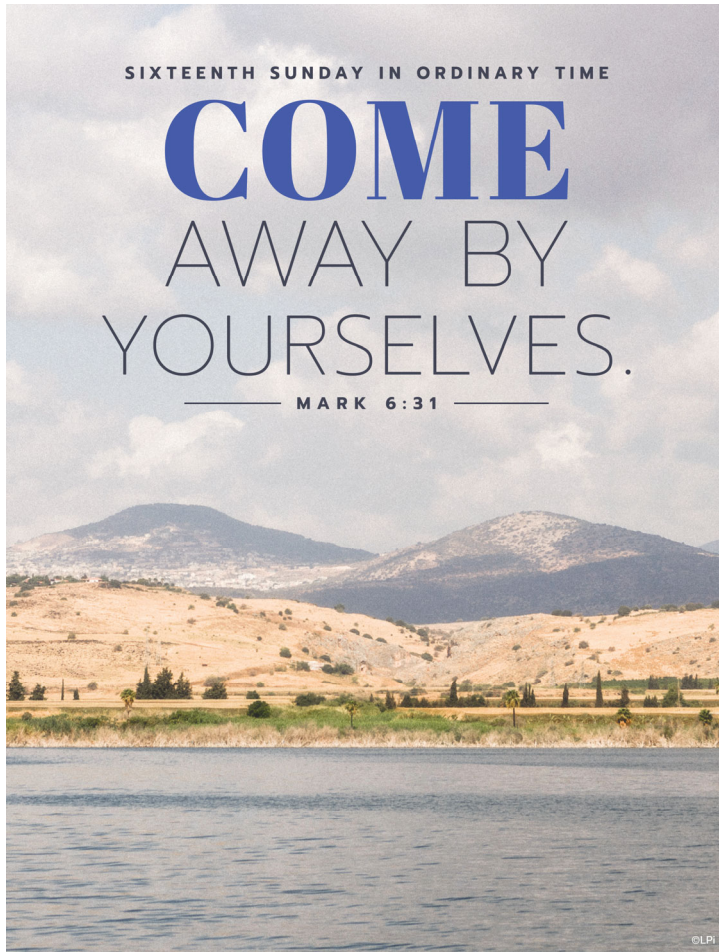


# Church of the Little Flower

July 21st, 2024

16th 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

### 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: 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.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

**Monday at 1:00pm**

## Calendar of Events

### MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 22 (Fr. Rubie)</b>	<b>6:45-6:55</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
		7:00am	Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 23 (Fr. Rubie)</b>	<b>6:45-6:55</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
		7:00am	Mass	
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Legion of Mary</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 24 (Msgr. McCumber)</b>	<b>6:45-6:55</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
		7:00am	Mass	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 25 (Fr. Herzog)</b>	7:00am	Mass	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 26 (Fr. Herzog)</b>	<b>6:45-6:55</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
		7:00am	Mass	
		<b>8:00am-5:00pm</b>	<b>Adoration</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 27 (Fr. Herzog)</b>	<b>4pm-4:45pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
		5:00pm	Mass	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 28</b>	8:00am	Mass	<b>(Fr. Rubie)</b>
		<b>9:00am-9:15am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
		10:30am	Mass	<b>(Msgr. McCumber)</b>

### Ministers of Service July 27 & 28 2024

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

07/27 5:00pm	~ L. & P. Armbrecht	P. McClure
07/28 8:00am	~ <b>(2 Servers Needed)</b>	H, Reinagel
07/28 10:30am	~ A. Scherman	D. & M. Dietz

#### LECTORS

07/27 5:00pm	~ J. & L. Waugh
07/28 8:00am	~ M. Boyce      D. Bello
07/28 10:30am	~ M. Chauvin      M. Campeau

#### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

#### (Sacristan Helpers)

07/27 5:00pm	~ B. Campeau			<b>(Team A)</b>
07/28 8:00am	~ B. Campeau			
07/28 10:30am	~ C. Flottmann			

## Verdant Pastures of Repose

Years ago, when I worked at the Saint Louis Art Museum, before my seminary days and when George W. Bush was still president, I remember some older employees telling me about the famous, “Tree growing inside a tree” not too far away in the wooded area behind the Art Museum. It wasn’t far from one of the golf course greens. One day I decided to venture over to this mysterious tree like Moses seeing the spectacle of the burning bush. Alas, I found the tree! It was a tree growing inside tree, although it wasn’t as miraculous as I thought in my imagination: it was a young tree growing inside the hollowed, decayed remains of a dead tree. The contrast could not have been simpler—a young tree growing, full of life as a phoenix arising from the ashes of an older and lifeless shadow of a tree.

This memory of a common, but not so uncommon, tree growing is a wonderful image God uses through the prophet Jeremiah to describe the coming days of a “righteous shoot” of the family of David who will shepherd God’s people. Of course, this refers to Jesus who truly is “God with us” who shepherds His people to springs of water, meadows full of life, and verdant pastures of rest and repose. This prophecy was made against Israel’s shepherds prior to the Babylonian exile who treated God’s people as a means of personal gain and political expediency. These shepherds of Israel: their princes, priests, and most, but not all, of their kings were like the lifeless old tree that had no life. New life was promised, and that new life is Jesus as the shepherd of Israel and the Church, along with shepherds entrusted to lead God’s people into the verdant pastures of union and communion with the Lord and Holy Mother Church.

Make no mistake, we live in a world today where many shepherds today and in the past have not lived up to this call to shepherd God’s people. Human weakness and volitional sin are still a pandemic that effects priests as much as it does the lay faithful. We all should acknowledge this to be a fact and a reality that cannot be ignored. Yet, what is also terribly wrong is an attitude of cynicism that simply dismisses or criticizes people—whether that person is a bishop, priest, deacon, consecrated religious, or one of the lay faithful simply because of decisions or choices not in agreement with our personal preferences. This too is damaging to the Body of Christ. Patience and understanding—not necessarily agreement—tends to bear out the fruit of another person’s intentions.

I believe what made Jesus the “Good Shepherd” wasn’t simply because He is God; in his humanity he was and is incredibly patient, understanding, kind, yet firm and resolute. His message and His decisions weren’t always received well, but He always acted out of love. Jesus always acted out of what was best for his people. He shepherded them and led them to verdant pastures. Let us pray that all priests follow the Good Shepherd and lead their flocks into verdant pastures of repose!

Fr. Rubie



*“He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”*

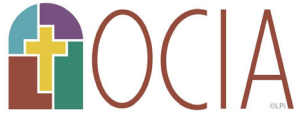
*(Mark 6:31)*

*Do you spend time, everyday, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God everyday, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some “alone” time with God.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That we may take time everyday to rest in God’s presence.*

*Amen*



**OCIA LESSON – ANSWERING JESUS’ CALL TO HOLINESS**

Have you wondered why Jesus has called you to be his follower as a member of his church? When Jesus invited the twelve apostles he explicitly chose each one. Eventually almost all persevered to martyrdom. When the rich young man asked how he might be more holy, Jesus told him to continue to observe the commandments, give his riches to the poor and follow him. As he chose not, the young man went away sad.

What is my response to Jesus’ invitation? Am I growing in my faith? As Baptized, am I benefitting from the Sacraments? Or am I indifferent or lukewarm? Do I blame my lack of commitment on my weakness? Surprisingly there is hope. As Mother Teresa taught: “God did not call me to be successful. He called me to be faithful.”

Source: Mt. 4:18-22; Mt. 9:9; Lk. 18:21

If interested in becoming Catholic, please call 314-645-1445 for information.



**Little Flower Parish**



*We need everyone to help make this next year fabulous!*

**Call Deb at the office  
314.645.1445 to sign up**

*The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
**FESTIVAL OF SAINT LOUIS**

**AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
HOLY ROSARY NOVENA - 6:30 P.M.  
Apotheosis of St. Louis on Art Hill  
1 Fine Arts Drive, St. Louis, 63103

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup>**  
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 25<sup>th</sup>**  
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, 63103

See more events and details online:  
festivalofsaintlouis.com




**Rectory Summer Hours**

The rectory office hours for the summer  
Are Monday thru Thursday 6:45am to  
2:45pm. The office will be **closed** on  
Fridays.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences  
For married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful  
Communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below  
Are our remaining 2024 experiences. Sign-up now as space is  
Limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or  
Call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

- 8/2/2024-8/4/2024 St. Peters, MO
- 9/27/2024-9/29/2024 St. Peters, MO.
- 10/11/2024-10/13/2024 Springfield, IL
- 12/6/2024-12/8/2024 St. Peters, MO



## THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY



*Join us for Faith,  
Food, & Friendship*

We invite you to learn more about Marygrove and the work we do for the youth in our community. Join us for Mass and a delicious lunch on our campus.

2705 Mullanphy Lane, Florissant MO 63031

2024 Lunch Club Dates:

August 2nd

November 8th

Mass begins at 11:30am

Lunch begins at 12pm

Free to attend. Donations appreciated



Are you an artist?  
Apply as a vendor by  
scanning the QR  
code!

Applications due  
by July 27th at  
11:59 PM



Celebrate the gift of creativity in our Church!

**The Pro-Life Committee at St Mary Magdalene has extended an invitation to any and all Little Flower Parishioners to join them.**

They meet the second Monday of the month from 7:00-8:00pm in the SMM Church basement. This is an active and effective group who would welcome those who want to defend and support women and their unborn babies.

### **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows 81st Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows Sunday, July 28, through Monday, August 5 Mass 7:30 p.m. nightly.**

**“Pondering the Word of God with Mary!”** - During our 81<sup>st</sup> Healing and Hope Novena to Our Lady of the Snows, we will embark on a reflective journey exploring Mary's role in the Gospels through various events in her life. This journey begins at the Annunciation, delving into the pivotal moments where the Word of God directed her Spirit and Life!

Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary. Bilingual Celebrations on Wednesday, July 31, and Saturday, August 3. Anointing of the Sick on August 3.

For more information, call 618.394.6276. [www.snows.org](http://www.snows.org)

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 giving portal of our website.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that when we are in Adoration we should speak to Jesus as if He's there on the altar because He is?

Need healing after abortion? Contact:  
 Abortion Healing Ministry, Archdiocese of St. Louis  
 Hopeline (call/text): 314.406.0815  
[hopehealing@archstl.org](mailto:hopehealing@archstl.org)  
[www.abortionchangesyou.com](http://www.abortionchangesyou.com)  
[www.supportafterabortion.com](http://www.supportafterabortion.com)

To all Separated, Divorced, Widowed, Remarried Catholics:

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed, and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, July 25, 2024. We meet at St. Catherine Labouré Parish Cafeteria (next to playground) 9740 Sappington Rd, Sunset Hills, MO. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Immediately following the meeting we will be entertained by some Live music, enjoy some refreshments, and have some social time.

SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed, and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities for everyone that range from cards, game days, happy hours and dinners. we also plan many other activities such as visits to wineries, to various area sites, etc.

Ask about our same day \$5 discount for new members.

For additional information please contact Tom Shepard, 781-221-7839.

**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

**Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

**15th Annual Benefit Dinner**  
**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

**Keynote Speaker**  
**Bishop David Konderla**  
 Bishop of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Also joining us will be:

Fr. Anthony Wieck, SJ

Zip Rzeppa

Scott Kennebeck

**Where: Orlando's Garden South**  
 4300 Hoffmeister Ave.  
 Hwy 55 at Union Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 4:00 pm**  
**Followed by Cocktails and Dinner**

More information go to: [ourladyforlife.com](http://ourladyforlife.com)

Scan if you would like to receive an invitation to the dinner:

**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](http://therosary.online)

Pray the Cardinal Burke Novena daily

Scan here or go to:  
[novena.cardinalburke.com](http://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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 22</b>
7:00am	Margie Meatte
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 23</b>
7:00am	Dan Miller
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 24</b>
7:00am	Joe Kovarik
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 25</b>
9:00am	Thomas E. Mueller
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 26</b>
7:00am	George Schwetz
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 27</b>
5:00pm	People of Little Flower & St. Mary Magdalen
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 28</b>
8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
10:30am	Fay Farrell

**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        | ChrisLewishutchcroft | 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           | <b>Joann Ruoff</b> |
| Margie Curran        | Julie Lally          | Marguerite         |
| Helena Czosnyka      | Marianne Lally       | Scheidegger        |
| Chandelor Davis      | Jim LaMartina        | Tom Schuette       |
| James Davis          | Patty LaRochelle     | James Smith        |
| James E. Davis       | Mary Laws            | Tony Snider        |
| Nathan Glore Davis   | Everleigh Lauber     | Hollie Soto        |
| Patrick Dolan        | Jean Leonhardt       | Matthew Stuart     |
| Bill Edwards         | Sherry Lopez         | Gary Underwood     |
| Kathryn Fischer      | Greg & Shelley       | Miriam Varas       |
| Bill Flottmann       | Lowrey               | Margaret Verzino   |
| Peter Freundl        | Elizabeth Lyons      | Charles Volk       |
| Ron Garnier          | Emma Lyons           | Billy Wells        |
| Joyce Griffen        | Bob McShane          | Joseph Wheeler     |

**Readings for the week of July 21, 2024**

**Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

**Monday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

**Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

**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-  
 do  
 Ean Eicher*