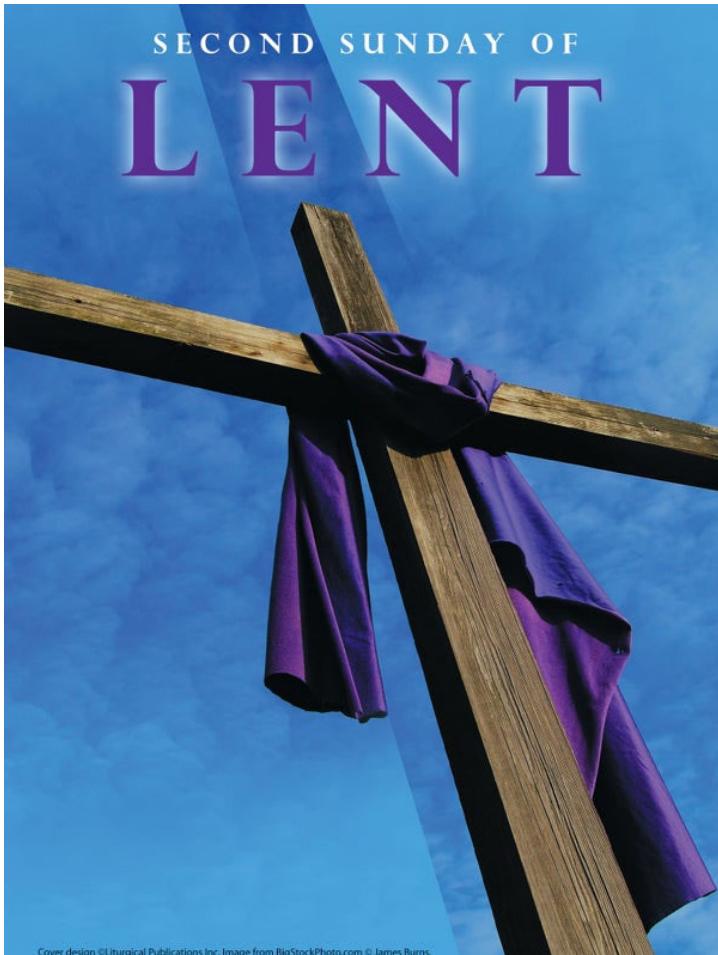


# *Church of the Little Flower*

February 25th, 2024



*"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.*

Second Sunday of Lent

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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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 26</b>
7:00am	Mass
7:00pm	Parish Council
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 27</b>
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 28</b>
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 29</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 1</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>ADORATION 8:00AM-5:00PM</b>	
12:00pm Noon School Dismissal	
5:00pm	Fish Fry
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 2</b>
8:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 3</b>
8:00am	Mass
9:15am	New Latin Mass
10:30am	Mass

## Ministers of Service March 2 & 3 2024

### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

03/02 5:00pm ~ T. Sullivan K. Thomason L. Armbrecht  
03/03 8:00am ~ Mic. El. & Reag. Devereux  
03/03 10:30am ~ B. Acosta W. Saykes N. Saykes

### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

#### (Sacristan Helpers)

03/02 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams Team B  
03/03 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz  
03/03 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

### LECTORS

03/02 5:00pm ~ L. Bub M. Hazelwood  
03/03 8:00am ~ T. Serena H. Fanega  
03/03 10:30am ~ B. & E. Carmody

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

03/02 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer  
03/03 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer  
03/03 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Our thoughts must be centered on the search for truth and our affections on the fervor of love.

In this way, we will always be practicing divine love. —St. Bernard

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, 'Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'."

Today's readings call for our trust in God, who gives us life and all we have. He is the one who blesses us and cares for us even when entire hope seems to be lost.

The story of the Transfiguration normally features on this 2nd Sunday in Lent. Mark presents it as the total revelation of faith. The vision of transfiguration is confined to three of Jesus' inner circle: Peter and the two brothers, James and John. They are brought up to a "high mountain". There has been much speculation about which mountain is being referred to but it does not matter. In the Bible generally, divine theophanies tend to take place on mountains and they are, in fact, regarded as sacred places by many of the world's religions. Mountain symbolizes God's presence. The Evangelist gives us the picture of transfiguration: Jesus becomes dazzlingly white, reflecting the light of God himself. Then, on either side of him, appear Moses and Elijah who converse with Jesus. Moses was the greatest Jewish Law giver and Elijah the greatest of the prophets. Together they represent the whole of Jewish tradition. They are talking to Jesus about the cross and suffering and they become the consolation of the Father. All this takes place in the context of Prayer and where Jesus looks for the sign from the Father about his mission.

With everything that was happening, Peter was terrified. He was terrified in the sense that he was lost for words at the mystery of Christ. His fear was his great unworthiness of being in the presence of God incarnated. He becomes the spokesperson of the disciples and wants this divine vision to continue. He wants to build three tents, tent signifying the presence of God. He wants one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. It was such a comforting environment and wants them all to remain in it. Then they hear the voice of the Father in the cloud: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!" Again, this is a total confirmation of his mission. The disciples have the command to listen and accept everything that Jesus says and does, including his rejection, suffering, dying – and rising again. For Jesus his mission is now confirmed. Once this is over the vision disappears and they are left with "only" Jesus, the ordinary everyday Jesus with whom they spend each day.

For Jesus his mission was very important. The disciples are called to be the part of the mission. They were told to listen to Jesus and learn how God's love was working in and through Jesus even at that moment when he was left totally without dignity and in the depths of hopelessness. It was a lesson that they would learn in time and they would boldly follow in his footsteps and unhesitatingly give their own lives in the service of the Gospel and the Kingdom. It is for us, too, to listen to Jesus today and to ask for that kind of faith and trust that Abraham had that everything which happens to us is ultimately for the greater glory of God and our well-being and happiness.

God Bless—Fr. H



"Here I am! He answered."

(Genesis 22:11)

*It is easy to say, "Here I am Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That we may answer, "Here I am, Lord," whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve Him.*

*Amen*



## FROM ASH WEDNESDAY TO THE TRIDIUM

Ash Wednesday kicks off the Season of Lent—a time of conversion and repentance. At the end of Lent three days, the Triduum, consist of one celebration of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are one continuous action of the Paschal Mystery.

"By his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life." (Catholic Catechism n.654)

*The Triduum—the summit of the Liturgical year—brings us to the victory of Easter.*

Come to learn more at OCIA by calling Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445

Immacolata's Men's Faith Network will lead the Parish in the STATIONS of the CROSS this Lenten season.

We begin with a 7:00 pm Rosary followed by Stations at 7:30 on these dates:

2/23	3/15
3/1	3/22
3/8	

### ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

**Ash Wednesday (Wednesday February 14, 2024) and Good Friday (March 29th, 2024)** are days of **abstinence** for all Catholics *over the age of 14*. On these two days, **fast**, as well as **abstinence**, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

**All Fridays in Lent** are days of **abstinence** from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.





Little Flower  
Catholic School

## A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



### Grade 7

Patrick-St. Christopher

Hannah-St. Maria Goretti

Annelise-St. Adelaide

William-St. John the Baptist

Teresa-St. Rose Biterbo

Kayley-St. Gemma Galgani

### Grade 8

Brayden-St. Father Damien

Georgina-St. Catherine of Sienna

Evan-St. Sebastian

David-St. Ignatius of Loyola

Clare-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Charles-St. Anthony of Padua

Henry-St. Jerome



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.



April 20, 2024



5k Start Time: 8am  
5k Awards: 8:45am  
1/2 mile Fun Run: 9am  
Post-race refreshments

<http://tinyurl.com/ctk5k2024>

Guided Lenten Retreat featuring *The Chosen*, Tuesdays, Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, 9:30 AM-2:00 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac.

\$40 individual session; \$175 for whole series. Presented by Sr. Danielle Witt, SSND and Carolyn Held. Each day will start with a viewing of an episode of *The Chosen* followed by reflection, prayer, and discussion. Free time for optional craft activities or walking the grounds. Lunch included. Register at [mercycenterstl.org](http://mercycenterstl.org).

**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.

### **RETRouveille ST LOUIS WEEKEND March 15 - 17, 2024**

Do you need RETROUVEILLE?  
Has your romance failed?  
Do you argue without reaching resolution?  
Are you more like roommates than soulmates?  
Have you grown apart?  
Retrouvaille can help you.

Register now - 800-470-2230 (24-hour confidential hotline) or visit: [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)  
Questions? Tom & Kerry 314.753.2022

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



#### **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

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

### Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 26</b>
7:00am	Members of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 27</b>
7:00am	Helen Miller
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 28</b>
7:00am	Mary Kitta
8:15am	Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 29th</b>
7:00am	Vicki Benson (Sp. Intention)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 1</b>
7:00am	Margie Meatte
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 2</b>
8:00am	James Feser
5:00pm	Rachel Reeg
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 3</b>
8:00am	Rose Marie Koerner
9:15am	Bridget Murphy
10:30am	Marie Grolton

### Readings for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/

Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### 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 Habb  
Dashawn Arrendondo