. The suffering they endure, yet they quietly go about their day in the normalcy of human interaction truly is a testament to their humility. They, like Sts. Thomas More and John



Fisher, are indeed childlike and they embrace the Father's care for them. The saints of the past and those among us today teach every one of us that suffering, pain, and loneliness can be redemptive to the point of purifying us from disordered attachments. It helps us to depend more on God and to receive from Him the principal means of our happiness and joy. This is what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel today; this is what the Responsorial Psalm alludes to; and in our first reading from Wisdom, this is our endurance test in which we're purified for holiness. Suffering, childlike humility, and perseverance within suffering produces fruit in our lives and the lives of others; it attracts people to the faith. No wonder why St. John Fisher had as his episcopal motto: *faciem vos fieri piscatores hominem*—“I shall make you fishers of men.” *Wonderfully, a loss and a bad omen certainly leads to the prophetic insight of a glorious life with the Lord. The mystery of the raven!*

In Christ the Savior,

Jr. Rubie



“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

(Mark 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That thru our service and sacrifice we may grow closer to Jesus and help others to know his love as well.

Amen

Do you know anyone longing to be fed?



LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH WOULD
LOVE TO GROW. PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD AND
MAKE OUR CHURCH STRONGER.

Our O.C.I.A. Program begins in September

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OUR Feast Day is coming soon

The Feast Day for Saint Therese, the Little Flower is October 1. *Let's pray a Novena, nine days of short prayers, for our parish. *It will* help us learn about and strengthen devotion to the Little Flower

Beginning September 23 through October 1. Join us!! Following the morning Mass in the Chapel or at 6:45 pm on the Church steps.



*Feast Day celebration will be on October 5-6, 2024. Join in! Each Mass will be celebrating Saint Therese. Hoping we can all come together for a sit-down brunch in the Parish Hall at 11:30 am, Sunday, October 6. This will also serve as our kick-off for our centennial celebration in 2025.

Special Events at the National Shrine in Perryville

Our annual Rosary for Life will take place on October 5 at 10:00 a.m. There will be guest speakers following the Rosary. Two special events will take place on Sunday, October 6, on the grounds of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri. At 1:30 p.m., you and your loved ones are invited to bring your family pets for a special blessing. The blessing will take place near the Visitor Center by the Miraculous Medal Moments Area.

After the blessing, you are invited to take some time to enjoy the beautiful Rosary Walk. At 5:00 p.m., a special outdoor Mass will be held at the historic grotto. We encourage you to bring lawn chairs or quilts, as there is limited hillside seating at the grotto. In case of rain, Mass will take place in the Shrine Church. For more information, contact 1-800-264-6279 or www.amm.org.

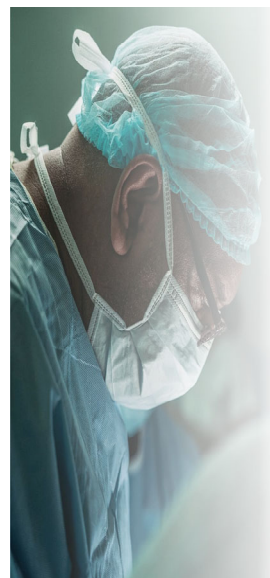


OCIA INVITATION

At Little Flower the OCIA 2024-2025 beginning sessions are designed for persons *inquiring* about joining the Catholic faith. Meetings are held at the LF Rectory building. If needed, call for directions to the entrance.

So, if you are very interested, slightly interested or just wondering...you are welcome.

Call 314-645-1445 for any questions concerning OCIA—a journey leading to full belonging to the Church, the mystical body of Christ, established by God on earth to gather humanity to divine life in heaven.



WHITE MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

Celebrated by Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski

For Healthcare Professionals and their Families

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis

Reception to follow after Mass



Special Feast Day Holy Hour

St. Therese had a deep devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and spent many hours in Adoration. We will imitate our patron by spending time with Jesus as she did on her feast day. There will be a special Little Flower Holy Hour on **October 1st** from **7-8pm** in the chapel immediately following the last night of the novena. We will pray the Litany to the Holy Face, a favorite of St. Therese, as well as have confessions available. Please consider joining us in honoring Jesus and our patron on this special day. All are welcome!

SLUH Admissions Open House, Saturday, September 28th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. A Mass will begin the Centennial Celebration immediately following at 4:30 pm

sluh.org/centennial



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

100%

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AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

Make your reservation today!

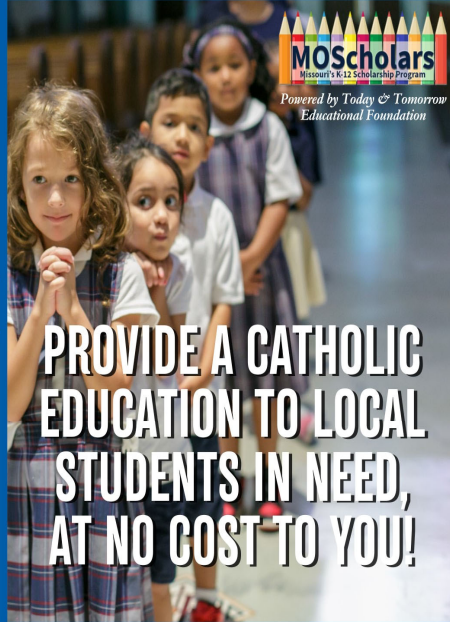


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We Need You to PRAY

In November, there is a potential amendment that would enshrine abortion in the Missouri Constitution

If passed, it will:

- Allow unlimited, unrestricted abortions for all 9 months of pregnancy
- NO parental consent or notification
- NO health and safety standards
- NO ability to sue for malpractice
- Taxpayer funded

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Pray the Rosary daily



Scan here or go to: therosary.online

Pray the Cardinal Burke Novena daily



Scan here or go to: novena.cardinalburke.com

"There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, I tell you, that we cannot resolve by the Rosary," -Saint Lucia of Fatima

Little Flower Parish invites you to join us

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



MARRIAGE BANNES

II. Alyssa Margiotta & Alex Kuhlman

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will preside at the Hope and Healing Prayer Service for survivors of physical, sexual, verbal and/or emotional abuse on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 7pm, at St. Joseph Parish in Clayton. (106 N. Meramec Ave. Clayton, MO 63105)

Survivors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend, as well as those who help those who have been abused, work to prevent abuse, and want to pray for healing and reconciliation.

For more information, please contact Ann Wier, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at annwier@archstl.org or 314.850.8318.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS! SAVE THE DATE!!!



Saturday, September 28 2024 @ 1:30PM
Norman K. Probststein Golf Courses at Forest Park

Contact Mark Bult for Details
573-864-2534 or markjbult@gmail.com

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?

Did you know that Jesus is the really present to us in the Eucharist? Come to Adoration and spend some time with Him.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Way of Lights Performer Request
Friday, November 18– Saturday, December 31**
You are invited to share your wonderful talents at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Eucharistic Prayer Companions
FIRST SATURDAYS



Flowing with the Holy Spirit at the 10th Eucharistic Revival Congress, we are led to invigorate and honor Our Lady's Fatima request for the Rosary and Prayers of Reparation and Conversion on First Saturdays.

You are invited to gather with the Eucharistic Prayer Companions of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (EPC) at various Churches throughout our Archdiocese on First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers:

A Reparation Rosary, the Chaplets of Divine Mercy and of the Holy FACE, and 15 Minutes of Silent Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.
Prayer copies will be available at the Church.

Please join us for the following:

October 5th The Immacolata Church 8900 Clayton Rd. 63117.

8am Mass followed by our First Saturday Prayers.

November 2nd St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Church 4900 Ringer Rd. 63129.

8am Mass followed by our First Saturday Prayers.

December 7th St. Alban Roe Church 2001 Shepard Road, Wildwood, 63038.

Confessions 7:30-8:15. Mass 8:30am First Saturday Prayers.

Please invite others and share this invitation with your family and friends, even in other Dioceses.

For updated information on future gatherings, please visit our website:
www.CentreForMercy.org/epc.
or email us at:
epcofjesusmaryandjoseph@yahoo.com

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us...



The Vocational Chalice spent the past week in the home of Mary Hazelwood. Thank you for hosting it, Mary. If you are interested in having the chalice in your home, please stop by the All Soul's Chapel and sign up. It's a privilege to have this beautiful chalice in your home. Please consider joining in this ministry. Our priests need our prayers. Contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or jwaugh123@charter.net for more information.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Way of Lights Performer Request
Friday, November 18– Saturday, December 31**

You are invited to share your wonderful talents at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Annual Way of Lights. We need musicians to perform each evening between 6:00 – 9:00 pm for our many guests. A great way to promote your ensemble and share the Christmas spirit!

Need healing after abortion? Contact:
Abortion Healing Ministry, Archdiocese of St. Louis
Hopeline (call/text): 314.406.0815
hopehealing@archstl.org
www.abortionschangesyou.com
www.supportafterabortion.com

"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 (330-6796)

Mass Intentions

Monday 7:00am	September 23 (Sp. Intention) Jane McCabe
Tuesday 7:00am	September 24 Helen Miller
Wednesday 7:00am	September 25 (Sp. Intention) Marie Boyce
Thursday 7:00am	September 26 Noreen Herzog
Friday 7:00am	September 27 Lynette Raidt
Saturday 5:00pm	September 28 Katie Matula
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	September 29 People of Little Flower & St. Mary Magdalen Gloria King

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

Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 Habbe
 Dashawn Arrendondo
 Ean Eicher