

Church of the Little Flower

November 10th, 2024

32nd 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	November 11
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	November 12
6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00am	Mass
Wednesday	November 13
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Thursday	November 14
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Friday	November 15
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration
Saturday	November 16
4pm-4:45pm	Confessions
4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	November 17
8:00am	Mass
10:00am-10:15am	Confessions
10:30am	Mass

Ministers of Service Nov. 16 & 17 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

11/16 5:00pm ~ M. Hussman L. & Ph. Armbrrecht
 11/17 8:00am ~ A. Eppert Mat. & And. Verry
 11/17 10:30am ~ B. Acosta S. Donovan A. Eppert

LECTORS

11/16 5:00pm ~ M. Hazelwood L. Bub
 11/17 8:00am ~ Pat Dolan Patrick Dolan
 11/17 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann R. Provaznik

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

11/16 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams **(Team B)**
 11/17 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz
 11/17 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

Faith: The Basis of Generosity

Growing up as a Yankees fan I was quite familiar with the tough, hardnose persona of the infamous Yankee owner, George Steinbrenner. He was a very “A” type personality, who wasn’t shy to speak his mind and to wield the team coffers at big name free agents. The 1970s and 1980s showed that Steinbrenner would spare no expense at grabbing the top free agent on the market to play for the Yankees. Although doing so was met with mixed success: the Yankees won the World Series in ‘77 and ‘78, not necessarily on the backs of free agents like Reggie Jackson and Catfish Hunter, but on farm talent in Thurman Munson and Bobby Murcer. The 1980s was a decade of Steinbrenner’s spending spree with free agents, which never materialized into championships—leaving the farm system dried with talent. This all changed when Steinbrenner was temporarily suspended from baseball because of a vindictive ploy he organized against Dave Winfield in the late 1980s—early 1990s. Steinbrenner’s absence from baseball and his executive decisions about baseball operations for the Yankees meant that Gene “Stick” Michael, the Yankees’ GM, could build up the Yankee farm system with talent and bring in key players on the Yankees’ roster. “Stick” Michael ended up drafting players like Bernie Williams, Jorge Posada, Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera, and Derek Jeter without fear they would be traded for “big” free agents. An unfortunate circumstance in Steinbrenner’s suspension ended up building a farm system that was foundational for the Yankees dynasty run of World Series championships in the late 1990s. Baseball people would probably say good things happen to a team that keeps a maniac owner from frivolously spending money.

This monger describing George Steinbrenner may be true if one were to look at him strictly through his public persona, especially in the baseball media. However, privately Steinbrenner had a heart of gold for generously helping a variety of people in need. Yet, he never wanted anyone to know about it. Many people who were recipients of Steinbrenner’s generosity and caring remained silent about who their benefactor was by greatly improving their lives until Steinbrenner’s death in 2010. He helped fund the education of children of police officer parents killed in the line of duty. This eventually started the Yankee tradition of sending flowers, on behalf of the New York Yankee organization, to fallen officer families throughout the country; I know people here in St. Louis who received such flowers from the Yankees. Steinbrenner, despite all his flaws and shortcomings, showed he had a kinder, softer, and generous side to those less fortunate.

Although George Steinbrenner is not the most hallowed example of the virtue of generosity, his life and actions do say something to us about the basis of generosity: faith. Steinbrenner’s faith in humanity led him to be generous with his resources. What “faith” do we have in our life? I hope the answer for all of us is faith in Jesus Christ, in our Catholicism and in our membership in Holy Mother Church. Look at our Gospel for this Sunday: the poor widow who contributes to the Temple treasury gives all that she has in her savings—her very livelihood. The widow holds nothing back from God and she demonstrates a true act of faith. She has the hope and conviction that God will provide for her even though she doesn’t see the immediate impact God’s gifts and mercy will have on her. The widow’s act of faith is through complete dependency and love for God Himself. It is from this basis in the widow’s relationship with God that she is generous with her frugal earnings. Although we don’t know anything else about this widow, she too was probably generous with her hospitality, even toward those who were rich in surplus wealth. The widow’s generous giving and supposed hospitality, in short, was simply divine goodness.

George Steinbrenner’s sincere, but limited generosity toward others and the widow from the Gospel—with her unconditional generosity toward God—should help each of us to ponder the strength of our faith in God. Do we struggle to grow in faith, faith in humanity and especially in Jesus Christ? If so, maybe we’re holding on to the attachments of notoriety, recognition, material wealth, and self-centeredness. Let us be bold and courageous in our faith and committed to totally trusting the Lord. It is a simple action that will never warrant a “suspension” from God’s graces.

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubie



“I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.”

(Mark 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point—we are all called to give money to support the mission of the church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your “first fruits” or from what is left over.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That when we give our financial support to our parish, we give from our “first fruits” and not from what is “left over.”

Amen

Adorers Needed

Did you know that Little Flower has weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays? It's true. We have Adoration on Fridays from 8a-5pm. You are welcome to come join us in spending time with Jesus. We could really use additional Adorers from 9-10am, 12-1pm, and 3-4pm. If you're interested in committing to coming at one of these times or being available to substitute as needed, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or Jane McCabe at 314-605-6098.



The Vocational Chalice Is Looking For Places To Go!

The vocational chalice 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.

What are you thankful for this year?

Come join us in praising God for all the blessings He has given us. The next Little Flower Holy Hour will be Tuesday, November 19th at 7 pm in the Chapel. We pray the Litany of the Holy Face and have quiet time with Jesus. Confession will be available. All are welcome!

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



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 new members to investigate OCIA. Invite them 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. Or someone who may want clarification about a Catholic belief or practice. OCIA might provide the answer. Just imagine how our parish would grow if we fulfill Jesus' great commission.

For information contact the Rectory 314-645-1445 or drichter@littleflowerstl.org

Santa's Workshop

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

New location at Saint Mary Magdalen School

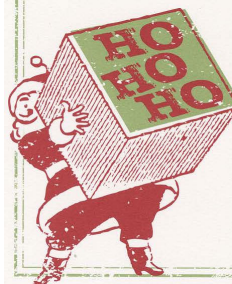
Volunteer Elves Needed!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the end times are coming? Are you ready for Jesus to return?



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

EARLY DEADLINES COMING UP SOON!

Deadline for November 24th Bulletin is Friday November 15.

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!



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)*

Sunday, November 17th is



DONUT SUNDAY

**Please join us in the
Parish Hall after the
8:00am & 10:30am**

Masses for coffee, juice & donuts!

LECTORS NEEDED!

We have a need for
Lectors for the 5:00pm
and 10:30am weekend Masses.
Please contact the rectory at 314-
6451445.

We could really use your help!

Thank you.

All evenings available from 6:00 – 9:00pm for performances:

6:00 – 7:00 pm, 7:00 – 8:00 pm or 8:00 – 9:00 pm
(Except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas
Day – we are closed!)

You are invited to share your wonderful talents at the Shrine's Annual Way of Lights from November 22 to December 31, 2024!

The Way of Lights attract thousands of visitors each year because they love the Christmas experience with lights, activities and your entertainment. A great way to promote your ensemble (and to share with other group contacts, as well)!

We appreciate you and hope to hear from you to book your date. If you are interested, please contact Heather Miller at 618-394-6276 or atperform@snows.org

"A Knight Where Everybody Knows Your Name"

39th Annual Bishop DuBourg Gala Dinner Auction
Saturday, November 23, 2024



SCAN ME



Doors open at 5:30pm
Tickets: \$100 each or VIP for \$135
Preview Night: Friday November 22nd at 6pm
Cocktail Attire
www.bidpal.net/dbgala2024

100%

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Make your reservation today!



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

January 4th 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.

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

Monday 7:00am	November 11 Kenneth McHaynes
Tuesday 7:00am	November 12 Domenico Toschini
Wednesday 7:00am	November 13 Bryan Mitchell
Thursday 7:00am	November 14 Mary Bender
Friday 7:00am	November 15 Kathryn "Mickey" Franke
Saturday 5:00pm	November 16 Sp. Int. (Sharron Schults)
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	November 17 People of Little Flower & St. Mary Magdalen Parish Katie Matula

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 November 10, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/ Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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*

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 John Weber
 Jonathon Habbe
 Dashawn Arrendondo
 Ean Eicher*