

Church of the Little Flower

September 1, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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

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:

Monday at 1:00pm

Calendar of Events

MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

Monday	September 2 (Fr. Herzog)
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	September 3 (Fr. Herzog)
6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00am	Mass
Wednesday	September 4 (Msgr. McCumber)
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Thursday	September 5 (Fr. Herzog)
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Friday	September 6 (Msgr. McCumber)
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
	8:00am-5:00pm Adoration
Saturday	September 7 (Fr. Herzog)
	4pm-4:45pm Confessions
	4:30pm Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	September 8
8:00am	Mass (Fr. Kovalcin)
	10:00am-10:15am Confessions
10:30am	Mass (Msgr. McCumber)

Ministers of Service Sept. 07 & 08 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

09/07 5:00pm ~ Cur. Koontz T. Sullivan K. Thomason
 09/08 8:00am ~ Malachi, Matias, & Anders Verry
 09/08 10:30am ~ B. Acosta S. Donovan A. Eppert

LECTORS

09/07 5:00pm ~ J. Waugh L. Waugh
 09/08 8:00am ~ Pat Dolan Patrick Dolan
 09/08 10:30am ~ M. Chauvin M. Mabery

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

09/07 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy **(Team A)**
 09/08 8:00am ~ K. Sargent
 09/08 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

Labor Day—Celebrating the Gift of Human Labor

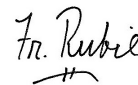
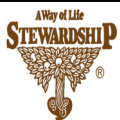
One of my favorite hobbies to leisurely delve into is reading about history—particularly U.S History. Not only do I enjoy reading about key figures in our country’s national history, but I also enjoy watching programs about these men and women. Recently after finishing a History Channel miniseries on Ulysses S. Grant, I turned my attention to a two part miniseries on Theodore Roosevelt—our 26th President of the United States. What I found fascinating was not that he possessed an indomitable will to prove himself and others how tough he could be in life and in politics, but his humility to change his mind on policy when he saw things for what they were. I am alluding to one particular situation in Roosevelt’s life as a young New York Assemblyman. Roosevelt adamantly opposed state legislation banning cigar manufacturing in New York City. He voted along Republican party lines in the late 1800s because of the tremendous profit cigar making gave to wealthy merchants. This was expected of a young freshman Assemblyman until he took up the challenge to actually see the working conditions of those making cigars.

Roosevelt made his journey down to the lower east side of Manhattan and saw the poverty and health crises first hand. We walked into homes with mold and plaster falling off the ceiling and witnessed young immigrant children working in these cigar making houses under such poor labor conditions. It was enough for Roosevelt to make the shift in his philosophy and to give unwavering support in banning cigar manufacturing in New York City. It was the beginning of Roosevelt’s transformation to support the working class and the value, hard work, and dedication so many Americans give through the power of their labor. In other words, Theodore Roosevelt saw in that instance that human labor is never to be objectified and exploited; rather even among the poor their labor is an expression of themselves striving to support their family and future posterity. What a transformation for a young man born into wealth and privilege from an area of New York City not too far from the Flatiron District.

This small anecdote from Theodore Roosevelt’s young life serves as a reminder and reflection on the dignity of human labor. We should consider it a privilege to exercise labor in our working careers and in our domestic responsibilities. Whether we possess wealthy careers or we are making minimum wage, there is an inherent dignity to productively accomplish something through the use of intelligence, creativity, and ingenuity. Human labor is a gift from God because when we work both in the office and in our home or outside on our lawn we are participating in God’s very nature as Creator. The desire to work and labor is ingrained in our human nature. I think many of you will agree with me on this point. After all, remember how depressed many people became upon losing their jobs during the “Great Recession” of 2009? It wasn’t just losing a source of income; it was losing an outlet for meaningful work and labor. Let’s pray this situation or any like it won’t happen again.

This Labor Day weekend I hope all of you enjoy time with your family and friends. Yet, don’t forget the tremendous gift of human labor and how it brings purpose, fulfillment, and joy in our lives when balanced with prayer and leisure. Work is never to be done by objectifying and exploiting peoples’ use of labor. Instead, let us thank God and each other for the labor we bring to others and receive from the gift of their own sweat and tears.

In Christ the Savior,

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...”

(James 1:22)

It’s easy to understand the definition of stewardship—living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That we may not only hear
God’s word, but also learn
To live it every day of our
lives.*

Amen

As we say every year at this time, *Where did the Summer go?* With the end of Summer comes the return of the Choir to 10:30 Sunday Mass. I'm hoping we can expand the choir this year, which means we'll be able to expand our repertoire of Sacred Music. If you enjoy singing and can read music at least at a basic level, I ask you to prayerfully consider joining the choir. Rehearsals will be 9:45 on Sundays, and one or two Wednesdays each month. Note a change this year is that there will NOT be a *weekly* Wednesday rehearsal requirement. Please contact Chuck Chauvin if interested or have any questions. If you're unsure about it, maybe this will help you decide: *There are three possible reasons to join the choir: (1) you have a great voice and can put it to good use for the glory of God in the choir, (2) you have an okay voice that would greatly be improved by joining the choir, or (3) you think God gave you a horrible voice, and this is your chance to get even.*

Thanks, and God Bless,

Chuck



WHAT IS OCIA ?

OCIA (formerly called RCIA) is a journey for individuals interested in becoming Catholic or finding more about the Catholic Church. It is a process of sharing Catholic teaching, prayer, spiritual formation, rituals and coming to know members of the church community.

You are invited to come to the inquiry sessions

- if you have been thinking about joining the Catholic Church
- if you are baptized but never received the sacrament of Confirmation
- if your children are attending a Catholic school or Parish School of Religion and you wish to understand their Faith formation
- if you wish to deepen your understanding of the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church
- if for you, some topic about the Catholic faith needs clarification

The inquiry sessions are informational with no commitment. Don't hesitate to call the Rectory for more information. 314-645-1445

All are Invited - Friday, September 6, 2024 – 4:30pm to 7:30pm – Bring the whole family to participate in First Friday Devotions with the Sodality of the Most Sacred Heart.

Location: St. Mary Magdalen, 2618 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144. Schedule: 4:30pm Adoration, Reconciliation, & Benediction; 5:30pm Celebration of Holy Mass with **Father Sam Conedera, SJ**, St. Louis University, Associate Professor of History; 6:30pm Dinner (free-will offering) in church lower level; 7:00pm Reflection by Fr. Conedera, SJ, plus activities and a bounce house for children. After the reflection Father will bless religious articles. For more information on the Sodality or the Event, visit MostSacredHeart.net.

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

Little Flower is in need of **GREETERS** for our weekend Masses. We would like to start the tradition of once again greeting everyone who comes to Mass at Little Flower. We want everyone to feel welcome as they come to church. It would be nice to have a greeter at all 3 doors for each Mass.

Please consider signing up for this cause. If interested please call Susan Bub at 314-644-3332

St. Louis Cathedral Concerts Presents: Chamber Music Concerts

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7:30pm
Little Flower Catholic Church

1264 Arch Terrace, 63117

Welcomed by *John Winski & Liesel Duhon*

Tickets are NOT Required

The featured players in each concert are:

Kristin Ahlstrom, violin **Thomas Jöstlein, horn**
Bjorn Ranheim, cello **Matthew Mazzoni, piano**



Program:

Trio in D Major Op. 70 No. 1 for Piano, Violin, and Cello
("Ghost")
Beethoven

Andante for Horn and Piano (1888) R. Strauss

Trio in E-flat Major Op. 40 for Violin, Horn, and Piano Brahms

Need healing after abortion? Contact:
Abortion Healing Ministry, Archdiocese of St. Louis
Hopeline (call/text): 314.406.0815
hopehealing@archstl.org



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

Family Holy Hour?

Would you like to see some family programming with our Little Flower Holy Hour? I am looking for someone to collaborate with me to provide programming for kids while their parents join in the Holy Hour. It's important to reach out to our families right now so that they remain a part of our community. If you have ideas how we can do this, I'd love to hear from you. Call me at 314-704-5619 or email at jwaugh123@charter.net.



Can you believe that Summer is waning and Fall schedules are on the horizon. Seasons come and go, but the love of the Lord remains. Our focus must be to remain in His love through daily prayer and deepening our knowledge of our Faith. Covenant Network Catholic radio can help in our struggle to stay focused. Our excellent programming will remind you daily of the things that really matter in life. Come pray with us and learn more about our Catholic Faith by tuning into KHOJ 1460 AM or listen anytime on our Covenant Network app or at Our-CatholicRadio.org.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE BOYS: CBC is now accepting appointments for our *8th Grade Official Visit Program*. During this visit, a young man will participate in *Experience CBC* Classes designed especially for 8th grade students. He will meet with a current CBC student, attend some of his classes, and have lunch with him. Finally, during the *CBC Explore* Period, he will have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches and program moderators to gather detailed information about the things in which he is interested. This program is by reservation only. Please contact Mrs. Melissa Ryan at (314) 985-6095 or ryanm@cbchs.org to reserve your *Official 8th Grade Visit*. On-line registration also available at www.BeaCadet.org/official

THE PARISH THAT PRAYS TOGETHER,
STAYS TOGETHER!

St. Louis Catholic High Schools: High School Fairs and Presentation Nights



Fall and Spring High School Fair

Showcasing All Schools 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 22nd Visitation Academy
3020 N. Ballas Road, 63131

Wednesday, April 9th Ursuline Academy
341 Sappington Road, 63122

High School Presentation Nights

Registration 6:00 – 6:30 PM

Three 20-minute school presentations 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 4th St. John Vianney
1311 S. Kirkwood Road, 63122

Tuesday, September 17 St. Dominic High School
31 St. Dominic Drive, 63366

Monday, September 30th Cor Jesu Academy
10230 Gravois Boulevard, 63123

Thursday, October 10th St. Mary's South Side Catholic
4701 South Grand Boulevard, 63111

Families select which presentations to attend. All students in grades 5-8 are welcome. Families may attend any of the high school nights.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS! SAVE THE DATE!!!



Saturday, September 28 2024 @ 1:30PM
Norman K. Probststein Golf Courses at Forest Park

Contact Mark Bult for Details
573-864-2534 or markjbult@gmail.com

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?

Did you know that it is what is in our hearts that Jesus wants us to clean up? Seek Him in the confessional if you haven't lately and let Him help you.

Eucharistic Prayer Companions FIRST SATURDAYS

Flowing with the Holy Spirit of the 10th Eucharistic Revival Congress, we are led to invigorate and honor Our Lady's Fatima request for the Rosary and Prayers of Reparation on First Saturdays.

Growing in prayer for our Priests and our holiness, with missionary zeal for the salvation of souls, we will gather as Eucharistic Prayer Companions of JESUS, Mary and Joseph or EPC.

Gather with us at various Churches throughout our Archdiocese for First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers:

Reparation Rosary, and Chaplets of Divine Mercy and of Holy FACE.

Our first prayer pilgrimage will be **Sept. 7, 2024** at **The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis**
4431 Lindell Blvd., 63108
Holy Mass 8:00 am,
with prayers following in the Chapel of Our Lady (left of the Main Altar).

On **October 5th**, we will gather at **Immacolata Church**
8900 Clayton Rd. 63117
Holy Mass 8:00am followed by our First Saturday Prayers.

Please invite others and share this invitation with your family and friends, even in other Dioceses.

For updated information on future gatherings, please visit our website.

Our website:
www.CentreForMercy.org/epc

Our email:
epcofjesusmaryandjoseph@yahoo.com

Prayer copies will be available at the Church.
Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us...



The Vocational Chalice is in need of more families to host it. If you are interested, Please stop by the All Soul's Chapel and sign up. It's a privilege to have this beautiful chalice in your home. Please consider joining in this ministry. Our priests need our prayers. Contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or jwaugh123@charter.net for more information.

SLUH Admissions Open House, Saturday, September 28th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. A Mass will begin the Centennial Celebration immediately following at 4:30 pm

sluh.org/centennial



We Need You to PRAY

In November, there is a potential amendment that would enshrine abortion in the Missouri Constitution

If passed, it will:

- Allow unlimited, unrestricted abortions *for all* 9 months of pregnancy
- NO parental consent or notification
- NO health and safety standards
- NO ability to sue for malpractice
- Taxpayer funded

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Pray the
Rosary daily



Scan here or go to:
theosary.online

Pray the Cardinal Burke
Novena daily



Scan here or go to:
novena.cardinalburke.com

"There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, I tell you, that we cannot resolve by the Rosary."
-Saint Lucia of Fatima

"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 (330-6796)

Mass Intentions

Monday 9:00am	September 2 (Labor Day) Dan Miller
Tuesday 7:00am	September 3 Jean Leonhardt
Wednesday 7:00am	September 4 Sp. Intention (Fr. Herzog)
Thursday 7:00am	September 5 Joann Ruoff
Friday 7:00am	September 6 Joann & Tom Ruoff
Saturday 5:00pm	September 7 Marie Grassi
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	September 8 Velma Boykin For the people of St. Mary Magdalen & Little Flower

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

Readings for the week of September 1, 2024

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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 Arrendondo
 Ean Eicher