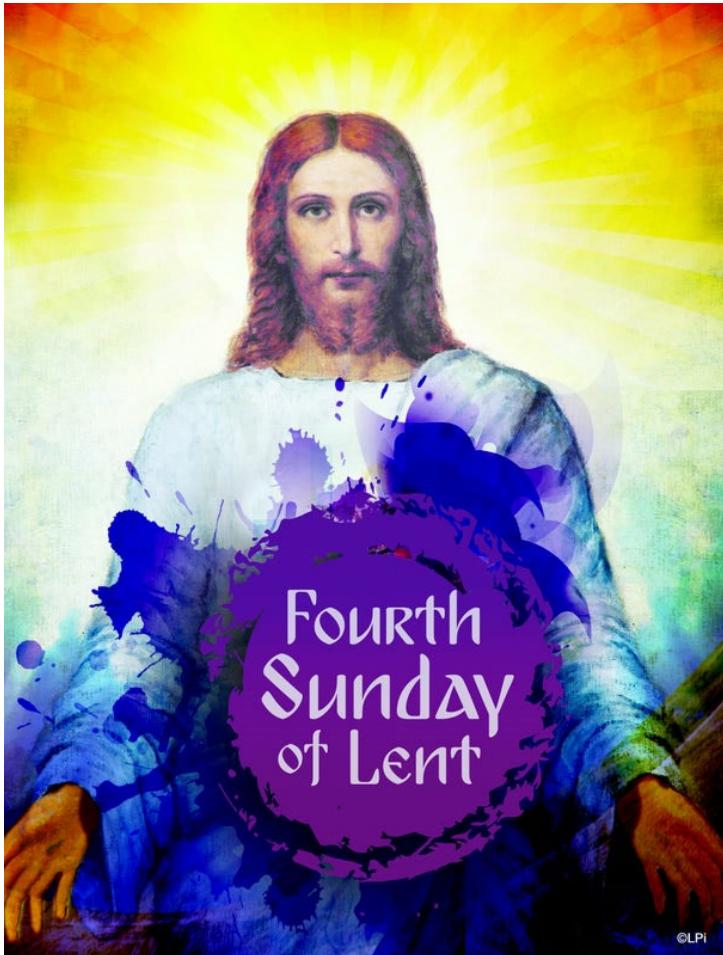


Church of the Little Flower

March 4, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent



*"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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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

Monday	March 11
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	March 12
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	March 13
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	Mass
Thursday	March 14
7:00am	Mass
Friday	March 15
7:00am	Mass
ADORATION 8:00AM-5:00PM	
Saturday	March 16
8:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Mass
4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
Sunday	March 17 (St. Patrick's Day)
8:00am	Mass
9:15am	New Latin Mass
10:30am	Mass
Donut Sunday Today	
March 11th—15th School Spring Break	

Ministers of Service March 16 & 17 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

03/16 5:00pm	~	M. Basi	Cur. Koontz	P. McClure
03/17 8:00am	~	M. & M Verry		H. Reinagel
03/17 10:30am	~	Cl. Koontz	A. Eppert	W. Dietz

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

03/16 5:00pm	~	Patrick Keenoy	Team A
03/17 8:00am	~	Kevin Sargent	
03/17 10:30am	~	K. & S. Toombs	

LECTORS

03/16 5:00pm	~	L. Waugh	J. Waugh
03/17 8:00am	~	P. Dolan	Patrick Dolan
03/17 10:30am	~	H. Fannega	1 Lector Needed

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

03/16 5:00pm	~	Volunteer	Volunteer
03/17 8:00am	~	Volunteer	Volunteer
03/17 10:30am	~	Volunteer	Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love" —St. Therese of Lisieux

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.'"

The Gospel of today makes a comparison with Moses, who was also an agent of God and a savior of God's people. In this Biblical passage, Jesus was referring to an event that occurred in the days of the Old Testament. The Israelites in the desert had been complaining bitterly about their conditions so they were punished by God who sent a plague of serpents among the people and many died. At God's command, Moses raised up a bronze serpent on a pole "and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he recovered". John tells us that Jesus too will be lifted up. For John Jesus' being "lifted up" includes both his being raised up on a cross and being raised up to be with his Father in glory at the resurrection.

Here John gives the summary of our entire salvific mystery, God's unlimited love for the world. The Gospel says that God loved the world so much that he gave his only son for our sake that we may have eternal life through him. God here sacrifices something most precious to him, his own son so that we may have life in and through him. For us Jesus is the new life. The very fact of looking at the bronze serpent brought life to the Israelites who were bitten by the serpents and certainly looking at Jesus would mean new life for the individual person, as Nicodemus was promised by Jesus. All those who look up to Jesus in faith will be saved, will be given "eternal life", a life that never can be taken away. He emphasizes that God sent his Son to save and not to judge or condemn. He did not come to judge but to save. Jesus came to show you the way, the truth and the life so you may walk in the Light. Jesus is the Light. He is the only way! He is the only Truth! He is the only Life! There are none other but Jesus who can save us by the grace of the Heavenly Father and the power of the Holy Spirit. Through our living faith in Christ, we have the assurance of salvation.

We need to thank our 8th Grade for their leadership and cooperation when we hosted the "Unity in the Community". They executed their para-liturgical celebration quite well. Also, thanks to the Ladies' club and all those who worked and provided the delicious lunch.

We also stand in grateful gratitude to Kevin Sullivan and **ALL** the helpers, cooks, and servers at the Margie Meatte Memorial Fish Fry. It was a tremendous tribute, delicious meal and a wonderful time.

Thank you one and all! God Bless—Fr. H



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."

(John 3:16)

Of all the wonderful gifts God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may show our gratitude for Jesus ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own Lives.

Amen



THE EUCHARIST AS FOOD

The Eucharist is the nourishment of our souls by which we share in God's own life. Christ publicly declared that all must eat his flesh and drink his blood and many were shocked. (Jn 6:60) Some disciples left.

Each spiritual and sacred meal implies: Union—He dwells within us and we become like him. It also expresses unity with the whole Church. (1 Cor 10:17) Strength—For the spiritual journey through life, and at the approach of death. Promise—“He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. (Jn 6:56 and 6:41)

How to prepare for Holy Communion: (1) Examine conscience to see if I am free of serious sin. If not, seek confession before receiving Communion. (2) Keep one hour fast from food and drinks—other than water. (3) Go to confession regularly to avoid sins and overcome temptations to sin. Source: Evangelium Join OCIA by calling Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445

We are currently holding the “**Jesus and the Eucharist**” series in the cry room on Wednesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 10 am. Please feel free to join us for a session if you have the time. All sessions are available on YouTube if you want to watch.

This Tuesday, March 12th will be our monthly encounter night. We will have a holy hour beginning at 7 pm. Come to the mountain top and behold Jesus in the Eucharist. Ask Him to change your heart this Lent. Confessions will be heard as well. This will likely be your last opportunity for evening confessions here at Little Flower this Lenten season. Will you make time for Jesus? He's always available for you.

Please Join Us in Supporting **BIRTHRIGHT**

By Attending the St. Clement of Rome & St. Gerard Majella's Annual

GAME & CARD PARTY LUNCHEON

Come play any game you like or just come for **LUNCH!**
Raffle Items – Attendance Prizes – Pot of Gold

Thursday April 11th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

St. Clement's Parish Center, 1508 Bopp Road, Des Peres, 63131
The cost per person is **\$30.00**. Make your **Reservation by April 4th**

by sending your name,
and those playing with you, along with your check made out to
“Birthright” to:

Birthright, 2525 South Brentwood Blvd. #102, 63144 Attention:
Card Party

OR click on https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BirthrightCounselingStLouis_1/springcardparty.html
to register & pay by credit card.

*** If you have dietary restrictions, please inform us in advance!
*** If you cannot attend, but wish to make a donation, please send it to Birthright.

RAFFLE TICKETS will be sold at St. Clement & St. Gerard after all weekend masses on
March 17th, March 24th & April 7th
Questions? Jane @ 314-570-6880



Just a reminder that Little Flower Church offers The Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:30am Mass during the school year. Children ages 3 and up are welcome to participate in this program, where they receive the readings and Gospel in simpler language. Volunteer teachers prepare a brief lesson and give the children time to share their own thoughts about living the Gospel and being the ‘light of the world’. They learn new ways to pray and are always eager to bring their intentions to the group. The children should gather at the front of the altar when the priest invites them and walk out as a group with the teacher. They will return to their families after the homily. Please encourage your children to participate in this special faith formation opportunity that is just for them!

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Mary Morgan at 314-973-7842.



DONUT SUNDAY
Will be SUNDAY,
MARCH 17TH-ST.
PATRICK'S DAY,
after all Masses.



Announcement about Parish Council
3/1/24

We are pleased to announce our new Parish Council Members who have graciously agreed to help the Little Flower Community.

Alyssa Reinagel, Susan Bub, Anne Lewis, and Chris Saykes have joined the existing members: Albert Anglin, Cindy Flottmann, Nancy Blattner, and Chris Heeb.
We look forward to serving the church.

Spring Event Weekend at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri.

Saturday, March 16: A Relic Display featuring new relics of St. Patrick, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Anthony, St. Timothy, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, and fragments of the True Cross and the Last Supper Table will be on exhibit from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Two priests will be available from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A musical performance by “The Dining Room Consort” will take place at 3:00 p.m. On **Sunday, March 17**, at 1:00 p.m., a presentation titled “Transforming Hearts” will be given by best-selling author Marge Steinhage Fenelon. The relics will be on exhibit from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information regarding upcoming events, please contact us at 1-800-264-6279 or visit our website at www.amm.org.



Little Flower
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A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



Engineer Day at Little Flower

Little Flower students gathered to listen to Little Flower engineers about their career paths, current work projects, and job responsibilities. After the presentation students worked in their Faith Families to make airplanes and test their results. A great time everyone! Thank you to Alyssa Reinagel, Clint Woods, Nathan Barger, and Ryan Bub.

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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.



Welcome!

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

1. Ms. Monica Brewer
2. Ms. Taylor Morgan
3. Mr. & Mrs. Louis & Mary Teson
4. Mr. & Mrs. Quinn & Rose Fulton



A special thank you goes out to Jane Tayon for redoing the Little Flower Sign out in front of the School. She and her crew of Leonard and Dave added a white board with black letters to make it look nicer and easier to read. We do appreciate your time and positive energy!



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.

Where Art Serves the World: An Afternoon with Internationally-Noted St. Louis Sculptor Don Wiegand. Wednesday, April 10, Noon – 2:00 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac. Doors open at 11:30 AM; box lunch & drinks served at noon. Cost: \$50 individual ticket; \$275 table of 6; livestream \$15 per household. Purchase tickets at MERCYCENTERSTL.ORG

CBC Summer Academy Registration now open for all boys entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Enjoy a premier summer experience held in CBC's theater, classrooms, science labs, art studios, sports facilities, and esports center by being part of our CBC Summer Academy. Register today at www.BeaCadet.org/summer. Contact Melissa Ryan at ryanm@cbchs.org or 314-985-6095 for more information.

Pipes For Parkinson's MARCH 18



Enjoy organ performances from members of the American Guild of Organists (St. Louis chapter) and raise money for the American Parkinson's Disease Association on Monday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. at Little Flower Church in Richmond Heights, 1264 Arch Terrace.

Admission is free and donations will be accepted.

Pipes for Parkinson's is organized by Robert Schneider in honor of his wife, former Webster Groves resident JoAnn Schneider, who has Parkinson's and graduated from Nerinx Hall.

Immaculate Conception Dardenne Annual Quilt Social March 16, 2024 in our Parish Hall (lower level of large church) 7717 Town Square Avenue, Dardenne Prairie
Doors open at 10am. Bingo begins at Noon
Come Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.
Must 16 years or older to participate
Bingo, Pot of Gold, Quilt Raffle
Lunch will be available for purchase

"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
Marissa Campeau
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
Linda Grobelny

Beverly Haffner
Mary Ellen Havard
Louise Haynes
Adrianna Hubb
Chris Lewis Hutchcroft
Stan James
Barb Jones
Chad Keeven
Donald Kenney
Mary Kinsley
Joanne Kraus
Ken Kuhlman
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
Bob McShane
G. Tracy Mehan

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

Mass Intentions	
Monday	March 11
7:00am	Mary Collette Cornille
Tuesday	March 12
7:00am	Helen Miller
Wednesday	March 13
7:00am	Noreen Herzog
8:15am	No School Mass today
Thursday	March 14
7:00am	Marie Gregg
Friday	March 15
7:00am	David Hermann
Saturday	March 16
8:00am	Thomas Reilly
5:00pm	Helen Miller
Sunday	March 17
8:00am	Members of the Parish
9:15am	Souls in Purgatory
10:30am	Charles Leonhardt

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**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

Maurice Muro
Ashton Piper
Christopher Wamhoff
John Weber
Jonathon Habbe
Dashawn Arrendondo
Alexander LaRochelle