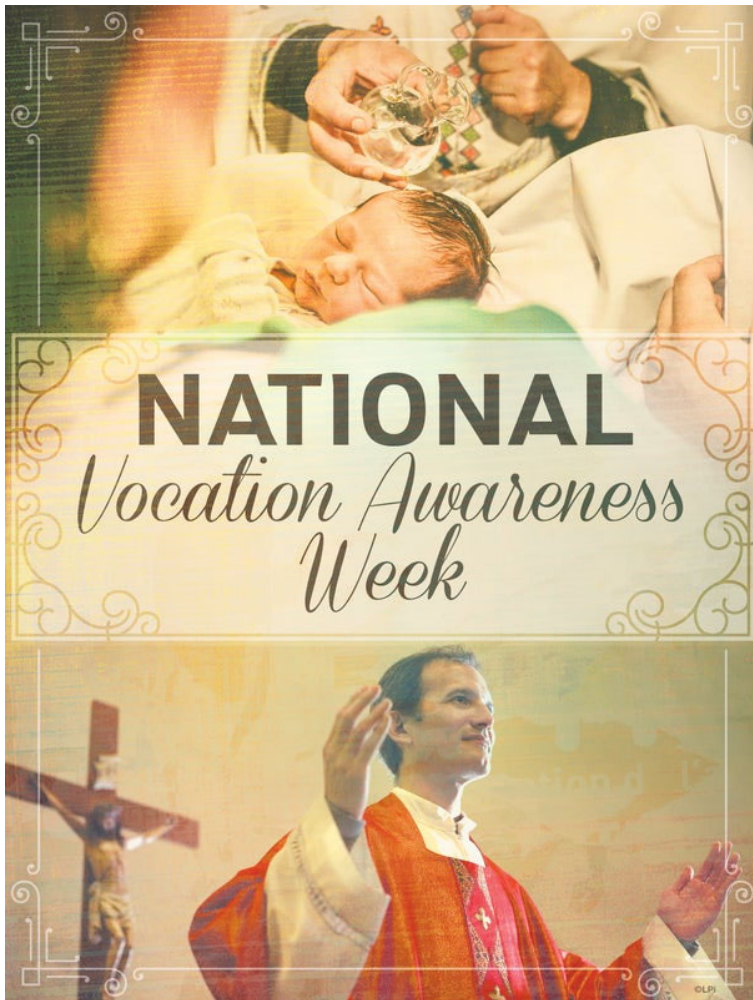


Church of the Little Flower

November 5, 2023

31st 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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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 7:00am	November 6 Mass
Tuesday 7:00am 10:00am	November 7 Mass Legion of Mary
Wednesday 7:00am 8:15am	November 8 Mass All-school Mass
Thursday 7:00am	November 9 Mass 12:00pm School Dismissal, Report Card conferences
Friday 7:00am	November 10 Mass School Closed
Saturday 8:00am 5:00pm	November 11 Mass Mass
Sunday 8:00am 9:15am 10:30am	November 12 Mass New Latin Mass Mass

**Please email all bulletin submissions to:
 Debra Richter -drichter@littleflowerstl.org
 no later than Monday at 10:00am**

Ministers of Service Nov. 11 & Nov. 12 2023

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

11/11 5:00pm ~	M. & M. Verry	K. Thomason
11/12 8:00am ~	A. & H. Reinagel	A. Hornberg
11/12 10:30am ~	W. & N. Saykes	B. Acosta

LECTORS

11/11 5:00pm ~	C. Verry	P. Keenoy
11/12 8:00am ~	K. Sargent	M. Gibbs
11/12 10:30am ~	K. Koeller	M. Chauvin

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

11/11 5:00pm ~	P. Keenoy	Team A
11/12 8:00am ~	K. Sargent	
11/12 10:30am ~	K. & S. Toombs	

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

11/11 5:00pm ~	Volunteer	Volunteer
11/12 8:00am ~	Volunteer	Volunteer
11/12 10:30am ~	Volunteer	Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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There are no better citizens—whether in peace or war—than Christians who are mindful of their duty.

Such person must be willing to suffer all things—even death—rather than abandon the cause of God or of the Church.
—Pope Leo XIII

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

God loves each person individually and invites each one to be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices, to be persons set apart for divine purpose. He expects every person to respond to him in a spirit of holiness and self-offering. He is a personal God who is concerned about us and has shown his care for us in the person of Jesus. Christian love is unique and is centered around God. It requires of us to remove from our hearts these distorted perceptions about him and to convert our hearts and minds to a true and compassionate love of God and of others. Fundamentally this requires the capacity to experience each individual as a person and to show respect as he or she is created in the divine image. The message from today's Readings tells us of God's rejection of inauthentic religious attitudes.

In the Gospel of today Jesus speaks strongly against the scribes and the Pharisees of his time and denounces their attitudes. In the preceding two chapters of Matthew's Gospel, the Scribes and the Pharisees were found in controversy with Jesus. They were trying to attack him on subtle points and catch him in such a way to put him in opposition to common people or political authorities. Having silenced them through his logical arguments, Jesus tells the people and his disciples what the Scribes and Pharisees really are. He tells them that their teaching may be sound, although too rigorous at times, but their way of life, based as it is on personal ambition and pride, vitiates and ruins any merit their teaching could earn for them.

It is important to note that, in the Gospel of today Jesus is not making an attack on all the Pharisees and all the spiritual leaders. Jesus was attacking not specific persons among the Scribes and Pharisees, but their arrogant and hypocritical way of thinking and acting.

It is easy to read today's Gospel and start pointing fingers at others but it is important that we see how it applies to our own life. The Gospel is always addressed to each one of us and today we need to hear what it is saying to our heart at this moment.

God Bless—Fr. H



"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

(Matthew 23:12)

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust Is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we recognize everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.

Amen



This week the vocational chalice is in the 8th grade classroom. . We currently have no one signed up to take it home with them after that. So I ask that during this time we all pray for vocations as well as our current clergy as they make decisions about the schools in our archdiocese and live with them. You can still have the privilege of hosting the chalice in your home. Sign up in the All Souls Chapel. We need someone for upcoming weeks. If you wish to sign up for more than one week at a time, simply draw an arrow from your entry to the one below. You can take it again if you had it earlier in the year. Please help us continue this important prayer. Contact Jackie Waugh for more info at 314-704-5619. Thanks for participating in this important ministry.

WE HAVE A NEED FOR A LECTOR!

We are in need of a Lector for the 10:30 Sunday mass. A volunteer would only have to do it once every 4 weeks. If you would like to do this please call the rectory at 314-645-1445.
Thank you.



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Little Flower Ladies Club is seeking assistance with volunteer efforts for the Advent Party as well as a few other upcoming events. Immediate help is needed to lead the efforts for the Advent Party, to be held on Friday, December 8, such as with decorating, menu planning, and clean up.

Please contact Bea Pollard at 314-477-2626 or at beapollard@yahoo.com if interested.

We are sure to have a grand celebration if we could be blessed with proper preparation for the event.

OCIA UPDATE



It's not too late to invite someone to come to OCIA. Initial sessions focus on the meaning of life, the nature of God, Creation, our first parents' disobedience and Salvation History. Now we study the Natural Law and the Ten Commandments—how God revealed these commandments to help humans to discern good from evil. Principles of the Natural Law can be understood by reason but the Commandments make clear rules for living them out, such as the need to set aside a specific time for God.

Our next topic will be the Incarnation. Call Debra at the Rectory to sign up. 314-645-1445 (Source: EVANGELIUM)



The Rosary Crusade for America and the Church will be prayed every Saturday at 4:30 in the Little Chapel. Father Herzog will bless our group before he heads over to the confessional. Whether you attend the 5:00 Mass or just join for the rosary, everyone is invited.

Little Flower Semi-Annual Cleaning of the Church



Date: Saturday, December 2nd

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Coffee & Donuts will be served.

Come up and help us make Little Flower shine for the holidays! Please bring a bucket and some rags.

There is some work to be done on ladders so we really need some **younger parishioners** to help with that. We really need a **lot of volunteers** for this project. Our church is really beautiful so lets make it shine. Remember,

“Many Hands Make Light Work”



Legion of Mary

If you would like to join a group of people dedicated to sharing prayer and the privilege to share the gift of membership in the Roman Catholic Church—join **The Legion of Mary**, a long-standing Little Flower organization since 1953. Our main focus is in a prayer life—join The Legion of Mary. Every meeting is opened with recitation of the Rosary. Our apostolate is inviting those we contact to value the gift of membership in the Roman Catholic Church. Women and men of all ages are welcome. **The Legion of Mary meets weekly on Tuesday at 10:00am in the rectory meeting room. Come to visit and find out about this organization. Worldwide the Membership is 8-10 million.**

Questions: Call Jean Leonhardt/636-230-0347 or jeanleonhardt324@gmail.com



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

School Communities. Recently I had a meeting with Dr. Todd Sweda, Superintendent of Catholic Education and Formation for our Archdiocesan Schools, Dr. Ad-die Govero, the Catholic Education Director for our Vicariate, and Fr. Scott Jones, the Episcopal Vic-ar for our region to discuss our parish schools of St. Mary Magdalen and Little Flower, especial-ly in the areas of enrollment, staffing, and finances. We have been asked to review the demographics, projections, and financial trends so that we can make a proposal about our parish elementary schools' future. In evaluating models such as mer-gers, closures, hybrid model with the use of both campuses, or each school remaining independent, we want to provide the most information possible and include as much input as possible to reflect the voices of both our parish communities before any recommendations/proposals are made. My prayer is that we will reach consensus about the future of our Catholic elementary schools so that we can continue to provide quality, affordable Catholic education and formation for our young people for many years to come. I will continue to keep you updated and ask for your feedback during these upcoming weeks. The Archdiocese is asking us to have a recommendation by early December.

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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.



BABY QUILTS



The St. John Paul II quilting group has a large supply of baby quilts for sale. They are all lovingly handmade and hand quilted by a small group of dedicated quilters. Come take a look. For information call Hilda Rupee at 314-832-5680.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer Request

Friday, November 17– Sunday, December 31

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights

greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 17 through December 31.

This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours.

If interested, please email programs@snows.org, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: www.snows.org/wayoflights

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!



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 **November 15, December 12, or January 16 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 mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org

HELP WANTED! Maintenance Position

We are currently hiring for an experienced maintenance person who can maintain Parish/School buildings and knowledge of plumbing and electrical repair. Please send resume's to:
lherzog@littleflowerstl.org



II. Grace Gresick & Brendon DeTore

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.



VETERANS DAY

WE HONOR YOUR SACRIFICE

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

Mass Intentions

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| Monday | October 30 - 7:00am - Nancy Mueller |
| Tuesday | October 31 |
| 7:00am | People of Israel |
| 8:15am | Souls in Purgatory |
| 5:30pm | Special Intentions |
| Wednesday | November 1 |
| 7:00am | Esther Ellspermann 9:00am Mass- LF Parish |
| Thursday | November 2 |
| 7:00am | Joe McEntee |
| Friday | November 3 |
| 7:00am | Jim Fiasco |
| Saturday | November 4 |
| 8:00am | Sp. Intention (M. B.) |
| 5:00pm | Bill Kelly |
| Sunday | November 5 |
| 8:00am | "Liz" McDonald |
| 9:15am | Michael Fitzhenry |
| 10:30am | Rodney Flottmann |

Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

- Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
- Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/ Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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



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| Allen Conrey | Maurice Muro |
| Mollie Conrey | Ashton Piper |
| Rebecca Conrey | Christopher Wamhoff |
| Blaise Coultier | John Weber |
| Alex Garofalo | Jonathon Habb |
| Derek Hirtz | Dashawn Arrendon- |
| Brian Kloppenburg | do |
| Justin Kloppenburg | |
| Alexander LaRochelle | |
| Ean Eichert | |