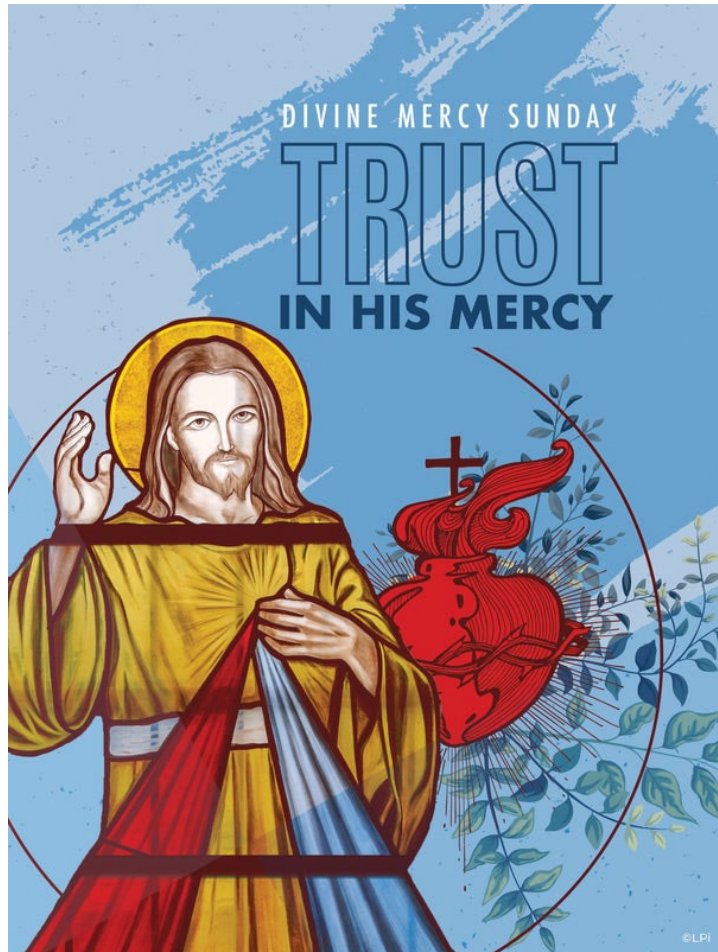


# Church of the Little Flower

April 27th, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter



*"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

### 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**

## Calendar of Events

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 28</b>
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 29</b>
6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00am	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 30</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 1</b>
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 2</b>
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
	8:00am-5:00pm Adoration
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 3</b>
9:00am-10:30am	First Saturday Devotions
4:00pm-4:45pm	Confessions
5:00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 4</b>
8:00am	Mass
10:00-10:15am	Confessions
10:30am	Mass

## Ministers of Service May 3 & 4 2025

### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

05/03 5:00pm ~ A. Scherman T. Sullivan M. Husmann  
05/04 8:00am ~ L. & P. Armbrrecht B. Acosta  
05/04 10:30am ~ D. Spiegel W. & N. Saykes

### LECTORS

05/03 5:00pm ~ M. Hazelwood L. Bub  
05/04 8:00am ~ M. Boyce D. Bello  
05/04 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann R. Provaznik

### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

#### (Sacristan Helpers)

05/03 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams (Team B)  
05/04 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz  
05/04 10:30am ~ K. Toombs

## ***Reverential Fear and Joy—The Effects of Jesus’ Divine Mercy***

Earlier this week during the Octave of Easter we read from the Gospel of Matthew a portion of the Resurrection story when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary encountered Jesus after seeing the empty tomb. These two women had a very striking experience, which is best described as “fearful yet overjoyed.” Fear and joy don’t seem to be two feelings one experiences at the same time; these emotions are usually opposite of each other. Usually, when we go through feelings of joy it drives out fear; likewise, when one is fearful the last thing one could say about themselves is they are joyful. How could it be that these two Marys experienced both fear and joy? Oh, and not just joy, but feeling “overjoyed.” The answer is best described as holy fear, or reverential fear. The women at the tomb leaving in exuberance at the personal encounter with the Risen Jesus experienced a deep reverence, wonder, and awe that produced pleasant shock and amazement. Seeing and talking with Jesus was uncanny and almost otherworldly. Such a profound effect on Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, along with other eyewitnesses of the Risen Lord, is a major result of the fruits of Jesus’ Resurrection.

The Holy Spirit’s work in providing the grace of reverential fear and joy didn’t simply happen to those privileged to encounter Jesus after the Resurrection. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we should recall the words St. Faustina wrote when she had a vision of Jesus in her cell at the convent she lived in. After seeing the font of two rays coming from Jesus’ heart, St. Faustina said, “From the opening of [Jesus’] garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was *overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, ‘paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.’*” *St. Faustina’s personal encounter with Jesus produces the same effects as we read in the Resurrection account in Matthew’s Gospel. Our Risen Lord visits this Polish saint and reveals to her the font of His infinite Mercy, which is depicted in the rays coming from His Sacred Heart. St. Faustina’s reaction is both a gift and fruit of the Holy Spirit: holy fear and tremendous joy.*

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, the image of Our Lord’s Divine Mercy is available to us. We can easily obtain the image and contemplate the depth of Jesus’ mercy and love for us, especially in our brokenness and sin. Undoubtedly, if we participate in the chapel of Divine Mercy, go to confession, and receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during these next few days I will guarantee you that the experiences of reverence, awe, and joy will overwhelm your heart. It only takes a little effort, an openness to God’s grace, and the desire for divine love. That is how we can encounter the same Risen Lord as those two Marys did so humbly on Easter Sunday!

In Christ the Savior,



*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"*

*(John 20:21)*

*Peace—the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the Apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies" Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*That we show mercy to someone we need to reconcile with.*

*Amen*



## **DONUT SUNDAY IS TODAY!**

New date this month due to Easter.



### **OCIA LESSON: WHERE ARE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S TEACHINGS FOUND?**

The Catholic Church's beliefs and practices have come from the apostles through Scripture and Tradition which are interpreted by the apostles' successors, the bishops. Scripture is the single collection of 73 books—inspired by God—revealing himself and his saving plan. Tradition is what was revealed by God and handed on to the apostles but not explicitly recorded in Scripture. The disciples taught before they wrote, and this oral teaching remained authoritative alongside written Scripture. Examples are the number of the sacraments and Mary's Assumption.

The Magisterium is the teaching office of the Church exercised by the Pope, the successor of Peter, and the bishops in union with him. Examples are the Creeds and the other doctrines of the twenty-one Ecumenical (Church) Councils since the time of the apostles.

The Second Vatican Council document reflects that Scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium are the sources of Church teaching and "so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the other." (Dei Verbum, n, 10)

Source: Evangelium

You are invited to join the Catholic Church. Call Debra at 341-645-1445

## **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.**

## **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.

## **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

**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION  
ON THE CANONIZATION DAY  
OF ST. CARLO ACUTIS**




**Join us at the Cathedral Basilica**  
On this great day of Divine Mercy we also honor the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis to Saint – we will be able to venerate a first class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis and prepare our hearts for His Divine Mercy.

12:00 PM Mass with Archbishop Rozanski  
1:00 PM At the conclusion of Mass, Exposition & Adoration, Priests will be available to hear Confessions Veneration of Saint Carlo Acutis (relics and panels) in the All Saints Chapel Divine Mercy Chaplet

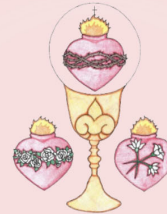
**APRIL | 27 | 12 - 3:30 PM**  
Cathedral Basilica, 4431 Lindell Blvd, 63108



## First Saturday Devotions

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  
[epcjesusmaryandjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:epcjesusmaryandjoseph@gmail.com)

## happy mother's day!

"Beautiful Mother's Day cards are available, once again from Birthright of Hillsboro.

For over 40 years, Birthright has supported mothers with love, service, education and needed financial support free of charge.

Honor the Mother in your life with these lovely cards while you support Birthright's noble cause for mothers who need help.

You can pick up these free cards at the church entrances and consider donating with the enclosed envelope in each card, or place a donation in the box in St. Joseph's chapel for the next 2 weeks. *Thank you!"*

## Did You Know?

When Monsignor Tammany first came to Little Flower he was 41 years old, younger than Fr. Rubie. And look how that turned out!

## 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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website for more details.

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](http://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 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> 7:00am	<b>April 28</b> Mary Einig
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am	<b>April 29</b> Janet Squires
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am	<b>April 30</b> Daniel Burke
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am	<b>May 1</b> Shirley Dolan
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am	<b>May 2</b> Gerado Chavez
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>May 3</b> Nancy Mueller
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	<b>May 4</b> Randy Panke
10:30am	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, especially Daniel Burke, husband of Celeste Burke & Father of John Burke  
 May they rest in peace...*

*The sick and shut-ins of our parish, especially:*

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	Stephanie 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 Glore Davis	Marianne Lally	Matthew Stuart
Patrick Dolan	Jim LaMartina	Gary Underwood
Bill Edwards	Patty LaRochelle	Miriam Varas
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 27, 2025**

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

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

**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 Arrendondo  
 Ean Eicher*