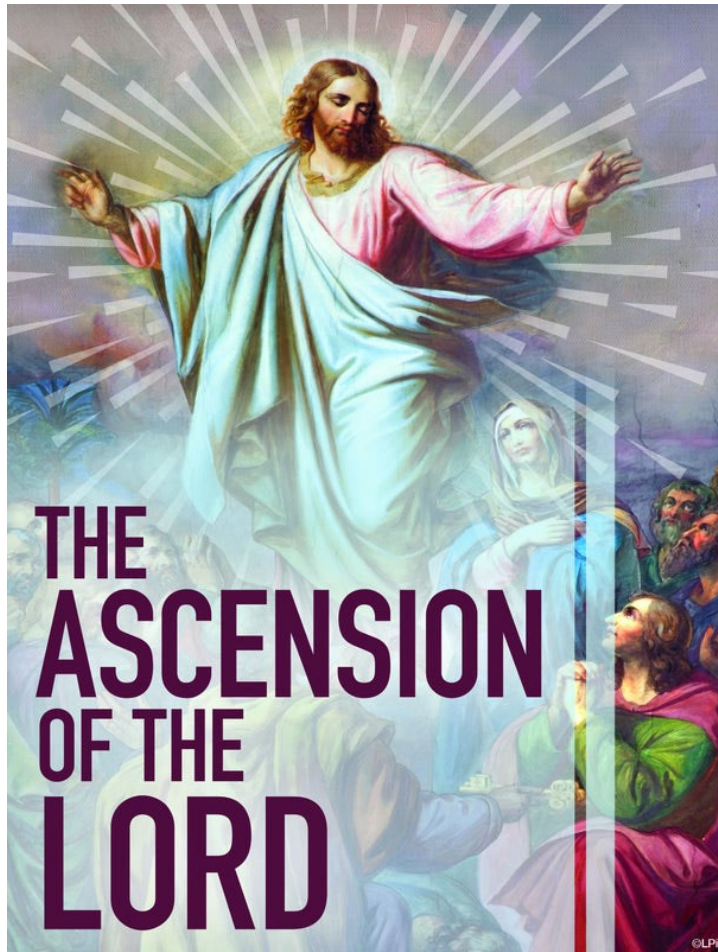


Church of the Little Flower

May 12th, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"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 7:00am	May 13 Mass
Tuesday 7:00am 10:00am	May 14 Mass Legion of Mary
Wednesday 7:00am 8:15am	May 15 Mass Mass Men's Club
Thursday 7:00am	May 16 Mass Field Day Ladies Club 6:30-Rosary, 7:00pm Meeting in School Hall
Friday 7:00am	May 17 Mass 8:00am-5:00pm Adoration 6:30pm 8th Grade Graduation Mass
Saturday 7:00am 5:00pm 4:30pm	May 18 Mass Mass Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
Sunday 8:00am 9:15am 10:30am	May 19 Mass New Latin Mass Mass

Ministers of Service May 18 & 19 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

05/18 5:00pm ~ D. Spiegel L. Allman M. Hussmann
 05/19 8:00am ~ An. & H. & Austin Reinagel
 05/19 10:30am ~ A. Eppert M. Dietz W. Dietz

LECTORS

05/18 5:00pm ~ C. Verry P. Keenoy
 05/19 8:00am ~ Patrick Trump Pat Dolan
 05/19 10:30am ~ H. Fanega K. Koeller

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

05/18 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy Team A
 05/19 8:00am ~ K. Koeller
 05/19 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

05/18 7:30pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 05/19 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 05/19 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Prayer is the most necessary element for our souls, as water is for fish. **Trust and Dare**

Words for Each Day by Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger S.S.N.D.

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation. The man who believes in it and accepts baptism will be saved; the man who refuses to believe in it will be condemned. Signs like these will accompany those who have professed their faith: they will use my name to expel demons, they will speak entirely new languages, they will be able to handle serpents, they will be able to drink deadly poison without harm, and the sick upon whom they lay their hands will recover." Then, after speaking to them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at God's right hand. "

Today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This Feast commemorates the elevation of Christ into Heaven by his own power in the presence of his disciples on the fortieth day after his glorious Resurrection. Jesus after his resurrection spent forty days with his disciples instructing them and encouraging them as they prepared for the mission. The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven completed his earthly work of our redemption. Through his numerous apparitions to hundreds of people between the day of his glorious Resurrection and the day of his Ascension, Jesus proved two things. First of all, he proved that he was the promised Messiah. Secondly, he proved that through him who overcame death, persons who persevere in their living faith in Jesus shall also overcome death and inherit the Kingdom of God.

The Ascension of the Lord is described three times in the New Testament: in the Gospels of Mark and Luke and in the Acts of the Apostles. Today's Gospel is taken from the concluding verses of Mark and describes clearly the post resurrection narrative concerning the apparitions of Jesus to the disciples. Within the context of the appearance, Jesus commissioned the disciples to undertake a worldwide mission of preaching the Gospel. The emphasis is on the universal nature of the mission for which the disciples had been prepared and sent. In the entire mystery of the Ascension, Jesus is portrayed as mandating a clear process for salvation. Those who hear the gospel and believe it are to be baptized and they will be saved. Those who do not believe it and are not baptized will be condemned. An authentic believer will be accompanied by the presence of signs. These include the casting out of demons, speaking in tongues, consuming deadly drinks and so on and will not be harmed. But Jesus does not say that these signs are the test of believers. A true believer is the one who has faith in Jesus and is one with him.

The Ascension of our Lord took place a long time ago but his parting words are still vibrant to us and must be carried out courageously to be his witnesses in the world of today like the first Apostles.

God Bless—Fr. H



"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

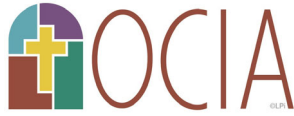
(1 John 4:15)

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either Defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we have the courage to defend our faith and share our witness joyfully with others.

Amen



OCIA LESSON – SACRED SCRIPTURE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

In 1965 Pope Paul VI wrote in the encyclical Dei Verbum: “The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God’s word and of Christ’s body. She has always maintained them, and continues to do so, together with sacred tradition, as the supreme rule of faith, since, as inspired by God and committed once and for all to writing, they impart the word of God Himself without change, and make the voice of the Holy Spirit resound in the words of the prophets and Apostles.”

Much to unpack—It’s helpful to read again.

Source: Encyclical Dei Verbum Chapter VI, 21

If interested in joining the Catholic Church call 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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Next Sunday, May 19th, is

DONUT SUNDAY

Join us for coffee, juice, & donuts after Sunday Masses.

Ladies Club

**Little Flower Ladies’ Club meeting:
Thurs. May 16, 2024**

On Thursday evening, May 16, 2024, the Little Flower Ladies Club will pray the Rosary in church at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will move to the School Hall for a full dinner, prepared by the current Board members.

Please come and thank the current Board for all their efforts this year: President Bea Pollard, Vice President Mary Mabery, Secretary Regina Morris, Treasurer Amy Shumate, Hospitality Chair Sarah Condit, Adviser Kate Scherman, and Past President Judy Osterman.

Please welcome the new Board for the 2024-2025 program year: President Mary Mabery, Vice President Jan Goodman, Secretary Toni Serena, Treasurer Amy Shumate, Hospitality Chair Judy Osterman, Spiritual Chair Jackie Waugh, and Past President Bea Pollard. Anne Lewis will serve as liaison to the Parish Council. New board members will be inducted at this meeting, and assume their duties on July 1, 2024.

Our service project for May will be a summer Book Exchange. Bring a book that you think someone else would enjoy reading—and take one home for your own summer reading.

Call Regina Morris with any questions at 314-647-0475.



Rosary Concert

**Please join us for our choir’s
Third Annual Rosary Concert
on Sunday, June 2, 2024**

**at St. Joan of Arc Church
5801 Pernod Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139**

at 3:00 pm.

This free program will include vocal and instrumental selections as well as inspirational readings and reflections and the recitation of the rosary.

**Come and pray with us on June 2nd.
All are welcome!**



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A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



April 22 School Board Sponsor Picnic Lunch was a success thank you to the following parents who volunteered their time to prepare lunch, serve lunch and supervise recess: Chad Keeven, Billy Dunaway, Shea Behymer, Lauren Milford, Cheryl Ambrecht, Rebecca Casey, Jessica Barger, Alisha Truemper, Kim Koontz, James Binder, Terry Verry, and Kevin Sargent

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?



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.

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.



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.

"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*

*the soul of John Hazelwood, Husband of Mary Hazelwood
 and 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 |
| Chandlor 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 13
Sp. Intention |
| Tuesday
7:00am | May 14
Thomas E. Mueller |
| Wednesday
7:00am | May 15
Timothy Joseph Hobbs |
| 8:15am | Souls in Purgatory |
| Thursday
7:00am | May 16
Mary Georgia Carmody Hodapp |
| Friday
7:00am | May 17
Mac & Marita Dryden |
| Saturday
8:00am | May 18
Helen Miller |
| 5:00pm | Katherine Herzog & John Asinger |
| Sunday
8:00am | May 19
Bonnie Dickens |
| 9:15am | Souls in Purgatory |
| 10:30am | Mac Dryden |

Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

- Sunday: 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
- Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/
 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

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



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