

Church of the Little Flower

October 13th , 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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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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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 14

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Fr. Rubie)

Tuesday October 15

6:45-6:55 Perpetual Help Devotions
 7:00am Mass (Fr. Rubie)
 7:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday October 16

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Msgr. McCumber)
 7:00pm Men's Club Meeting

Thursday October 17

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Fr. Herzog)
 6:30pm Rosary 7:00pm Ladies Club

Friday October 18

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass (Fr. Herzog)
 8:00am-5:00pm Adoration

Saturday October 19

4pm-4:45pm Confessions
 4:30pm Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
 5:00pm Mass (Fr. Herzog)

Sunday October 20 Donut Sunday

8:00am Mass (Fr. Rubie)
 10:00am-10:15am Confessions
 10:30am Mass (Msgr. McCumber)

Santa's Workshop Sale

Ministers of Service Oct. 19 & 20 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

10/19 5:00pm ~ P. Armbrecht L. Allman M. Husmann
 10/20 8:00am ~ A. Eppert Mattias & Anders Verry
 10/20 10:30am ~ S. Donovan Nora & Will Saykes

LECTORS

10/19 5:00pm ~ J. Waugh L. Waugh
 10/20 8:00am ~ K. Sargent M. Gibbs
 10/20 10:30am ~ M. Chauvin M. Seal

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

10/19 5:00pm ~ Patrick Keenoy (Team A)
 10/20 8:00am ~ Kevin Sargent
 10/20 10:30am ~ Kitty & Steve Toombs

Jesus! The Lord Who Discerns the Hearts of All

In May 2013, I received a letter from Archbishop Carlson accepting my matriculation into Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in the pre-theology program. I was brimming with excitement because, at that time, I had been actively discerning the priesthood for at least two years. I felt this letter was confirmation of my vocation to eventually being ordained a priest. I wanted to share this information with the world! Naturally, I shared it with my friends first because I remember going to a party (it had nothing to do with my acceptance letter) later that evening and telling friends about it. Each one of them knew I was discerning the priesthood and, of course, they supported me embarking on this new chapter in my life. Next, I wanted to share the excitement with my pastor at the Cathedral Basilica, Msgr. Joseph Pins, who I admired as a faithful priest.

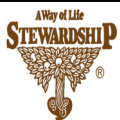
One day shortly after receiving the letter I walked into the cathedral sacristy and shared the excitement and great news about being accepted into the seminary. Monsignor Pins, who was resting against the counter in the middle of sacristy, stood straight up, looked me in the eye, and said, "God does not call men to be seminarians; he calls them to be priests." Then he said nothing else. I was caught off guard by that statement and, admittedly, was bemused. Why didn't he share in the excitement of me being now a seminarian? Wasn't it a confirmation, so to speak, that in being accepted in the seminary I was being called to the priesthood? After all, I was 32 years old at the time and, so I thought, had the moral certainty before stepping foot in the seminary that I was being called to the priesthood. Monsignor Pins' words stung me and I never forgot what he said that day.

Monsignor Pins' words turned out to be more prophetic for the shaping of my formation than I realized at the time. In fact, those words were Jesus' way to speak to me in words I needed to hear because my entire human and spiritual formation, which I received in seminary and continue to receive as a priest, purged me of the narrowmindedness of simply regarding spiritual discernment and personal formation as an academic exercise in theology and community prayer. In other words, before I entered seminary, and certainly during my first year, I thought of seminary formation simply as going to theology school; my attitude was that academic excellence and achievement are really what I need to focus on during seminary. This is what I thought seminary was all about as preparation for the priesthood. I couldn't be any more incorrect. In fact, in my first year and subsequent years of seminary formation, I learned that true discernment of the priesthood—or any vocation for that matter—is a deepening relationship with God where I will be stretched, purged, and confronted with my presumptions, weaknesses, and limitations. During those seminary years, God was poking at tender areas of my heart and interior life that I did not want to go out of fear and out of wounded pride. I had to die to myself in the sense of letting go of the pride of focusing wholeheartedly on academic excellence and accept that academics needed to be balanced with prayer, spiritual direction, healthy living, and community life. I also had to learn personal sacrifice even when it hurt—especially when I knew this is what God wanted me to do. Many days I would walk outside in solitude and have a "come to Jesus talk" with the God-Man Himself, expressing my mixed emotions and frustrations. These experiences are exactly what I needed; they purged me of what I falsely believed of myself—that I was ready to be a priest so long as I was academically achieving a high grade point average in my studies. I had to learn who I am and how I am loved by God regardless of what I successfully accomplish. In short, my value and integrity lies in being an adopted son of God through my baptism. From this foundation, then I could begin to truly discern the priesthood.

I bring up my story because it is relevant to our Gospel passage this weekend. Jesus lovingly discerned what I needed to hear from Msgr. Pins early in my formation: seminary was the beginning of the journey discerning the priesthood; it was also the beginning of my personal transformation in self-awareness. Likewise, Jesus did the same thing for the rich young man. He understood the rich young man followed all the commandments and, despite all this, the young man felt in his heart there was something missing—he was being invited into an intimate relationship with God by allowing Him to envelop the young man's heart more fully. Jesus knew what the young man needed: he had to let go of his possessions and his self-identity in these material possessions in order to embrace the joy and freedom of God's love for him. What things are each of us holding on to that divide our attention and trust in God's call to embrace Him fully? What is the Lord inviting you to sacrifice and to let go of any false identity? Confidently respond affirmatively to God's invitation to enter into deeper communion with him. I promise you will not be saddened if you did!

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubie



"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich"

(Mark 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. However, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we are generous with all our gifts, especially those that mean the most to us.

Amen

Donut Sunday is next
Sunday October 20th
After 8:00am & 10:30
Masses. Join us for a
donut and shop at the Santa's Work-
shop Sale!



HURRICANE COLLECTION

There is going to be a **special collection**
during all masses next weekend the 19th &
20th of October for the victims of
Hurricane Helene who have lost so much.
We appreciate your donations and generosity.

**THE PARISH THAT PRAYS
TOGETHER,**

STAYS TOGETHER!

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.



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

Little Flower Holy Hour

There will still be the regular 3rd Tuesday Holy Hour on October 15th at 7pm. We will have confessions and quiet time with Jesus as always. Please come and join us in praying for our priests, our pastorate, and the political issues we face in the coming election. Jesus is waiting for you. All are welcome.

New Bulletin Deadline

Beginning October 4, 2024

All Bulletin Information will need to be submitted by

Friday at 10 AM

Any Bulletin information submitted after this deadline will appear in the following weekend bulletin.





THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

SANTA'S WORKSHOP MOVING SALE

Ho Ho Home is moving for the Little Flower Ladies Club's Santa's Workshop and we are offering some of our inventory one last time.

Children of ALL ages are welcome to shop on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 in the parish hall from 9am -1 pm. All items are \$1! Children are still encouraged to shop for their families as tradition holds, but gift wrapping will not be available. Adults just might find the perfect white elephant gift!

Contact Bea Pollard with questions: 314-477-2626

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

09/29/2024	Year-to-Date Offertory	
Collection: \$ 3,358.00	\$	59,185.53
Budget: \$ (7,496.15)	\$	(97,449.95)
Surplus/ (Deficit).8	\$	(4,138.15)
	\$	(33,068.29)

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

Pray the Cardinal Burke Novena daily

Scan here or go to: therosary.online

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

Eucharistic Prayer Companions

FIRST SATURDAYS

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

You are invited to gather with the Eucharistic Prayer Companions of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (EPC) at various Churches throughout our Archdiocese on First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers:

A Reparation Rosary, the Chaplets of Divine Mercy and of the Holy FACE, and 15 Minutes of Silent Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.
Prayer copies will be available at the Church.

Please join us for the following:

November 2nd St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Church 4900 Ringer Rd. 63129.

8am Mass followed by our First Saturday Prayers.

December 7th St. Alban Roe Church 2001 Shepard Road, Wildwood, 63038.

Confessions 7:30-8:15. Mass 8:30am First Saturday Prayers.

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



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 if we want to follow Jesus we must put Him above everything else in our lives?

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Way of Lights Performer Request
Friday, November 18– Saturday, December 31
You are invited to share your wonderful talents at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

A vertical poster for a Fall Fest event. The background is dark red with a collage of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red on the left side. At the top center is a green shield-shaped logo with a white cross and three white flowers. The text is written in a white, cursive font. The main title is 'Fall Fest', followed by 'Little Flower Catholic Church', the date 'October 25', and the time '6 p.m.' Below this is 'Blacktop', 'Come Join Us!', and the address '1264 Arch Terrace, Richmond Heights, MO 63117'.

Fall Fest
Little Flower
Catholic Church
October 25 6 p.m.
Blacktop
Come Join Us!
1264 Arch Terrace
Richmond Heights, MO 63117

"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 7:00am	October 14 Celebrants Choice
Tuesday 7:00am	October 15 Domenico Toschini
Wednesday 7:00am	October 16 Celebrants Choice
Thursday 7:00am	October 17 Helen Miller
Friday 7:00am	October 18 George Schwetz
Saturday 5:00pm	October 19 Thomas E. Mueller
Sunday 8:00am	October 20 Jean Leonhardt
10:30am	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 | 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 13, 2024

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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*