

Church of the Little Flower

August 25th, 2024

21st 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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 7:00am
 Holyday Masses: Please check the bulletin for Mass schedule
 Legal Holidays: 9:00am

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:

Monday at 1:00pm

Calendar of Events

MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

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| Monday | August 26 (Fr. Herzog) | 6:45-6:55 | Confessions | |
| | | 7:00am | Mass | |
| Tuesday | August 27 (Fr. Herzog) | 6:45-6:55 | Perpetual Help Devotions | |
| | | 7:00am | Mass | |
| Wednesday | August 28 (Msgr. McCumber) | 6:45-6:55 | Confessions | |
| | | 7:00am | Mass | |
| | | 7:00pm | Men's Club | |
| Thursday | August 29 (Fr. Herzog) | 6:45-6:55 | Confessions | |
| | | 7:00am | Mass | |
| Friday | August 30 (Fr. Rubie) | 6:45-6:55 | Confessions | |
| | | 7:00am | Mass | |
| | | 8:00am-5:00pm | Adoration | |
| Saturday | August 31 (Msgr. McCumber) | 4pm-4:45pm | Confessions | |
| | | 4:30pm | Rosary in Little Flower Chapel | |
| | | 5:00pm | Mass | |
| Sunday | September 1 | 8:00am | Mass (Fr. Herzog) | |
| | | 10:00am-10:15am | Confessions | |
| | | 10:30am | Mass (Fr. Rubie) | |
| | Monday, Sept. 2 | Mass | 9:00am (Labor Day) | |

Ministers of Service August 31 & 9/01 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

08/31 5:00pm ~ T. Sullivan K. Thomason P. Armbrrecht
 09/01 8:00am ~ Austin, Annelise, & Henry Reinagel
 09/01 10:30am ~ William, Michael, & David Dietz

LECTORS

08/31 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy C. Verry
 09/01 8:00am ~ M. Boyce D. Bello
 09/01 10:30am ~ B. & E. Carmody
 09/02 9:00am ~ **Cindy Flottmann (Labor Day)**

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

08/31 5:00pm ~ B. Campeau **(Team C)**
 09/01 8:00am ~ S. Condit
 09/01 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

Saint Louis, King of France—The Eucharist

In the years I worked at the St. Louis Art Museum, a familiar sight I drove up to each day coming into work was the “Saint Louis statue,” or more formally known as the “Apotheosis of Saint Louis.” It is an incredibly large statue on an equally large pedestal which sits on top of Art Hill. In my years of working at the Art Museum I can recall stories the old-time employees told me of how Washington University students used to climb the statue (I don’t know how they did it) and, as a prank or freshmen initiation rite, would remove the sword only to return it a few days later. Of course, this was in the days before cameras were installed on the Art Museum’s facade and the sword was welded to the statue. This story told to me could have been urban legend, but it made a symbol of our city very relatable and tangible to our life experiences. Personally, I remember the statue being one of the last images I saw of my old workplace on the morning of my last day at the Art Museum. It was a Tuesday morning, the sun was shining bright and the sun’s light glistened off the statue as I drove away one last time ready to embark on my journey into the seminary. It was as if Saint Louis himself held the sign of the Cross imparting his blessing upon me as I went forward on my own spiritual journey.

Since then I have had a fascination with the kingly man officially called “King Louis IX.” In fact, one of the thickest books on my bookcase at the rectory is by a French author, Jacques LeGoff, in his book titled, “Saint Louis.” Counting all the pages together, it is approximately 950 pages in length. Truly a remarkable biography for a medieval subject. Although I could sit here and give you a book review, I think it’s best to draw out from Saint Louis’ life a key insight relevant to what we’ve been reflecting on during these last few Sunday liturgies: the Holy Eucharist. For Saint Louis, the reception of the Holy Eucharist in Holy Communion is a natural consequence of the two pronged acceptance and participation in the sacraments of baptism and reconciliation.

Saint Louis could not fathom receiving Holy Communion without first receiving baptism. For us today we accept baptism as the first sacrament one receives in the life of the Church. While theologically we as a Church today do not differ from our 13th century ancestors in this regard, nevertheless, I think we miss out on the nuances baptism had for Saint Louis and 13th century Catholics. Saint Louis regarded baptism, including his own baptism, as a literal birth into the purity of being God’s child. The place of his baptism held as much significance, if not more, than the place of his physical birth. He even saw the importance of confession—and he frequently went to confession—as “recreating the conditions of purity in baptism.” Together baptism and reconciliation made it possible for one to receive the Eucharist in a state of sanctifying grace, which all the more made receiving Our Lord in the Eucharist much more special and significant.

Reading through the pages of Saint Louis’ life, you might be surprised that he did not receive Holy Communion as frequently as we do today. In the 13th century it was not customary for Catholics to receive Holy Communion each week for Mass. However, in Saint Louis’ case, this infrequency did not minimize the Eucharist’s importance. When Saint Louis did receive Holy Communion, he first participated in the sacrament of reconciliation and then intentionally received Our Lord in Blessed Sacrament by offering these Holy Communion for worshipping Christ, honoring our Lady, and venerating the saints. In other words, every time Saint Louis received Holy Communion he did so prayerfully and with the intention of offering worship to God and veneration to the saints in heaven.

This subtle lesson from Saint Louis’ life can be a means of inspiration for our own lives today. Certainly each of us are privileged to receive Holy Communion each Sunday, if not each day. Yet in the frequency of receiving Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament do we intentionally make it an act of prayer to God—offering Him worship and invoking the intercession of the saints in Christ? Do we bring our prayer intentions before the Lord as we approach the ciborium holding the precious Body and Blood of our Lord? Perhaps taking a further cue from Saint Louis, do we see the Holy Eucharist as a participation in the eternal banquet of heaven in which we are honored to participate in because of the purity of our own baptism? Do we make frequent use of the sacrament of reconciliation? Participating in the sacramental economy of the Church more fully will unlock tremendous graces and it will enrich our experience of Holy Communion. This is what Saint Louis teaches us in his own life.

Saint Louis, King of France—pray for us!

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubel



“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

(Joshua 24:15)

When we commit to serve the Lord we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we experience the Peace and Joy God wants for us in serving Him and others.

Amen



Can you believe that Summer is waning and Fall schedules are on the horizon. Seasons come and go, but the love of the Lord remains. Our focus must be to remain in His love through daily prayer and deepening our knowledge of our Faith. Covenant Network Catholic radio can help in our struggle to stay focused. Our excellent programming will remind you daily of the things that really matter in life. Come pray with us and learn more about our Catholic Faith by tuning into KHOJ 1460 AM or listen anytime on our Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

Little Flower is in need of **GREETERS** for our weekend Masses. We would like to start the tradition of once again greeting everyone who comes to Mass at Little Flower. We want everyone to feel welcome as they come to church. It would be nice to have a greeter at all 3 doors for each Mass. Please consider signing up for this cause. If interested please call Susan Bub at 314-644-3332



WHAT IS OCIA ?

OCIA (formerly called RCIA) is a journey for individuals interested in becoming Catholic or finding more about the Catholic Church. It is a process of sharing Catholic teaching, prayer, spiritual formation, rituals and coming to know members of the church community.

- You are invited to come to the inquiry sessions if you have been thinking about joining the Catholic Church
- if you are baptized but never received the sacrament of Confirmation
- if your children are attending a Catholic school or Parish School of Religion and you wish to understand their Faith formation
- if you wish to deepen your understanding of the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church
- if for you, some topic about the Catholic faith needs clarification

The inquiry sessions are informational with no commitment. Don't hesitate to call the Rectory for more information. 314-645-1445



The 5th Annual
FESTIVAL OF SAINT LOUIS

AUGUST 17th - 24th, 2024
HOLY ROSARY NOVENA - 6:30 P.M.
Apotheosis of St. Louis on Art Hill
1 Fine Arts Drive, St. Louis, 63110

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd
MUSIC OF THE CRUSADES CONCERT - 7 P.M.
St. Francis de Sales Oratory
2653 Ohio Ave, St. Louis, MO 63118

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th
LUDOVICANUM PARTY - 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
Sunset 44 Bistro (details at festivalofsaintlouis.com)

FIRST VESPERS - 5 P.M.
Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine
7230 Dale Ave, St. Louis, 63117

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th
SOLEMN MASS OF SAINT LOUIS - 10:00 A.M.
Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine

LOUISMAS BBQ - 12 NOON
Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine

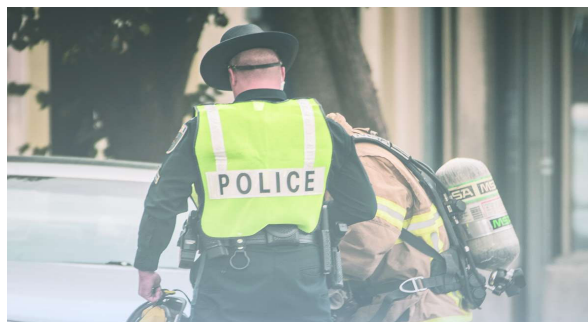
SECOND VESPERS - 2:30 P.M.
Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine

HOLY HOUR 4 P.M.
Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine

PROCESSION WITH RELIC OF SAINT LOUIS - 5 P.M.
From Oratory of SS. Gregory and Augustine to Art Hill
2 Miles - Free shuttle available for return

HOLY ROSARY AT STATUE - 6 P.M.
Free Ice Cream Reception to follow
1 Fine Arts Drive, St. Louis, 63110

See more events and details online:
festivalofsaintlouis.com

**BLUE
MASS**


Celebrated by
Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski

For First Responders and their Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
at 10:00 AM

Cathedral Basilica
of Saint Louis

Reception to follow after Mass





THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

Family Holy Hour?

Would you like to see some family programming with our Little Flower Holy Hour? I am looking for someone to collaborate with me to provide programming for kids while their parents join in the Holy Hour. It's important to reach out to our families right now so that they remain a part of our community. If you have ideas how we can do this, I'd love to hear from you. Call me at 314-704-5619 or email at jwaugh123@charter.net.



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ATTENTION 8TH GRADE BOYS: CBC is now accepting appointments for our *8th Grade Official Visit Program*. During this visit, a young man will participate in *Experience CBC* Classes designed especially for 8th grade students. He will meet with a current CBC student, attend some of his classes, and have lunch with him. Finally, during the *CBC Explore* Period, he will have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches and program moderators to gather detailed information about the things in which he is interested. This program is by reservation only. Please contact Mrs. Melissa Ryan at (314) 985-6095 or ryanm@cbchs.org to reserve your *Official 8th Grade Visit*. On-line registration also available at www.BeaCadet.org/official

THE PARISH THAT PRAYS TOGETHER,
STAYS TOGETHER!

St. Louis Catholic High Schools: High School Fairs and Presentation Nights



Fall and Spring High School Fair

Showcasing All Schools 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 22nd Visitation Academy
3020 N. Ballas Road, 63131

Wednesday, April 9th Ursuline Academy
341 Sappington Road, 63122

High School Presentation Nights

Registration 6:00 – 6:30 PM

Three 20-minute school presentations 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 4th St. John Vianney
1311 S. Kirkwood Road, 63122

Tuesday, September 17 St. Dominic High School
31 St. Dominic Drive, 63366

Monday, September 30th Cor Jesu Academy
10230 Gravois Boulevard, 63123

Thursday, October 10th St. Mary's South Side Catholic
4701 South Grand Boulevard, 63111

Families select which presentations to attend. All students in grades 5-8 are welcome. Families may attend any of the high school nights.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS! SAVE THE DATE!!!



Saturday, September 28 2024 @ 1:30PM
Norman K. Probststein Golf Courses at Forest Park

Contact Mark Bult for Details
573-864-2534 or markjbult@gmail.com

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Eucharist is Jesus flesh and blood given to us as food for the journey? We must consume it to



The Vocational Chalice Is Looking For Places To Go

This week the vocational chalice spent time at the home of Marie Boyce. She invited anyone who wanted to pray with her to come over. Thank you Marie for taking part in this important ministry of prayer. It has now returned to church and is looking for more places to go. If you and your family would like to host it for a week or two, please sign up in the All Souls Chapel. We currently have no one signed take the Chalice home with them. So I ask that during this time we all pray for new vocations as well as the three amazing priests serving our pastorate. You can take it again if you had it earlier in the year. Please help us continue this important prayer.

**Eucharistic Prayer Companions
FIRST SATURDAYS**

Flowing from the recent 10th Eucharistic Revival Congress, we are led to invigorate and honor Our Lady's Fatima request for the Rosary and Prayers of Reparation on First Saturdays, beginning Sept. 7th, with the addition of the Chaplets of Divine Mercy and the Holy FACE.

We will gather as Eucharistic Prayer Companions of JESUS, Mary and Joseph or EPC.

We will be led to various Churches throughout our Archdiocese for First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers:

Reparation Rosary, and Chaplets of Divine Mercy and of Holy FACE.

Our first prayer pilgrimage will be Sept. 7th at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis
4431 Lindell Blvd., 63108

Holy Mass 8:00 am,
with prayers following in the Chapel of Our Lady (left of the Main Altar).

Please invite others and share this invitation with your family and friends, even in other Dioceses.

For updated information on future gatherings, please visit our website.

Our website:

www.CentreForMercy.org/epc

Our email:

epcofjesusmaryandjoseph@yahoo.com

Prayer copies will be available at the Church.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.....

**We Need You to
PRAY**

In November, there is a potential amendment that would enshrine abortion in the Missouri Constitution

If passed, it will:

- Allow unlimited, unrestricted abortions for all 9 months of pregnancy
- NO parental consent or notification
- NO health and safety standards
- NO ability to sue for malpractice
- Taxpayer funded

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Pray the Rosary daily



Scan here or go to:
therosary.online

Pray the Cardinal Burke Novena daily



Scan here or go to:
novena.cardinalburke.com



"There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, I tell you, that we cannot resolve by the Rosary."
-Saint Lucia of Fatima

"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 (330-6796)

Mass Intentions

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| Monday 7:00am | August 26 Mac & Marita Dryden |
| Tuesday 7:00am | August 27 Jack & Jane Brady |
| Wednesday 7:00am | August 28 Sp. Intention (David Bonnett) |
| Thursday 7:00am | August 29 Joann Ruoff |
| Friday 7:00am | August 30 Sp. Int. (Marie Boyce) |
| Saturday 5:00pm | August 31 Celebrant's Choice |
| Sunday 8:00am | September 1 Mary Lou McHaynes |
| 10:30am | Mac & 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, May they rest in peace...

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

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

Readings for the week of August 25, 2024

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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
 John Weber
 Jonathon Habbe
 Dashawn Arrendon-
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 Ean Eicher