

# Church of the Little Flower

March 31, 2024

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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## Calendar of Events

### 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.

#### MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

<b>Monday</b> 7:00am	<b>April 1</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am 10:00am	<b>April 2</b> Mass Legion of Mary
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am 8:15am	<b>April 3</b> Mass Mass
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am	<b>April 4</b> Mass
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am 8:00am-5:00pm	<b>April 5</b> Mass Adoration
<b>Saturday</b> 7:00am 5:00pm 4:30pm	<b>April 6</b> Mass Mass Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am 9:15am 10:30am	<b>April 7</b> Mass New Latin Mass Mass

### Ministers of Service April 6 & 7 2024

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

04/06 5:00pm ~ M. Basi Cur. Koontz P. McClure  
 04/07 8:00am ~ M. & M. Verry A. Reinagel  
 04/07 10:30am ~ Cl. Koontz Server Needed W. Dietz

#### LECTORS

04/06 5:00pm ~ C. Verry P. Keenoy  
 04/07 8:00am ~ B. Miller S. McDonald  
 04/07 10:30am ~ E. Carmody B. Carmody

#### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

##### (Sacristan Helpers)

04/06 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy Team A  
 04/07 8:00am ~ K. Sargent  
 04/07 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

04/06 7:30pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer  
 04/07 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer  
 04/07 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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“If only we have courage, we will go to heaven on horseback instead of idling and creeping along”

--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: “So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.”

The theme of our Easter Mass includes both proclamation and witness. In the First Reading chosen from the Acts of the Apostles, we see Peter speaking after the baptism of Cornelius and his family about his own experience and sharing that experience with the listening crowds. He is now the witness of Jesus and a witness is one who has lived the life of the master and is willing to share his experience with all. Therefore, there is no hesitation to proclaim the word in spite of the opposition he had. Peter testified that Jesus was indeed crucified and that He had died on the Holy Cross. But God raised Him from the dead on the third day. And, after His glorious resurrection, Jesus appeared to many of the disciples who were chosen by God as witnesses.

We find a similar theme in both of the Second Reading and the Gospel.

In the Gospel of today we heard how Mary Magdalene looks for Jesus. She wept when she realized that His body was gone, believing that someone had stolen it. She wept because she missed the Divine presence of Jesus. She missed that inner burning desire to be near the living body of Jesus, to follow Him, to hear Him, to feel loved, to be understood and to be forgiven of sins. Mary Magdalene was not the only one to have these feelings. All the disciples of Jesus felt that way. That is why they reacted the way they did when they heard some saying that Jesus was no longer in His tomb, that He had resurrected, or that He was appearing here and there to different disciples. But they could not really grasp what the resurrection meant. For them the word, “Jesus is alive!” or “I have seen the Lord!” were enough to instantly create a great spiritual hunger in the soul of the disciples of Jesus where emptiness existed because of His death. Through these words, there was a new hope. Faith was being reinstated in the Words that Jesus had spoken while He lived on earth.

Easter, however, is not only concerned with recalling the resurrection of Jesus or its impact on the first disciples but also with the meaning of this event for our own lives and for our faith. For the disciples it was something new and unique experience. It was something out of the ordinary that had taken place. That is why they are notable to explain it in detail. So, the evangelists put forward the empty tomb, angels talking, he is coming into the close room and so on. For them it was something like an explosion and something out of the world. Even for Paul it was a sudden experience when the Risen Jesus revealed himself while Paul was on his way to Damascus to bring the Christians into line and he accepts and enters into this experience.

It is important to be aware that the Resurrection is not simply the resuscitation of the body of Jesus which died on the Cross. The crucifixion is a historical event; the resurrection is a faith event. The Risen Jesus enters a completely new way of living. The post-Resurrection texts all indicate that; he is not recognized at first by even his intimate friends, he is everywhere that his disciples happen to be and his new Body, the means of his being visibly present among us, is the community of his disciples. We are, quite literally, from that time the Body of Christ. It is not easy to recognize Jesus for they could not expect a rising from the dead. For them it was a new revelation. We see Mary recognizing him only when he calls her by name. From then on, she wants to cling to him and stay close to him and experience him. But Jesus says she too has a mission to proclaim like any of his disciples.

For the true Christian, in fact, every day is an Easter Day lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord. On the behalf of all of us here at Little Flower—a Blessed Easter and Experience of Jesus's Resurrection every day.



*“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.”*

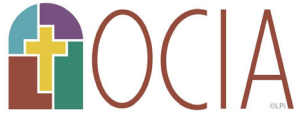
*(Mark 15:12-13)*

*On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation Plan.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That our Easter celebration will help us to become more grateful and generous to make sacrifices to help build God's kingdom on earth.*

*Amen*



**BEING AN EASTER PEOPLE**

“We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know that Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery—the mystery of his death and Resurrection. ‘We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song.’

We are not seeking shallow joy; rather we seek a joy that springs from faith, grows through unselfish love and respects the fundamental duty of loving our neighbor.”

Pope John Paul II November 30 1986  
If interested in joining the Catholic Church, please call Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445



- I. Kathleen Harkins & Christopher Rose
- I. Caroline Lipic & Jonathan Bundy

We are currently holding the “**Jesus and the Eucharist**” series in the cry room on Wednesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 10 am. Please feel free to join us for a session if you have the time. All sessions are available on YouTube if you want to watch.



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314-475-3436

**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.



Scan to register or donate

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**The Run for Life and Learning is June 1!**  
**Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis**

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 1 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FRED BIRD®. Register or donate at [runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning](http://runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning). Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families. For sponsorship opportunities, email [run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com](mailto:run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com).

**Please Join Us in Supporting BIRTHRIGHT**

**By Attending the St. Clement of Rome & St. Gerard Majella’s Annual**

**GAME & CARD PARTY LUNCHEON**

Come play any game you like or just come for **LUNCH!**  
Raffle Items – Attendance Prizes – Pot of Gold

**Thursday April 11th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**St. Clement’s Parish Center, 1508 Bopp Road, Des Peres, 63131**  
The cost per person is **\$30.00**. Make your **Reservation by April 4<sup>th</sup>**

by sending your name,

and those playing with you, along with your check made out to "Birthright" to:

Birthright, 2525 South Brentwood Blvd. #102, 63144 Attention: Card Party

**OR** click on [https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BirthrightCounselingStLouis\\_1/springcardparty.html](https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BirthrightCounselingStLouis_1/springcardparty.html)

to register & pay by credit card.

**\*\*\* If you have dietary restrictions, please inform us in advance!**

**\*\*\*If you cannot attend, but wish to make a donation, please send it to Birthright.**

**RAFFLE TICKETS** will be sold at St. Clement & St. Gerard after all weekend masses on

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup> & April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Questions? Jane @ 314-570-6880

**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 Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 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.



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## A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

Dear Little Flower Community,

May the risen Christ bring you hope this Easter season! Be refreshed in Our Lord's grace as you receive the Eucharist this Easter! May we be blessed with the graces Our Lord will place upon us to bear witness to our faith.

The Little Flower faculty, staff and I will continue to pray for you and your intentions as we progress through the Easter season. Thank you for your support and loyalty to the Little Flower Community. May God bless you!

Happy Easter,

Gloria Openlander



**Gloria Openlander**

**Principal**

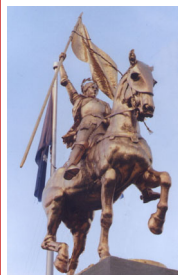
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Our parish is offering a convenient service for contributions! Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Please notice that our offering envelopes now have a check box which indicates "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](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.



*Where Art Serves the World: An Afternoon with Internationally-Noted St. Louis Sculptor Don Wiegand.* Wednesday, April 10, Noon – 2:00 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac. Doors open at 11:30 AM; box lunch & drinks served at noon. Cost: \$50 individual ticket; \$275 table of 6; livestream \$15 per household. Purchase tickets at [MERCYCENTERSTL.ORG](http://MERCYCENTERSTL.ORG)



Little Flower Parish invites you to join us for:

The Rosary Crusade for America and the Church will be prayed every Saturday at 4:30 in the Little Flower Chapel. Whether you attend the 5:00 Mass or just join for the rosary, everyone is invited.



**Switch to Catholic radio for Lent.** It's not a sacrifice. You can listen to the exceptional programming on Covenant Network Catholic radio by tuning into KHOJ 1460 AM, or anytime on our mobile app, or at [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org).  
<https://ourcatholicradio.org/>

**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

**CBC Summer Academy Registration** now open for all boys entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Enjoy a premier summer experience held in CBC's theater, classrooms, science labs, art studios, sports facilities, and sports center by being part of our CBC Summer Academy. Register today at [www.BeaCadet.org/summer](http://www.BeaCadet.org/summer). Contact Melissa Ryan at [ryanm@cbchs.org](mailto:ryanm@cbchs.org) or 314-985-6095 for more information.

April 20, 2024



5k Start Time: 8am  
5k Awards: 8:45am  
1/2 mile Fun Run: 9am  
Post-race refreshments

<http://tinyurl.com/ctk5k2024>

**Boy Scout Troop 361**

Our Scout Troop is inviting boys in the fifth grade and older to visit our Troop meeting on Wednesday April 3 at 6:30 in the Church basement at St. Mary Magdalen. This spring and summer we will be canoeing and shooting archery at Simpson Park, and attending Scout summer camp at the SbarF Scout Ranch.

The highlight this spring will be a three-day camping trip to Fort Leonard Wood, where we will be hosted by the Combat Engineers.

We currently have about twenty Scouts who attend ten different schools. Bring a parent or guardian and check us out.

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

Mass Intentions

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|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>April 1</b>                    |
| 7:00am           | Marie Gregg                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>April 2</b>                    |
| 7:00am           | Margie Meatte                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>April 3</b>                    |
| 7:00am           | Helen Miller                      |
| 8:15am           | L. F. Teachers, Students, & Staff |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>April 4</b>                    |
| 7:00am           | David Hermann                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>April 5</b>                    |
| 7:00am           | Little Flower Parish              |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>April 6</b>                    |
| 8:00am           | Mary Janet Kinsella               |
| 5:00pm           | John Herber                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>April 7</b>                    |
| 8:00am           | Bonnie Dickhens                   |
| 9:15am           | Souls in Purgatory                |
| 10:30am          | Members of the Parish             |

**Readings for the week of March 31, 2024**

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 Mk 16:1-7

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 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/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  
 John Weber  
 Jonathon Habbe  
 Dashawn Arrendon-  
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