

# *Church of the Little Flower*

November 19, 2023



## **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.*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary

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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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 20</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 21</b>
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 22</b>
7:00am	Mass
	School closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 23</b>
9:00am	Mass
	<b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 24</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 25</b>
8:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 26</b>
8:00am	Mass
9:15am	New Latin Mass
10:30am	Mass

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

## Ministers of Service Nov. 25 & Nov. 26 2023

### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

11/25 5:00pm ~ L. Allman K. Thomason M. Hussmann  
11/26 8:00am ~ A. & H. Reinagel Server Needed  
11/26 10:30am ~ A. Eppert G. & C. Woods  
**11/23 9:00am ~ Servers Needed Servers Needed**

### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

#### (Sacristan Helpers)

11/25 5:00pm ~ B. Campeau Team C  
11/26 8:00am ~ S. Condit  
11/26 10:30am ~ D. Koeller

### LECTORS

11/18 5:00pm ~ J. Waugh L. Waugh  
11/19 8:00am ~ T. Serena H. Fanega  
11/19 10:30am ~ Family Mass Zylka Family  
**11/23 9:00am ~ Thanksgiving Day Michael Campeau**

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

11/25 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer  
11/26 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer  
11/26 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Suffering is like a kiss that Jesus hanging from the Cross bestows on persons whom He loves in a special way.

Because of this love He wants to associate them in the work of the Redemption. —St. Bonaventure

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed:" For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

The Church places before us today the last ordinary Sunday of the Church year and coming Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In our liturgy we are reminded not just of the end of the liturgical year but of the end of all things and the preparations we need to make. Bible tells us that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and he has placed on us multiple gifts and blessings. He expects us to utilize these blessing for his kingdom and for his people and also develop the talents he has given us. He wants us diligent and watchful for the coming of the Lord who will take into account all that we have done. The Book of Proverbs speaks eloquently of the qualities of a worthy wife and while the text applies literally to 'the woman who fears the Lord', there is also a valid application to the qualities of each person who lives in expectation of the Lord. The passage emphasizes the industriousness and diligence of the good wife who is busy with useful matters, skilled at her work and cares for the poor. The Gospel of St. Matthew focuses more sharply on the Christian attitude towards earthly life as we live in expectation of the Master's return. The implicit responsibility of each servant is to work and to multiply the talents entrusted to him. It is not enough just to preserve what one has been given. The Master expects the results from the person who has been given special talents.

The parable of today gives us four important lessons. **First**, it tells us that God gives each person different gifts. Despite our tendencies always to compare ourselves with others, the actual number and quality is not important. We are only asked to make full use of what we have been uniquely given and to use them for the benefit of the community as a whole. When everyone does that, the community is enriched. **Second**, our work is never completed. The first two servants showed how much they had earned; they were not told they could sit back and rest. Rather because of their trustworthiness, even greater responsibilities were given to them. The more one has, the more will be given to him. **Third**, the person who does nothing will be punished. The man with one talent did not lose it. He did not do anything at all with it. If he had tried and failed, he would have met compassion and forgiveness. Even the person with one miserable talent has something to offer to others. It is a sober warning that it is not just those who do evil deeds who will lose out but also those who have no positively good works to show. Every person has the responsibility to be active in the Kingdom. **Finally**, to the one who has more will be given; from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. It seems rather unfair, like robbing the poor to pay the rich. But Jesus is rather saying that those who share generously the gifts they have been given are likely to find themselves constantly enriched. Those who jealously preserve what they have been given, hoard it and go into their shell in fear of the outside world are likely to shrivel up and die. Those who save their lives will lose it; those who share generously what they have with others, will find themselves immeasurably enriched. It is the law of the Gospel; it also a law of life which many of us, in practice, find hard to believe. --Fr. H



"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."

(Matthew 25:21)

God calls us to nuture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God ask us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we answer God's call to nuture and develop our gifts and return them with increase.

Amen



This week the vocational chalice is in the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Advent/ Christmas Events at Pauline Books & Media: Advent Lectio Divina:

**Join the Daughters of St. Paul at Pauline Books & Media each Tuesday in Advent, 6:30 - 8 pm** for a guided experience of praying with the Sacred Scripture. Each session will be led by a sister and will focus on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Drop-ins welcome but registration is encouraged: [tinyurl.com/yn8z9v4m](http://tinyurl.com/yn8z9v4m) or call 314-965-3512.

### Baby Jesus Party:

Join the sisters for their annual Baby Jesus Birthday Party for kids and families and prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ! **Christmas Program at 10:30 and 1 pm: "Twas the Day Before Christmas in Bethlehem Town"** based on book by Leslie Diggins. **Picture taking around the nativity (costumes provided) 11:30 - 1 pm and 2 - 4 pm.** Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Rd in Crestwood. Call for information 314-965-3512.

## 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"**



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](mailto:beapollard@yahoo.com) if interested.

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

### Topic of the Week: The Incarnation.



As revealed in Scripture and taught by the Early Fathers of the Church, the “Word”, the second person of the Trinity became flesh. Jesus Christ is not merely a man, a perfect man or even a saint, but God himself become man for our salvation. As we pray in the Creed: "...he came down from heaven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man." To learn more join OCIA at Little Flower by calling Debra at the Rectory-314-645-1445. Sources: The Creed, Evangelium, Catholic Catechism



### 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](mailto:jeanleonhardt324@gmail.com)**



Little Flower  
Catholic School

## A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

As the Thanksgiving Holiday and Advent Season approaches, the Little Flower students will be participating in noteworthy service projects for enclosed charity agencies!

 **Thanksgiving Food Drive** 

We are currently collecting Thanksgiving food items to donate to our local food pantries.

**All items are due by Thursday, November 16, 2023**

Below is a list of items being requested. All items should be shelf stable- nothing refrigerated.

If you would like to donate money instead, it will be given directly to the food pantry to buy fresh items.

Pre K- Boxed or bagged stuffing mix

K- Instant or box mashed potatoes/ jar gravy

1st - 2nd grade- Boxes of mac and cheese or noodles/velveeta cheese

3rd-4th grade- Fried onions/canned green beans or other canned vegetables

5th-Canned pumpkin or canned yams

6th- Cranberry sauce

7th- Cream of mushroom/cream of chicken soup

8th- Dessert Items-cake mix, pudding mix, pie crust, pie filling, icing

Thank you to Grade 5 and Mrs. Saeger for chairing the Thanksgiving Food Drive!

**St. Martha's Hall Advent Service Project**

On November 6, Maura Baker Jarboe will provide the "Kick-Off" St. Martha's Hall Advent Service Project by giving a presentation to the Little Flower School Community. The presentation has been designed to be basic age appropriate information. The children will be assigned to bring in needed supplies that will be used throughout the year by St. Martha's Hall. Supply donations are due by Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Maura Baker Jarboe will pick up the donations, since St. Martha's Hall locations are kept securely private.

Thank you for participating in this year's Advent Service Project. Please keep the St. Martha's Hall in your prayers during the Advent Season.

Grade 8 - Paper towels

Grade 7 - Toilet paper

Grade 6 - 13 gallon trash bags

Grade 5 - Blue Dawn Dish Soap

Grade 4 - Pine Sol

Grade 3 - Lysol spray

Grade 2 - Powder laundry detergent

Grade 1 - Multi-surface cleaner

KG-General Art Supplies ( water paint sets or painting paper )

PK4- Coloring Books ( Please consider donating more than one coloring book. )

PK3- Crayons and Markers ( Please consider donating more than one box of crayons or markers. )



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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](http://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.



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.

#### 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](mailto:programs@snows.org), call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: [www.snows.org/wayoflights](http://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!



#### 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](mailto:lherzog@littleflowerstl.org)

## Welcome!

The Catholic Community of Little Flower welcomes with great joy into our parish:

Mary Brende  
Dr. John Frater & Dr. Maria Hurley

#### 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.

#### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR NOVEMBER

Bulletin Announcements for the **November 26th** bulletin  
**Are due in the rectory office November 15th**  
**Thank you!**

*"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  
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  
Beverly Haffner  
Mary Ellen Havard  
Louise Haynes

Adrianna Hubb  
Chris Lewis Hutchcroft  
Stan James  
Barb Jones  
Chad Keeven  
Donald Kenney  
Mary Kinsley  
Joanne Kraus  
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  
Peg Mango  
Helen Mango  
Bob McShane  
G. Tracy Mehan  
Mary Falk Mehan

David Nathe  
Sr. Jo Ann  
O'Connell, BVM  
Lachlan Oddy  
Kristin Rafferty  
Christi Rice Blum  
Sue Rice  
Ken Roberts  
Marguerite Scheidegger  
Tom Schuette  
Tony Snider  
Hollie Soto  
Matthew Stuart  
Gary Underwood  
Miriam Varas  
Margaret Verzino  
Charles Volk  
Bob Warren  
Billy Wells  
Joseph Wheeler

Mass Intentions	
<i>Monday</i>	<i>November 20</i>
7:00am	Rodney Flottmann
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>November 21</i>
7:00am	Sp. Intention (Helen Miller)
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>November 22</i>
7:00am	Bill Kelly
<i>No Mass at 8:15</i>	<i>School Closed</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>November 23</i>
9:00am	Little Flower Parish
<i>Friday</i>	<i>November 24</i>
7:00am	Dan Miller
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>November 25</i>
8:00am	Nancy Mueller
5:00pm	Marie Gregg
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 26</i>
8:00am	James Feser
9:15am	Michael Fitzhenry
10:30am	Melanie Ann Smothers

### Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14, 15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d -12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

### 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