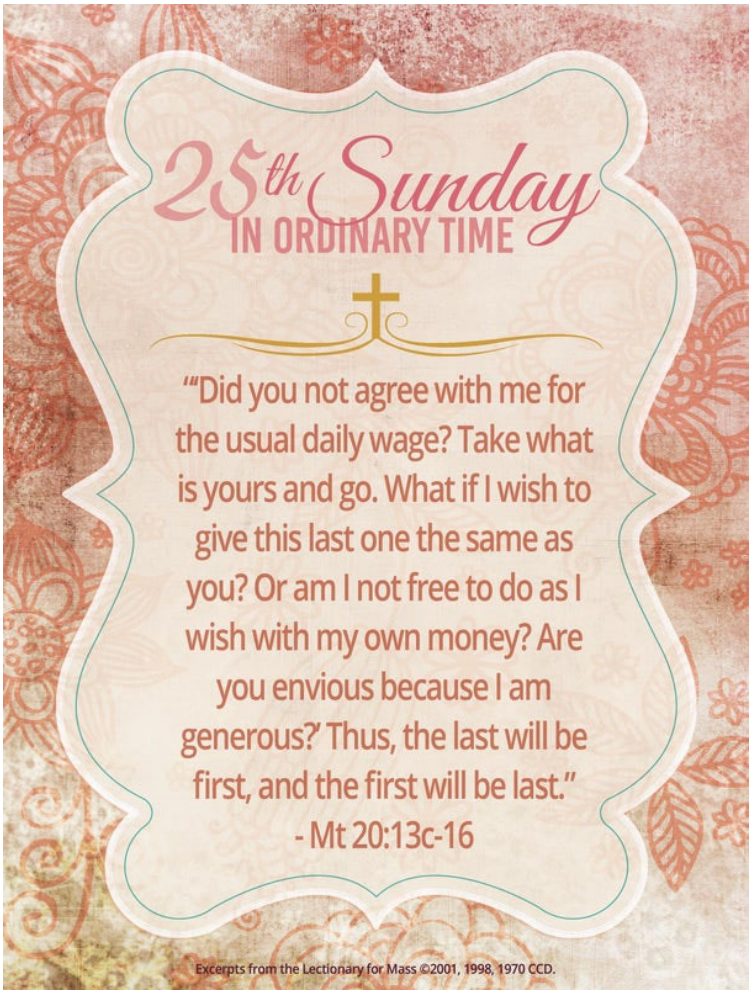
Church of the Little Flower

September 24, 2023 — 25th 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
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.

Calendar of Events

MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

Monday	**Sept. 25**
9:00am	Mass
7:00pm	Parish Council (RDR)
Tuesday	**Sept. 26**
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	**Sept. 27**
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	Mass
7:00pm	Men's Club
Thursday	**Sept. 28**
7:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Ladies Club
7:00pm	Mass of the Holy Spirit
7:00pm	RCIA Meeting in Rectory
Friday	**September 29**
7:00am	Mass
6:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	**September 30**
8:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Mass
1:00pm	Wedding
Sunday	**October 1**
8:00am	Mass
9:15am	New Latin Mass
10:30am	Mass

St. Therese of Lisieux Feast Day-Parish Pot Luck Brunch after 10:30am Mass in Parish Hall.
Novena will be said everyday after 7:00am Mass and every evening in the church at 6:45pm.

Please email all bulletin submissions to:
Debra Richter -drichter@littleflowerstl.org
no later than Monday at 10:00am

Ministers of Service September 30 & Oct. 1 2023

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

09/30	5:00pm	~	Cur. Koontz	J. Schibig P. McClure
10/01	8:00am		M. & E. Devereux	& Reagan Devereux
10/01	10:30am	~	A. Eppert	K. Thomason Sc. Donovan

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE
(Sacristan Helpers)

09/30	5:00pm	~	P. Keenoy	**Team A**
10/01	8:00am	~	K. Sargent	
10/01	10:30am	~	K. & S. Toombs	

LECTORS

09/30	5:00pm	~	C. Verry	P. Keenoy
10/01	8:00am	~	P. Dolan	Patrick Dolan
10/01	10:30am	~	C. Flottmann	R. Provaznik

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

09/30	5:00pm	~	Volunteer	Volunteer
10/01	8:00am	~	Volunteer	Volunteer
10/01	10:30am	~	Volunteer	Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Every virtue can attract the friendship of others to us. For every virtue is a good, and anything good is lovable to all and renders lovable all who possess it.

Friendship blossoms, grows and is strengthened in the measure that virtue develops. –St. Thomas Aquinas

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: " friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go.
What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

A major theme that is running through the whole of the Old and New Testaments is that of 'justice'. God is wholly just and we are called, both individually and corporately, to lives of justice. The Readings of today refer to how much the God's wisdom surpasses our human categories of value and judgment. We experience a desire for God and for communion with others. Human nature has the wonderful capacity to love and to put its necessary self-affirmation at the service of God in communion with others. We also experience within ourselves a profound, but not fatal, distortion of these faculties that exaggerates and distracts these tendencies and inclinations from their true measure and purpose. Each person experiences in a unique way this inner tension and ruptures and experiences, on the one hand, the conflict between fundamental desires for love and justice, and, on the other, the practical difficulty of acting as we would ideally desire

Jesus used many parables in his teaching, stories about everyday affairs, well known to his hearers, to bring out a spiritual message. The spiritual truth our Lord wanted to teach all the Jews, but especially the Pharisees was that the life of eternal happiness is a sheer gift of God's generosity. It cannot be earned by any person independently.

When we see the following parable as related to the above its meaning becomes very clear. This parable is difficult for the many hard-working people to hear. It challenges the sense of Justice and Fairness that most people in the working world hold to be sacred. Justice and Fairness mean a day's wage for a day's work.

Today's parable teaches us that nothing God gives to us is due to us. Everything he gives us is from his free bounty and we cannot possibly earn it or deserve it. What God gives us not pay but gift and God is generous to us all. We cannot be envious or jealous because God is generous to someone else. His divine freedom sometimes sets aside our human expectations in a display those results in a God of surprises. Today's parable also tells us of the tender compassion of God. A person out of work is a tragic figure and all the late comers wanted some opportunity to work and God out of his generosity gives it. As a master he pays them more than they deserve as if to serve the cause of unemployment. We experience his loving generosity.

God Bless—Fr. H

A Way of Life STEWARDSHIP

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.

(Matthew 20:16)

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we realize we are not only responsible for our lives, but for the lives of others.

Amen

This week the vocational chalice is staying in church. We currently have no one signed up to take it home with them. So I ask that during this time we all pray for vocations as well as our current clergy as they make decisions about the parishes in our archdiocese and live with them. You can still have the privilege of hosting the chalice in your home. Sign up in the All Souls Chapel. We need someone for upcoming weeks. If you wish to sign up for more than one week at a time, simply draw an arrow from your entry to the one below. Please help us continue this important prayer. Contact Jackie Waugh for more info at 314-704-5619. Thanks for participating in this important ministry.

RCIA ...A Journey in Faith ©LPi

OICA (formerly called **RICA-for persons considering joining the Church-will begin this week at Little Flower. First inquiry meeting is Thursday, September 28, 2023 at the Rectory, 1264 Arch Tr. at 7:00pm.**

You might consider attending the inquiry sessions:

If you have been thinking about being a member of the Catholic Church

If you are baptized but never received the sacrament of Confirmation

If your children are attending a Catholic school and you wish to understand their Faith Formation

If you wish to deepen your understandings of the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church.

CALL DEBRA AT THE RECTORY-314-645-1445 OR E-MAIL drichter@littleflowerstl.org

Vitae Foundation is hosting its Annual St. Charles Pro-Life Dinner on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at Bogey Hills Country Club. Come spend an evening with Al and Lisa Robertson of the Duck Dynasty family. This event begins at 7:00 PM with doors opening at 6:30 PM. Reservations are $100 per person and may be made online at vitaefoundation.org or by calling 573-634-4316.

For questions or to become a sponsor, please contact Nick Johnson by calling 314-660-8872 or emailing him at nick.johnson@vitaefoundation.org

Basketball Registration by Amy McClure

Soccer season is underway currently, but on to the next sport! Little Flower CYC basketball registration is now open:) Basketball is open to children currently in 3rd grade and over. It is $75 to register. Click on the link below to register your child. You will need a current picture of your student when you register. **Please reach out with any questions - amy.w.mcclure@gmail.com or 314-795-2569.**

https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/cycsouthcentral/program/66922/LF-2023-Basketball

Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux, (The Little Flower) is October 1st

We will pray the Novena Sept. 23rd-Oct. 1 everyday after morning Mass in the LF chapel and at 7:00pm in the Church. People may also sign up for the novena on-line at praymorenovenas.com/st-therese-novena.

Also as part of our parish celebration there will be a Pot-Luck Brunch after the 10:30 Mass in The Parish Hall!

Wedding Banns

III. Kate McAtee & Charles Mueth

Please join us as we celebrate as a community

Mass of the Holy Spirit

Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 pm
Little Flower Catholic Church
1264 Arch Terrace, 63117

It is a tradition in the Church to invoke the Holy Spirit at the beginning of a school year.

Chesterton Academy of St. Louis

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

Grade 2 Science and Show n Tell

Thank you to Ms.Morgan, the Second Grade Teacher, for the photos

Little Flower Faith Families

The goal of the Little Flower Families is to build relationships while enriching each other's faith. Each family is lead by an Eighth Grader and two teachers for guidance. Families include PK 3 to Grade 8. Little Flower Faith Families start their first meet and greet with a prayer service lead by Grade 6. The families meet to discuss ways the can model St. Therese of the Little Flower, our patron saint. They worked together to respond to the statement: I will do good for others like St. Therese by…. Thank you to Anne Morgan and Julie Saeger for co-Chairing the Little Flower Families.

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Surprise Lunch for Little Flower Faculty and Staff!

Thank you to the Little Flower School Committee for providing a pizza and salad lunch for the faculty and the staff!

We appreciated Jean Flanagan chairing this luncheon !

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.

BABY QUILTS

The St. John Paul II quilting group has a large supply of baby quilts for sale. They are all lovingly handmade and hand quilted by a small group of dedicated quilters. Come take a look. For information call Hilda Rupee at 314-832-5680.

There is a Little Flower parishioner currently looking for a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment within the LF parish area. If you have one for rent or know of someone who does please contact the rectory at 314-645-1445. Thank you for your help!

HELP WANTED!
Maintenance Position

We are currently hiring
for an experienced maintenance
person who can maintain
Parish/School buildings and knowledge of plumbing and
electrical repair. Please send
resume's to:
lherzog@littleflowerstl.org

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.

Special Events at the National Shrine in Perryville

Our annual Rosary for Life will take place on October 7 at 9:00 a.m. There will be guest speakers following the rosary. Two special events will take place on Sunday, October 8, on the grounds of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri. At 1:30 p.m., you and your loved ones are invited to bring your family pet for a special blessing. The blessing will take place near the Visitor Center by the Miraculous Medal Moments Area. After the blessing, you are invited to take some time to enjoy the beautiful Rosary Walk. At 5:00 p.m., a special outdoor Mass will be held at the historic grotto. We encourage you to bring lawn chairs or quilts as there is limited hillside seating at the grotto. In case of rain, Mass will take place in the Shrine Church. For more information, contact 1-800-264-6279 or ammfather@amm.org.

"A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory."
~ St. Padre Pio

EUCHARISTIC 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 og 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:

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

Mass Intentions

Monday	September 25
7:00am	Nancy Fiasco
Tuesday	September 26
7:00am	Noreen Herzog
Wednesday	September 27
7:00am	Special Intention (Sr. Cynthia)
8:15am	Rose Renz
Thursday	September 28
7:00am	Virginia Kelly
Friday	September *29*
7:00am	Ann Layton
Saturday	September 30
8:00am	Nick Verzino
5:00pm	Nancy Mueller
Sunday	October 1
8:00am	Anita Duarte
9:15am	Souls in Purgatory
10:30am	Members of the Parish

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd 5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1 2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a) / Phil 2:1 11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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
Ean Eichert
Maurice Muro
Ashton Piper
Christopher Wamhoff
John Weber
Jonathon Habbe