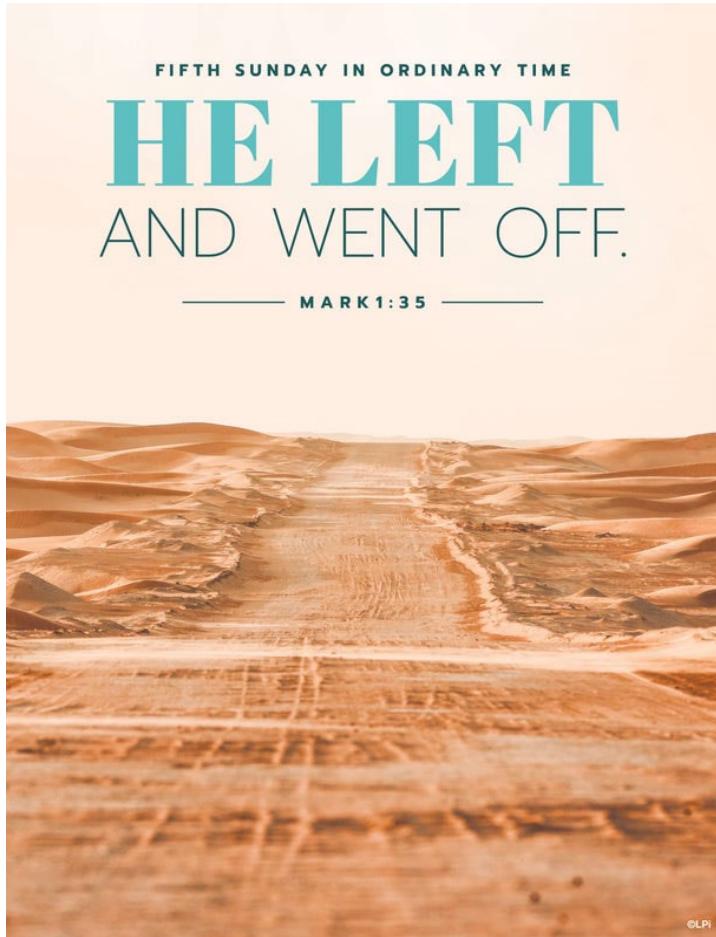


Church of the Little Flower

February 4th, 2024

Fifth 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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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 **February 5**
7:00am Mass

Tuesday **February 6**
7:00am Mass
10:00am Legion of Mary

Wednesday **February 7**
7:00am Mass
8:15am Mass

Thursday **February 8**
7:00am Mass

Friday **February 9**
7:00am Mass
ADORATION 8:00AM-5:00PM

Saturday **February 10**
8:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

Sunday **February 11**
8:00am Mass
9:15am New Latin Mass
10:30am Mass

Ministers of Service Feb. 10 & Feb. 11 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

02/10 5:00pm ~ T. Sullivan K. Thomason L. Armbrecht
02/11 8:00am ~ M. E. & R. Devereux
02/11 10:30am ~ B. Acosta W. & N Saykes

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

02/10 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams Team B
02/11 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz
02/11 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

LECTORS

02/10 5:00pm ~ M. Hazelwood L. Bub
02/11 8:00am ~ M. Boyce D. Bello
02/11 10:30am ~ M. Seal M. Mabery

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

02/10 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
02/11 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
02/11 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Those who trust in Jesus are as simple as children. They cling to His garments and in every difficulty have recourse to Him.

Filled with trust, they exclaim: "Help me, Lord Jesus, to overcome this enemy and this obstacle. You alone can help me and I am sure that You want to do so." – St. Francis de Sales

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, 'Everyone is looking for you.' He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come.' So, he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee."

Today's readings build a relationship between sufferings and their closeness with God. Suffering is part of human life and every person goes through suffering some time or other. Sometimes it can be harsh and at others it can be mild, yet painful. Sufferings in this world have always remained a mystery. We seek to understand why Jesus had to choose the mode of sufferings to bring about the salvation of human kind. With Jesus the answer to human suffering takes on a new dimension. Along with Job we ask the same question why a human being should suffer. But with Job we must realize that we cannot begin to understand the wisdom and justice of God and we are in no position to criticize God's guidance of the universe. In today's Gospel Jesus through his preaching and action confronts suffering in a new light. Suffering is not to be endured like the stoics because we can do nothing about it. Nor can we revolt against God for what he has done to us. But the ultimate meaning and value of human sufferings is understood only after death as explained by Jesus or though the death. In this sense sufferings become a source of love.

The Gospel reading of today presents us the typical day in the life of Jesus. He taught, preached, worked miracles and prayed. Last Sunday we saw his teaching and preaching. Now he does healing and praying. The Evangelist tells us that this was his routine. Jesus was at work using his energies to bring healing and wholeness into the lives of people. The difference comes from a totally different approach: Jesus is there to serve, to give, to share. He is not seeking any reward or any appreciation. Rather he wants to do the healing and he does it to the full. In other words we see Jesus as a Man for Others. Here we see how Jesus served the Heavenly Father in answering His Divine Commission to announce that the Kingdom of God on earth was coming. As a proof of His Divinity, Jesus performed numerous miracles. They tell him that Peter's mother-in-law had fever and he heals her. Once cured, Simon's mother-in-law served Jesus and those who were present. To be healed and to be whole is to join once more in the shared work of building up the community through ones service. And, in the Gospel, service is love in action to which all are invited and we in a special way.

Jesus made Himself available to all those in need who accepted Him as the Son of God. We also hear that at sundown, the people of the town gathered around the place where Jesus was present. The people brought the sick and those who were possessed with demons to Jesus to be healed. And Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. He had the time and good will for all. But the Gospel adds something more; they say that while it was still dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place where He prayed. It is there he retires up into the hills to spend his time with the Father. It looks like his routine time table to spend his time in prayer. There he spends his time conversing with his Father, and gets the necessary strength to continue his mission. He needed the closeness of the Father. He is aware that He cannot give to others what he does not have himself and he gets his strength from his Father. An example we should follow. God Bless--Fr. H



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(Mark 1:35,38)

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes-healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That just as Jesus rose early to pray-we, too, may find in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him.
Amen



WHAT IS THE SACRED LITURGY?

The Sacred Liturgy is the true worship of God, enacted by Jesus Christ and his body, the Church. It is a shared “public work” (leiturgia) by believers—priests and lay members—with ceremonies, rites and formulas established by Scripture and Tradition. Christ’s command at Passover, “Do this in remembrance of me. Lk 22.19) establishes the sacramental rites of the New Testament and Tradition has passed them on to us.

Liturgy follows set times and seasons, the most important when the Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus on Sunday and at Easter.

Notable liturgies of the Church are: The Mass and sacraments; The Divine Office (prayers said by priests, religious and lay persons several times a day); Benediction—eucharistic adoration, prayers and blessing outside of Mass; Funeral Rites. As in the parable of the King who invites guests to his banquet, we respond to an awesome invitation to enter the Kingdom through the Sacred Liturgy.

Source: Evangelium

Want to learn more? Join OCIA by calling Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445

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.



The Vocational Chalice is in need of more families to host it. If you are interested,

Please stop by the All Soul’s Chapel and sign up. It’s a privilege to have this beautiful chalice in your home. Please consider joining in this ministry. Contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or jwaugh123@charter.net for more information.

Revival News! We are looking to begin the next phase of Eucharistic Revival here at Little Flower.

This will be a 7 week Lenten Adult Faith Formation experience entitled “Jesus and the Eucharist”. I’m hoping to start it the first week of February. I would host an evening group but would need someone to host a day group. The plan is to meet in the Cry Room. Check out the series at Eucharisticrevival.com under the parish point person resources at the bottom of the page. If you are interested in facilitating the day group, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or jwaugh123@charter.net. Thanks in advance for your interest in the revival.

COME TO THE TABLE for a PROGRESSIVE DINNER hosted by the LITTLE FLOWER LADIES CLUB and YOU!

HOSTS are needed for an eventful evening with old and new friends. If you are interested in hosting a dinner for our Progressive Dinner on Saturday, February 10, 2024, please contact Jean Flanagan at 314-608-5281, jflanaga@wustl.edu.

Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation This is not the MOScholars application.

January 22, 2024 - TTEF application opens onlineOnline application opens for all families, new and re-applying
Parents are to apply as early as possible.

February 28, 2024- Beyond Sunday, Catholic Families Tuition Assistance (CFTA), and the Parish Employees Endowment Fund (PEEF) applications close. To be considered for these programs, all families must apply between January 22, 2024 -February 28, 2024. Families re-apply or apply new for Alive! In Christ and Help-For-Today, Hope-For-Tomorrow. Scholarships are available.

2024-2025 TTEF emails the award letters in late March.



There is a Little Flower parishioner currently looking for a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment within the LF parish area. If you have one for rent or know of someone who does please contact the rectory at 314-645-1445.
Thank you for your help!

CONTRIBUTIONS 2023

If you itemize deductions and would like a contribution statement for 2023, please fill out the form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. Statements will be mailed by February 16, 2024.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ENVELOPE # _____



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

After reading about the updated proposal in Msgr Cronin's letter, you are probably wondering about the term blended learning.

The enclosed article link may help you have a better understanding. Alyssa Reinagel provided the Blended Learning link for Parish Council and School Board.

<http://hechingerreport.org/catholic-schools-turn-blended-learning-way-address-students-individual-needs/>

Hopefully these examples of blended learning using technology and traditional teaching methods will provide a better understanding of this concept.

1. Grade 6: Mrs. Duncan used the **online** Savvas Science Program, students learned how to make Daring Bridges that are safe in the environment and ecosystems.
2. Grade 3: Ms. Meyer uses the myOn Renaissance Library to read **online** books and articles at their individual reading level. Students have the option of listening to the book. The teacher provides online quizzes for the students about their reading level.
3. Kg: Ms. Bath uses the **online** Renaissance Freckle Math to reinforce the learning of the Math Standards at each child's individual Math level. Ms. Bath uses this time to provide one on one instruction with students for Math.



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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.



World Marriage Day

On Sunday, February 11, 2024, at the 12:00 pm

Mass, Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivituso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, who now is sponsoring this event on February 11th.

Join us for a Pre-Lent Day of Reflection Saturday, FEB. 10, 2024 -

All are invited to join us for a day of silent reflection and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The day begins with 8 AM Mass followed by a light breakfast. Throughout the day we will have three Reflections, plus Confession, Prayer ministry teams, and Private conferences* with priests available. (We recommend to those desiring a 15-minute private conference to register early as conferences are limited and will be offered to attendees in order of registration.) Box lunch is provided as well as water, tea and coffee. Cost is \$30, payable to Sodality of the Most Sacred Heart the day of the retreat. **For more information and to register, visit: MostSacredHeart.net. Event Location:** St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2618 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144

The Rosary Crusade for America and the Church will be prayed every Saturday at 4:30 in the Little Chapel. Whether you attend the 5:00 Mass or just join for the rosary, everyone is invited.



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

Calling all area college students (ages 18-28):

STL Awakenings hosted by the UMSL Catholic Newman Center is our most popular retreat of the year and we would like to invite you to join us! It's a weekend of spiritual growth and fun that you will never forget (seriously). You do not have to attend UMSL just be college aged.

The retreat is 2 nights and 2 days -- we'll meet at the Catholic Newman Center on Friday, February 23rd at 4:00pm and return on Sunday, Feb. 25th at 3pm.

Cost is \$60.00 for the entire weekend. If you register online before February 12th, you get \$10 off!! The final registration deadline is Friday, February 19th. Registration and more information for our Awakenings Retreat is up on our website: cncumsl.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joe at joe@cncumsl.org.

Guided Lenten Retreat featuring *The Chosen*, Tuesdays, Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, 9:30 AM-2:00 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac.

\$40 individual session; \$175 for whole series. Presented by Sr. Danielle Witt, SSND and Carolyn Held. Each day will start with a viewing of an episode of *The Chosen* followed by reflection, prayer, and discussion. Free time for optional craft activities or walking the grounds. Lunch included. Register at mercycenterstl.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:

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

Mass Intentions

Monday	February 5
7:00am	Mary Kitta
Tuesday	February 6
7:00am	Helen Miller
Wednesday	February 7
7:00am	James Feser
8:15am	Sp. Int. LF School
Thursday	February 8
7:00am	Mary Janet Kinsella
Friday	February 9
7:00am	Sp. Intention
Saturday	February 10
8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm	Theresa Vegessi
Sunday	February 11
8:00am	Members of the Parish
9:15am	Jill Harris
10:30am	Rita Bergtholdt

Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**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 Habb
Dashawn Arrendondo