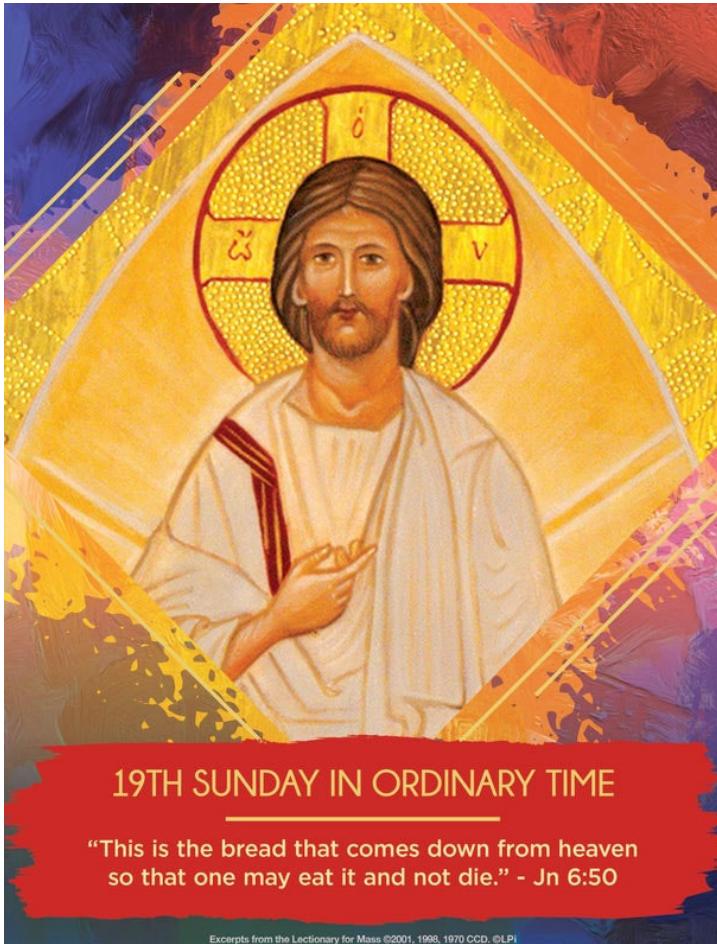


Church of the Little Flower

August 11th, 2024



*"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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 7:00am

Holiday 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: 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday at 1:00pm

Calendar of Events

MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

Monday **August 12 (Fr. Rubie)**
6:45-6:55 **Confessions**
7:00am **Mass**

Tuesday **August 13 (Fr. Rubie)**
6:45-6:55 **Perpetual Help Devotions**
7:00am **Mass**
10:00am **Legion of Mary**

Wednesday **August 14(Msgr. McCumber)**
6:45-6:55 **Confessions**
7:00am **Mass**

Thursday **August 15 (Fr. Herzog)**
6:45-6:55 **Confessions**
7:00am Mass –in Main Church
Holy Day-Feast of the Assumption off Mary

Friday **August 16 (Fr. Herzog)**
6:45-6:55 **Confessions**
7:00am **Mass**
8:00am-5:00pm Adoration

Saturday **August 17 (Fr. Herzog)**
4pm-4:45pm Confessions
5:00pm **Mass**

Sunday **August 18**
8:00am **Mass (Fr. Rubie)**
10:00am-10:15am Confessions
10:30am **Mass (Msgr. McCumber)**

Ministers of Service August 17 & 18 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

08/17 5:00pm ~ T. Sullivan **Server Needed** L. Allman

08/18 8:00am ~ Austin, Annelise, & Henry Reinagel

08/18 10:30am ~ Clare Koontz Nora & Will Saykes

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

08/17 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy **(Team A)**

08/18 8:00am ~ K. Sargent

08/18 10:30am ~ Kitty & Steve Toombs

LECTORS

08/17 5:00pm ~ L. Waugh J. Waugh

08/18 8:00am ~ T. Serena H. Fanega

08/18 10:30am ~ M. Campeau M. Chauvin

"Stop murmuring among yourselves..."

During family trips to vacation destinations I remember as a child getting in the family van—yes, before the advent of SUVs—and driving down to Tan Tara, Johnson's Shut-ins, the Current River, and Gulf Shores. These classic St. Louis destinations for families on shoestring budgets may be fairly cheap in price but rich in memories. While experiences of these places with my family are cherished fond memories, I also know that during such trips my brothers and I weren't always the most grateful. In fact, it was a perennial occurrence each year to complain about "how long the trip was taking," or how "hot it was in the car!" The complaining didn't stop there: I complained about my brothers; about what bed I slept in; complaining too about the food I would eat. And the ultimate insult on vacation—saying "I'm bored." Perhaps parents can relate to these experiences today from your kids, both now and in the past. However, amazingly my parents and grandparents continued to treat my brothers and I to a family vacation; I'm sure you parents do, and have done, the same thing.

The complaining and whining I did as a child, especially when it came to the gift of family vacations, are common experiences that tie in nicely with our reflection on the reality of God's love and care for us expressed through the Holy Eucharist. As mentioned before, we are journeying through John 6 during these past couple of weeks as a break in our normal journey this year through Mark's Gospel. John 6 is rich with Eucharistic imagery and for this Sunday the Church asks us to reflect on Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist as the power of God's grace to provide for us in our individual and communal lives. The crowd who witnessed the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, with some of them knowing who Jesus is as a lowly carpenter from Nazareth, could not bring themselves to appreciate with gratitude the importance of Jesus' miracles and teaching. In this Gospel this weekend, Jesus is clearly teaching he is greater than Moses and the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden! What a powerful and unimaginable message! Essentially, Jesus is saying he is the only one who can give eternal life and, being greater than Moses, he is also equivalent to God Himself. It's unimaginable because the crowd refused to acknowledge not only the *works of God before their very eyes, but God Himself*. Yet, *the gift of Jesus being the Bread of Life was, and is, always still there*.

I know personally this Gospel passage this weekend strikes me to the heart. How often do I—and may I also admit "we"—sometimes "murmur, complain" about what God is doing or not doing in our lives. It's easy to express faith, hope, and love when God's decisions agree with my choices. However, when all our effort, hard work, and dedication to projects, institutions, and charitable works seem to fall apart and crumble before our very eyes we might wonder, "does God care about me, or where is God in all this when we did such great work?" The reality is when we receive Jesus humbly each day of our lives in prayer and, especially in the Blessed Sacrament, we are united intimately with Him. Fidelity and love for God rather than for His works operating through our efforts is sometimes the challenge the Lord will place in our lives. This reality should give us the perspective to always have confidence in God. So the next time you and I might "murmur" and "complain" about God's apparent absence, know that He is always providing for our needs.

In Christ the Savior,




"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!"

(1 Kings 19:7)

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we are not designed to do it on our own, we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may find the strength and courage to make our own sacrifices to build up our Church.

Amen

Holy Day of Obligation

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Thursday, August 15th. The Mass schedule for the Holy Day is;

5:30 PM (Vigil) at **St. Mary Magdalen**

7 AM Mass at **Little Flower (Main Church)**; there is no 8 AM Mass at St. Mary Magdalen

Noon Mass at **St. Mary Magdalen**

5:30 PM Mass at **St. Mary Magdalen**



OCIA – REVERENCE FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST

At Little Flower great care to honor the Holy Eucharist is a priority. We genuflect in the presence of the Eucharist in the Ste. Therese Chapel as well as when we pass the chapel doorway.

Whenever the Eucharist is brought into the Sanctuary, two altar servers with lighted lamps accompany the ciborium.

As we approach the Eucharist to receive Holy Communion, a solemn profound bow is performed by the communicant. In response to the words: "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ", the communicant professes belief by saying "Amen".

At Little Flower at very important celebrations of feast days, special torch bearers surround the altar at the consecration to pay love and respect for the Eucharist. This visual display of honor was initiated by Sr. Cynthia approximately fifteen years ago.

For the past twenty years continuous Adoration of the Eucharist in the Monstrance takes place in the chapel every Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The Eucharist is never left unguarded. All are welcome to stop in for a visit. Once a month evening Holy Hour with Benediction is scheduled on second Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. All of these measures reflect the love and awe of the Eucharist at Little Flower and attest to the fact that here is a faith-filled Eucharistic Community.

OCIA - To inquire about joining the Catholic Church, please call 314-645-1445.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Have you felt Jesus' embrace? If you have been to Adoration, you have. Whether you have or haven't, join us Tuesday, August 20th from 7-8 pm in our Little Flower chapel for Little Flower Holy Hour. We will begin with the Chaplet to the Holy Face. Then we will spend some quiet time in Adoration praying for the success of the Revival that created these Encounter nights as well as our parish and priests. Confessions will also be available. All are welcome.



The 5th Annual FESTIVAL OF SAINT LOUIS

AUGUST 17th - 24th, 2024

HOLY ROSARY NOVENA - 6:30 P.M.
Apotheosis of St. Louis on Art Hill
1 Fine Arts Drive, St. Louis, 63110

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd
MUSIC OF THE CRUSADES CONCERT - 7 P.M.
St. Francis de Sales Oratory
2653 Ohio Ave, St. Louis, MO 63118

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th

LUDOVICANUM PARTY - 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
Sunset 44 Bistro (details at festivalofsaintlouis.com)

FIRST VESPERS - 5 P.M.
Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine
7230 Dale Ave, St. Louis, 63117

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th

SOLEMN MASS OF SAINT LOUIS - 10:00 A.M.
Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine

LOUISMAS BBQ - 12 NOON
Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine

SECOND VESPERS - 2:30 P.M.
Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine

HOLY HOUR 4 P.M.
Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine

PROCESSION WITH RELIC OF SAINT LOUIS - 5 P.M.
From Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine to Art Hill
2 Miles - Free shuttle available for return

HOLY ROSARY AT STATUE - 6 P.M.
Free Ice Cream Reception to follow
1 Fine Arts Drive, St. Louis, 63110

See more events and details online:
festivalofsaintlouis.com



Sunday, August 11th-Meet & Greet &

Donut Social. Please come and welcome Fr. Rubie to Little Flower. **Donuts will be served after the**

8:00am & 10:30am Masses.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are our remaining 2024 experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or Call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

8/2/2024-8/4/2024 St. Peters, MO

9/27/2024-9/29/2024 St. Peters, MO.

10/11/2024-10/13/2024 Springfield, IL

12/6/2024-12/8/2024 St. Peters, MO



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY



Little Flower Parish



We need everyone to help make this next year fabulous!

Call Deb at the office
314.645.1445 to sign up

Family Holy Hour?

Would you like to see some family programming with our Little Flower Holy Hour? I am looking for someone to collaborate with me to provide programming for kids while their parents join in the Holy Hour. It's important to reach out to our families right now so that they remain a part of our community. If you have ideas how we can do this, I'd love to hear from you. Call me at 314-704-5619 or email at jwaugh123@charter.net.

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.

What We Have Seen & Heard:
Voices of the People

Prayer Breakfast

Join Archbishop Rozanski as we remember the

10th Anniversary of the FERGUSON Uprising

Saturday

September 7th at 9am
St. Ferdinand parish @ the Saint Martin DePorres Campus
615 Dunn Rd, Hazelwood, MO 63042

Listen. Pray. Discuss.

For more information contact:
Joyce Jones.....racialharmony@archstl.org
Marie Kenyon.....mariekennyon@archstl.org



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 **August 21, September 19 or October 15 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.

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 the Eucharist is Jesus' flesh given that we might have eternal life?

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

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 Monday of the month from 7:00-8:00pm 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.

Stewardship Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will – all that I have and call my own.

You have given it all to me.

To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.

Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me.

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life SAVE THE DATE

15th Annual Benefit Dinner
Sunday, October 13, 2024

Keynote Speaker
Bishop David Konderla
Bishop of Tulsa, Oklahoma



Fr. Anthony Wieck, SJ

Zip Rzepka

Scott Kennebeck



Where: Orlando's Garden South

4300 Hoffmeister Ave.
Hwy 55 at Union Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 4:00 pm
Followed by Cocktails and Dinner

Scan if you would like to receive an invitation to the dinner:



More information go to: ourladyforlife.com

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

"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)

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:

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

Mass Intentions

<i>Monday</i>	<i>August 12</i>
7:00am	+Sp. Intention (Tim Miller)
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>August 13</i>
7:00am	Jean Leonhardt
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>August 14</i>
7:00am	Joann Ruoff
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>August 15</i>
7:00am	Helen Miller
<i>Friday</i>	<i>August 16</i>
7:00am	Kathryn Kilker
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>August 17</i>
5:00pm	Mary Lou McHaynes
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 18</i>
8:00am	People of Little Flower & St. Mary Magdalen Parish
10:30am	Ida Caroline Massey

Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/

Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

**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