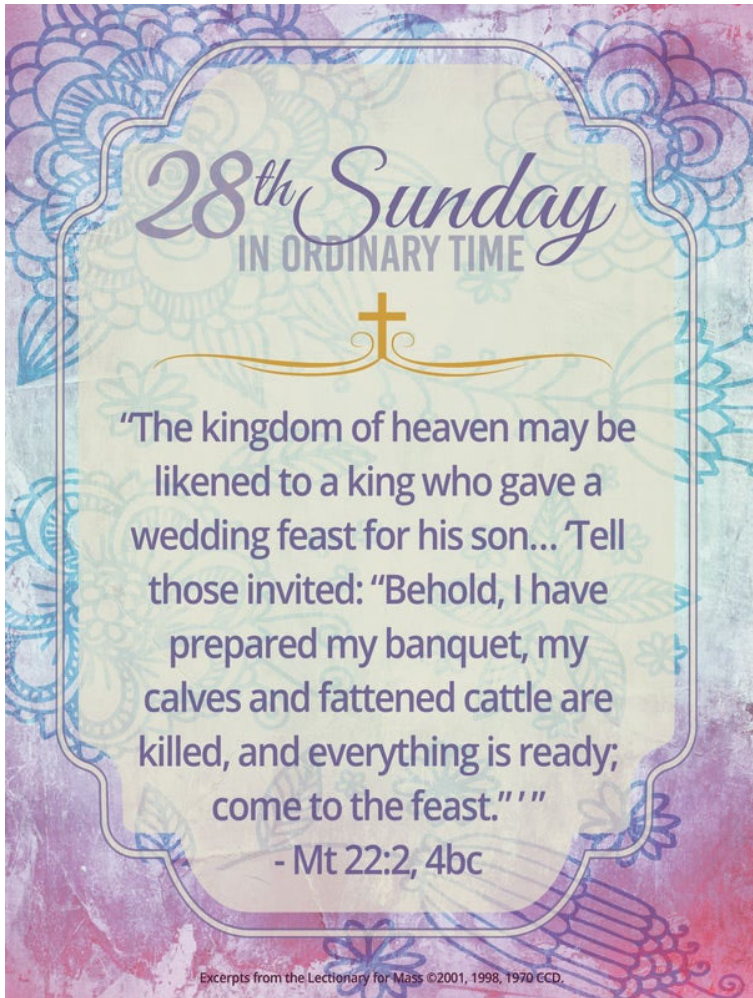


Church of the Little Flower

October 15, 2023

28th 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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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	October 16
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	October 17
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
2:30pm	3rd gr. host Rosary Prayer Service in Church
7:00pm	Eucharistic Revival (Church)
Wednesday	October 18
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	Mass
7:00pm	Men's Club
Thursday	October 19
7:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Rosary/Ladies Club
Friday	October 20
7:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Fall Festival on the blacktop
Saturday	October 21
8:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	October 22
8:00am	Mass
9:15am	New Latin Mass
10:30am	Mass

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

Ministers of Service Oct. 21 & Oct. 22 2023

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

10/21 5:00pm ~ Cur. Koontz J. Schibig M. Hussmann
 10/22 8:00am Mic. El. & Reg. Devereux
 10/22 10:30am ~ G. Woods D. Dietz W. Dietz

LECTORS

10/21 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy C. Verry
 10/22 8:00am ~ S. McDonald B. Miller
 10/22 10:30am ~ M. Seal M. Mabery

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

10/21 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy **Team A**
 10/22 8:00am ~ K. Sargent
 10/22 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

10/21 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 10/22 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 10/22 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. Everything passes, but God never changes. Patience obtains everything.

Those who possess God lack for nothing. God alone is enough. —St. Theresa of Avila

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Today's readings tell us that God has wonderful things in store for us. All these readings taken from the Book of Isaiah, the Letter of Paul to the Philippians and the Gospel of Matthew speak of an invitation to the Great Feast of the Lord Jesus. Summarizing these readings, we see the first one which is prophetic in nature. It speaks of the Great Feast that is to come.

The first and the third readings use the image of banquet and feast that tells us about the abundance of God's love. This indeed should invite one to gratefulness and thanksgiving. Every one receives the invitation and all are called to respond to the invitation, from the first to the last. In Prophet Isaiah we have a graphic description of the great banquet that the Lord will prepare for his people. There will be rich food and fine wines; there will be neither mourning nor death.

This entire Gospel is a parable. It is a disguised announcement of the love of Jesus and the gift he gives to his community of charity and grace. When God calls there is always a sense of urgency. The only time to respond is NOW. We need always to be on the watch. That is not what happens here. We are told that those invited were simply not interested. The man who preferred his farm represents anyone who is attached to material things and refuses God's invitation. The man who went to his merchandise represents those with an over eager desire for shallow fame and gain. Those who put to death the king's servants represent those who by excessive greed, lust, selfishness and even addictions destroy the messengers who show the path to the kingdom.

Thus, the warning of the Gospel: we have struggles and hardships in life. The situations can be too hard for us to reverse our position. But deep down they are not enough excuse to refuse a change in heart. Christ is still anxious to have us for the banquet. He is sending his servants still to us, our friends, the church, the sacraments, and the prayer. If we refuse his help and stay away there is no excuse to offer except the silence. We are sure the Lord is truly waiting for us to return to him and be one with him and join the meal clothed with the wedding garment. What is clear from this reading is that those who do not persevere, their punishment will be instant and severe. While all are called, not all answer their calling by the grace of God, some rejecting the invitation, some not accepting it fully. Not being adorned with a white robe that identifies them as children of God, those who neglect their salvation shall be thrown out in outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Please, Please, Please: we are accepting those who would like discernment or formation in the Faith: we are also in dire need of a maintenance worker!

God bless---Fr. H



"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."

(Philippians 4:19)

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month--be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we learn to depend on God to supply all our needs.

Amen



This week the vocational chalice is in the 8th grade classroom. . We currently have no one signed up to take it home with them after that. So I ask that during this time we all pray for vocations as well as our current clergy as they make decisions about the schools 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. You can take it again if you had it earlier in the year. Please help us continue this important prayer. Contact Jackie Waugh for more info at 314-704-5619. Thanks for participating in this important ministry.

As part of the **Eucharistic Revival at Little Flower, on Tuesday, October 17th at 7 pm**, we will have an Evening of Encounter with Jesus. On this evening we will offer an hour of Adoration. There will be quiet and scriptures for meditation. Father will also be available for confessions at this time. At the end of the night, we will have benediction. Or if you prefer you can watch a video on the real presence called In His Presence “ that Fr. Herzog will set up in one of the other chapels. The idea is for you to come away from the chaos we live in and allow Christ to speak to your hearts. We can only truly encounter the living Christ if we silence ourselves so we can hear Him. You are encouraged to join us for this special evening. If you can’t make this one, there will be an opportunity for Encounter every third Tuesday throughout this year of Revival. For more info, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or jwaugh123@charter.net.

FIAT Women’s Group

Please join us at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for the upcoming Fiat Women’s Group Session on Thursday, October 19. Our speaker will be Fr. Shane Deman, Vice-Rector for Formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. **Schedule: 7:30am** Doors open **8:00am**-Rosary in the Chapel of St. Joseph, **8:15-9:00am**-Talk by Fr. Shane Deman **9:00am-9:30am**-Fellowship in the Fireside Lounge. Participants are welcome to attend any part of the morning. We can’t wait to see you!

Have you heard about the Eucharistic Congress that will be held next year?

It will be in Indianapolis on July 17-23rd, 2024. If you want to attend you need to book now. The tickets are selling fast as are hotels in the area. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-6519 or jwaugh123@charter.net. If we have enough people going, we can get a group rate on tickets. But we need to act fast. Thanks for considering this awesome opportunity!

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

TBD	Year-to-Date
Collection: \$ 4,399.00	\$ 112,210.55
Budget: \$ (7,480.77)	\$ (104,730.78)
Surplus/ (Deficit): \$ (3,081.77)	\$ (TBD)

Thank you for using your envelopes as a way to return God’s treasure.

WE HAVE A NEED FOR A LECTOR!

We are in need of a Lector for the 10:30 Sunday mass. A volunteer would only have to do it once every 4 weeks. If you would like to do this please call the rectory at 314-645-1445. Thank you.

Little Flower Ladies’ Club meeting: Thurs. Oct. 19, 2023

The Little Flower Ladies Club is ready to “Raise Your Spirits”! On Thursday evening, Oct. 19, we will pray the Rosary in church at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will move to the School Hall for a spiritual meditation on the Five Quotes of Mary in the Bible. At 7:30 p.m., we will enjoy a DIY Mixology session with an array of recipes to raise your spirits!

Ladies are invited to bring hygiene and personal care items, as well as household items for St. Patrick’s Center. Their Wish List includes: Hairbrushes, deodorant, razors, shampoo, soap, batteries, can openers, and laundry detergent.

Come for all or part of the evening, as your schedule allows. Call Bea Pollard with any questions at 314-477-2626.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND-PLEASE SEND IN ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE OCTOBER 22ND BULLETIN BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 13 AT 10:00AM. THANK YOU!

ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES AND FAITHS

You are invited to join us and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, October 26, 2023, 7:00 pm, at St. Catherine Labouré Parish cafeteria (next to the playground) 9740 Sappington Rd, Sunset Hills, NO. Immediately following the meeting there will be some entertainment (magician I believe) and refreshments. Come to celebrate fall and join in some fun with friendly folks! SCDC is a support group for anyone feeling alone in our community. SCDC offers lots of social activities and fun times with caring people! Ask about our \$5 discount for new members!

for more information, please contact Tom Shepard at 783-221-7839.



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

Dear Little Flower Community:

I am writing to you today to share what we know about how All Things New may affect the Little Flower School community. On September 18, 2023, members from the St. Mary Magdalen and Little Flower school board, parish council, finance, stewardship, and marketing committees were called to discuss feedback about the May 2023 All Things with our Pastorate leaders: Msgr. Cronin, Msgr. McCumber and Fr. Herzog.

While the Archbishop formally declared our individual parishes to remain unchanged in structure, our pastoral care was re-assigned to a Pastorate Model. Prior to this announcement, in February 2023, school and church leadership at St. Mary Magdalen and Little Flower began engaging in conversations about how our parishes may best work together and prepare for the future. We are acutely aware that families from both school communities have been eager to understand what this may mean for our children, as well as our teachers and campuses.

The Archdiocese hosted priests on October 2, 2023, to provide them with more information about how schools will move forward within the context of All Things New. We will provide you with information from this meeting as soon as it becomes available.

Until then, the Little Flower and St. Mary Magdalen parish and school committees are collaborating to supply information for our pastoral leadership as they assess possible models for the future of the schools. In evaluating models such as mergers, closures, a hybrid model with use of both campuses, or each school remaining independent, we will be considering budgets, enrollments, class sizes and future viability.

We recognize the anxiety this time of uncertainty is causing to our school families, including our own family. We encourage you to submit questions and share feedback via e-mail to Schoolboard@littleflowerstl.org. As we enter the next phase of this process, we'll do our best to reflect and respond to the voices of our parish community.

In the meantime, we encourage you to explore connections between the Little Flower and St. Mary Magdalen parish families. You can expect to see invitations to social gatherings and extracurricular activities at both campuses. We hope that modeling an open and friendly attitude towards new friends will serve as an example to our children in how we will all navigate this process.

Sincerely,

Michelle Basi

President, Little Flower School Board

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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 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.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer Request

Friday, November 17– Sunday, December 31

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights

greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 17 through December 31.

This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours.

If interested, please email programs@snows.org, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: www.snows.org/wayoflights

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!



Desert Day: I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. Come to the quiet and beauty of St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main St., O'Fallon, MO on **October 17, November 15, or December 20, 2023 from 9:15 am – 3:15 pm.** The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided. A free will offering is requested. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or by email at mccgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org

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 Scheduled at the National Shrine

Relics of beloved saints including St. Jude and members of the Vincentian Family will be on display at the historic National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 28 (Mass at 12:10 p.m.) and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 29 (Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.). Guest Speaker Patty Schneier will present a talk titled "Live Life Like a Saint" at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. On Sunday, October 29, a music program will start at 12:30 p.m. Join fellow pilgrims in prayerful reflection and remembrance of all the saints of the Church. Questions? Call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-6279 or go to www.amm.org for more information.

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

Mass Intentions

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| Monday
7:00am | October 16
Theresa Vegessi |
| Tuesday
7:00am | October 17
Sp. Intention (Jonathon Klimpel) |
| Wednesday
7:00am | October 18
Helen Miller |
| 8:15am | Nick Verzino |
| Thursday
7:00am | October 19
John Herber |
| Friday
7:00am | October 20
Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday
8:00am | October 21
Mary Ann Styles |
| 5:00pm | Rodney Flottmann |
| Sunday
8:00am | October 22
Nancy Mueller |
| 9:15am | Michael Fitzhenry |
| 10:30am | Sp. Intention -Mr. & Mrs. Joel Osterman Anniversary |

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

- Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
- Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
- Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

PLEASE PRAY for our PARISHIONERS and/or LOVED ONES SERVING in the UNITED STATES MILITARY



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| Allen Conrey | Maurice Muro |
| Mollie Conrey | Ashton Piper |
| Rebecca Conrey | Christopher Wamhoff |
| Blaise Coultier | John Weber |
| Alex Garofalo | Jonathon Habbe |
| Derek Hirtz | |
| Brian Kloppenburg | |
| Justin Kloppenburg | |
| Alexander LaRochelle | |
| Ean Eichert | |