

# Church of the Little Flower

February 23rd, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary



*“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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 24</b>
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 25</b>
6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00am	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 26</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 27</b>
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 28</b>
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 1</b>
4pm-4:45pm	Confessions
4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
5:00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 2</b>
8:00am	Mass
10:00am-10:15am	Confessions
10:30am	Mass

### Ministers of Service March 01 & 02 2025

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

03/01 5:00pm ~ L. & P. Armbrecht T. Sullivan  
 03/02 8:00am ~ Aus. & An. Reinagel K. Thomason  
 03/02 10:30am ~ W. & N. Saykes Vol. Requested

#### LECTORS

03/01 5:00pm ~ L. Bub M. Hazelwood  
 03/02 8:00am ~ Pat & Patrick Dolan  
 03/02 10:30am ~ R. Provaznik C. Flottmann

03/05 Ash Wednesday M. Mabery

#### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

##### (Sacristan Helpers)

03/01 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams **(Team B)**  
 03/02 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz  
 03/02 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

## **Sacramental Catechesis: The Sacrament of Confirmation**

I'm sure many of you reading this bulletin article remember your Confirmation. It's usually one of the first sacraments you remember receiving after your First Communion. For most Confirmandi, they receive this sacrament at the conclusion of their 8th grade year. I remember receiving my Confirmation a little later in my religious formation. Since I didn't grow up going to Catholic grade school, I made the adult decision to receive my Confirmation in my early twenties. In fact, I received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2002 at the Cathedral Basilica. I was confirmed by Archbishop (later Cardinal) Rigali and I took on the name: John Vianney. Looking back, the only thing I can remember of that day was Archbishop Rigali saying to me, "John Vianney, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit..." as he was anointing me with Sacred Chrism. I also remember having my Uncle Steve as my sponsor and celebrating my Confirmation back at my house with the table covered in a red cloth. While these memories are blurred reflections on that important day, over the years I've come to appreciate the significance of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in my life and how it has shaped me as a Christian man.

Continuing our journey through learning more about the sacraments of the Church, I want to speak about the Sacrament of Confirmation. In recent years, most people get confirmed at, or near, the conclusion of their 8th grade year—as I mentioned above. When I work with 8th graders preparing for this sacrament and ask them why they want to be confirmed, their answer usually dovetails into this statement: "I want to become an adult in the Church." While many of them might not articulate what that thoroughly means, they do, however, intuitively understand that their faith should lead them into greater personal freedom and responsibility. Freedom and responsibility are intertwined and you can't have one without the other. Confirmation, in part, is just this reality: to take ownership of one's actions and decisions in their relationship with God in which a person actively participates in prayer—both personal and communal—along with acts of charity for the good of their souls and for the Church. In Baptism, as we'll learn later on, the gift of the Holy Spirit enables us, St. Thomas Aquinas says, "to do those things which pertain to [one's] own salvation, forasmuch as he lives to himself." Confirmation, according to St. Thomas, goes further by enabling one to "receiv[e] [the] power to do those things which pertain to the spiritual combat with the enemies of the Faith. This is evident from the example of the apostles, who, before they received the fullness of the Holy Ghost, were in the 'upper room persevering in prayer' (Acts 1:13, 14)." At Pentecost, the apostles went from the infantile confines of the Upper Room into the world hostile to Christianity, but ripe for evangelization. The geopolitical landscape of the first century is still true today. The newly confirmed apostles were ready to spring into action to proclaim through their lips and their lives the faith they held dear to their hearts. This is also true for all those who are confirmed.

Confirmation strengthens one with the graces brought by the sacrament to grow in the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, fear of the Lord (holy reverence for God), counsel, and piety. These gifts are essential for a Christian to "be a true and active witness of Christ in the world, and to share in the Church's mission to spread the Gospel by example, words, and prayer" (Feingold, *Touched by Christ: The Sacramental Economy*, 361). *These gifts of the Holy Spirit enable one to possess knowledge, truly utilizing it for promoting what is good, beautiful, and true in the created world. Likewise, the gift of understanding endows one to "recognize truth and error in matters of faith, and to penetrate the truths in a habitual way through analogy with their human experience" (Feingold, 365). Wisdom, which is something most of us intuitively desire to possess, enables those confirmed to judge and order their lives through the mystery of the Lord's Cross and the love of the Holy Trinity. In other words, wisdom sees the order of the world and creation through the prism of its relationship to God. Fortitude gives the Christian the courage and perseverance to authentically witness their faith and the truths of the Catholic Church in the face of opposition and personal discouragement. Fear of the Lord, which is reverential, not servile fear, orders one's will and actions in accordance to the love one has for God, along with God's love for them, without falling into sins of presumption. Counsel is an important gift of the Holy Spirit because it orientates one's wisdom, knowledge, and understanding by directing it in personal charity toward others, giving them guidance and discernment in their lives. This gift fulfills the prophetic office one receives at their baptism. Lastly, piety is a gift that reveres and recognizes God's sacred presence in the world, and what and whom he has blessed, as something altogether holy and set apart from what is common. This is especially true in reverencing God's Holy Name and His presence in the Holy Eucharist.*

There is probably more I could write on the Sacrament of Confirmation; it is truly a beautiful sacrament of the Church that enables Christian men and women to give authentic witness and courage to their faith. Let's pray for those receiving this sacrament, whether they are in 8th grade or adults at the Easter vigil. Let's pray that they may grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be a blessing to the Church and to those impacted by their lives.

In Christ the Savior,

*Fr. Rubel*



*...er, love your enemies and do good  
and lend without expecting  
back..."*

*(Luke 6:35)*

*Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies Change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.*



**MASSES FOR ASH  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5  
AT LITTLE FLOWER  
WILL BE 7:00AM &  
5:30PM.**

**Did You Know?**

Did you know the original history of the parish came mostly from word of mouth? There were few written records until 1931. No wonder word still travels fast when there's news around Little Flower.

**Little Flower Holy Hour**

Is Jesus the love of your life? Then come spend some time with Him. **Our next Holy Hour will be Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the St. Therese' chapel.** Confession will be available. Let Him minister to your heart. All are welcome!

*Save the Date!*  
**Lolly's Place  
Trivia Night 2025**



**Saturday, March 29  
6:30 - 9:30 PM  
Little Flower School**

**PRAYERS OF THE  
FAITHFUL**

*That we practice mercy and  
compassion more frequently and pray  
for those that annoy 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". Then lectors proclaim the first two Scriptures and the congregation prays 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. (CCC 1187)

Want to learn more? Join OCIA by calling Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445 or email [drichter@littleflowerstl.org](mailto:drichter@littleflowerstl.org)



## THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY



**Carmen Cecilia Steurer**

Daughter of Hannah & Daniel Steurer



The Catholic Community of Little Flower welcomes with great joy:

**Nicholas & Michelle Harviel & their son Liam!**

### Adorers Needed

Did you know that Little Flower has weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays? It's true. We have Adoration on Fridays from 8a-5pm. You are welcome to come join us in spending time with Jesus. We could really use additional Adorers from 9-10am, 12-1pm, and 3-4pm. If you're interested in committing to coming at one of these times or being available to sub as needed, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or Jane McCabe at 314-605-6098.

**Missouri Right to Life  
"Keep Missouri Pro-Life" Action Day  
Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
Missouri State Capitol  
1st Floor Rotunda  
We need you to ACT!**

- Come to Jefferson City on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, for Pro-Life Action Day to encourage your legislators to pass pro-life legislation.
- Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Lobby your legislators and join the noon rally and a featured guest.

Bus transportation is available from several sites in the St Louis metro and surrounding areas. Bus registration deadline is March 14.

Sign up online at [www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday](http://www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday).



### 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



# First Saturday Devotions

March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th and continuing...

Mass at 9:00am followed by Rosary, Devotions and a Family Program

*Our Lady of Fatima spoke to Lucia:*

*"I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."*

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For more information go to:  
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[epcjesusmaryandjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:epcjesusmaryandjoseph@gmail.com) or 557-214-6776



*Love is in the air. . .*

To celebrate our parish centennial, we will be performing random acts of love and kindness throughout the month of February to honor our patron saint, Saint Therese.

Please keep your hearts and eyes open for details to follow in the mail.



The Centennial Committee



## Lolly's Place After-School Tutoring

Lolly's Place is *thrilled* to announce that we have launched a second tutoring location at Little Flower. We are very excited to be a part of your community!

Lolly's Place is a holistic, literacy focused, after-school tutoring and mentoring program for children in grades K-8. We work to close learning and academic achievement gaps for children from diverse backgrounds through customized services and one-on-one tutoring. We also infuse our program with a variety of enrichment and experiential learning activities.

To enroll your child, please visit <https://lollysplace.org/tutoring-enroll>.

Feel free to call Mary Pat Gallagher at 314-800-4260 or email her at [2mpg@lollysplace.org](mailto:2mpg@lollysplace.org)

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 portal of our Website.



*"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:  
 Jackie Waugh (314-704-5619) or Jane McCabe (314-605-6098)*

Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 7:00am	<b>February 24</b> Celebrant's Choice
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am	<b>February 25</b> MaryLou McHaynes
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am	<b>February 26</b> Katie Matula
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am	<b>February 27</b> Angela Zylka
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am	<b>February 28</b> Fr. Don Monitor
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>March 1st</b> Anita Duarte
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	<b>March 2</b> Bill Kelly
10:30am	Alice Cannady

**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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|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Maria Adderley       | Beverly Haffner      | John McShane           |
| Andrew Blum          | Mary Ellen Havard    | G. Tracy Mehan         |
| John Boland          | Louise Haynes        | Mary Falk Mehan        |
| Maxine Borowiak      | Adrianna Hubb        | Peg Mango              |
| Jaxson Boyer         | ChrisLewisHutchcroft | Helen Mango            |
| Frankie Boyer        | Stan James           | Stephanie Mortenson    |
| Steve Bradshaw       | Rebecca Jenson       | David Nathe            |
| Joanne Buchholz      | 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 Scheidegger |
| Margie Curran        | Jack Lally           | James Smith            |
| Helena Czosnyka      | Julie Lally          | Tony Snider            |
| Chandelor Davis      | Marianne Lally       | Hollie Soto            |
| James Davis          | Jim LaMartina        | Matthew Stuart         |
| James E. Davis       | Patty LaRochelle     | Gary Underwood         |
| Nathan Glore Davis   | Mary Laws            | Miriam Varas           |
| Patrick Dolan        | Everleigh Lauber     | Margaret Verzino       |
| Bill Edwards         | Sherry Lopez         | Charles Volk           |
| Kathryn Fischer      | Greg & Shelley       | Billy Wells            |
| Bill Flottmann       | Lowrey               | Joseph Wheeler         |
| Peter Freundl        | Elizabeth Lyons      |                        |
| Ron Garnier          | Emma Lyons           |                        |
| Joyce Griffen        | Bob McShane          |                        |

**Readings for the week of February 23, 2025**

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

**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  
 Jonathon Habbe  
 Dashawn Arrendondo  
 Ean Eicher