

# Church of the Little Flower

November 24th, 2024

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



*"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:

**Friday at 10:00am**

## Calendar of Events

<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 25</b>
<b>6:45-6:55</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 26</b>
<b>6:45-6:55</b>	<b>Perpetual Help Devotions</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 27</b>
<b>6:45-6:55</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 28</b>
<b>6:45-6:55</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
9:00am	Mass (Thanksgiving Day)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 29</b>
<b>6:45-6:55</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>8:00am-5:00pm</b>	<b>ADORATION TODAY</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 30</b>
<b>4pm-4:45pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Rosary in Little Flower Chapel</b>
5:00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 1</b>
8:00am	Mass
<b>10:00am-10:15am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
10:30am	Mass

## Ministers of Service Nov. 30 & Dec. 01, 2024

### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

11/28 9:00am ~ Vol. Needed (Thanksgiving Day)  
 11/30 5:00pm ~ T. Sullivan K. Thomason Vol. Needed  
 12/01 8:00am ~ A. Scherman Mattias & Anders Verry  
 12/01 10:30am ~ Vol. Needed D. Spiegel J. Schibig

### LECTORS

11/28 9:00am ~ J. Waugh (Thanksgiving Day)  
 11/30 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy C. Verry  
 12/01 8:00am ~ M. Gibbs K. Sargent  
 12/01 10:30am ~ B. Carmody E. Carmody

### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

#### (Sacristan Helpers)

11/28 9:00am ~ B. Campeau (Thanksgiving Day)  
 11/30 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy (Team A)  
 12/01 8:00am ~ K. Sargent  
 12/01 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

## ***Jesus Christ is Our Triumph and Our King***

Perhaps some of us remember where we were when we heard the news that the Cathedral of Notre Dame caught on fire. If you care to have your memory jogged, it happened on April 15, 2019 and it caught on fire during Holy Week. I remember exactly where I was when I heard the news: it was my day off and I just got done with an ice skating session. When I sat in my car I checked my phone and all of a sudden the news broke out that Notre Dame Cathedral is on fire! I saw a video of the fire and the whole church seemed to be engulfed in flames. To make matters worse, I saw the spire collapse into the nave of the church. My heart and stomach nearly burst with anguish. The Cathedral of Notre Dame has a special place in my heart. Before I returned to practicing my Catholic faith as a young adult, I took a trip to visit a friend living in Geneva, Switzerland. One of the places I visited during my two week stay was Paris and, of course, I had to see the Notre Dame Cathedral. During my visit to this awesome and spectacular cathedral church, I did not expect to be moved by the Holy Spirit. I felt the desire to go to confession for the first time in years. However, I held off going to confession, but walking into Notre Dame I firmly believe, was the beginning of the Lord planting the seed to my conversion back to practicing the Catholic faith. It all happened at this illustrious Cathedral to Our Lady.

In the aftermath of the fire I heard of some heroic stories of Parisians walking the streets in religious procession and praying the Rosary. Likewise, I heard of one of the priests going into the church as it was ablaze to retrieve the Blessed Sacrament and to save the reported “Crown of Thorns” Jesus wore on the Cross. And when the roof caved in and the nave was left to charred wood and ashes from what toppled from above, shining brightly the next day was the golden cross inside the decimated cathedral. That Cross was the symbol of a new beginning for the Notre Dame Cathedral; faith, determination, and fortitude would transform this sacred space to its former glory. Immediately, people from all over the world poured in money to save Our Lady’s Cathedral church. Notre Dame Cathedral wasn’t just a symbol of France or Paris: it is an icon of sanctity in a world riddled with sin and darkness. That sacred building has survived the dark days of the French Revolution and World War II, with the fire being the most recent devastation it had to endure. Notre Dame Cathedral is a beautiful motif of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ, especially as we begin to celebrate Christ, the King of the Universe this weekend.

Notre Dame Cathedral is set to reopen on December 7th this year. Five years after the destruction that set it on fire, the restored bells for the towers are now in place and ringing across the Parisian streets. The walls and interior paintings are all meticulously restored, making the interior of the Cathedral brighter, more colorful, and more pristine than it has been in centuries. New life has been brought to Notre Dame Cathedral and everything restored or replaced as it looked before the fire in 2019. One could say this is a sacramental sign of the Resurrection itself! It’s not only a triumph of ingenuity; it’s a triumph of faith in God. I think Notre Dame is a microcosm of Jesus’ triumph over the ugliness of sin, death, and destruction. Just as this cathedral underwent a devastating fire, among other human social and economic tragedies in its history, it comes out as triumphant over the forces of the world—whether it be Maximillien Robespierre during the French Revolution, Napoleon Bonaparte, or Adolf Hitler—Notre Dame symbolizes the sanctuary, the throne room, of Jesus Christ as Lord and King. What disappointments, sufferings, and tragedies have you and I endured in our lives? Are you walking through a spiritual and emotional dark valley? If a sacred building could endure and triumph over all these things in its nearly 900 year existence, just imagine what Christ our King can do for you through the Holy Spirit. Notre Dame is a special place; but you and I are more valuable than the Notre Dame Cathedral. After all, St. Paul says it best, “Do you not know you’re a Temple of the Holy Spirit?” Jesus Christ, you are our triumph and our sovereign king!

In Christ the Savior,

*Fr. Rubie*



*“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’”*

*(John 18:36)*

*Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t Take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for his guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.*

## ***PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL***

*That we help build God’s kingdom on earth, but also invest our gifts in God’s eternal kingdom.*

*Amen*



### The Vocational Chalice Is Looking For Places To Go!

The vocational chalice has 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 else signed up to take the Chalice home with them. You can take it again if you had it earlier in the year. Please feel free to take it home with you even if you didn't sign up ahead of time. Just put your name on the sheet when you take it so I know where it is. Please help us continue this important prayer for our priests and our pastorate. For more information contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619.



Mass on Thursday-Thanksgiving Day at Little Flower will be at 9:00am.

Friday the 29th mass will be at 7:00am There **will** be Adoration that day. Thank you!

### Food Drive for Immaculate Conception Food Pantry

#### Items needed:

- Personal Care Items
- Toiletries
- Toilet Paper
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta
- Canned Chili
- Canned Vegetables
- Beans
- Tuna
- Chef Boyardee
- Canned Pastas
- Beef Jerky
- Crackers

\*Items will be collected in bins at all church entrances throughout the month of November.



Use the gifts you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

*St. Therese of Lisieux*

**All are Invited to Join us First Friday, December 6, 2024, Advent: Preparing Our Hearts.**

**Location: St. Mary Magdalen, 2618 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144.** First Friday Schedule: 4:30pm Adoration, Reconciliation, & Benediction; 5:30pm Celebration of Holy Mass with **Fr. Charlie Archer**, Associate Pastor, St. Peter Catholic Church, Kirkwood. 6:30pm Dinner (free-will offering), 7:00pm Reflection by Fr. Archer and activities for children. For more information on the Sodality and the Event, visit [MostSacredHeart.net](http://MostSacredHeart.net).



### OCIA LESSON –WHY BELONG TO A PARISH?

The Catholic Catechism writes: “A parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church (diocese or archdiocese); the pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd...It is a place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.”

The parish brings the Christian people into its dynamic liturgical life following the entire Church year—from Advent to the feast of Christ the King. It teaches Christ’s saving doctrines and practices charity in good works and brotherly love. A parish is a microcosm of the universal church.

In the fourth century St. John Chrysostom wrote: “You cannot pray at home as a church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayer of the priests.”

Source: Catholic Catechism—paragraph 2179  
Become Catholic—call 314-645-1445 or [drichter@littleflowerstl.org](mailto:drichter@littleflowerstl.org)

## Santa’s Workshop

Setup Tuesday, Dec. 3 | Shopping Wednesday, Dec. 4

*New location at Saint Mary Magdalen School*

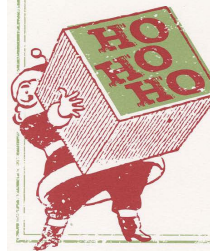
### Volunteer Elves Needed!

**Setup on Tuesday, December 3  
6:30 p.m.**

**JK4 - 4th Grade Shopping  
Wednesday, December 4  
7:45 a.m. to noon**

*Santa’s Workshop is still accepting gift donations*

Donations of new and lightly used toys, board games, puzzles, books, jewelry, knick-knacks and other treasures are welcome. Drop donations on the front porch of the Gibbs Home at 1140 Boland Pl., 63117



For questions or to volunteer, contact Constance Gibbs at (760) 845-5259 or [StMMSantasWorkshop@gmail.com](mailto:StMMSantasWorkshop@gmail.com)

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that Jesus will come again to gather His elect? And by our baptism we are the elect. Are you ready for Him to return?



## THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

EARLY DEADLINES COMING UP SOON!

Deadline for December 1st bulletin is Thursday, November 21st.

Deadline for December 8 bulletin is Monday, Dec. 2nd.

Please be aware of the dates so you can get your request in on time. Thank you!

Rectory Office will be closed Nov. 25-29th



## LITTLE FLOWER NEWSLETTER

If you would like an announcement or event included in the Little Flower newsletter, please send the information or graphic to [littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com).

If you would like to receive the Little Flower newsletter with updates and announcements, please send your contact information to [littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com)!



The Giving Tree will be up in St. Joseph's Chapel.

We are asking for donations of gift cards-some ideas are Walmart, Aldi, or Schnucks.

Gift cards may be placed in the offertory basket at mass, or in the rectory mailbox.

We ask for your continued prayers for our neighbors in need. Thank you!

### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

11/03/2024	Year-to-Date Offertory	
Collection: \$ 6,495.00	\$	88,108.53
Budget: \$ (7,496.15)	\$	(119,938.40)
Surplus/ (Deficit).8	\$	(1,001.15) \$ (31,829.87)

Ladies of St. Mary Magdalen and Little Flower

## Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 pm in the school gym

There is no cost for this wonderful evening of fellowship to help us prepare for the Advent season. Table hostesses provide table settings, dessert, and drink of your choice for a table of 8 or 10 ladies. You can partner with a friend to be a hostess. This is a lot of fun and requires only a few hours of your time for planning and decorating.

If you have any questions or would like to register a table, please contact Linda Zeman at 314-517-6953 or email at [ZEMANLJ@yahoo.com](mailto:ZEMANLJ@yahoo.com), complete this form and place in the collection basket, or register with the QR code.

Please register by December 2nd

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_





Please join us for the annual

## *Advent Party*

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH  
6:00 P.M - 10 P.M

*Little Flower School*

*Drinks & Dinner provided*

*Hosted by the Little Flower Ladies and Mens Clubs  
(adults only)*



### ***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 the St. Louis Archdiocese on First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers: The Rosary and Reparation prayers, the Chaplets of the Holy FACE and of Divine Mercy, followed by 15 Minutes of Silent Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Prayer copies will be available at the Church.

Our next gatherings:

**December 7<sup>th</sup> St. Alban Roe Church** 2001 Shepard Road, Wildwood, 63038. **Confessions 7:30-8:15. Mass 8:30am**  
First Saturday Prayers.

**January 4<sup>th</sup> Little Flower Church** 1264 Arch Terrace, Richmond Heights, 63117.  
**8am Mass** followed by First Saturday Prayers.

Please invite others and share this invitation with your family and friends.

For updated information on future gatherings, please visit our website:  
[www.CentreForMercy.org/epc](http://www.CentreForMercy.org/epc).

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



*"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:  
 Jackie Waugh (314-704-5619) or Jane McCabe (314-605-6098)*

Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 7:00am	<b>November 25</b> Celebrants Choice
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am	<b>November 26</b> Thomas E. Mueller
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am	<b>November 27</b> Judy Brown (Sp. Int.)
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00am	<b>November 28 (Thanksgiving Day)</b> Donald Mueller Sr.
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am	<b>November 29</b> Celeste Herzog
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>November 30</b> Kathryn "Mickey" Franke
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am 10:30am	<b>December 1</b> For the People of Little Flower & St. Mary Magdalen Gerald Saykes

**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         |
| Chandlor 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           |                     |
| Joyce Griffen        | Bob McShane          |                     |

**Readings for the week of November 24, 2024**

**Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/  
 Jn 18:33b-37

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
 Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

**Next Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**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  
 Jonathon Habbe  
 Dashawn Arrendondo  
 Ean Eicher*