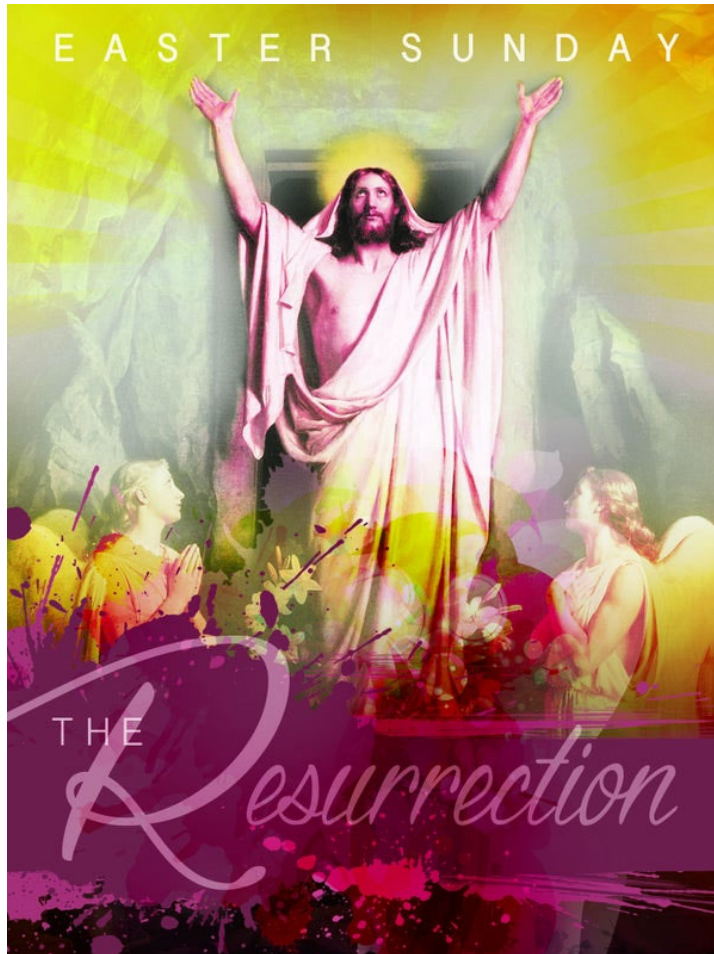


# Church of the Little Flower

April 20th, 2025

Easter Sunday



*"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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### **Website**

www.littleflowerstl.org

## 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

First Saturday: 9:00am

Offered by Eucharistic Prayer Companions JMJ

#### 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 April 21

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass

#### Tuesday April 22

6:45-6:55 Perpetual Help Devotions

7:00am Mass

7:00pm Holy Hour

#### Wednesday April 23

7:00am Mass

#### Thursday April 24

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass

#### Friday April 25

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass

8:00am-5:00pm Adoration

#### Saturday April 26

4:00pm-4:45pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass

#### Sunday April 27

8:00am Mass

10:00-10:15am Confessions

10:30am Mass

### Ministers of Service April 26 & 27 2025

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

04/26 5:00pm ~ L. & Ph. Armbrecht T. Sullivan  
 04/27 8:00am ~ A. Scherman J. Waugh M. Husmann  
 04/27 10:30am ~ Michael, William & David Dietz

#### LECTORS

04/25 5:00pm ~ J. & L. Waugh  
 04/26 8:00am ~ B. Miller S. McDonald  
 04/27 10:30am ~ M. Seal M. Chauvin

#### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

##### (Sacristan Helpers)

04/26 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy (Team A)  
 04/27 8:00am ~ K. Sargent  
 04/27 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

## “My Lord and My God!”—An Easter Proclamation

One of my favorite artists, if not my favorite artist, is Michelangelo da Caravaggio who lived in Italy—principally in Milan and Rome—during the late 16th & early 17th century. He is best known from the town he originates from: Caravaggio. This early Baroque artist mastered the technique of chiaroscuro, which is the complementarity of light and darkness in paintings. Caravaggio’s paintings are not landscape scenes of linear depth; instead, he overcrowds the figures in his paintings with realism and humility of stature, with the drama of raw emotion. Caravaggio’s art, as some art historians would say, rejects the classicism of the Renaissance and the ultra-transcendent piety of the High Baroque period. He is, in other words, a unique genre unto himself in art history. One of Caravaggio’s masterpieces that exemplifies the power, drama, and dynamism of Our Lord’s Resurrection is *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*:



In the Gospel of John, Jesus appears multiple times to a variety of people on Easter Sunday. The first time Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection Thomas was not present. Eight days later, Thomas was incredulous and unwilling to believe Jesus rose from the dead. He famously says, “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe” (John 20:25). Our Lord that same day appears to his disciples again, with Thomas present, and utters the words, “Peace be with you.” This peace, this *shalom*, is imparting to Jesus’ disciples a deep, eternal peace of the soul. Afterward, Jesus says to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing” (John 20:27). St. Thomas’ famous words, which every person who deeply encounters Jesus Christ as the incarnate Son of God, fully man and fully God—resurrected from the dead in conquering eternal death wrought by sin—says emphatically, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

Caravaggio’s *Incredulity of Saint Thomas* captures this biblical scene and the raw power of the Resurrection as a feast for the eyes. One cannot help reading *The Gospel of John*, especially in all the Resurrection narratives, while reflecting on the visual beauty and depth of this painting, and not be moved emotionally by the phenomenon of Our Lord’s Resurrection. This painting draws the eyes to St. Thomas’ forehead, with the wrinkles and the weather-worn brow of this older disciple. St. Thomas looks like the weight of the world was on his shoulders due to the tragedy of the Cross. However, when Thomas encounters Jesus for the first time after Easter Sunday, Thomas is shocked beyond belief as he places his hands on Jesus’ side marked by the spear. Saint Thomas didn’t just believe because he saw and physically touched Jesus after the Resurrection; he believed because the physical proof gave evidence to all that Jesus said, taught, and lived each day while he was with His disciples. This is what St. Thomas needed to proclaim emphatically that Jesus Christ is God!

I get choked up each time I read and meditate on this Resurrection scene. Caravaggio’s painting visually brings in the emotion that is personally experienced not only for myself, but for many others in their Catholic faith. Many people within the Church and outside of it struggle with believing in Jesus Christ and His relevance in their daily lives. On some level, many of us can relate to St. Thomas due to the wounds we carry. Yet, like St. Thomas, are we willing and desirous to allow Our Lord’s Resurrection to conquer our fear, anxiety, anger, and depression? Caravaggio’s painting shows Thomas at the moment of interior and eternal emancipation due to Jesus’ Easter Resurrection. Our Resurrected Lord is present physically to us each day, if we can only see with our eyes and touch with our hands and lips the Presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Blessed Easter to you all, with blessings and prayers for you and your family!

In Christ the Savior,

*Fr. Rubie*



"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

(Acts 10:38)

*We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy, and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in his image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI Says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His Light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That we let our lives reflect God's love, mercy, and Forgiveness.*

*Amen*

Come celebrate our Risen Lord!

Our next **Holy Hour** will be **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7 pm due to Holy Week. Confession will be available. All are welcome.

### National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

#### 2-part Scripture Series – *The Romanization of Christianity – Continued*

**Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD**

**Saturdays, May 31 and June 7, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00**

The earliest Christians were known more for what they did – the work of justice and charity – than what they believed. But as Christianity allied itself more and more to the Roman Empire, its focus shifted away from the work of justice and more toward only the work of charity. By the fifth century CE Christians were known more for what they believed than what they did. In this two-part series we will discuss what Christianity gained – and what it lost – as it became increasingly Romanized.

**Cost: \$15 per session / \$30.00 for the series**

Register online <https://snows.org/events/mark-etling-summer/> or call 618-394-6281.

### More Early Bulletin Deadlines!

**For the Bulletin for May 4th-the deadline Is Thursday, April 24th**

**For the Bulletin for May 11th– the Deadline is May 9th.**



### OCIA-THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

#### WHEN DO WE CELEBRATE THE PASCHAL MYSTERY?

The high point of our faith—the Paschal Mystery—is celebrated at the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Easter is known as the “feast of feasts”.

The Paschal Mystery is the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ by which he heals us from sin and enables us to become children of God. Holy Thursday (the institution of the Eucharist), Good Friday (Jesus’ sacrificial suffering and death by crucifixion), and the Easter Vigil (Jesus’ rising from the dead), are our holiest days.

Please attend the celebrations. Check the Bulletin for the scheduled services of the Triduum. Bring the family to experience the Paschal Mystery.

Source: Evangelium

For more information about OCIA, call Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445

### Vocational Chalice



This week Marie Boyce will have the chalice in her home. Stop by the All Souls Chapel to see the vocational chalice. It is on display there to remind us all to pray for our priests during this critical time for our parish and our archdiocese. We should pray for our current priests as well as young men and women who are discerning vocations. If you are interested in hosting the chalice in your home, simply sign the sheet and take it home with you for a week or two. It is a great prayer ministry for Lent. If you have questions, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or [jwaugh123@charter.net](mailto:jwaugh123@charter.net).



## THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY



### LITTLE FLOWER NEWSLETTER

If you would like an announcement or event included in the Little Flower newsletter, please send the information or graphic to [littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com).

If you would like to receive the Little Flower newsletter with updates and announcements, please send your contact information to [littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com)!



### First Saturday Devotions

April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd and continuing...

Mass at 9:00am followed by Rosary, Devotions and a Family Program



*Our Lady of Fatima spoke to Lucia:*

*"I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."*

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For more information go to:  
[www.centreformercy.org/epc](http://www.centreformercy.org/epc) or contact  
[epc.jesumaryandjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:epc.jesumaryandjoseph@gmail.com)

### RETRouvaille ST LOUIS WEEKEND May 16-18, 2025

**Healing Your Marriage--** Retrouvaille (French for "Rediscovery") is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.

For more information or to register, call 314.453.0110 or visit website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

Fully Confidential and affordable.

Register early.

**Register now - 800-470-2230** (24-hour confidential hotline) or visit: [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)

Questions? Tom 314.409.4199 / Kerry 314.753.2022

Bishop DuBourg invites 7th & 8th grade students and transfer students to shadow for a day. Spend the day with the Cavaliers and see why many students call DB home! Visit [www.bishopdubourg.org](http://www.bishopdubourg.org) to select a date and register. All students will go on a tour, sit in on classes, have lunch in the Cavalier Cafe, and participate in DB activities. The shadow day begins at 8am and ends at 12:15pm. Questions? Contact Cass Gianino – [cgjani-no@bishopdubourg.org](mailto:cgjani-no@bishopdubourg.org)  
Bishop DuBourg's 2025 CAMP CAVALIER registration is open. Our camps run through the month of June and are full of fun and activities. Register now with the QR CODE. Questions? Contact Angela Calloni '98 - [acalloni@bishopdubourg.org](mailto:acalloni@bishopdubourg.org) or Christina (DeBarry) Bennett '10 [cbennett@bishopdubourg.org](mailto:cbennett@bishopdubourg.org)

## HOLY MASS

Is the Lord calling you to come to Mass an extra day of the week? Mass is prayed in the Little Flower chapel every week-day at 7:00am.



## Polyhymnia Choral Summer Camp

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Singers, Ages 10-17*

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Simply scan with your smart device. It will take you to the on-line portal of our Website.



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Do you want to know a great way to make this Lent even better? Listen to Catholic Radio! Shut off the noise and listen to solid Catholic teaching, prayers, and call-in programs. You can listen on a smart speaker, tell Alexa to play **Covenant Network Catholic Radio**, on our App, **Covenant Network**, online at **Our-CatholicRadio.org**, or on your local Catholic radio station, **AM 1460 / 96.7 FM**. Make this a Lent to remember. Pray the **Visual Rosary** with sacred images for each prayer and the **Stations of the Cross**.

### Did you know that we have Benediction at the end of Friday Adoration?

Most Fridays we are now having Benediction at 5 pm. Please join us to receive a special blessing from our Eucharistic Lord. Even if you are there early in the day for Adoration, you can come back. And if you can only come at the end of the day for a few minutes with Jesus, you are welcome. Isn't receiving God's grace worth a moment of your time?

*"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:  
 Jackie Waugh (314-704-5619) or Jane McCabe (314-605-6098)*

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 21</b>
7:00am	Joe McEntee
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 22</b>
7:00am	<i>Celebrant's Choice</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 23</b>
7:00am	Patrick Duncan
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 24</b>
7:00am	Jane Squires
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 25</b>
7:00am	Mary Einig
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 26</b>
5:00pm	Eddy Todd
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 27</b>
8:00am	James "Jim" Niekamp
10:30am	Ava Reddick

**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, especially Patrick Duncan, husband of former LF principal Rose Duncan and the soul of Gerardo Chavez, former longtime parishioner and soccer coach at LF. May they rest in peace...*

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| Maria Adderley       | Joyce Griffen        | G. Tracy Mehan        |
| Andrew Blum          | Beverly Haffner      | Mary Falk Mehan       |
| John Boland          | Mary Ellen Havard    | Peg Mango             |
| Maxine Borowiak      | Nancy Hawkins        | Helen Mango           |
| Jaxson Boyer         | Louise Haynes        | Stephanic Mortenson   |
| Frankie Boyer        | Adrianna Hubb        | David Nathe           |
| Steve Bradshaw       | ChrisLewisHutchcroft | Sr. Jo Ann            |
| Joanne Buchholz      | Stan James           | O'Connell, BVM        |
| Ellen Carmody        | Rebecca Jenson       | Lachlan Oddy          |
| Kathleen Carter      | Barb Jones           | Kristin Rafferty      |
| Rachelle Chaney      | Chad Keeven          | Christi Rice Blum     |
| Nicholas Coleman-    | Jeanne Kelly         | Sue Rice              |
| Katie Crouch Willett | Donald Kenney        | <b>Ken Roberts</b>    |
| Clare Crouch         | Mary Kinsley         | <b>Kenny Robinson</b> |
| Margie Curran        | Kevin Koeller        | Marguerite            |
| Helena Czosnyka      | Joanne Kraus         | Scheidegger           |
| Chandelor Davis      | Ken Kuhlman          | James Smith           |
| James Davis          | Jack Lally           | Tony Snider           |
| James E. Davis       | Julie Lally          | Hollie Soto           |
| Nathan Gloré Davis   | Marianne Lally       | Matthew Stuart        |
| Patrick Dolan        | Jim LaMartina        | Gary Underwood        |
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| Carolyn Entrikin     | Mary Laws            | Margaret Verzino      |
| Kathryn Fischer      | Everleigh Lauber     | Charles Volk          |
| Bill Flottmann       | Sherry Lopez         | Billy Wells           |
| Peter Freundl        | Elizabeth Lyons      | Joseph Wheeler        |
| Ron Garnier          | Emma Lyons           |                       |

**Readings for the week of April 20, 2025**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/

Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**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  
 Jonathon Habbe  
 Dashawn Arrendon-  
 do  
 Ean Eicher*