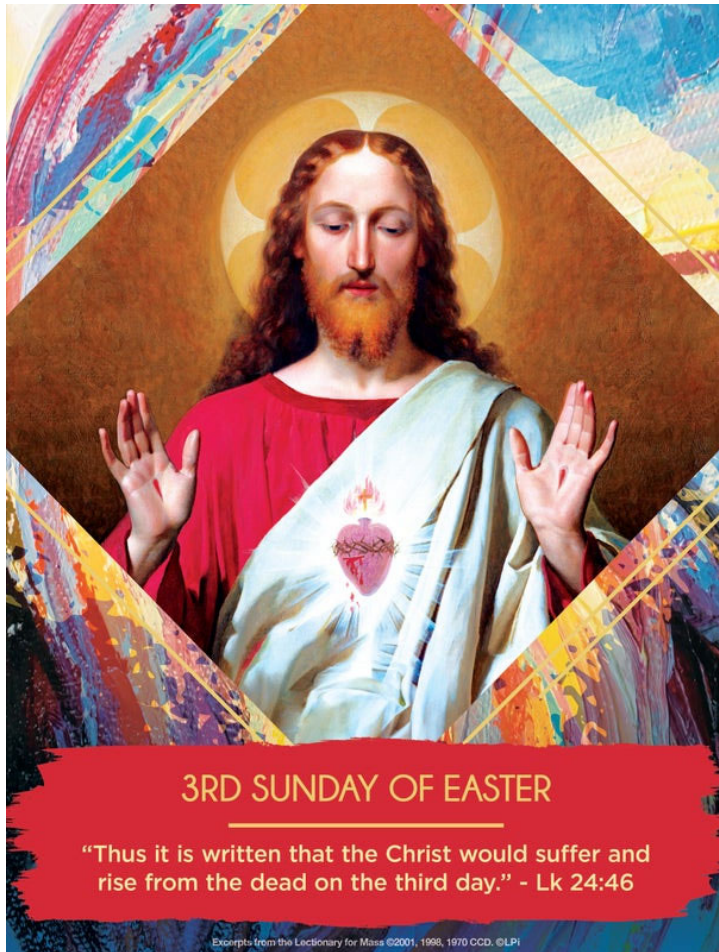


Church of the Little Flower

April 14th, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter



"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	April 15 Mass
Tuesday 7:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	April 16 Mass Legion of Mary Monthly Encounter Night
Wednesday 7:00am 8:15am 7:00pm	April 17 Mass Mass Men's Club
Thursday 7:00am 6:30pm	April 18 Mass Rosary & Ladies Club
Friday 7:00am 8:00am-5:00pm 5:30pm	April 19 Mass Adoration Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 7:00am 5:00pm 4:30pm 2:00pm	April 20 Mass Mass Rosary in Little Flower Chapel Wedding
Sunday 8:00am 9:15am 10:30am	April 21 Mass New Latin Mass Mass

Ministers of Service April 20 & 21 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

04/20 5:00pm ~ J. Schibig L. Allman M. Husmann
 04/21 8:00am ~ A. & H. Reinagel A. Hormberg
 04/21 10:30am ~ A. Eppert B. Acosta S. Donovan

LECTORS

04/20 5:00pm ~ M. Hazelwood L. Bub
 04/21 8:00am ~ Pat Dolan Patrick Dolan
 04/21 10:30am ~ H. Fanega **1Lector required**

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

04/20 5:00pm ~ B. Campeau **Team C**
 04/21 8:00am ~ S. Condit
 04/21 10:30am ~ D. Koeller

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

04/13 7:30pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 04/14 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 04/14 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Do not allow yourselves to be overly saddened by the unfortunate accents of this world.

You are not aware of the benefits that they bring and by what secret judgment of God they are arranged for the eternal joy of the Elect. -St. John of the Cross

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed:" The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

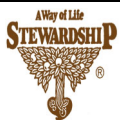
Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have. 'And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' 'They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them."

One of the important tasks of Jesus after the Resurrection was to fill his disciples with faith. The crucifixion was a painful event and for them their master was no more. Easter Sunday was the momentous event in the life of the disciples. It was a day of transformation. They experienced the resurrected Lord and they were not able comprehend the mystery and explain to anyone what this resurrection meant. There was that suddenness, something extraordinary had taken place which they could not describe. There was a break from the natural event of ordinary life which they always experienced, leading them to the supernatural. That is the reason why they tried to explain these events through human terms such as: there was the sudden appearance, an empty tomb, the angels appearing, Jesus coming through the walls, blessing them, eating with them and so on.

Today's Gospel tells us of the return of two Disciples who walked away to a distant village perhaps out of total disappointment over the events that had taken place about Jesus. The disciples could not make sense of Jesus' recent death. Nor did they make out what was going on when Jesus appeared to them. Jesus has his own way of strengthening the faith of the disciples and like the well-known parable of the foot prints on sand; he is able to carry the persons in trouble in his arms. This is a beautiful story of how a friend can convince another and teach the doctrine, by emphasizing the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Jesus comes to them to teach them, eat with them, give them the mission and the promise to be there with them till the end of times.

The disciples (we) have a new mission is to preach in the name of Jesus and to proclaim the kingdom of God. This involves conversion to Jesus' way and experiencing the forgiveness of their sins. It is a call to experience a total reconciliation with Jesus and his Way, with all their brothers and sisters and with the whole of creation. Finally, it is a call to be his witnesses through their lives, words, and actions, manifesting a community of unity and love.

IF ANYONE HAS AN IDEA of how we can keep some of our school traditions alive and functioning after the close of our school, please let us know. There are traditions but the most recent one is our "living stations of the cross" **God Bless—Fr. H**



"Jesus himself stood among and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..."

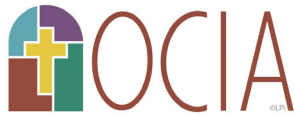
(Luke 24:36-37)

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we have the courage to do the work God has sent us to do, knowing that this is the true path to peace and joy.

Amen



WHAT IS THE ASCENSION?

The Ascension is Jesus' physical departure from the disciples. This event took place after forty days of appearances and teaching following his Resurrection. Scripture records him ascending to heaven, which signifies the "definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain." (Catholic Catechism. 665)

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19) Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's House," to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us. (Catholic Catechism. 661)

The Solemnity of the Ascension is celebrated here on Sunday, May 12.

Interested in joining the Catholic Church? Call Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445

WE ARE HIRING

Early Childhood Center Director

Little Flower Parish is opening a year- round Early Childhood Center. We are seeking a faith-filled, energetic, dedicated professional to be the Director. Please email resume and cover letter to drichter@littleflowerstl.org

Tuesday, April 16th will be our monthly encounter night.

We will have a holy hour beginning at 7 pm. Come to the seashore and behold the risen Jesus in the Eucharist. Do you love Him? Come and tell Him. Confessions will be heard as well. Will you make time for Jesus? He's always available for you. For more information contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or email jwaugh123@charter.net.



III. Caroline Lipic & Jonathan Bundy



SAVE THE DATE! DONUT SUNDAY APRIL 21ST

Hope to see you there!



Scan to register or donate

SAVE THE DATE!

The Run for Life and Learning is June 1! Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 1 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD®. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families. For sponsorship opportunities, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

FIAT Women's Group

Please join us at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for the upcoming Fiat Women's Group session on Thursday, April 18. Our speaker will be Fr. Paul Hoelsing, who is the President-Rector at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. - Doors Open
- 8:00 a.m. - Rosary in the Chapel of St. Joseph
- 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. - Talk by Fr. Paul Hoelsing
- 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. - Small Group Discussion and Fellowship in the Fireside Lounge

Participants are welcome to attend any part of the morning. We can't wait to see you!

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.



MEMORIAL PLAQUES

If anyone is interested in ordering a memorial plaque for their loved ones who have passed away and have been buried from this parish, please contact the rectory at 645-1445. The plaques are hung in the St. Joseph Chapel. Deadline is June 1.



Little Flower
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A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



Picture the Music Contest by Art Teacher Catherine Jeltos

The annual Picture Music Contest had 16,000 students participating; art teachers submitted 534 artworks from that which were juried down to 100 finalists. (LF had 7 entries and 4 made the top 100!)

Second Grader, Celia and Fifth Graders Ava, and Mia received a Special Recognition certificate. First Grader Frannie received a blue ribbon for her art being in the top 25 in the K-3 category.

Picture the Music Exhibit displaying the artwork of the 100 finalist will be on display at the following locations:

April 9-21 St. Louis Art Museum and April 23- May 5 Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House

A deep appreciation to Mrs. Jeltos for paving the way for Little Flower students to participate in Picture the Music Contest! Congratulations to all!

Gloria Openlander

Principal

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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.



Ladies Club

Little Flower Ladies' Club meeting: Thurs. April 18, 2024

On Thursday evening, April 18, 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.

Amy Hamilton, City Manager for Richmond Heights will be our featured speaker.

We will also have a "Baby Shower" for Sweet Babies, currently housed at SSM (formerly St. Mary's Hospital). Donations of new or gently used receiving blankets, sleep sacks, onesies and outfits (sizes 103, 3-6, and 6-12 months) will be greatly appreciated. Diapers and baby wipes are also needed.

Light refreshments from Richmond Heights businesses will be served. Elections of Ladies Club officers for the 2024-2025 program year will also be held.

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

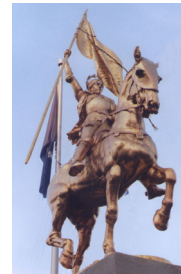
The Pro-Life Committee at St Mary Magdalene has extended an invitation to any and all Little Flower Parishioners to join them.

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.

Zechariah Men's Prayer Breakfast presents the story of an encounter with Christ one man at a time. It involves fellowship, a great talk, and prayer. Seating at the May room Cardinal Rigali Center (Shrewsbury) is by reservation only via email to gary.whitlock@att.net, by phone to **636-215-0973**, or via the online form at StlRenewal.Org/ZPB. \$15 for breakfast is payable at the door, waived for men who ask. Our speaker is Fr. Michael Lydon, Episcopal Vicar of the Southern Vicariate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Come to breakfast at **9:00 am Saturday April 27, 2024**, or tune in for free at 10:10 am on YouTube or Facebook [[stlrenewal.org/yt](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstlrenewal) or [stlrenewal.org/fb](https://www.facebook.com/stlrenewal.org/fb)]. For more information visit the Catholic Renewal Center website at **ARCHSTL.ORG/RENEWAL**.

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.



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, **April 16, , May 15, or June 20 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@cppsofallon.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 | Bob McShane |
| Andrew Blum | Mary Ellen Havard | John McShane |
| John Boland | Louise Haynes | G. Tracy Mehan |
| Maxine Borowiak | M. Georgia Carmody-Hodapp | Mary Falk Mehan |
| Jaxson Boyer | Adrianna Hubb | Peg Mango |
| Frankie Boyer | ChrisLewisHutchcroft | Helen Mango |
| Steve Bradshaw | Stan James | David Nathe |
| Joanne Buchholz | Barb Jones | Sr. Jo Ann |
| Marissa Campeau | Chad Keaven | O'Connell, BVM |
| Ellen Carmody | Donald Kenney | Lachlan Oddy |
| Kathleen Carter | Mary Kinsley | Kristin Rafferty |
| Rachelle Chaney | Joanne Kraus | Christi Rice Blum |
| Nicholas Coleman | Ken Kuhlman | Sue Rice |
| Katie Crouch Willett | Jack Lally | Ken Roberts |
| Clare Crouch | Julie Lally | Marguerite Scheidegger |
| Helena Czosnyka | Marianne Lally | Tom Schuette |
| Chandelor Davis | Jim LaMartina | James Smith |
| James Davis | Patty LaRochelle | Tony Snider |
| James E. Davis | Mary Laws | Hollie Soto |
| Nathan Glore Davis | Everleigh Lauber | Matthew Stuart |
| Patrick Dolan | Jean Leonhardt | Gary Underwood |
| Bill Edwards | Sherry Lopez | Miriam Varas |
| Kathryn Fischer | Greg & Shelley | Margaret Verzino |
| Peter Freundl | Lowrey | Charles Volk |
| Ron Garnier | Elizabeth Lyons | Billy Wells |
| Joyce Griffen | Emma Lyons | Joseph Wheeler |
| Linda Grobelny | | |

Mass Intentions

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| Monday | April 15 |
| 7:00am | Helen Miller |
| Tuesday | April 16 |
| 7:00am | Ramona Spehr |
| Wednesday | April 17 |
| 7:00am | Anna Schnaible |
| 8:15am | L. F Parish |
| Thursday | April 18 |
| 7:00am | Thomas E. Mueller |
| Friday | April 19 |
| 7:00am | Margaret H. Snyder |
| Saturday | April 20 |
| 8:00am | Souls in Purgatory |
| 5:00pm | James Feser |
| Sunday | April 21 |
| 8:00am | Members of the Parish |
| 9:15am | Medta Bachhofer |
| 10:30am | Marie Gregg |

Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

- Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

PLEASE PRAY for our PARISHIONERS and/or LOVED ONES SERVING in the United States Military



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| <i>Allen Conrey</i> | <i>Maurice Muro</i> |
| <i>Rebecca Conrey</i> | <i>Ashton Piper</i> |
| <i>Blaise Coultier</i> | <i>Christopher Wamhoff</i> |
| <i>Alex Garofalo</i> | <i>John Weber</i> |
| <i>Derek Hirtz</i> | <i>Jonathon Habbe</i> |
| <i>Brian Kloppenburg</i> | <i>Dashawn Arrendon-</i> |
| <i>Justin Kloppenburg</i> | <i>do</i> |
| <i>Alexander LaRochelle</i> | |