

Church of the Little Flower

November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary



"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	November 13
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	November 14
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	November 15
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	All-school Mass
7:00pm	Men's Club
Thursday	November 16
7:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
6:30pm	Rosary & Ladies Club
Friday	November 17
7:00am	Mass
Saturday	November 18
8:00am	Mass
9:30am	Wedding
5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	November 19
8:00am	Mass
9:15am	New Latin Mass
10:30am	Mass
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Please email all bulletin submissions to:
 Debra Richter -drichter@littleflowerstl.org
 no later than Monday at 10:00am

Ministers of Service Nov. 18 & Nov. 19 2023

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

11/18 5:00pm ~ M. Basi T. Sullivan J. Schibig
 11/19 8:00am ~ Mic., El, & Reg. Devereux
 11/19 10:30am ~ A. Eppert Cl. Koontz S. Donovan

LECTORS

11/18 5:00pm ~ J. Waugh L. Waugh
 11/19 8:00am ~ T. Serena H. Fanega
 11/19 10:30am ~ Family Mass Zylka Family

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

11/18 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy **Team B**
 11/19 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz
 11/19 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

11/18 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 11/19 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 11/19 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Since we do not know what tomorrow will bring with it, let us scatter seed for eternity as long as there is time. Words for Each Day, **Trust and Dare;** by Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Christian spirituality has always insisted on the need to live this life as a clear and certain preparation for the future eternal life. The mere desire of eternal life is not sufficient but the life a person lives must show in practical ways this preparedness and the worthiness for the Kingdom of Heaven. The message given to us today is one of watchfulness and to be ready to receive the Lord. As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, the Church seems to place these very mysteries before us. We have to be alert to the signs God gives us in our lives. When troubles overtake us, we have to build our lives on the practice of faith, hope and love. We are called upon to keep the light burning in our lives. The Book of Wisdom affirms the immortality of the soul and promises the gift of the Divine personification of Wisdom to all who seek her. The stress is on the desire of those who want to live wisely; wisdom will be granted to those who search for God's meaning and purpose in life.

Jesus tells the parable to impress his followers of the supreme need of vigilance and watchfulness. The image Jesus gave of marriage regarding the kingdom of heaven was easily understood by his hearers. The reference here is primarily to the second coming of Christ as he comes in glory to judge all mankind. On that day his kingdom will be completed and the eternal triumphal kingdom of heaven will begin. In this story Jesus illustrates what will happen on that day to some of those whom he had chosen and to whom he had given every facility to reach their one and only goal. In this parable, Matthew is telling the Christian community that the return of the Lord may be delayed beyond their expectation and that they should, therefore, prepare for the long wait by providing enough oil for their lamps. Many details of the parable make good sense when seen against the framework of this principal theme. The bridegroom is Christ and the bride is the church. The ten bridesmaids are the totality of the members of the church. The lamps, which all the bridesmaids had, could represent faith which all Christians have. The oil, which some of them had and others did not, would then represent good works. A lamp without oil is like faith without good works — dead and useless. The message is still relevant to the Christians of our time. Their wisdom here consists in their taking prudent steps to do what they need to do in order to come face to face with their Lord.

God Bless—Fr. H



"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

(Matthew 25:13)

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we understand God's call is urgent, in the here and now, in our current circumstances.

Amen



This week the vocational chalice is in the 8th grade classroom. . We currently have no one signed up to take it home with them after that. So I ask that during this time we all pray for vocations as well as our current clergy as they make decisions about the schools in our archdiocese and live with them. You can still have the privilege of hosting the chalice in your home. Sign up in the All Souls Chapel. We need someone for upcoming weeks. If you wish to sign up for more than one week at a time, simply draw an arrow from your entry to the one below. You can take it again if you had it earlier in the year. Please help us continue this important prayer. Contact Jackie Waugh for more info at 314-704-5619. Thanks for participating in this important ministry.

Little Flower Ladies' Club meeting: Thurs. Nov. 16, 2023

On Thursday evening, Nov. 16, 2023, the Little Flower Ladies Club will pray the Rosary in church at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will move to the School Hall for some "Soul Food": a sharing of the life and wisdom of St Gertrude, whose feast day is Nov. 16.

At 7:30 p.m., we will start our business meeting and make some craft items to be used next month at Santa's Workshop. Light refreshments will be served, as usual.

Ladies are invited to bring donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Immaculate Conception (Maplewood). Particular items needed are: instant potatoes, dried rice, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup, chili, stew and tuna fish.

Come for all or part of the evening, as your schedule allows. Call Bea Pollard with any questions at 314-477-2626.



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Little Flower Ladies Club is seeking assistance with volunteer efforts for the Advent Party as well as a few other upcoming events. Immediate help is needed to lead the efforts for the Advent Party, to be held on Friday, December 8, such as with decorating, menu planning, and clean up.

Please contact Bea Pollard at 314-477-2626 or at beapollard@yahoo.com if interested.

We are sure to have a grand celebration if we could be blessed with proper preparation for the event.

Topic of the Week: The Incarnation.



As revealed in Scripture and taught by the Early Fathers of the Church, the "Word", the second person of the Trinity became flesh. Jesus Christ is not merely a man, a perfect man or even a saint, but God himself become man for our salvation. As we pray in the Creed:"...he came down from heaven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man." To learn more join OCIA at Little Flower by calling Debra at the Rectory-314-645-1445. Sources: The Creed, Evangelium, Catholic Catechism

Little Flower Semi-Annual Cleaning of the Church



Date: Saturday, December 2nd

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Coffee & Donuts will be served.

Come up and help us make Little Flower shine for the holidays! Please bring a bucket and some rags.

There is some work to be done on ladders so we really need some **younger parishioners** to help with that. We really need a **lot of volunteers** for this project. Our church is really beautiful so lets make it shine. Remember,

"Many Hands Make Light Work"



Legion of Mary

If you would like to join a group of people dedicated to sharing prayer and the privilege to share the gift of membership in the Roman Catholic Church—join **The Legion of Mary**, a long-standing Little Flower organization since 1953. Our main focus is in a prayer life—join The Legion of Mary. Every meeting is opened with recitation of the Rosary. Our apostolate is inviting those we contact to value the gift of membership in the Roman Catholic Church. Women and men of all ages are welcome.

The Legion of Mary meets weekly on Tuesday at 10:00am in the rectory meeting room. Come to visit and find out about this organization. Worldwide the Membership is 8-10 million.

Questions: Call Jean Leonhardt/636-230-0347 or jeanleonhardt324@gmail.com



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



All Saints" Eve Appreciation

Thank you to the room parents who planned fun activities mixed with delicious treats for the Primary Homerooms! PK took a walking field trip to the Richmond Terrace Senior Home and wished the residents "Happy Halloween". Grade 5-8 participated in local and community service projects! Little Flower appreciates the parent volunteers who assisted the students with their service efforts. Thank you to Mrs. Saeger, Mrs. Mulligan, Ms. Diekrer, and Mrs. Duncan for organizing the service projects.

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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.



The Rosary Crusade for America and the Church will be prayed every Saturday at 4:30 in the Little Chapel. Father Herzog will bless our group before he heads over to the confessional. Whether you attend the 5:00 Mass or just join for the rosary, everyone is invited.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Way of Lights Volunteer Request**

Friday, November 17– Sunday, December 31

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 17 through December 31.

This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours.

If interested, please email programs@snows.org, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: www.snows.org/wayoflights

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!



Desert Day: I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. Come to the quiet and beauty of St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main St., O'Fallon, MO on **November 15, December 12, or January 16 from 9:15 am – 3:15 pm**. The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided. A free will offering is requested. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or by email at mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org

**HELP WANTED!
Maintenance Position**

We are currently hiring for an experienced maintenance person who can maintain Parish/School buildings and knowledge of plumbing and electrical repair. Please send resume's to: lherzog@littleflowerstl.org



III. Grace Gresick & Brendon DeTore

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.

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR
NOVEMBER**

**Bulletin Announcements for the November 26th bulletin
Are due in the rectory office November 15th
Thank you!**

"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:

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

Mass Intentions

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| Monday | November 13 |
| 7:00am | Rodney Flottmann |
| Tuesday | November 14 |
| 7:00am | Mary Bender |
| Wednesday | November 15 |
| 7:00am | Nancy Long Mueller |
| 8:15am | Little Flower Parish |
| Thursday | November 16 |
| 7:00am | Jill Harris Smith |
| Friday | November 17 |
| 7:00am | Sp. Intention (Cindy Roeslein) |
| Saturday | November 18 |
| 8:00am | Nick Verzino |
| 5:00pm | Bill Kelly |
| Sunday | November 19 |
| 8:00am | Kenneth McHaynes |
| 9:15am | Nancy Martinez |
| 10:30am | Dec. Members of the Legion of Mary |

Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

- Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
- Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday:** Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42 43/Lk 18:1-8
- Next Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14 15, 19-21

PLEASE PRAY for our PARISHIONERS and/or LOVED ONES SERVING in the UNITED STATES MILITARY



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| Allen Conrey | Maurice Muro |
| Mollie Conrey | Ashton Piper |
| Rebecca Conrey | Christopher Wamhoff |
| Blaise Coultier | John Weber |
| Alex Garofalo | Jonathon Habb |
| Derek Hirtz | Dashawn Arrendon- |
| Brian Kloppenburg | do |
| Justin Kloppenburg | |
| Alexander LaRochelle | |
| Ean Eichert | |