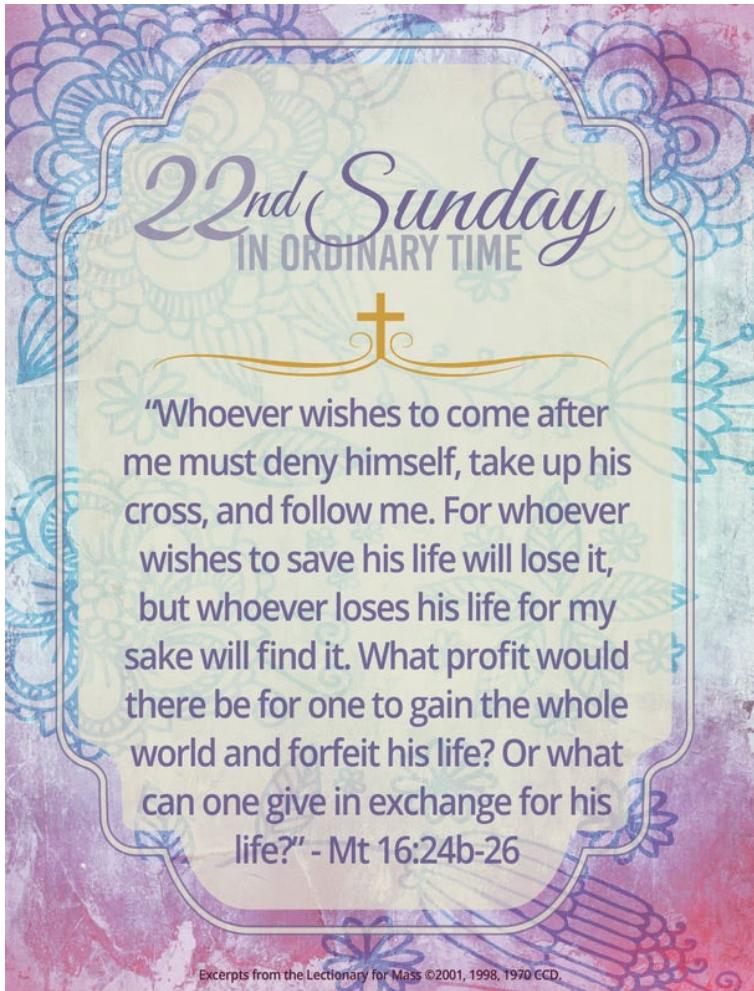


# *Church of the Little Flower*

September 3, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary



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*"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. 4 (Labor Day)
9:00am	Mass
	Parish & School offices closed
Tuesday	Sept. 5
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
6:30pm	K of C Meeting LF schoolhall
Wednesday	Sept. 6
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	Mass
Thursday	Sept. 7
7:00am	Mass
Friday	September 8
7:00am	Mass
Saturday	September 9
8:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Mass
2:30pm	Wedding
Sunday	September 10
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 September 9 & 10 2023

### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

09/09 5:00pm ~	L. Allman	M. Basi	Cur. Koontz
09/10 8:00am ~	A. & H. Reinagel		K. Thomason
09/10 10:30am ~	C. Koontz	G. & C. Woods	

### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

#### (Sacristan Helpers)

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

### LECTORS

09/09 5:00pm ~	P. Keenoy	C. Verry
09/10 8:00am ~	M. Campeau	T. Serena
09/10 10:30am ~	B. & E. Carmody	

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

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

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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God is within all things, but not included; outside all things but not excluded.

God is above all things but not beyond their reach. – St. Gregory the Great

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.'"

To be a Christian, to be on the journey of discipleship, is to have our life changed, to be led in unexpected ways. Sometimes it is in ways we would rather not go as our cross is heavy and painful. Sometimes we are called to carry the cross of being hurt by others. At times we look for life of false expectations, life of illusions that is free from all pain and sufferings. If as Christians we are to seek Jesus or the church or the faith only because we are seeking self-satisfaction, or because we want a solution to our problems, we are going to be sadly disappointed. That is the time we look towards Jesus for strength to carry the cross given to us and walk with him. However, we are sure to encounter God in the midst of pain and everything is bound to change. But the cross will be with us. In the Gospel of today Jesus teaches the disciples regarding the suffering Messiah who will suffer, die and rise again. Peter cannot understand why Jesus must suffer and die and tries to admonish him. He receives the reprimand from Jesus and also receives the correct teaching about the cross. He tells his disciples that they have to deny themselves, carry the cross and follow him to be his followers.

Jesus makes it clear that he is going to the cross and the disciples must be willing to follow. Peter's fault was that he could not yet think as an authentic disciple of Jesus. He still thinks as an ordinary human person. So, Jesus' rebuke to Peter is sharp and points out how far he has missed the mark on this issue. Peter, who previously granted divine knowledge, is now relegated to the opposite camp. It does matter that Peter has been declared the Rock by Jesus. Nor does it matter he has been declared the foundation of the Church. Peter's human nature has not been altered even by the special status he received. There is a lesson for all of us to learn here. Peter does not lose his special status among the disciples nor is he stripped of his commission of rock and foundation of the church, but he has to exercise all this in and through his humanity. He is granted the divine commission but he is not granted the divine nature. Matthew is particular that the church leaders to pay careful heed to the experience of Peter. Jesus counters Peter with a corrective teaching. Here Jesus expresses the parabolic nature of discipleship. If it happens to the Master, so will it be the experience of the disciple.

God Bless—Fr. H



"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

(Matthew 16:26)

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the Eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship Wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain More of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That each of us may have the strength and courage to put Jesus first above worldly ways and material gains.

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.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly known as RCIA) will Begin at Little Flower. The initial "come and see" invites persons considering joining the Catholic Church. If you are interested, please let us know. Feel free to invite family members and friends to inquire. Call Debra at the rectory—314-645-1445 or e-mail [drichter@littleflowerstl.org](mailto:drichter@littleflowerstl.org)

CALLING ALL GOLFERS! SIGN UP NOW!!!



Saturday, September 23 2023 @ 1:30PM  
Norman K. Probstein Golf Courses at Forest Park

Contact Lance Reinagel for Details  
314 295 8350 or [lance.d.reinagel@gmail.com](mailto:lance.d.reinagel@gmail.com)

*Enneagram 101: A Workshop led by Krissi Vandagriff,* September 22 (6-9 PM) and September 23 (8:30 AM-5:00 PM at Mercy Center, Frontenac. Learn the psychological and spiritual benefits of understanding this personality typology. Cost: \$125. Information and registration by 9/15 at [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org) or phone Rita O'Dea at 314.909.4663.

*Enchantment of the Sky: Awakening Divine Consciousness, A Day of Prayer with Paul Coutinho,* September 16, 8:45 AM-3:00 PM at Mercy Center in Frontenac. Cost: \$70; lunch included. Information and registration by 9/8 at [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org)

The Liturgy of the Word for Children (offered at the 10:30am Sunday Mass during the school year) needs volunteer teachers. This beloved program has been led by dedicated volunteers for decades; some of us have been teaching for 30+ years! If you're interested, please contact Mary Morgan at 314-973-7842 or just come on back with us some Sunday to observe. It really is a very simple but fulfilling commitment to the children of Little Flower 😊

## King's House Retreat Center at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

*Spiritual Cinema Including Reflection and Discussion with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI*

**Facilitator: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI**

**Tuesdays, September 12, October 10 and November 14, 2023 from 5:30 pm to 8:30pm**

The evening begins with a simple dinner followed by the viewing of an entertaining film and homemade popcorn. After the film, a time for reflection and discussion is led by Fr. Mark.

Cost: Free will offering.  
For more information, call 618-397-0584. Space is limited.

### Knights of Columbus upcoming events!



**Tuesday, Sept 5th, 2023** - Join us at 6:30 pm for our Monthly Meeting - LF Cafe - Food and Beverages will be provided.

**Saturday, October 14th, 2023** - Join us for the first Annual Knight's Trivia Nite at Little Flower Cafeteria. Look for Flyer Insert next weekend and get your team ready for Trivia!



Little Flower  
Catholic School

## A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

Dear Little Flower Community,

I received this notice from the Richmond Height Library last week. If you and your child are library supporters please beware of the new policy that was effective Monday, July 31st throughout the state of Missouri.

### **Richmond Heights Library From Director, Kathleen Gallagher**

Effective Monday, July 31st, libraries statewide adopted new rules regarding children's library cards. On that date, all library cardholders at the Richmond Heights Library under the age of 18 had their **access temporarily blocked until a parent or guardian came to the library to give their consent for their child to have a library card enabling them to access library materials.** If you or your child have not visited the library this summer, it is likely that your child's card is currently blocked. **You are welcome to stop by the library any time to sign a new form for your child's card. It takes only a moment and will allow your child to access materials as before.**

This requirement is the result of a rule change at the Missouri State Library required by Secretary of State rule 15 CSR 30-200.015 Library Certification Requirement for the Protection of Minors. If you have questions about your child's library account, **please give us a call at (314) 645-6202.** We will be happy to help.

If you have any concerns about this new requirement or the rule change, please reach out to Secretary of State John R. Ashcroft:

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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](http://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.

## Did you Know?

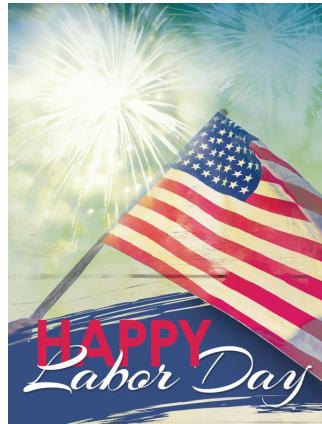
If you are homebound or know of anyone in the parish who is homebound, and would like to receive Communion please contact the rectory office at 314-645-1445. We will be happy to arrange that.

Also if you are homebound and do not have access to a computer, we would gladly send you a weekly copy of the bulletin. Please let us know what we can do for you by calling the rectory office. 314-645-1445

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

It will be in Indianapolis on July 17-23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto: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!

A flyer for a Knights of Columbus Council 11437 Trivia Night. The event is titled "TRIVIA NIGHT" in large, bold letters. Below it, it says "Tease Your Brain & Win Cash Prizes for 1st & 2nd Place". The logo features a lightbulb with two green brains inside. The text "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11437" is also present. At the bottom, it says "Saturday, October 14th, 2023" and "For registration & further Information" followed by the website "www.kocfundraiser.com".



## 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.

## 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](mailto:lherzog@littleflowerstl.org)

*"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:*

Amos James Becker	Adrianna Hubb	David Nathe
Andrew Blum	Chris Lewis Hutchcroft	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
Chandelier 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	
Joyce Griffen	Helen Mango	
Beverly Haffner	Bob McShane	
Mary Ellen Havard	G. Tracy Mehan	
Louise Haynes	Mary Falk Mehan	
Chris Hirt		

### Mass Intentions

September 4 (Labor Day)	Nick Verzino
September 5	Sp. Intention (Marie Boyce)
September 6	Fred Entrikin IV
	Souls in Purgatory
September 7	John Herber
September 8	Glennon Reinsmith
September 9	Nancy Fiasco
	Msgr. Jerome Billing
September 10	Members of the Parish
	William Cole
	Elizabeth Telthorst

### Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

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



*Allen Conrey  
Mollie Conrey  
Rebecca Conrey  
Blaise Coulter  
Alex Garofalo  
Derek Hirtz  
Brian Kloppenburg  
Justin Kloppenburg  
Alexander LaRochelle*

*Maurice Muro  
Ashton Piper  
Christopher Wamhoff  
John Weber  
Jonathon Habbe*