

Church of the Little Flower

May 5th, 2024

6th 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	May 6
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	May 7
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
7:00pm	LF Community Meeting In Parish Hall
Wednesday	May 8
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	Mass
Mother's & Grandmother's Mass	
Thursday	May 9
7:00am	Mass
Friday	May 10
7:00am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration
Saturday	May 11
7:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Mass
4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
Sunday	May 12
8:00am	Mass
9:15am	New Latin Mass
10:30am	Mass

Ministers of Service May 11 & 12 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

05/11 5:00pm ~ D. Spiegel L. Allman M. Hussmann
 05/12 8:00am ~ An. & H. & Austin Reinagel
 05/12 10:30am ~ A. Eppert M. Dietz W. Dietz

LECTORS

05/11 5:00pm ~ L. Bub M. Hazelwood
 05/12 8:00am ~ M. Boyce D. Bello
 05/12 10:30am ~ Bill Carmody E. Carmody

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

05/11 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy **Team C**
 05/12 8:00am ~ Sarah Condit
 05/12 10:30am ~ D. Koeller

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

05/11 7:30pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 05/12 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 05/12 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Oh, if only the Eucharist were better understood by Christians and more worthily and frequently received.

How copious would be the fruits of harmony, peace, and spiritual decorum that would flow therefrom for the Church and the whole world! – St. Pope John XXIII

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

The love of God is universal, reaching out to everyone. The Holy Bible gives account of God's love to humanity from the foundation of the world. John in his writing defines God as love. Such an affirmation is simple and absolute. Initial knowledge of divine Love begins with opening Sacred Scripture and discovering the Creator who finds joy in his creation. Nonetheless, to enter into this mystery and truly understand it requires more than intellectual knowledge. To know that God is love requires our participation in his divine love. Authentic knowledge of God is only born in a simple heart that is open and attentive to him. Ultimately, this knowledge of God, of divine Love, is a personal experience. Man's response to divine Love establishes a communion between the Lover and the beloved that results in peace and mutual benevolence

Today's Gospel passage chosen from the last discourse of Jesus is the continuation of last Sunday's gospel. We had the image of the vine and branches last Sunday to describe the intimate association between Jesus and his followers that was necessary if the disciples had to produce fruit for eternal life. In today's Gospel Jesus urges his followers to abide in his love and to love one another. This love for neighbor must have as its model and exemplar Christ's love for his disciples, which made him, lay down his life for them. The disciples are not Christ's servants but his intimate friends and associates in his work. The passage also emphasizes the divine mutuality as Jesus explains that as the Father loves the Son, so does the Son love the disciples and the disciples are to love one another. Everything is interconnected and the word used is "remain". However, the purpose of this divine mutuality is to bear fruit, meaning that the disciple must do something. Jesus says that they will bear lasting fruit in their life work if they trust in God and are motivated by true love for God and neighbor. They now have the responsibility to keep the commandments of Jesus. What this commandment is getting unfolded in this passage.

Whether it is by our priesthood or by our baptism and our confirmation in Christ, each one of us was chosen by the Son of God to be an adoptive son of the Father in the Spirit. Each one of us has a mission to fulfil: that of spreading forth the Love of God throughout the world for the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is God who chooses us and makes us worthy of his love which is a great privilege placed on to us. We must know that God loves us and accepts us as we are, but God loves us too much to leave us as we are. We love babies as they are, yet we want them to grow up. God expects us, similarly, to grow in his love.

God Bless—Fr.H



"This is my commandment: love one another as I love love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

(John 15: 12-13)

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That our discipleship is not out of obligation, but rather out of love.

Amen



OCIA LESSON --PENTECOST FEAST AND ITS IMPACT

Pentecost derives its meaning from the Greek “pentekoste”-the fiftieth day after Easter. According to Jewish practice, the disciples were gathered to celebrate an ancient feast of thanksgiving for first fruits and to remember the law given to Moses on Mount Sinai. “And suddenly from heaven there came...the rush of a violent wind,,divided tongues,as of fire, ...rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit”(Acts 2:1-4).

At that moment the feast of Pentecost took on various new meanings. It marked the beginning of the Church in the world. The apostles were empowered to preach the gospel. As the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, is fulfilled, the entire Trinity is revealed. (Catholic Catechism 1076)

Pentecost is celebrated on May 19 this year.

If interested in joining the Catholic Church, call the rectory 314-645-1445

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.

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.

Dear Little Flower Parish family,

May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you!

I invite you to a community meeting on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the parish hall. I want to join parish leadership in sharing with you some of the ideas that have been presented with regards to the creation of an Early Childhood Development Center which will be grounded in our Catholic mission of developing children of faith and also can be attractive for the wider community. We agree that it will be important to appoint an Advisory Committee which can help to facilitate the hiring of a visionary director, faculty and staff. I appreciate those who have expressed an interest to be included in this advisory board, and I hope to announce this group at our gathering.

We also want to give an update about the repairs which have been authorized by insurance from the Archdiocese concerning the water damage which occurred in our school building earlier this year. These repairs will be done in conjunction with proposals and ideas which many of you have suggested for renovation plans for the hall, the kitchen, and other areas of the school building.

Our Little Flower teachers and students have been offered support by the Archdiocese in this time of transition as we prepare for the closing of the school at the end of this academic year. We will be taking inventory of items which can be kept in the school building for future use, and making decisions about organizing the sale/donation of items which teachers can take with them in their new employment or students can use (for example, consumable materials and library resources).

I am grateful for the plans which have begun in anticipation of Little Flower’s Centennial celebrations. Again, your ideas and suggestions are appreciated. We will continue to share ideas about how to celebrate the many generations of priests, religious, families and parishioners who have grown in faith at Little Flower for the past 100 years, and how to continue to grow the bonds of love in Christ for the future.

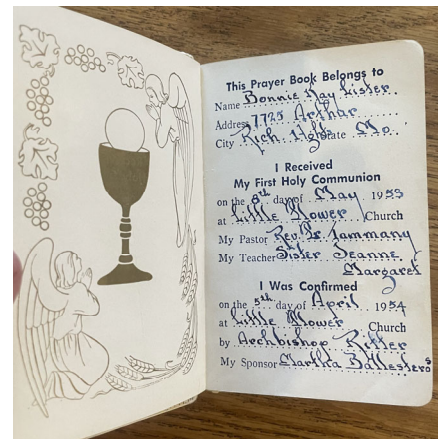
I thank all of you for your patience and understanding in the midst of changes. These have not been easy times for any of us. We ask the Lord to strengthen our parish community with an outpouring of healing and grace from His Sacred Heart, and from our patron, St. Therese, the Little Flower, to persevere in our faith.

God bless you,
Msgr. Timothy P. Cronin
Pastor (Community Meeting)



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



First Communion Activities

The First Communion class had a wonderful morning last week for the First Communion Activities. Ms. Morgan planned a full morning with parent and parish participation. The Second Graders will receive First Communion on May 4, at the 5 PM Mass.

Please keep the Second Graders in your prayers. Thank you all!

A bit of LF nostalgia: Abby Spiegel, her mom Kary, and her grandmother Bonnie (Lister) Bannister who received her First Communion at Little Flower with Rev. Tammany May 8, 1953.

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.



Eucharistic Revival News

Tuesday, May 21st will be our monthly encounter night. We will have a holy hour beginning at 7 pm in the Little Flower chapel. Jesus loves you. Do you love Him? Come and tell Him. He is present with us in the Blessed Sacrament! Confessions will be heard as well. Will you make time for Jesus? He's always available for you. All are welcome.

In addition, the Eucharistic Congress is fast approaching. It will be held in Indianapolis July 17-21. Also, the Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be coming through St. Louis this July 5-7th. I would love to get a group to go out and be part of the pilgrimage while they are here. I will have sign ups for this available at the Encounter nights and eventually after weekend Masses. For more information contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or email jwaugh123@charter.net. All are welcome!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Eucharist means "thanksgiving". So we should be thankful that we can receive Jesus in this sacrament?



As we continue to rejoice in the glories of the risen Lord and anticipate the coming celebration of Pentecost, stay tuned to Covenant Network Catholic radio for the best in programming to assist in your daily devotions and prayers. Listen to KHOJ at 1460 AM on the radio or anytime on our free Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

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.

Have you heard about the Eucharistic Congress that will be held next year?

It will be in Indianapolis on July 17-23rd, 2024. If you want to attend you need to book now. The tickets are selling fast as are hotels in the area. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-6519 or jwaugh123@charter.net. If we have enough people going, we can get a group rate on tickets. But we need to act fast. Thanks for considering this awesome opportunity!

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.

Welcome!

The Catholic Community of Little Flower welcomes with great joy into our parish :

Sharon Schultz
Matthew Griese & Sp. Audrey Griffith
Cletus Mbalida & Sp. Irene Nkpeebu
Greg Goeller & Sp. Sam Goeller
Gianna Vicari
Gary Meier & Sp. Marsha

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

Mass Intentions

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| Monday
7:00am | May 6
M. Georgia Carmody Hodapp |
| Tuesday
7:00am | May 7
Erin Rogers |
| Wednesday
7:00am | May 8
Mary Belle Hackmann |
| 8:15am | All Mother's & Grandmother's |
| Thursday
7:00am | May 9
Helen Miller |
| Friday
7:00am | May 10
Richard Doerr |
| Saturday
8:00am | May 11
Souls in Purgatory |
| 5:00pm | Ida Caroline Massey |
| Sunday
8:00am | May 12
Helen Miller |
| 9:15am | Souls in Purgatory |
| 10:30am | Luigina (Minnie) Donetta |

Readings for the week of May 05, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
- Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

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



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| Allen Conrey | Maurice Muro |
| Mollie Conrey | Ashton Piper |
| Rebecca Conrey | Christopher Wamhoff |
| Blaise Coultier | John Weber |
| Alex Garofalo | Jonathon Habbe |
| Derek Hirtz | Dashawn Arrendon- |
| Brian Kloppenburg | do |
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| Alexander LaRochelle | |