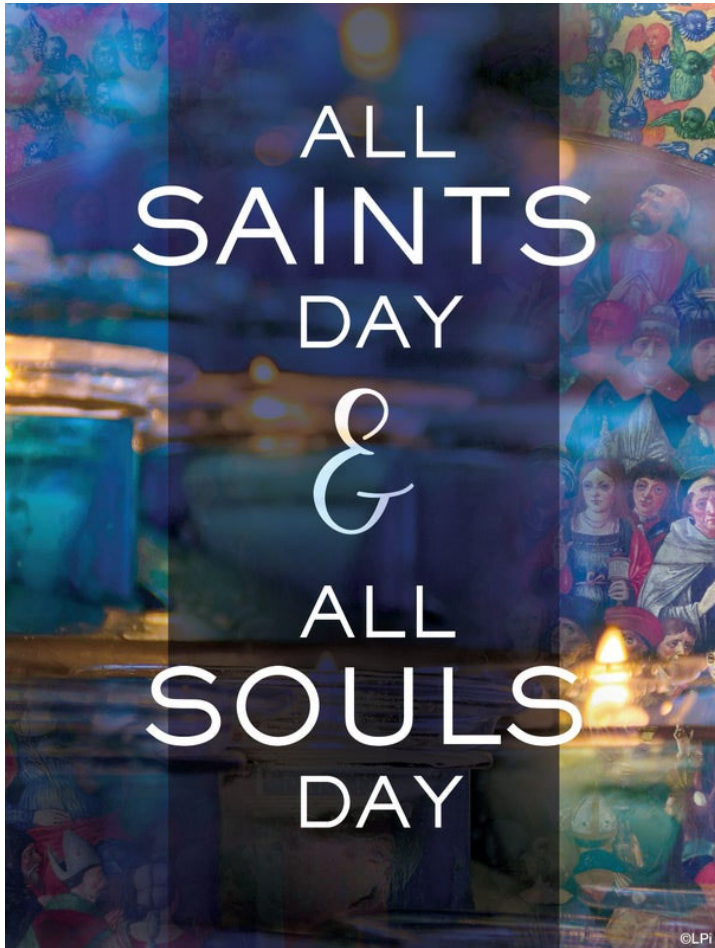


Church of the Little Flower

October 27th , 2024

30th 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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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	October 28
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	October 29
6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00am	Mass
Wednesday	October 30
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Thursday	October 31
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Friday	November 1
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration
Saturday	November 2
4pm-4:45pm	Confessions
4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	November 3
8:00am	Mass
10:00am-10:15am	Confessions
10:30am	Mass

Ministers of Service Nov. 2 & 3rd 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

11/02 5:00pm ~ L. & P. Armbrecht L. Allman
 11/03 8:00am ~ A. Scherman Mat. & And. Verry
 11/03 10:30am ~ Clark & George & Rosemary Woods

LECTORS

11/02 5:00pm ~ C. Verry P. Keenoy
 11/03 8:00am ~ S. McDonald B. Miller
 11/03 10:30am ~ E. & Bill Carmody

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

11/02 5:00pm ~ Barbara Campeau (Team C)
 11/03 8:00am ~ S. Condit
 11/03 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

Restoring the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel: Reflection on Our First Reading

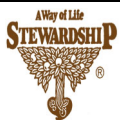
Most people when they read, or listen, to the Book of Jeremiah are familiar with the opening chapter. The beginning of the book has God speak to a young Jeremiah about his prophetic vocation. The Lord tells him, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you” (Jer. 1:5). It’s a verse that is often utilized as Scriptural support for the sanctity of human life, especially the unborn, and our vocational capacity to be called by God to follow a certain way of life. For Jeremiah, being dedicated a prophet largely to the southern Kingdom of Judah and Jerusalem was an incredibly difficult vocation. The Lord told Jeremiah that his prophetic vocation to preach repentance to a city-state was going to be met with obstinacy and rejection. The princes, priests, and kings of Judah would ignore Jeremiah at best and, at worst, attempt to kill him. Yet, God made Jeremiah as tough as iron and gave him the courage and determination to preach the message of repentance Jerusalem needed to hear but went unheeded. God was not calling Jeremiah to a life of prophetic success; he did not enjoy the luxury of the court prophet like Nathan or Gad during King David’s reign. Instead, Jeremiah’s vocation was to be a visible sign of his faithfulness to God’s call and to suffer, if necessary, for the Lord’s covenant fidelity to His people. Added on to this suffering was Jeremiah witnessing the destruction of Jerusalem during the Babylonian captivity and being forced by other Judans into exile in Egypt, where he evidently met his own doom. In short, the Book of Jeremiah is not a happy story.

Although Jeremiah is a Scriptural book that is equivalent to a Greek tragedy, toward the end of the book there is a notable prophecy of hope. In Jeremiah 31:7-9 we see the prophet proclaiming something striking and bold about what God will do for Israel! *This is significant because Jeremiah is prophesying that God will bring back the remnant of Israel, Ephraim, and gather them to the people of the southern kingdom. In Jeremiah’s time this was unthinkable, unimaginable, and hard to believe. The northern kingdom, with Ephraim being the wealthiest of the ten tribes of the northern kingdom, was conquered by the Assyrians some 150 years before the Babylonian captivity of the south. Israel, the northern kingdom, was a distant memory and the people there were all but lost to the pagan nations who overcame them. Yet, Jeremiah’s words of consolation and hope came true when Jesus came onto the picture in salvation history. This is evident in his preaching, healing, and ultimately His Cross, death, and Resurrection when he began to unite Samaria with the Gospel and, ultimately, with the Church’s missionary efforts. Under the Church, the new Israel, Jesus brought Samaritans and Jews together effectively uniting both northern and southern kingdoms of Israel. The Lord brought new life out of something that looked lost, hopeless, and what seemed like a distant memory.*

I think it's significant to reflect on Jeremiah’s story, his message, and the fulfillment of restoration God provided through his prophecy. This is particularly poignant for our parish here at Little Flower. Many of us might feel tempted to despair, to be obstinate, in our conviction that things will never improve in the parish. I admit there is a lot of hurt, pain, and grief over losing the school and questioning whether or not we’ll have an Early Childhood Center. Also, Mass attendance looks uninspiring to many who come on Sundays. However, the future of this parish and its revival depends on each of us, from pastor to parishioner, on how much we are willing to invest our stewardship in the parish. It is simply not enough to rely on a few active parishioners to do the work of improving things and creating programs that might peak the interests of other parishioners. We all need to contribute to building the parish and put our talents, time, and money into things we truly want to happen here at Little Flower. I am asking for more than just ideas; I want each of you to contribute to something that will build hope and vibrancy in the parish. What are you willing to invest your stewardship in? Just as the Lord brought hope and fulfillment through what seemed like a lost cause, so too the Holy Spirit can do some amazing things for Little Flower parish. Are we willing and desirous to work together in the unity of the Holy Spirit? I’m ready for it!

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubie



“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

(Mark 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may change our attitude of wanting more to being grateful and sharing more generously.

Amen



The Vocational Chalice Is Looking For Places To Go!

Thank you to Mary Hazelwood for hosting the vocational chalice this past month. It 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.

Adorers Needed

We currently have some openings for committed adorers on Friday afternoons. If you are willing to commit to making a weekly Holy Hour let Jackie Waugh or Jane McCabe know. And if you don't want to commit, please consider being a sub. Subs step in when committed adorers can't be there to make sure someone is with Jesus while He is on the altar. It's a great way to start coming to pray with us. If you want more information, call 314-704-5619.

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.



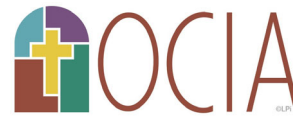
Use the gifts you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

St. Therese of Lisieux



Mass for All Saints Day-

At Little Flower will be
7:00am November 1st
No evening Mass at LF



OCIA LESSON

Is the meaning of the Cross an enigma?

To some, the crucifixion represents a means to appease an angry God for humanity's sinfulness and waywardness. However, the opposite happened! Out of love, "God sent his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life." (Jn 3:16) In this way God allows a divine solidarity with the lost, and the compassionate sacrifice of the Son is of infinite pleasure to the Father. Thus, the Cross symbolizes God's benevolent love for humanity. In the Gospel Jesus challenges us to "take up your cross" in the same self-forgetting way-- with love. In summary, the Cross is the template of the Christian life.

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. For by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Source: Bishop Robert Barron

If interested in becoming Catholic, please call the Rectory 314-645-1445 for information.

Santa's Workshop

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

New location at Saint Mary Magdalen School

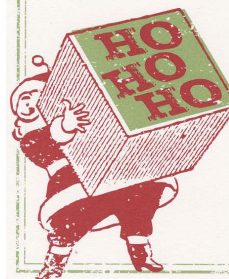
Volunteer Elves Needed!

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 you can be spiritually blind? Ask Jesus to help you see.



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord...

*A solo concert reflecting death and remembering those
who have passed before us.*

Featuring **Saturday, November 2, 2024**
Rose Fulton, soprano and **7:00 PM**
Charles Badami, piano **Church of the Little Flower**
1264 Arch Terr, St. Louis, MO, 63117



Songs by Brahms, Faure, Rachmaninoff, Schubert, et al.

Claim your free seat (and a special invitation) by visiting <https://allsoulsconcert.eventbrite.ca>

All are invited to attend an All Souls' Day concert with Little Flower's very own Rose Fulton on Saturday, November 2 at 7:00 PM. The program reflects on those who have gone before us. To claim your free ticket and to receive a special invitation, visit <https://allsoulsconcert.eventbrite.ca>.

LECTORS NEEDED!

We have a need for a Lector for the 8:00am Mass on Sundays. Please contact the rectory at 314-645-1445. We can really use your help! Thank you.



All are Welcome, First Friday

NOVEMBER 1, 2024

4:30 PM - Adoration, Reconciliation & Benediction
5:30 PM - Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for All Saints Day
Celebrant - Father John Peck, SJ, St. Louis University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

*No Sodality Activities after Mass.



For more information on the Sodality, our events, and enrollment, visit:

MostSacredHeart.net

Sodality Event Location:
Saint Mary Magdalen Church
2618 S. Brentwood Blvd, 63144



PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

	10/13/2024	Year-to-Date Offertory
Collection:	\$ 2,946.00	\$ 66,576.53
Budget:	\$ (7,496.15)	\$ (111,992.25)
Surplus/ (Deficit).8	\$ (4,550.15)	\$ (23,377.27)

Thank you for using your envelopes as a way to return God's treasure.

Learn the Facts on Amendment 3 Before You Vote!

Speaker: Chris Archer, Attorney and Father of Fr. Charlie Archer
Location: St. Mary Magdalen – Brentwood Church Basement
2618 S. Brentwood Blvd
Brentwood, MO 63144

Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024
Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

Mr. Archer will walk through the language of Amendment 3, show how each word can be interpreted under the law, and will provide time for open Q and A.

He will answer questions such as:

Who qualifies as a “person”?

Who is a “healthcare professional”?

What does “a person exercising their right to reproductive freedom with that person’s consent cannot be penalized, prosecuted or otherwise subjected to adverse action for doing so” mean?

Please invite friends, family, neighbors who are undecided or unsure about Amendment 3.

Questions? Contact Ron Bengel at rondbenge@gmail.com

Dear Little Flower parish families,

Since arriving at Little Flower parish this summer, I have worked to understand what makes this parish unique and how best to proceed. Unfortunately, there has been considerable disagreement about what is next for Little Flower, and I have spent significant time speaking with parishioners and learning more about our community. It occurs to me that there is often a disconnect between folks in the pews on Sunday and the direction that our parish is headed. And many times, the feedback or priorities from the parish council have not aligned with the experience of many parishioners. There is no one to blame for this, and I believe that everyone, including the parish council, has the best interests of the parish at heart.

Because of that disconnect, I would like to develop a wider process of consultation that includes more voices from those in the pews. For this reason, I have made the difficult decision to dissolve the parish council and rely on feedback from a broader cross section of parishioners through regular communication and surveys of our families to determine the best path forward. We will explore as a parish community what kind of consultative bodies could be formed in the future (e.g. a reconfigured pastoral council or some other entity.) Please note that this decision will not impact the parish finance council, whose work will continue. To be perfectly clear, this is not intended as a judgment or indictment of the service of our parish council. I am eternally grateful for each member of our parish council and their service to our church. However, I firmly believe we must broaden the sphere of influence in our parish and gather feedback from a more diverse group. To this end, I have included a link to a survey below for Little Flower parish families. I hope you will take the time to respond to these questions thoughtfully, and I look forward to reviewing your responses and charting a path forward.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/littleflowersurvey>

I will also have printed copies of the survey available for Masses starting this weekend. Please drop off the survey in the provided envelope to the parish rectory upon completion.

Currently, I ask for your prayers for our parish community and for me. Please rest assured that the most pressing issue on my mind is the spiritual health of our parish. Do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at frubie@littleflowerstl.org to discuss this or any other concern. I know that our community is united in faith and there are brighter days ahead.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rubie



"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	October 28 The 7:00am Daily Mass Attendees
Tuesday 7:00am	October 29 Matt Walsh
Wednesday 7:00am	October 30 Don & Nancy Mueller
Thursday 7:00am	October 31 Celebrants Choice
Friday 7:00am	November 1 Celebrant's Choice
Saturday 5:00pm	November 2 Mary Leone Echele Massey
Sunday 8:00am	November 3 Mac & Marita Dryden
10:30am	People of Little Flower & St. Mary Magdalen

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*

The soul of Kathryn "Mickey" Franke mother of Andy Franke and Judy Kramp Aunt of Cindy Flottmann, & Vicky Jacoby, mother of Rodney Jacoby, of our parish and all the souls of the faithful departed, May they rest in peace...

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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 | Charlie Vogelsang |
| Joyce Griffen | Bob McShane | |

Readings for the week of October 27, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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