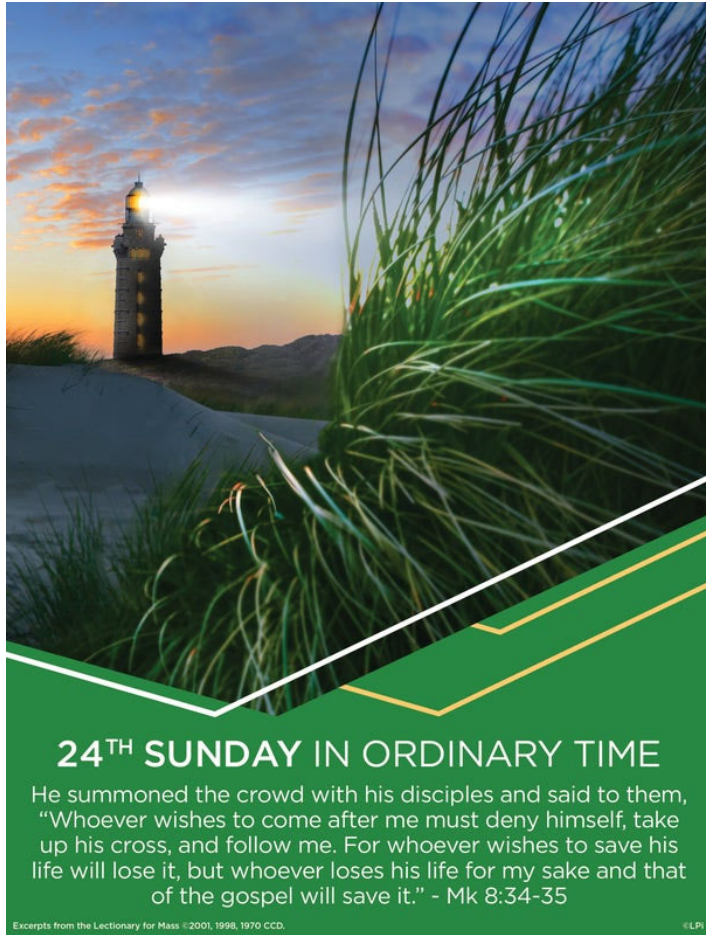


Church of the Little Flower

September 15, 2024

24th 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

Holiday 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

TODAY-SEPTEMBER 15TH- IS DONUT SUNDAY DONUTS AFTER 8:00 & 10:30am Masses

Monday September 16

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass (Fr. Herzog)

Tuesday September 17

6:45-6:55 Perpetual Help Devotions

7:00am Mass (Fr. Rubie)

6:30pm Holy Hour (in LF Chapel)

7:30pm Chamber Concert (Church)

Wednesday September 18

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass (Msgr. McCumber)

7:00pm Men's Club

Thursday September 19

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass (Msgr. McCumber)

6:30 Rosary & Ladies Club

Friday September 20

6:45-6:55 Confessions

7:00am Mass (Fr. Rubie)

8:00am-5:00pm Adoration

Saturday September 21

4pm-4:45pm Confessions

4:30pm Rosary in Little Flower Chapel

5:00pm Mass (Msgr. McCumber)

Sunday September 22

8:00am Mass (Fr. Herzog)

10:00am-10:15am Confessions

10:30am Mass (Fr. Rubie)

Ministers of Service Sept. 21 & 22 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

09/21 5:00pm ~ M. Husmann Cur. Koontz T. Sullivan

09/22 8:00am ~ Mal. & Mat. & Anders Verry

09/22 10:30am A. Scherman D. Spiegel J. Schibig

LECTORS

09/21 5:00pm ~ C. Verry P. Keenoy

09/22 8:00am ~ T. Serena H. Fanega

09/23 10:30am ~ E. & B. Carmody

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

09/21 5:00pm ~ C. Flottmann (Team C)

09/22 8:00am ~ S. Condit

09/22 10:30am ~ Kitty Toombs

What does it mean to Carry the Cross? Reflections from my Pilgrimage to England & Scotland

Greetings from Scotland! As I sit down to write my bulletin column for this weekend, I have enough time to share with you some of my experiences. In fact, I am writing to you in my hotel room during an extended pause on the pilgrimage here in Edinburgh. The trip began a week ago and there is so much to take in, to reflect, and to pray with when I have quieter periods of prayer. However, I want to invite you all into the hectic pace of me pilgrimaging through the United Kingdom so that you can get a glimpse of what it is like to be on a pilgrimage. Such a trip can stretch a person on pilgrimage, especially when we're outside our comfort zone and coming up against our own ego.

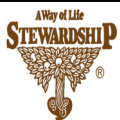
I began my pilgrimage in London, arriving on Tuesday morning after Labor Day. As it is with any transatlantic flight, experiencing jet lag is a normal experience. I anticipated this to be the case; however, the desire to get to the hotel and get a breather was not in the cards for me and the other pilgrims. Instead, we dropped off our bags at the hotel and immediately went on pilgrimage throughout London seeing Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, and concluding at the Shrine of the Rosary for Mass. All of this on day one before being checked into the hotel. A crazy first day that served as a catalyst for the days to come. Without going through the entire itinerary of the trip, each day has left me both enlightened and physically exhausted—especially when we travel by coach (bus) from one place to another in London and, subsequently, from London to Oxford, Oxford to Cambridge, Cambridge to York, and now today (as I write this column) York to Edinburgh in Scotland. We have covered nearly 10 hours of traveling by bus from London to Edinburgh in a span of three days, living out of our luggage bags and checking in and out of hotels all within less than 24 hour periods. The instability of remaining in the comfort of one place makes it challenging, but also highly enlightening.

I know I've said this word, "enlightening" twice already to describe the pilgrimage. It's a word that causes me to reflect on its substance and context to my pilgrimage. How have I been enlightened so far during my time here in the United Kingdom? Well, I recognize my own limitations and selfishness as I reflect upon my thoughts and experiences so far. For example, I love Cambridge and wanted to stay back from the majority of pilgrims setting out for a 3 hour round trip to Walsingham. This was after a full day of touring Cambridge. I really wanted to stay back and simply do a walking tour of the city, like a few other pilgrims who decided to stay back. Instead, I went because I am the priest in the group and Mass was being celebrated at the Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham. Interiorly, I complained to myself about it but then I realized the Lord was asking me to let go of my selfishness and carry the cross in order to give my life (at that moment) for the pilgrims who wanted to experience the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. Simply stated, I had to "deny myself, take up my cross, and follow Jesus."

This recent experience coincides nicely with our Gospel this weekend. We read in Mark's Gospel how Peter made the profound confession of faith in Jesus, only to endure Jesus' rebuke after Peter vehemently rejected Jesus' own prediction of His Passion. Jesus' message can't be any clearer: if you want to follow me you'll have to endure dying yourself. You will have to die to yourself, along with your selfish desires and wishes. It is only in this path you and I will have peace and, more importantly, life. Suffering is part of the human condition, whether we accept or reject Jesus' invitation to discipleship. By rejecting Jesus we set ourselves up for chasing anything that escapes suffering and pain. We can never fully avoid either one of these things. However, by following Jesus, taking up our crosses and dying to ourselves, we gain a life filled with purpose and meaning beyond the limits of this lifetime. We gain eternal life of bliss, holiness, and a profound sense of joy!

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubie



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

(Mark 8:34)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when its convenient for me.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Remembering that absolutely everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.

Amen

Do you know anyone longing to be fed?



LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH WOULD LOVE TO GROW. PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD AND MAKE OUR CHURCH STRONGER.

Our O.C.I.A. Program begins in September

314.645.1445

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Ladies Club

Little Flower Ladies Club

Ladies, your first meeting will be on **September 19, 2024.**

Pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm on the Church steps. Meeting at 7 pm in Little Flower Parish Hall.

We will have drinks and foods and fun!!

If interested, we plan to decorate wreaths for the Church doors

to enhance and welcome people to our Parish Feast Day in October.

Fellowship with ladies, old and new, and help us prepare to celebrate!

Please join us!!



THE GREAT COMMISSION FROM JESUS

To faithful followers of Our Lord Jesus, he commissions each of us to “Go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize... Teach them to carry out all that I have commanded you.” (Mt 28:19) “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (Jn 20:21)

In response, you have a perfect opportunity to jump in now—today—to invite potential new members to investigate OCIA at Little Flower. Invite them to the inquiry sessions to check out, without commitment, Catholic teachings and practices.

Who might want to come? Someone who has been thinking about joining the Catholic Church. A baptized individual who has not yet been confirmed. Parents of children attending Catholic school or Parish School of Religion and would like to understand their Faith Formation. If you think some topic about the Catholic faith needs clarification. OCIA might provide the answer.

Just imagine how our parish would grow if we fulfill Jesus’ great commission.

Please leave a message at the Rectory so you may be contacted. 314-645-1445

St. Louis Cathedral Concerts Presents: Chamber Music Concerts

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7:30pm

Little Flower Catholic Church

1264 Arch Terrace, 63117

Welcomed by **John Winski & Liesel Duhon**

Tickets are **NOT Required**

The featured players in each concert are:

Kristin Ahlstrom, violin

Thomas Jöstlein, horn

Bjorn Ranheim, cello

Matthew Mazzoni, piano

OUR Feast Day is coming soon

The Feast Day for Saint Therese, the Little Flower is October 1.

*Let’s pray a Novena, nine days of short prayers, for our parish.

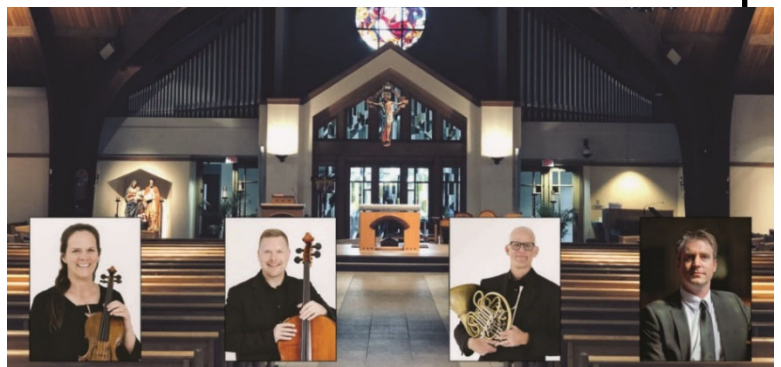
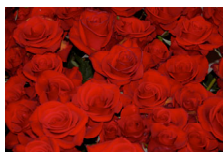
It will help us learn about and strengthen devotion to the Little Flower

Beginning September 23 through October 1. Join us!!

Following the morning Mass in the Chapel or at 6:45 pm on the Church steps.

*Feast Day celebration will be on October 5-6, 2024. Join in! Each Mass will be celebrating Saint Therese. Hoping we can all come together for a sit-down brunch in the Parish Hall at 11:30 am, Sunday, October 6.

This will also serve as our kick-off for our centennial celebration in 2025.



Program:

Trio in D Major Op. 70 No. 1 for Piano, Violin, and Cello (“Ghost”)
Beethoven

Andante for Horn and Piano (1888) R. Strauss

Trio in E-flat Major Op. 40 for Violin, Horn, and Piano Brahms



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Donut Sunday Is TODAY after the 8:00am & 10:30am Masses! Please join us in the Parish Hall!

Little Flower Holy Hour **New Time (6:30pm)**

Our next Little Flower Holy Hour will be Tuesday, September 17th at **6:30pm**. Please spend some time with Jesus. He is waiting for you. Confessions will also be available. All are welcome! There will be a Chamber Music Concert in the church immediately following the Holy Hour. Please stay and enjoy the concert.

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.



I. Alyssa Margiotta & Alex Kuhlman

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will preside at the Hope and Healing Prayer Service for survivors of physical, sexual, verbal and/or emotional abuse on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 7pm, at St. Joseph Parish in Clayton. (106 N. Meramec Ave. Clayton, MO 63105)

Survivors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend, as well as those who help those who have been abused, work to prevent abuse, and want to pray for healing and reconciliation.

For more information, please contact Ann Wier, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at annwier@archstl.org or 314.850.8318.

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 Jesus is the Divine Physician? If you ask Him, He will heal whatever is ailing you.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Way of Lights Performer Request
Friday, November 18– Saturday, December 31**
You are invited to share your wonderful talents at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Eucharistic Prayer Companions

FIRST SATURDAYS



Flowing with the Holy Spirit at the 10th Eucharistic Revival Congress, we are led to invigorate and honor Our Lady's Fatima request for the Rosary and Prayers of Reparation and Conversion on First Saturdays.

You are invited to gather with the Eucharistic Prayer Companions of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (EPC) at various Churches throughout our Archdiocese on First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers:

A Reparation Rosary, the Chaplets of Divine Mercy and of the Holy FACE, and 15 Minutes of Silent Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.
Prayer copies will be available at the Church.

Please join us for the following:

October 5th The Immacolata Church 8900 Clayton Rd. 63117.

8am Mass followed by our First Saturday Prayers.

November 2nd St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Church 4900 Ringer Rd. 63129.

8am Mass followed by our First Saturday Prayers.

December 7th St. Alban Roe Church 2001 Shepard Road, Wildwood, 63038.

Confessions 7:30-8:15. Mass 8:30am First Saturday Prayers.

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:

www.CentreForMercy.org/epc.

or email us at:

epcofjesusmaryandjoseph@yahoo.com

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us...



The Vocational Chalice is in need of more families to host it. If you are interested, Please stop by the All Soul's Chapel and sign up. It's a privilege to have this beautiful chalice in your home. Please consider joining in this ministry. Our priests need our prayers. Contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or jwaugh123@charter.net for more information.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Way of Lights Performer Request
Friday, November 18– Saturday, December 31**

You are invited to share your wonderful talents at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Annual Way of Lights. We need musicians to perform each evening between 6:00 – 9:00 pm for our many guests. A great way to promote your ensemble and share the Christmas spirit!

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

"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

Monday 9:00am	September 16 Helen Miller
Tuesday 7:00am	September 17 Jean Leonhardt
Wednesday 7:00am	September 18 Celebrants Choice
Thursday 7:00am	September 19 Celebrants Choice
Friday 7:00am	September 20 Celebrants Choice
Saturday 5:00pm	September 21 Katie Matula
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	September 22 Jack & Jack Brady People of Little Flower & St. Mary Magdalen

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

Readings for the week of September 15, 2024

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/ Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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 Arrendondo
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