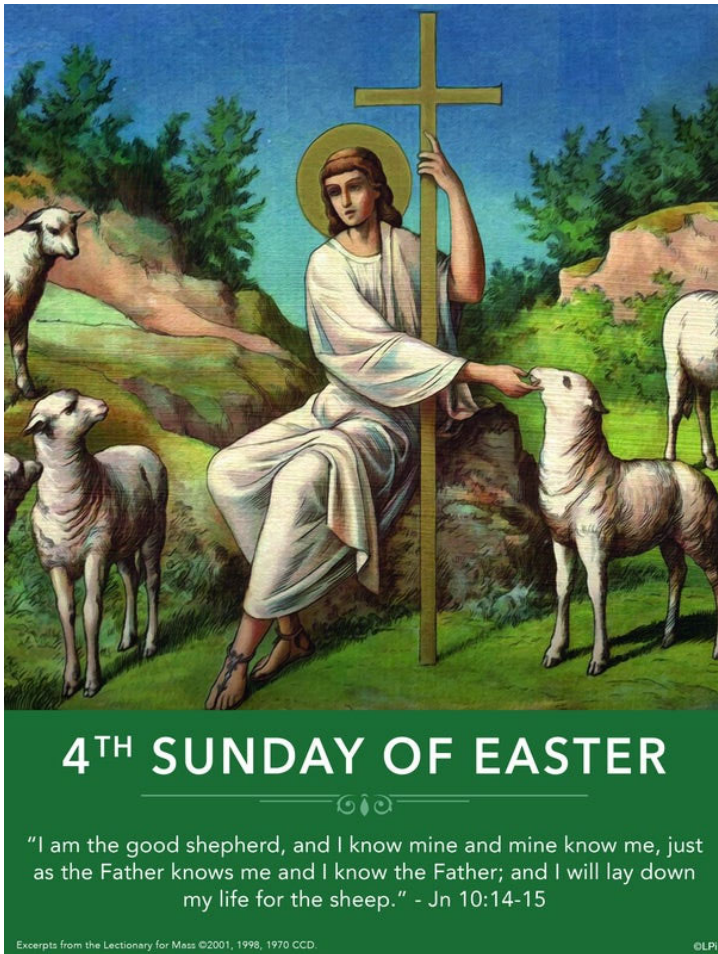


Church of the Little Flower

April 21st, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter



"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
 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.

MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

Monday	April 22	7:00am Mass
Tuesday	April 23	7:00am Mass 10:00am Legion of Mary
Wednesday	April 24	7:00am Mass 8:15am Mass
Thursday	April 25	7:00am Mass
Friday	April 26	7:00am Mass 8:00am-5:00pm Adoration
Saturday	April 27	7:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass 4:30pm Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
Sunday	April 28	8:00am Mass 9:15am New Latin Mass 10:30am Mass

Ministers of Service April 27 & 28 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

04/27 5:00pm ~ M. Basi Cur. Koontz P. McClure
 04/28 8:00am ~ M. & M Verry H. Reinagel
 04/28 10:30am ~ Cl. Koontz **Server Needed** W. Dietz

LECTORS

04/27 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy C. Verry
 04/28 8:00am ~ M. Gibbs K. Sargent
 04/28 10:30am ~ M. Seal M. Mabery

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

04/27 5:00pm ~ P. Kennoy **Team A**
 04/28 8:00am ~ K. Sargent
 04/28 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

04/27 7:30pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 04/28 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 04/28 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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“Never be hurried by anything whatever, and nothing can be more pressing than the necessity for your peace before God.

Commit everything to Him that passes through your hands; you will help other more by the peace and tranquility of your heart than by any eagerness or care you can bestow on them”. ----St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

In today’s Gospel it is proclaimed: “I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

This Sunday is known as the Good Shepherd Sunday. One of the most popular images of pastoral care is that of the shepherd who leads his large flock and protects them from harm. Today, the faithful of the Holy Catholic Church are united as one throughout the world to pray for religious vocations and call upon the grace of Our Lord Jesus shine on His Church by blessing it with an abundance of religious vocations.

In today’s passage Jesus emphasizes the self-sacrificing element in his own life: “The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.” He contrasts the good shepherd who owns the sheep to someone who is simply hired to look after them. During the time of Jesus, there were many herds consisting of thousands of sheep, their sheer number requiring highly skilled men to look after them and know how to cure their ailments. The flocks spent most of the year in the open and only in winter were under some shelter. They were attacked often by wild animals and even robbers could come to steal the sheep which made the shepherds to possess some weapons with them. Normally the shepherds were praised for their courage like David the king. The work of the shepherd was never easy. He had to be living with them, protect them, care for them, take them to good pasture land, and look after them. Often the rich landowners did not like the shepherds as they trespassed through their property often. Since they lived away, the Jewish community often identified them with outcasts like the publicans and sinners. However, this imagery of the Good Shepherd is often used in the Bible, both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament.

The readings of today are intimately linked with the second theme of this Sunday. Not only is it Good Shepherd Sunday, it is also “Vocations Sunday”. On this day we are especially asked first of all to pray that the Church may be provided with the leaders needed to do its work of spreading the Gospel. We know that at the present time there is a critical shortage of such leaders, at least in the traditional sense – priests and religious. But, while we may earnestly pray that our Church be supplied with the leaders it needs, not merely as priests and religious but lay persons who would lead people to God. At the same time, we must be clear of the term vocation. We have for too long given a much too narrow meaning to the word ‘vocation’. We tend to limit it to a calling to be a priest or a member of a religious institute. But, in fact, every single one of us has a vocation, as we are being called by God to be spouses, parents, teachers, doctors, and civil servants, running a business, salespersons... or whatever. That is the calling which demands fidelity to God and to the task personally chosen. God is calling every single one of us to work for the Gospel. For a small number it may be as a priest or religious – and that call can come at any time in one’s life. God is calling each one of us to make our own unique contribution based on the particular talents God has given us.

BTW, we are and have had interviews for of Early Childhood Center. Fr. H



“I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice.”

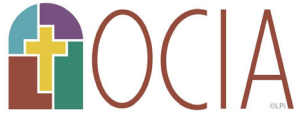
(John 10:14-16)

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in “quiet whispers” that are not so obvious. So, take time everyday, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we take time in daily silent prayer to talk and listen for Jesus voice.

Amen



OCIA LESSON –THE TRINITY-THE CENTRAL MYSTERY OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

The Trinity is the one God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God chose to reveal himself as one God to the people of Israel, to teach them that he is the creator of all things and the single, true and exclusive object of worship.

The Old Testament gives glimpses of personal distinctions in God. An example is the use of the plural pronoun “us” at the creation of human beings. “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.’” Gen 1:26

In the New Testament Jesus reveals the relationship between the Father and the Son. (Jn 1:18) and the relationship of the Father and the Son with the Spirit. (Jn 15:26) All Christian life begins with Baptism in the name of the three divine persons, following Jesus’ command: “Make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Mt 28:19-20

The three divine persons are the One Triune God. One substance, three persons, eternal and unchanging. Source: Evangelium

Call Debra at the Rectory to join OCIA 314-645-1445

WE ARE HIRING

Early Childhood Center Director

Little Flower Parish is opening a year- round Early Childhood Center. We are seeking a faith-filled, energetic, dedicated professional to be the Director. Please email resume and cover letter to drichter@littleflowerstl.org

AN INVITATION TO FR. JIM BENZ’ 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, May 19, 2024, Fr. Jim Benz, who served the people of Little Flower from 1974 to 1979 and then again from 1992 to 2004, will celebrate his 50th anniversary as a priest at the 11:30 AM Mass at Sts. Joachim & Ann Parish, 4112 McClay Road, St. Charles, MO 63304. He would like you to join him for this Mass and the reception that immediately follows in the parish’s school cafeteria. So that the people of Sts. Joachim & Ann may sufficiently prepare for this reception, please RSVP at this Sign-Up Genius site, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/frbenz50>, or call the Sts. Joachim & Ann Parish Office at 636-441-7503. Fr. Benz requests that, if you are so inclined to recognize his Golden Jubilee with a gift, you would do so by making a contribution to the charity of your choice.



DONUT SUNDAY IS Today! Sunday, April 21st. After all Masses. Hope to see you there!



MEMORIAL PLAQUES

If anyone is interested in ordering a memorial plaque for their loved ones who have passed away and have been buried from this parish, please contact the rectory at 645-1445. The plaques are hung in the St. Joseph Chapel. Deadline is June 1.

Little Flower Parish invites you to join us for:

The Rosary Crusade for America and the Church will be prayed every Saturday at 4:30 in the Little Flower Chapel. Whether you attend the 5:00 Mass or just join for the rosary, everyone is invited.

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.



Scan to register or donate

SAVE THE DATE!

The Run for Life and Learning is June 1! Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 1 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD®. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families. For sponsorship opportunities, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.



Little Flower
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A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



Solar Eclipse Experience

April 8 was a beautiful day to view the eclipse. The students had an enjoyable time looking through Solar glasses at the event. The students were amazed how dark the glasses were to view the eclipse. Grades 5 and 6 made pinhole viewers using empty cereal boxes with Mrs. Mulligan. The students were able to view local TV stations and NASA activities when taking a break from outside. Mrs. Rice provided Moon treats for the students to enjoy late afternoon. Thank you to all for making the Solar Event a pleasant experience

Gloria Openlander

Principal

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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.



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

The Pro-Life Committee at St Mary Magdalene has extended an invitation to any and all Little Flower Parishioners to join them.

They meet the second Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 in the SMM Church basement. This is an active and effective group who would welcome those who want to defend and support women and their unborn babies.

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center Summer Directed Re-

treats

Directed Retreat II from July 8 through July 15, 2024.

The 7-day summer Directed II Retreat is a primary way to hear the voice of God through the people and events of daily experiences. The goal of the directed retreat is to allow you to go deeper into your relationship with God while savoring what is happening in your life. The retreat includes daily meetings with your own Spiritual Director and a period of personal prayer, using scripture. Also available are optional periods for group Centering Prayer experiences, Eucharist, and Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Cost: Please visit kh.snows.org/events/directed2-2024, or for more information, call

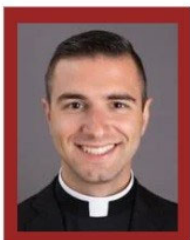
Zechariah Men's Prayer Breakfast presents the story of an encounter with Christ one man at a time. It involves fellowship, a great talk, and prayer. Seating at the May room Cardinal Rigali Center (Shrewsbury) is by reservation only via email to gary.whitlock@att.net, by phone to 636-215-0973, or via the online form at StlRenewal.Org/ZPB. \$15 for breakfast is payable at the door, waived for men who ask. Our speaker is Fr. Michael Lydon, Episcopal Vicar of the Southern Vicariate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Come to breakfast at **9:00 am Saturday April 27, 2024**, or tune in for free at 10:10 am on YouTube or Facebook [[stlrenewal.org/yt](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstlrenewal) or [stlrenewal.org/fb](https://www.facebook.com/stlrenewal.org)]. For more information visit the Catholic Renewal Center website at ARCHSTL.ORG/RENEWAL.

Vocation Pilgrimage Weekend with the Daughters of St. Paul July 5-7, 2024

Curious about religious life? Spend a weekend with the Daughters of St. Paul, and participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage as it passes through St. Louis! This dynamic weekend retreat will introduce you to the Eucharistic spirituality, media mission, and community life of the Daughters of St. Paul and give you quiet time with the Lord to pray about your vocation. Open to single Catholic women ages 18-30. Learn more or register at connect.pauline.org/vocational-pilgrimage or contact Sr. Amanda Marie at stlouisvocations@paulinemediamedia.com.

All are Welcome, First Friday

MAY 3, 2024



4:30 PM - Adoration, Reconciliation & Benediction

5:30 PM - Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
Celebrant, Rev. Ryan Quarnstrom,
Associate Pastor, St. Margaret Mary
Alacoque Parish

*No Activities after mass.

Saint Mary Magdalen Church
2618 S. Brentwood Blvd, 63144



For more information on the sodality, our events, and enrollment, visit: MostSacredHeart.net

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, **May 15, or June 20 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 mcgunelson@cppsfallon.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:

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

Mass Intentions

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| Monday
7:00am | April 22
Janet Griffard |
| Tuesday
7:00am | April 23
Souls in Purgatory |
| Wednesday
7:00am
8:15am | April 24
Lorraine Bath
Little Flower Parish |
| Thursday
7:00am | April 25
Rachelle Reeg |
| Friday
7:00am | April 26
Nancy Mueller |
| Saturday
8:00am
5:00pm | April 27
Thomas E. Mueller
Members of the Parish |
| Sunday
8:00am
9:15am
10:30am | April 28
Tim Diefenbach
Daniel Burke
Ursula Hand |

Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

- Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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
 John Weber
 Jonathon Habbe
 Dashawn Arrendon-
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