

Church of the Little Flower

May 11th, 2025

Fourth 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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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

First Saturday: 9:00am

Offered by Eucharistic Prayer Companions JMJ

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

Calendar of Events

Monday	May 12
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	May 13
6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00am	Mass
Wednesday	May 14
7:00am	Mass
Thursday	May 15
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Friday	May 16
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration
Saturday	May 17
4:00pm-4:45pm	Confessions
5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	May 18
8:00am	Mass
10:00-10:15am	Confessions
10:30am	Mass

Ministers of Service May 17 & 18 2025

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

05/17 5:00pm ~ L. & P. Armbrecht T. Sullivan
05/18 8:00am ~ Annalise &
05/18 10:30am ~ Clark, George, & Rosemary Woods

LECTORS

05/17 5:00pm ~ J. Waugh L. Waugh
05/18 8:00am ~ K. Sargent M. Gibbs
05/18 10:30am ~ B. & E. Carmody

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

05/17 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy (Team A)
05/18 8:00am ~ K. Sargent
05/18 10:30am ~ J. Osterman

You Are a Gift to Jesus!

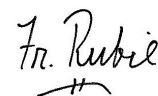
Over a month and half ago when I was on retreat, I was on my usual walk around the retreat facility getting my exercise. One day during the retreat I decided to walk up to the sheep pen and get a better view of the sheep. Walking closer to the sheep, I saw one perk its head and it started walking toward me. In a short time, the little guy was making the “baa” sound and alerting the other sheep to do the same thing. I quickly realized they were sounding the alarm bell of an intruder approaching and were trying to make themselves look intimidating toward me. To make matters worse, their cries also warned the donkeys nearby and they too looked like they wanted to scare me away. I quietly decided it was time for me to turn around and walk in a different direction. However, the experience gave me reason to pause because the sheeps’ behavior is one of deep spiritual and pastoral significance. The sheep responded to me in the way they did largely because I was unfamiliar to them. They didn’t recognize me nor my voice, so they did the best they could to defend themselves by “baaing” until I left their presence. No matter how nice and friendly I could be around those sheep, they would only respond to me positively unless I was their shepherd.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we get a short version of the Gospel of John, chapter 10, in which Jesus states, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27). Of course, we’re all familiar with the pastoral relationship of Jesus being the Good Shepherd and we’re to be the obedient sheep who follow Him wherever He leads us. Yet, if we’re honest with ourselves and take the shepherd/sheep symbolism seriously, can each of us emphatically say we hear Jesus’ voice calling out to us each day? Do we know His voice and follow Him as distinctly and vividly as sheep do when they hear their shepherd’s voice? I admit that I don’t always hear the Lord’s voice calling to me on a daily basis. It isn’t that He is not calling me; it’s simply due to the fact that in my stubbornness of will, my sinfulness, and in the variety of daily distractions I choose not to listen to Him. Choosing not to listen to Jesus is mostly due to not giving Him my time and attention. By doing so, I can hear the voice of the Good Shepherd speak to me, especially in guiding me throughout my life’s present journey. I assume for many of you, your experiences are similar to mine. If so, perhaps we both need to be more intentional in listening to the Good Shepherd’s voice in our daily lives. The best way is to make time for God by quiet prayer, meditation on a spiritual book or rosary, and surrounding ourselves with leisurely activities that elevate our mind, heart, and body toward God.

While it sounds great to follow Jesus by developing our inner sense of listening to His voice speak to us, the bigger question is why do this at all? The answer lies in the fact that you and I were created and our existence has its ultimate purpose in sharing divine love with the eternal God. Outside of this everything else lacks purpose and meaning in any substantial way. Our existential purpose to share divine love with God and each other is what is behind Jesus’ words, “My Father, who has given them [His sheep] to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one” (John 10:29-30). You and I are incredibly dear to Jesus. You are a gift to the Lord because God the Father has gifted you to His Son. Everything that has been and continues to be grace in your life is not simply a gift God gives to you, but, through you, to His Son. Jesus rejoices immensely in the graces poured out into your life; He simply wants you and I to share those blessings in thanksgiving to Him. After all, the blessings and graces we receive are to have their endgame in the perfect union the Lord can form with us in the envelopment of His divine love. This is exactly what heaven is all about in the life to come.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us be mindful of our need to hear Jesus’ voice and to give our blessings back to Him in order to be enriched by the wellspring of divine love. Also, let us thank our mothers, especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, in helping us to know and experience the tender mercy of Jesus as our Good Shepherd.

In Christ the Savior,



"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

(Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

Did You Know?

Did you know that Dance School at Little Flower has been going on for 71 years. Ms. Marilyn has been teaching it for over 50 of them. Originally it cost 50 cents a class. What a bargain!



SAVE THE DATE!
DONUT SUNDAY WILL BE ON
SUNDAY, MAY 18TH
PLEASE JOIN US!



"Please stop by the All Souls Chapel to pick up your ACA pledge cards-thank you".

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

2-part Scripture Series – The Romanization of Christianity – Continued

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

**Saturdays, May 31 and June 7, 2025, from
10:00 am to 12:00**

The earliest Christians were known more for what they did – the work of justice and charity – than what they believed. But as Christianity allied itself more and more to the Roman Empire, its focus shifted away from the work of justice and more toward only the work of charity. By the fifth century CE Christians were known more for what they believed than what they did. In this two-part series we will discuss what Christianity gained – and what it lost – as it became increasingly Romanized.

Cost: \$15 per session / \$30.00 for the series

Register online <https://snows.org/events/mark-etling-summer/>
or call 618-394-6281.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That we continue to share the joy of our
Catholic faith and be an example for
others.*

Amen



OCIA LESSON: WHAT IS THE ASCENSION?

The Ascension is Jesus' physical departure from the disciples. This event took place after forty days of appearances and teaching following the Resurrection. Scripture records him ascending into heaven, which signifies the "definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain." Catholic Catechism. 665

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19)

"Left to its own natural powers, humanity does not have access to the 'Father's House,' to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us." Catholic Catechism. 661

The Solemnity of the Ascension is celebrated here on Sunday, June 1.

Interested in joining the Catholic church? Call Debra at the rectory 314-645-1445 or
Email drichter@littleflowerstl.org

Vocational Chalice



During this time of transition in the Church, it is important to pray for vocations. The Vocational chalice is available if you and your family want to participate in this special ministry. It's easy. Just put your name on the list on the week that you want to take the Chalice. And then you can take it with you after Mass. You can keep it for as long as you feel called to do so. Then bring it back to church so others can take it. If you have questions, call Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619.



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

happy mother's day!

"Beautiful Mother's Day cards are available, once again from Birthright of Hillsboro. For over 40 years, Birthright has supported mothers with love, service, education and needed financial support free of charge.

Honor the Mother in your life with these lovely cards while you support Birthright's noble cause for mothers who need help.

You can pick up these free cards at the church entrances and consider donating with the enclosed envelope in each card, or place a donation in the box in St. Joseph's chapel for the next 2 weeks. *Thank you!"*

First Saturday Devotions

May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd
and continuing...

Mass at 9:00am
followed by Rosary, Devotions
and a Family Program



Our Lady of Fatima spoke to Lucia:

"I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

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For more information go to:
www.centreformercy.org/epc or contact
epcjesusmaryandjoseph@gmail.com



Camp Cavalier 2025 – Registration Now Open!

Bishop DuBourg's **Camp Cavalier** is back and better than ever! Camps run throughout **June 2025** and are packed

with fun, learning, and activities for all ages. **Register now using the QR code! Questions?** Contact Angela Calloni '98 | acallni@bishopdubourg.org or Christina (DeBarry) Bennett '10 | cbennett@bishopdubourg.org

Come join the fun at Camp Cavalier!

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 sub as needed, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or Jane McCabe at 314-605-6098.

HOLY MASS

Is the Lord calling you to come to Mass an extra day of the week? Mass is prayed in the Little Flower chapel every week-day at 7:00am.



Polyhymnia

Choral Summer Camp

Beginner to Advanced Singers, Ages 10-17

Sacred Music, Vocal Technique, Choir Performance and More



JULY 7-11 9AM -1PM

\$40 per singer, discounts for additional siblings



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Visit the [EVENTBRITE](#) website for more details.

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 portal of our Website.



Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour will be **Tuesday, May 27th at 7 pm**. Please consider joining us as we sit and allow God's gaze to penetrate our hearts and souls. Confession will be available. Even if you can only come for a moment, it's worth it. All are welcome.



Help provide scholarships to students attending Catholic Schools!

100% tax credits are available to individuals and Businesses. Participate in the MOScholars Program today. For more information call the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation at 314-792-7032, visit our website at <https://ttof-stl.org/moscholars/> or scan the QR code.



Do you want to know a great way to make this Lent even better? Listen to Catholic Radio! Shut off the noise and listen to solid Catholic teaching, prayers, and call-in programs. You can listen on a smart speaker, tell Alexa to play **Covenant Network Catholic Radio**, on our App, **Covenant Network**, online at **Our-CatholicRadio.org**, or on your local Catholic radio station, **AM 1460 / 96.7 FM**. Make this a Lent to remember. Pray the **Visual Rosary** with sacred images for each prayer and the **Stations of the Cross**.

Did you know that we have Benediction at the end of Friday Adoration?

Most Fridays we are now having Benediction at 5 pm. Please join us to receive a special blessing from our Eucharistic Lord. Even if you are there early in the day for Adoration, you can come back. And if you can only come at the end of the day for a few minutes with Jesus, you are welcome. Isn't receiving God's grace worth a moment of your time?

"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	May 12 James Feser
Tuesday 7:00am	May 13 Daniel Burke
Wednesday 7:00am	May 14 Helen Miller
Thursday 7:00am	May 15 Timothy Joseph Hobbs
Friday 7:00am	May 16 Dan Miller
Saturday 5:00pm	May 17 Mac & Marita Dryden
Sunday 8:00am	May 18 Gerardo Chavez
10:30am	Dec. Members of the Schultz Family

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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| Maria Adderley | Joyce Griffen | G. Tracy Mehan |
| Andrew Blum | Beverly Haffner | Mary Falk Mehan |
| John Boland | Mary Ellen Havard | Peg Mango |
| Maxine Borowiak | Louise Haynes | Helen Mango |
| Jaxson Boyer | Adrianna Hubb | Stephanic Mortenson |
| Frankie Boyer | ChrisLewisHutchcroft | David Nathe |
| Steve Bradshaw | Stan James | Sr. Jo Ann |
| Joanne Buchholz | Rebecca Jenson | O'Connell, BVM |
| Ellen Carmody | Barb Jones | Lachlan Oddy |
| Kathleen Carter | Chad Keeven | Kristin Rafferty |
| Rachelle Chaney | Jeanne Kelly | Christi Rice Blum |
| Nicholas Coleman- | Donald Kenney | Sue Rice |
| Katie Crouch Willett | Mary Kinsley | Ken Roberts |
| Clare Crouch | Kevin Koeller | Kenny Robinson |
| Margie Curran | Joanne Kraus | Marguerite |
| Helena Czosnyka | Ken Kuhlman | Scheidegger |
| Chandelor Davis | Jack Lally | James Smith |
| James Davis | Julie Lally | Tony Snider |
| James E. Davis | Marianne Lally | Hollie Soto |
| Nathan Glore Davis | Jim LaMartina | Matthew Stuart |
| Patrick Dolan | Patty LaRochelle | Gary Underwood |
| Bill Edwards | Mary Laws | Miriam Varas |
| Kathryn Fischer | Everleigh Lauber | Margaret Verzino |
| Bill Flottmann | Sherry Lopez | Charles Volk |
| Peter Freundl | Elizabeth Lyons | Billy Wells |
| Ron Garnier | Emma Lyons | Joseph Wheeler |

Readings for the week of May 11, 2025

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

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 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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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