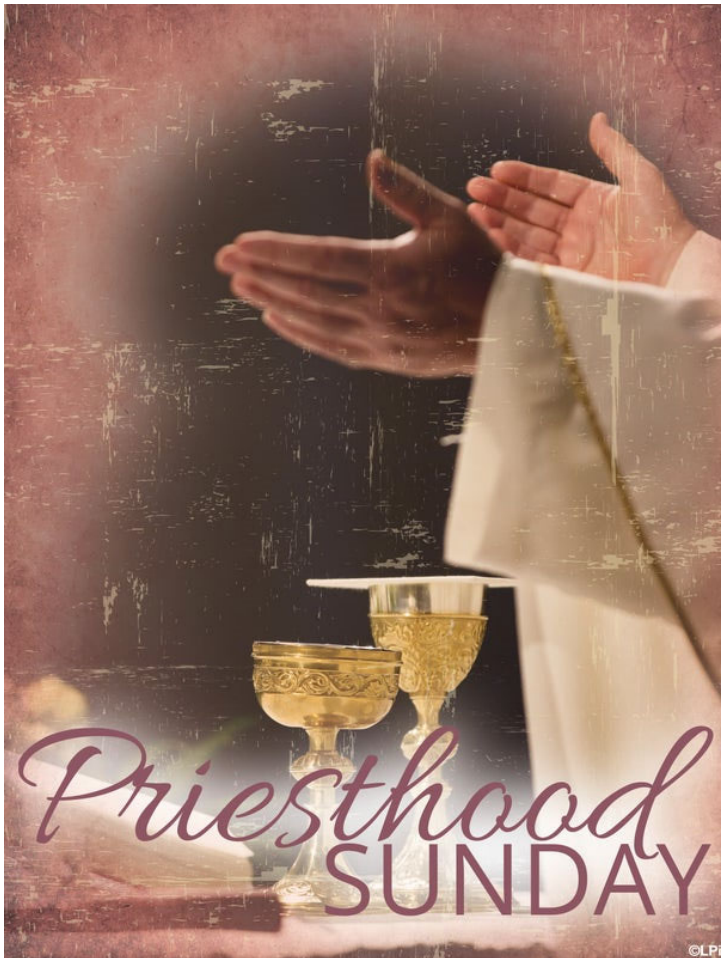


Church of the Little Flower

September 29th, 2024

26th 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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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

Monday September 30

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Msgr. McCumber)
 7:00pm Parish Council

Tuesday October 1

6:45-6:55 Perpetual Help Devotions
 7:00am Mass (Msgr. McCumber)
 7:00pm Special Holy Hour

Wednesday October 2

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Msgr. McCumber)

Thursday October 3

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Msgr. McCumber)

Friday October 4

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Fr. Herzog)
8:00am-5:00pm Adoration
 4:00-5:00pm-Ladies Club Adoration Hour

Saturday October 5

4pm-4:45pm Confessions
4:30pm Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
 5:00pm Mass (Fr. Rubie)

Sunday October 6

8:00am Mass (Msgr. McCumber)
10:00am-10:15am Confessions
 10:30am Mass (Fr. Herzog)

Feast Day celebratory Brunch after 10:30 Mass
 All are welcome!

Ministers of Service Oct. 05 & 06 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

10/05 5:00pm ~ L. Allman M. Husmann P. McClure
 10/06 8:00am ~ A. Spiegel Mat. & Anders Verry
 10/06 10:30am ~ William, Michael, & David Dietz

LECTORS

10/05 5:00pm ~ M. Hazelwood L. Bub
 10/06 8:00am ~ M. Boyce D. Bello
 10/06 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann R. Provaznik

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

10/05 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams **(Team B)**
 10/06 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz
 10/06 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

The Rains Fell, The Floods Came, and Buffed the House

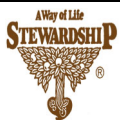
As I sit down to write my bulletin article for this week I acknowledge we are receiving a lot of rain. When I celebrated Mass earlier in the week I could hear the torrential downpour hitting against the roof and window pane. It reminds me of a time at Mass when I was in the seminary and on one Sunday morning the priest celebrating Mass decided to start his homily with a joke—always a risky move because you never know if people in the pews are awake enough to laugh. This priest, as the rain was pouring down from outside, said, “I’m disappointed in our Scripture readings for today.” This, of course, caused everyone to gasp at such a statement. Then he continued, “Today’s readings should be about Noah’s Ark, because it’s been raining forty days and forty nights out there.” Surprisingly, it brought about a tremendous laughter from parishioners. It’s amazing that I don’t even remember the rest of this priest’s homily, but I will never forget this epic dad joke that primed the congregation for the rest of the priest’s message.

Although our recent accumulation of rain reminds me of this experience, I do think there is something providential in recalling the story of Noah and the flood. Its imagery and story serves as a great Old Testament backdrop to Jesus’ message about sin in the Gospel for this weekend. Let us consider the flood in Noah’s days: God inflicted a world-wide flood over the earth to vanquish the evil of people’s sinful behavior and lifestyle. The people in Noah’s days, outside of his household, were completely given into sin and vice. As a result, God cleared away those who gave themselves into sin and saved Noah’s household through the ark. The ark served Noah as God’s vessel, His divine grace, protecting and *saving him, his family, and pairs of animals from the damning consequence of sin. Noah, in other words, interceded for his family to pass through the flood waters that engulfed and destroyed—at least temporarily—the ravages of sin and death. The story of the flood and Noah’s family is a beautiful Old Testament type foreshadowing the power and grace of Holy Baptism in saving humanity from sin, remitting original and all actual sin (personal sin), and bringing us into a covenantal love with the living God.*

Now how does this story apply to the Gospel’s message on personal sin? I’m glad I asked that question for you. I think we can lean into Noah’s story a bit. Imagine being in a boat for over a month in the middle of the ocean. I’m not talking about being on a cruise ship; the ark you’re in will definitely make you at times, if not most, very seasick. Noah and his family quite literally were living with a constant storm and turbulent waters in which their suffering seemed to be an eternity. Noah and his family were, in other words, being stretched to trust in God and have faith that He would see them through the storm. They could have easily given into despair and hopelessness, which would have caused them to curse God and to fall into sin and wickedness. Instead, they persevered and were rewarded with a new life free from the harm, the slander, and maliciousness of the people who died in the flood. Similarly, we’re called to combat the temptation to sin by striving to grow through God’s grace in the virtues of hope, courage, and perseverance. These virtues are key to resist sin and temptation, no matter what storms we go through in life. A great way to conquer sin and temptation is by examining what in our life needs to be cut off from our time, attention, and focus in order not to fall into despair, selfishness, and cowardness. Jesus says this much in the Gospel today, “If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire” (Mark 9:43). This is the difference between following the path of Noah and his family or devolving into the sinful populace who lost their lives due to their sin and wickedness. Jesus is not asking us to literally cut off members of our own body; however, He is asking us to cut off those things in our lives that cause each of us to sin. The virtues I mentioned above will protect us from falling into temptation no matter what storms or floods we encounter in life. With God’s grace we can do all things no matter if life seems to be raining on our parade!

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubie



“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.”

(Mark 9:41)

We are made in God’s image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that’s the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ, when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Remembering that we will be judged by what we do for the least among us, may we give generously and joyfully to support all those in need.

Amen

Do you know anyone longing to be fed?



LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH WOULD
LOVE TO GROW. PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD AND
MAKE OUR CHURCH STRONGER.

Our O.C.I.A. Program begins in September

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OCIA INVITATION

It is time to begin sessions for persons *inquiring* about joining the Catholic faith. You may have a background in a Christian denomination but desire full communion. Others who are unbaptized will be invited through Scripture, prayer and community to encounter the person of Jesus Christ as the fullness of God's revelation. So, if you are very interested, slightly interested or just wondering...you are welcome.

Call 314-645-1445 now for any questions concerning OCIA—a journey leading to full belonging to the Church, the mystical body of Christ, established by God on earth to gather humanity to divine life in heaven.

OUR Feast Day is coming soon

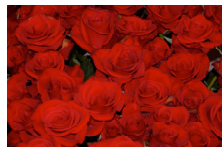
The Feast Day for Saint Therese, the Little Flower is October 1.

*Let's pray a Novena, nine days of short prayers, for our parish.

It will help us learn about and strengthen devotion to the Little Flower

Beginning September 23 through October 1. Join us!!

Following the morning Mass in the Chapel or at 6:45 pm on the Church steps.



*Feast Day celebration will be on October 5-6, 2024. Join in! Each Mass will be celebrating Saint Therese. Hoping we can all come together for a sit-down brunch in the Parish Hall at 11:30 am, Sunday, October 6. This will also serve as our kick-off for our centennial celebration in 2025.

Special Feast Day Holy Hour

St. Therese had a deep devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and spent many hours in Adoration. We will imitate our patron by spending time with Jesus as she did on her feast day. There will be a special Little Flower Holy Hour on **October 1st** from **7-8pm** in the chapel immediately following the last night of the novena. We will pray the Litany to the Holy Face, a favorite of St. Therese, as well as have confessions available. Please consider joining us in honoring Jesus and our patron on this special day. All are welcome!

**THE PARISH THAT PRAYS
TOGETHER,**

STAYS TOGETHER!

New Bulletin Deadline

Beginning October 4, 2024

All Bulletin Information will need to be submitted by

Friday at 10 AM

Any Bulletin information submitted after this deadline will appear in the following weekend bulletin.





THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

100%

STATE TAX CREDITS

AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

Make your reservation today!

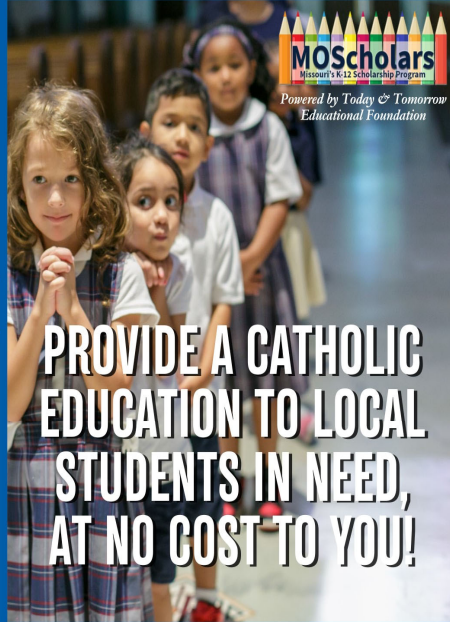


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We Need You to PRAY

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



The St. Louis Balloon Race visited our neighborhood Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass. Thank you Andrea Husmann for the picture!



MARRIAGE BANNES

III. Alyssa Margiotta & Alex Kuhlman

Join us! All are Invited to attend the Annual Enrollment Mass for the Sodality of the Most Sacred Heart - Friday, October 4, 2024.

Location: St. Mary Magdalen, 2618 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144. First Friday Schedule: 4:30pm Adoration, Reconciliation, & Benediction; 5:30pm Celebration of Holy Mass with Father James Kubicki, SJ, Sodality National Chaplain Director. Following mass is an Enrollment Dinner for Sodalists, reservations required. For more information on the Sodality and the Event, visit MostSacredHeart.net.

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 Jesus calls us to childlike faith? When was the last time you let go and let go and let God lead you?

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Way of Lights Performer Request
Friday, November 18– Saturday, December 31**
You are invited to share your wonderful talents at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Eucharistic Prayer Companions
FIRST SATURDAYS



Flowing with the Holy Spirit at the 10th Eucharistic Revival Congress, we are led to invigorate and honor Our Lady's Fatima request for the Rosary and Prayers of Reparation and Conversion on First Saturdays.

You are invited to gather with the Eucharistic Prayer Companions of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (EPC) at various Churches throughout our Archdiocese on First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers:

A Reparation Rosary, the Chaplets of Divine Mercy and of the Holy FACE, and 15 Minutes of Silent Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.
Prayer copies will be available at the Church.

Please join us for the following:

October 5th The Immacolata Church 8900 Clayton Rd. 63117.

8am Mass followed by our First Saturday Prayers.

November 2nd St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Church 4900 Ringer Rd. 63129.

8am Mass followed by our First Saturday Prayers.

December 7th St. Alban Roe Church 2001 Shepard Road, Wildwood, 63038.

Confessions 7:30-8:15. Mass 8:30am First Saturday Prayers.

Please invite others and share this invitation with your family and friends, even in other Dioceses.

For updated information on future gatherings, please visit our website: www.CentreForMercy.org/epc.
or email us at:
epcofjesusmaryandjoseph@yahoo.com

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us...



The Vocational Chalice Is Looking For Places To Go

Right now the vocational chalice is spending time at the home of Mary Hazelwood. Thank you, Mary, for taking part in this important ministry of prayer. It is looking for more places to go. If you and your family would like to host it for a week or two, please sign up in the All Souls Chapel. We currently have no one else signed up to take the Chalice home with them. You can take it again if you had it earlier in the year. Please help us continue this important prayer for our priests and our pastorate.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer Request Friday, November 22 – Tuesday, December 31, 2024

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 22 through December 31. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours, too.

If interested, please email [pro-grams@snows.org](mailto:programs@snows.org), call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: www.snows.org

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

"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)

Mass Intentions

Monday 7:00am	September 30 Special Intention (Charlie & Kate Mueth)
Tuesday 7:00am	October 1st Joann Ruoff
Wednesday 7:00am	October 2 Rodney Flottmann
Thursday 7:00am	October 3 Celebrants Choice
Friday 7:00am	October 4 Sp. Intention (Marie Boyce)
Saturday 5:00pm	October 5 Sp. Intention (Teresa Joan Wozniak)
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	October 6 People of St. Mary Magdalen & Little Flower Mac & Marita Dryden

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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| Andrew Blum | Beverly Haffner | John McShane |
| John Boland | Mary Ellen Havard | G. Tracy Mehan |
| Maxine Borowiak | Louise Haynes | Mary Falk Mehan |
| Jaxson Boyer | Adrianna Hubb | Peg Mango |
| Frankie Boyer | Chris Lewis Hutchcroft | Helen Mango |
| Steve Bradshaw | Stan James | Stephanie Mortenson |
| Joanne Buchholz | Rebecca Jenson | David Nathe |
| Marissa Campeau | 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 |
| Chandlor 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 | Charlie Vogelsang |
| Ron Garnier | Emma Lyons | |
| Joyce Griffen | Bob McShane | |

Readings for the week of September 29, 2024

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/
 Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7
 -8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/
 Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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