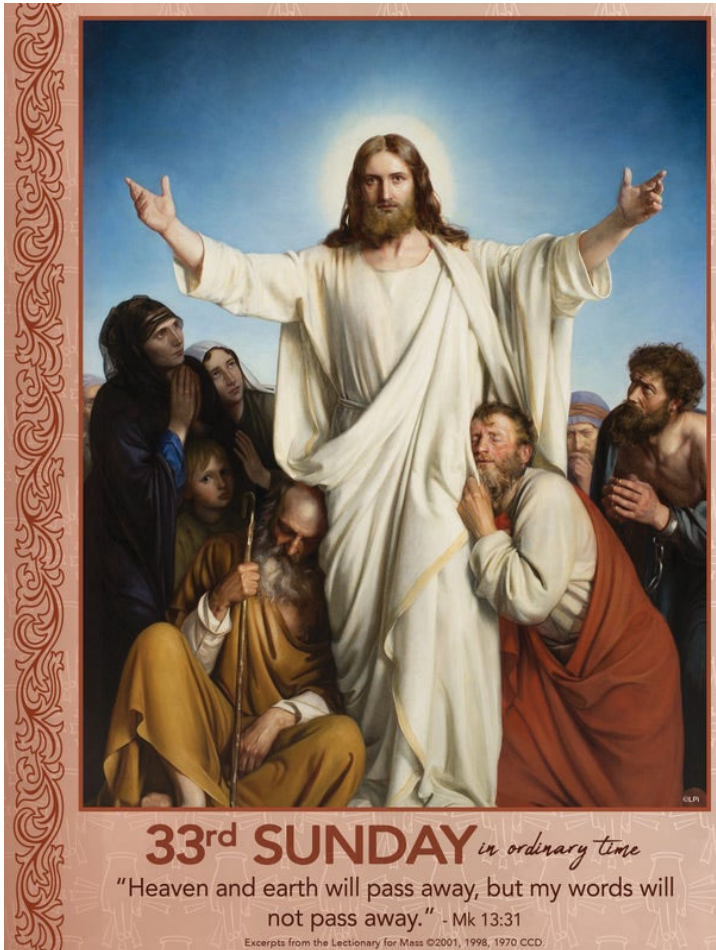


Church of the Little Flower

November 17th, 2024

33rd 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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www.littleflowerstl.org

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 18	6:45-6:55	Confessions
		7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	November 19	6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions
		7:00am	Mass
Wednesday	November 20	6:45-6:55	Confessions
		7:00am	Mass
		7:00pm	Men's Club Meeting
Thursday	November 21	6:45-6:55	Confessions
		7:00am	Mass
		6:30pm	Rosary & Ladies Club Meeting
Friday	November 22	6:45-6:55	Confessions
		7:00am	Mass
		8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration
Saturday	November 23	4pm-4:45pm	Confessions
		4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
		5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	November 24	8:00am	Mass
		10:00am-10:15am	Confessions
		10:30am	Mass

Ministers of Service Nov. 23 & 24 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

11/23 5:00pm ~ L. Allman M. Husmann P. McClure
 11/24 8:00am ~ Austin, Annelise & Henry Reinagel
 11/24 10:30am ~ S. Donovan Nora & Will Saykes

LECTORS

11/23 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy C. Verry
 11/24 8:00am ~ M. Gibbs K. Sargent
 11/24 10:30am ~ B. Carmody E. Carmody

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

11/23 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams **(Team C)**
 11/24 8:00am ~ S. Condit
 11/24 10:30am ~ K. Toombs

The Mystique of Time: Reflections on the End Times

Arguably the most precious commodity each of us possess, if we can call it either a commodity or possession, is the use of our “time” toward something or someone. The use of “our time” for projects, work, kids’ sports games, worship in church and in private, family activities, and rest are all important ways to budget our time. It could be argued that people are more willing to open up their wallet or checkbook to projects, events, and people than they would their calendar. Time, in other words, is more valuable and precious than the surplus wealth in our bank account. This is not an indictment on what is more valuable, but it is descriptive of what each of us recognizes is more important in our lives. We can reasonably regain expenses in our bank account through savings; it is never possible to regain time spent throughout the day or week, especially if we feel our time was wasted or it could have been spent to better use. In short, our money can always outlast our lives; time limits our ability to live, move, and have well-being.

While we intuitively know time is the greatest natural commodity or resource at our disposal, it also has a lot to say about our limitations and our mortality. Recently, I have come to contemplate time in a real way. In the parish rectory where I live there are two grandfather clocks. For anyone who has a grandfather clock in your house, you know when the clock stops working. The bells and chimes stop going off at the appropriate time and your ear doesn’t pick up the sound coming from the hands and pendulum moving. The silence becomes unsettling. However, for a grandfather clock to work properly it needs us to be immersed in winding the weights and making sure the clock is correct. Done correctly, human interaction and the workings of the grandfather clock become infused in the minute-to-minute ticking of time. Yet, by having two clocks I too notice that one moves faster than the other. Exasperated, I readily turn the faster one back, only to see it again moving faster than the other clock. Already immersed in the workings of the grandfather clocks, I realized something important about time: no matter how much I try to control time, it eludes my grasp and I have to settle for what I can reasonably do and make the most out of it. As the bells, chimes, and ticks fill my ears and brain with reminders of time spent, it also indicates my time is limited in the days, months, years—even the entirety of my life here on earth. It is amazing what a grandfather clock can teach me not only about time, but about the end times which we encounter in our Gospel this weekend.

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus teaches us and His disciples about the end times. The end times actually has a double meaning in the context of the Gospel passage. Certainly the end times in both senses describe cosmic phenomena accompanying the Lord’s glorification under an old order destroyed and a “new heavens and a new earth.” Yet, Jesus oddly states, “this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.” What could Jesus mean about the end times in this context? This is where the double meaning of the end times comes into play. Certainly “a world” ended for many Jews in Israel in AD 70 when the Roman Empire destroyed Jerusalem and Herod’s Temple. In ancient Israel the Temple was a microcosm of the universe, with the Temple being the center of it. Likewise, the Temple’s interior was adorned with creation motifs to symbolically represent the Garden of Eden. The Jewish historian, Josephus, spoke about cosmic phenomena occurring before Jerusalem’s destruction. For Christians, this was the end of “a world” and the beginning of a “new Creation.” The new Creation—the Temple now being Christ’s Resurrection and His mystical body, the Church. But it is also a prophetic utterance of the “end of the world,” *in which Christ will come definitively in His glory to judge all of humanity. Those who are prepared, like the Christians in AD 70, will be caught up in God’s glory, in a new creation of self-gift and divine charity. Those who are not prepared, who live their lives in self-centeredness and an absence of God in their lives, will choose hell over heaven. Heaven, for these individuals, would be unbearable and more tortuous than the pains of hell.*

Time has a lot to do with our current lives and our eternal destination. While the grandfather clock ticks, chimes, and the bell tolls, are we aware that time is of the essence to prepare for works of charity and our meeting with the Lord? Let us make good use of our time.

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubie



“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.”

(Mark 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God ask each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond? The good news-it’s never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we continue to develop and nurture our gifts and give back with increase.

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 McCa-be 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



OCIA LESSON: WHY DO CATHOLICS MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS?

Pope Francis says that each time that a Catholic makes the sign of the cross, it is a reminder that God—one God, three persons-- is a communion of love. This simple gesture reminds us of the Trinity—a central mystery of our faith. Pope Francis also notes: "By tracing the cross on our body, we remind ourselves how much God loved us, to the point of giving his life for us; and we repeat to ourselves that his love envelopes us completely, from top to bottom, from left to right, like an embrace that never abandons us."

The tradition of making the sign of the cross dates back to the apostles. St. Basil (329-379) wrote that the Apostles "taught us to mark with the sign of the cross those who put their hope in the Lord."

Source: Courtney Mares---Catholic News 6-4-23

For more info re:OCIA call 314-645-1445 or contact drichter@littleflowerstl.org

Santa's Workshop

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

New location at Saint Mary Magdalen School

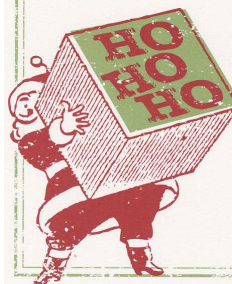
Volunteer Elves Needed!

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!

Rectory office will be closed Nov. 25-29

Little Flower Ladies Club

Thursday, November 21

Rosary at 6:30 pm in Church

Meeting at 7 pm in school hall

Friendship! Food and Drinks!

We will be sharing side dishes. Vegetables take center table!

We will be decorating for the holidays. Please come and help us prepare for the Advent party.

If you have questions or wish to help with the parish Advent party coming on December 6, contact Jan Goodman or Judy Osterman.



LITTLE FLOWER NEWSLETTER

If you would like an announcement or event included in the Little Flower newsletter, please send the information or graphic to littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com.

If you would like to receive the Little Flower newsletter with updates and announcements, please send your contact information to littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com!



	Weekly Offertory 10/27/2024	Year-To-Date Offertory
Collection:	\$9,573.00	\$81,613.53
Budget	\$7,496.15	\$119,938.40
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,076.85)	\$30,828.72

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

	10/20/2024	Year-to-Date Offertory
Collection:	\$ 4,179.00	\$ 72,040.53
Budget:	\$ (7,496.15)	\$ (112,442.25)
Surplus/(Deficit).8	\$ (3,317.15)	\$ (44,580.72)



Today is
Donut Sunday!

Please stop by the parish hall for coffee, juice and a donut.



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)

SAVE the date!

BREAKFAST With Santa

Sunday December 15, 2024
9:00a-12:00p
Little Flower Parish

More information coming to town soon!

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 18 Judy Brown (Sp. Int.)
Tuesday 7:00am	November 19 Helen Miller
Wednesday 7:00am	November 20 Molly Walsh Henroid
Thursday 7:00am	November 21 Dan Miller
Friday 7:00am	November 22 Celebrants choice
Saturday 5:00pm	November 23 People of Little Flower & St. Mary Magdalen Parish
Sunday 8:00am	November 24 Michael Lally
10:30am	Jean Leonhardt

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 | |
| Joyce Griffen | Bob McShane | |

Readings for the week of November 17, 2024

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

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

PLEASE PRAY for our PARISHIONERS and/or LOVED ONES SERVING in the United States Military



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| <i>Allen Conrey</i> | <i>Maurice Muro</i> |
| <i>Mollie Conrey</i> | <i>Ashton Piper</i> |
| <i>Rebecca Conrey</i> | <i>Christopher Wamhoff</i> |
| <i>Blaise Coultier</i> | <i>John Weber</i> |
| <i>Alex Garofalo</i> | <i>Jonathon Habbe</i> |
| <i>Derek Hirtz</i> | <i>Dashawn Arrendondo</i> |
| <i>Brian Kloppenburg</i> | <i>Ean Eicher</i> |
| <i>Justin Kloppenburg</i> | |
| <i>Alexander LaRochelle</i> | |