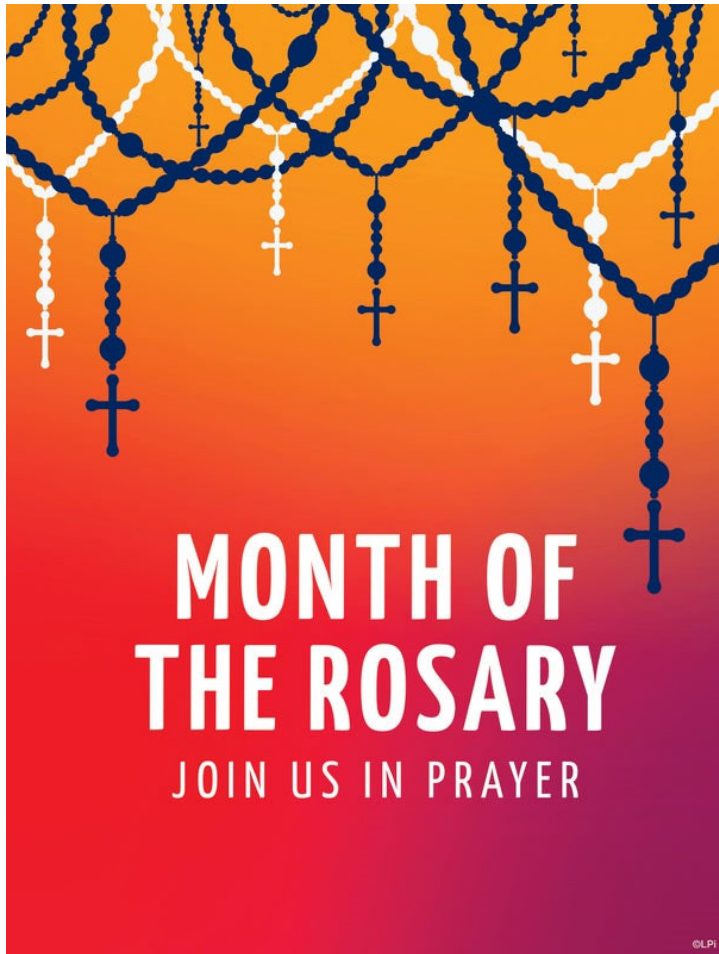


Church of the Little Flower

October 6th , 2024

27th 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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Calendar of Events

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:

Friday at 10:00am

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday | October 7 |
| 6:45-6:55 | Confessions |
| 7:00am | Mass (Fr. Herzog) |
| Tuesday | October 8 |
| 6:45-6:55 | Perpetual Help Devotions |
| 7:00am | Mass (Fr. Herzog) |
| Wednesday | October 9 |
| 6:45-6:55 | Confessions |
| 7:00am | Mass (Msgr. McCumber) |
| Thursday | October 10 |
| 6:45-6:55 | Confessions |
| 7:00am | Mass (Fr. Herzog) |
| Friday | October 11 |
| 6:45-6:55 | Confessions |
| 7:00am | Mass (Fr. Rubie) |
| 8:00am-5:00pm | Adoration |
| Saturday | October 12 |
| 4pm-4:45pm | Confessions |
| 4:30pm | Rosary in Little Flower Chapel |
| 5:00pm | Mass (Msgr. McCumber) |
| Sunday | October 13 |
| 8:00am | Mass (Fr. Herzog) |
| 10:00am-10:15am | Confessions |
| 10:30am | Mass (Fr. Rubie) |

Ministers of Service Oct. 12 & 13 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

10/12 5:00pm ~ T. Sullivan K. Thomason L. Armbrrecht
 10/13 8:00am ~ Aus. & Ann. & Henry Reinagel
 10/13 10:30am ~ B. Acosta S. Donovan Vol. Requested

LECTORS

10/12 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy C. Verry
 10/13 8:00am ~ Patrick & Pat Dolan
 10/13 10:30am ~ Bill & Ellen Carmody

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

10/12 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Requested (Team C)
 10/13 8:00am ~ Sarah Condit
 10/13 10:30am ~ Cindy Flottmann

I See a Pink Rose in My Bathroom Sink!

Thérèse was battling through the torment of tuberculosis at the young age of 24 years old. Most of these letters were written on the feast day of our patroness, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, to everyone here at Little Flower! Okay, I know today is technically not the feast day of our parish's patron saint. However, I am writing this bulletin column on the day of her feast. Please know my prayers and blessings go out to each of you on the day of one of my favorite saints. For anyone who has a devotion to St. Thérèse you know how special this heavenly intercessor is in our Catholic faith and spiritual life. I'm sure each of you who fall into this category have a "Thérèse" moment. Maybe you've done the customary novena around this time of year asking the Little Flower to intercede for your prayer intentions. Usually novenas to St. Thérèse implore her to send a rose to the petitioner acknowledging that the Carmelite from Lisieux has interceded for their prayer intention. Believe me, there are countless stories of people receiving roses after completing their novena requests. Roses can range from red, pink, yellow, and white. Unless the petitioner asks for a specific rose, they are surprised by both the rose and the color given to them. Out of the multitude of devotees to St. Thérèse and to her powerful intercession, including asking for her customary rose, I am one of these devotees and recipient of her powerful intercession.

I would like to share with you a story of how I received a rose from St. Thérèse's intercession. It happened at a time when I was going through a transition in my life. I spent nearly six years preparing for either an academic career as a college professor or in the legal profession as a lawyer or paralegal. After six years of preparing for this professional career path I realized neither one of these lifestyles was good for me at the time. The doors of opportunity simply weren't open for me nor did I have the determination to force them to open. Instead, in the wake of disappointment and restlessness I sought the consolation of my Catholic faith and turned to the Lord for guidance. It was then that thoughts of the priesthood came to me, which I initially thought of some ten years prior to this point in my life. As the desire to become a priest grew I also became reacquainted with Thérèse's *Story of a Soul and particularly her letters to a seminarian named Maurice. The affectionate, sisterly love she showed to Maurice during his own vocational uncertainty were words that spoke directly to me during a time of my own personal confusion and uncertainty of what God wanted for me—what He wanted me to be! The Little Flower's words to Maurice, her affectionate but strong messages, spoke to me directly. I felt as if Thérèse wrote these letters to me. It was in this profound spiritual experience I prayed a novena to St. Thérèse, asking her, "If it's God's will that I discern the priesthood, please send me a rose as proof!"*

A few days passed after completion of the novena. One day I walked into my bathroom and, oddly enough, there was a pink rose in my bathroom sink. I couldn't believe it; I was exuberant with joy! I asked my roommate at the time how the rose got into the bathroom. He was completely clueless. I'll admit that this extraordinary way to receive a rose in the oddest place to discover it did not erase all doubts about God's will for me to discern the priesthood. But it did provide the beginning of trusting God's providence even amidst temptation and doubt. I believe St. Thérèse is always interceding for us whether we actively pray a novena or ask for her customary rose as a visible sign of her heavenly intercession. This is certainly true of our parish who holds her as our exalted "little sister" before God's all-powerful majesty. Sure, there are challenges, uncertainty, loss, and mourning over things we had and lost as a parish. We collectively may be feeling like we're walking through a dark valley. I encourage you to read St. Thérèse's letters to Maurice, mindful that rally painstaking attempts to pour out her heart to help a young man to grow in confidence of God's providence and love. The Little Flower from Lisieux knew this experientially; she lived out the reality that God loved her and provided her His grace even in the middle of torment and pain. St. Thérèse is praying and interceding for Little Flower parish much like she did with Maurice. Maybe she will send a pink rose to our parish. A rose that symbolizes gratitude for who we are and what God is doing for us now.

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubie



"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."

(Mark 9:41)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the church. Just as past generations built our church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may care for the planet and be better stewards of the earth's resources.


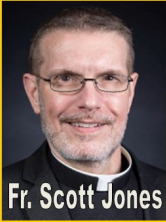
Amen

Catholic Renewal Center Presents

Zechariah Prayer Breakfast

Witness to Catholic Men


9am – Noon, 8:30 registration
Saturday Oct. 19, 2024
 Cardinal Rigali Center, Shrewsbury


Fr. Scott Jones

FR. SCOTT JONES is the Episcopal Vicar of the Northern Vicariate, Archdiocese of St. Louis. He is also featured regularly in local Catholic publications. Tune in for free at 10:10 am on YouTube or Facebook: [strenwal.org/yt](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstrenwal) or [strenwal.org/fb](https://www.facebook.com/strenwal.org/fb). — or join us for good food and fellowship.

COME TO BREAKFAST! It's \$15.00, PAYABLE AT THE DOOR.



Advance reservation of a meal is required, at: (636) 215-0973
 or On-Line at CRC website:
STLRENEWAL.ORG/ZPB
 OR EMAIL TO:
GARYWHITLOCK@ATT.NET



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



*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.

Little Flower Holy Hour

There will still be the regular 3rd Tuesday Holy Hour on October 15th at 7pm. We will have confessions and quiet time with Jesus as always. Please come and join us in praying for our priests, our pastorate, and the political issues we face in the coming election. Jesus is waiting for you. All are welcome.


New Bulletin Deadline

Beginning October 4, 2024

All Bulletin Information will need to be submitted by

Friday at 10 AM

Any Bulletin information submitted after this deadline will appear in the following weekend bulletin.





THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

SANTA'S WORKSHOP MOVING SALE

Ho Ho Home is moving for the Little Flower Ladies Club's Santa's Workshop and we are offering some of our inventory one last time.

Children of ALL ages are welcome to shop on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 in the parish hall from 9am -1 pm. All items are \$1! Children are still encouraged to shop for their families as tradition holds, but gift wrapping will not be available. Adults just might find the perfect white elephant gift! Contact Bea Pollard with questions: 314-477-2626

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

| 09/22/2024 | Year-to-Date Offertory | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Collection: \$ 4,246.00 | \$ | \$ 55,827.51 |
| Budget: \$ (7,496.15) | \$ | \$ (89,953.80) |
| Surplus/ (Deficit).8 | \$ (3,250.15) | \$ (34,126.29) |

| Offertory Gifts Thru the Week Ending | 9/22/2024 | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Online Giving | 975.00 | 16,105.00 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Sunday Envelopes | 2,745.00 | 30,733.00 |
| Sunday Loose Checks & Cash | \$ 526.00 | \$ 8,589.51 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Flower Offerings | - | 400.00 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Holy Day Offerings | - | - |
| | \$ | \$ |
| First Offering | - | - |
| | \$ | \$ |
| | 4,246.00 | 55,827.51 |



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

Save the Date Friday, Oct.25th Fall Festival at Little Flower



An Organ Concert is scheduled October 13, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Chapel located at 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO. David Erwin, director of music at Ladue chapel, is the guest organist. The concert sponsored by the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood is free for the public. Freewill offerings will be accepted. The Chapel will be open for tours at 1:30 p.m. before the concert.

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 calls us to childlike faith? When was the last time you let go and let go and let God lead 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 Looking For Places To Go

Right now the vocational chalice is spending time at the home of Mary Hazelwood. Thank you, Mary, for taking part in this important ministry of prayer. It 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 else signed up to take the Chalice home with them. You can take it again if you had it earlier in the year. Please help us continue this important prayer for our priests and our pastorate.

Join the Daughters of St. Paul every weekday in October (except the 31st) at 5:30 p.m. to pray the Rosary in their backyard grotto in Crestwood (9804 Watson Road), as we honor Mary, our Mother and Queen! Please feel free to bring your own lawn chairs or picnic blankets. Leashed pets are welcome to join us on Wednesday, October 30 for a special Pets & Prayer night!

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

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| Monday | October 7 |
| 7:00am | Mary Lou McHaynes |
| Tuesday | October 8 |
| 7:00am | Sp. Intention (Pat Dolan) |
| Wednesday | October 9 |
| 7:00am | Liz McDonald |
| Thursday | October 10 |
| 7:00am | Dan Miller |
| Friday | October 11 |
| 7:00am | Celebrants Choice |
| Saturday | October 12 |
| 5:00pm | Mary Diane Cummings |
| Sunday | October 13 |
| 8:00am | Esther Entrikin |
| 10:30am | 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 | James Smith |
| Chandelor Davis | Marianne Lally | Tony Snider |
| James Davis | Jim LaMartina | Hollie Soto |
| James E. Davis | Patty LaRochelle | Matthew Stuart |
| Nathan Glore Davis | Mary Laws | Gary Underwood |
| Patrick Dolan | Everleigh Lauber | Miriam Varas |
| Bill Edwards | Sherry Lopez | Margaret Verzino |
| Kathryn Fischer | Greg & Shelley | Charles Volk |
| Bill Flottmann | Lowrey | Billy Wells |
| Peter Freundl | Elizabeth Lyons | Joseph Wheeler |
| Ron Garnier | Emma Lyons | Charlie Vogelsang |
| Joyce Griffen | Bob McShane | |

Readings for the week of October 6, 2024

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/
 Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/
 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-
 15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-
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Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk
 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-
 26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk
 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-
 17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**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