

Church of the Little Flower

October 22, 2023

29th 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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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

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| Monday | October 23 |
| 7:00am | Mass |
| Tuesday | October 24 |
| 7:00am | Mass |
| 10:00am | Legion of Mary |
| Wednesday | October 25 |
| 7:00am | Mass |
| 8:15am | Mass |
| Thursday | October 26 |
| 7:00am | Mass |
| Friday | October 27 |
| 7:00am | Mass |
| 12:00pm | School Dismissal –Report Card Conferences |
| Saturday | October 28 |
| 8:00am | Mass |
| 5:00pm | Mass |
| Sunday | October 29 |
| 8:00am | Mass |
| 9:15am | New Latin Mass |
| 10:30am | Mass |

Monday, Oct. 30th-Parish Council-7:00pm

Please email all bulletin submissions to:
Debra Richter -drichter@littleflowerstl.org
no later than Monday at 10:00am

Ministers of Service Oct. 28 & Oct. 29 2023

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

10/28 5:00pm ~ Mic. El. & Reg. Devereux
10/29 8:00am ~ A. & H. Reinagel A. Hormberg
10/29 10:30am ~ A. Eppert Cl. Koontz S. Donovan

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

10/28 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy Team B
10/29 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz
10/29 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

LECTORS

10/28 5:00pm ~ J. Waugh L. Waugh
10/29 8:00am ~ L. Bub M. Hazelwood
10/29 10:30am ~ R. Provaznik C. Flottmann

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

10/28 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
10/29 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
10/29 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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The Church has the following qualities.

She overcomes when she is attacked. She is understood when she is disputed. And she grows greater when she is abandoned. — St. Hilary of Poitiers

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Gratitude is the virtue of being thankful to someone for benefits personally received. It creates a spirit of goodness in the giver and the receiver through a state of thankfulness. It is a human response generated by the divine grace for the favors generously given and received. The word gratitude comes from the Latin word "gratus" meaning "grace" and grace is the presence of God manifested in people through virtues. To be grateful is to be essentially graceful or grace-filled and that is why the prayers we say before meals we call it grace. The Bible guides us to a spirit of Gratitude for all that the Lord does to us and for all the gifts he places into our lives. All we receive in life is grace and all in life is a gift from God. We ought to respond to these gifts and not take them for granted. The Readings of today tell us about the relationship between the absolute divine control and the earthly, temporal power that can serve God's purposes.

In their praise and flattery, the Pharisees feign to show great respect and confidence in Jesus as an objective and truthful leader. In fact, they want to get him into a non-win situation so that no matter how he responds to their question he will lose. They place before him the delicate problem of the payment of taxes to Caesar, whether it is lawful or not. The Poll Tax was required of everyone between the ages of fourteen and sixty-five to be paid to Caesar. It amounted to a denarius which was equivalent to a day's wage of a common laborer. During the time of Jesus taxation was not a popular issue. Theirs was an occupied territory which meant they were paying taxes and giving tribute to a foreign power. They had in mind the theocracy, God as their King and hence to pay tax to earthly ruler was an insult to God and their religion. Taxes, or any form of submission, should only be made to God, by the offerings made and taxes paid to the Temple. The Jews as a rule hated the Romans hated their brutality, their moral corruption, above all their godlessness. So, the nationalistic Pharisees strongly felt that the taxes should not be paid to the oppressor. On the contrary, for the Herodians, collaboration with the Romans was seen as beneficial. They looked for personal benefit by their association with Rome.

We all are, in some way, the citizens of two kingdoms: citizens of the political territory where we belong and citizens in God's Kingdom. As Jesus says, they both require certain loyalties from us. In the context of the Gospel we need to realize that when we really love our country and its people, then we may have to stand in strong opposition to the authorities on certain issues. Of course, the authorities will try to present such people as traitors and a threat to the stability of the country. The Passage makes it very clear that we have two responsibilities: to the government of our country or territory and to God our creator. Where both are in harmony there cannot be any conflict. Wherever there is immoral or unjust behavior against people's dignity and rights, then there has to be conflict. Such conflict is not always bad. On the contrary, it is because of creative conflict that our society makes progress. Provided we always act in a positive and creative way, "speaking the truth in love", then the flawed kingdoms that men build can, in time, become the Kingdom of God. As a famous dissident — and martyr, St Thomas More, said: "The King's good servant, but God's first."

God Bless—Fr. H



"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."

(Philippians 4:19)

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what he gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we realize we aren't "owners" of anything but merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us.



This week the vocational chalice is in the 8th grade classroom. We currently have no one signed up to take it home with them after that. So I ask that during this time we all pray for vocations as well as our current clergy as they make decisions about the schools in our archdiocese and live with them. You can still have the privilege of hosting the chalice in your home. Sign up in the All Souls Chapel. We need someone for upcoming weeks. If you wish to sign up for more than one week at a time, simply draw an arrow from your entry to the one below. You can take it again if you had it earlier in the year. Please help us continue this important prayer. Contact Jackie Waugh for more info at 314-704-5619. Thanks for participating in this important ministry.



Donut Sunday is TODAY after all the Masses. Stop by the school hall for a donut and some fellowship.

WE HAVE A NEED FOR A LECTOR!

We are in need of a Lector for the 10:30 Sunday mass. A volunteer would only have to do it once every 4 weeks. If you would like to do this please call the rectory at 314-645-1445.
Thank you.



The Rosary Crusade for America and the Church will be prayed every Saturday at 4:30 in the Little Chapel. Father Herzog will bless our group before he heads over to the confessional. Whether you attend the 5:00 Mass or just join for the rosary, everyone is invited.

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!

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

TBD

Collection: \$ 4,399.00
Budget: \$ (7,480.77)
Surplus/ (Deficit): \$ (3,081.77)

Year-to-Date

\$ 112,210.55
\$ (104,730.78)
\$ (TBD)

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



Legion of Mary

If you would like to join a group of people dedicated to sharing prayer and the privilege to share the gift of membership in the Roman Catholic Church—join **The Legion of Mary**, a long-standing Little Flower organization since 1953. Our main focus is in a prayer life—join The Legion of Mary. Every meeting is opened with recitation of the Rosary. Our apostolate is inviting those we contact to value the gift of membership in the Roman Catholic Church. Women and men of all ages are welcome.

The Legion of Mary meets weekly on Tuesday at 10:00am in the rectory meeting room. Come to visit and find out about this organization. Worldwide the Membership is 8-10 million.

Questions: Call Jean Leonhardt/636-230-0347 or jeanleonhardt324@gmail.com

ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES AND FAITHS

You are invited to join us and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, October 26, 2023, 7:00 pm, at St. Catherine Laboure Parish cafeteria (next to the playground) 9740 Sappington Rd, Sunset Hills, MO.

Immediately following the meeting there will be some entertainment (magician I believe) and refreshments. Come to celebrate fall and join in some fun with friendly folks!

SCDC is a support group for anyone feeling alone in our community. SCDC offers lots of social activities and fun times with caring people! Ask about our \$5 discount for new members!

for more information, please contact Tom Shepard at 783-221-7839.



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



The Class of 2024

The Class of 2024 had fun while learning new ways to develop leadership skills at Camp LakeWood! The students participated in team building skills, orienteering, archery, survival hikes, water ecology, and horse back riding! Thank you to the parent chaperones Mr. Acosta and Mr. Morgan for assisting Ms. Dierker, the Eighth Grade Homeroom teacher, at camp.

Little Flower Federal Funding Grant

Little Flower received federal funding to purchase supplies or learning materials for Kg to Grade 8 Students.

The funding was used by Little Flower's Music and Art Departments since these departments teach all the students.

The Eighth Graders unloaded Mrs. Jeltes' car filled with boxes of art supplies.

Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Jeltes had specific vendors to order their approved supplies. Total funding was \$4,000.



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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.



BABY QUILTS



The St. John Paul II quilting group has a large supply of baby quilts for sale. They are all lovingly handmade and hand quilted by a small group of dedicated quilters. Come take a look. For information call Hilda Rupee at 314-832-5680.

There is a Little Flower parishioner currently looking for a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment within the LF parish area. If you have one for rent or know of someone who does please contact the rectory at 314-645-1445.

Thank you for your help!



HELP WANTED! Maintenance Position

We are currently hiring for an experienced maintenance person who can maintain

Parish/School buildings and knowledge of plumbing and electrical repair. Please send resume's to:

lherzog@littleflowerstl.org

Little Flower on YouTube

Did you know the Little Flower parish is on YouTube? We livestream all of our Masses, Sacred Devotions and Morning Prayer. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel, **Little Flower Parish – Richmond Heights**. Be sure and **LIKE** our videos, and share this information with your family and friends.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer Request

Friday, November 17– Sunday, December 31

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights

greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 17 through December 31.

This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours.

If interested, please email programs@snows.org, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: www.snows.org/wayoflights

Desert Day: I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. Come to the quiet and beauty of St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main St., O'Fallon, MO on **November 15, or December 20, 2023 from 9:15 am – 3:15 pm**. The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided. A free will offering is requested. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or by email at mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org

Special Events Scheduled at the National Shrine

Relics of beloved saints including St. Jude and members of the Vincentian Family will be on display at the historic National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 28 (Mass at 12:10 p.m.) and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 29 (Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.).

Guest Speaker Patty Schneier will present a talk titled "Live Life Like a Saint" at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. On Sunday, October 29, a music program will start at 12:30 p.m. Join fellow pilgrims in prayerful reflection and remembrance of all the saints of the Church. Questions? Call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-6279 or go to www.amm.org for more information.

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

Mass Intentions

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| <i>Monday</i> | October 23 |
| 7:00am | Rodney Flottmann |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | October 24 |
| 7:00am | Marie Wehrle |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | October 25 |
| 7:00am | Ann Leyton |
| 8:15am | Souls in Purgatory |
| <i>Thursday</i> | October 26 |
| 7:00am | Sp. Intention (Sr. Cynthia Kozicki) |
| <i>Friday</i> | October 27 |
| 7:00am | Noreen Herzog |
| <i>Saturday</i> | October 28 |
| 8:00am | Joseph Mullaney |
| 5:00pm | Nancy Mueller |
| <i>Sunday</i> | October 29 |
| 8:00am | Shirley Dolan |
| 9:15am | William Cole |
| 10:30am | Bill Kelly |

Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)
/1 Thes 1:15b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72,
73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6,
7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93,
94/Lk 12:54-59

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

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
(2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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
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Jonathon Habbe*