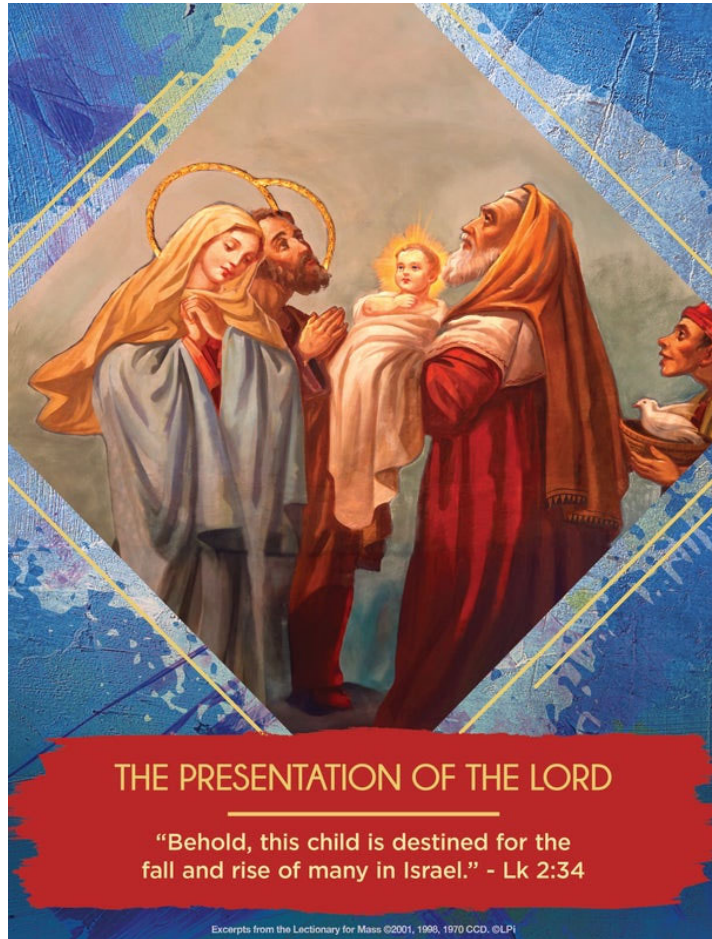


Church of the Little Flower

February 2nd, 2025

The Presentation 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

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	February 3
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	February 4
6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00am	Mass
Wednesday	February 5
7:00am	Mass
Thursday	February 6
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Friday	February 7
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration
Saturday	February 8
4pm-4:45pm	Confessions
4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	February 9
8:00am	Mass
10:00am-10:15am	Confessions
10:30am	Mass

Ministers of Service Feb 08 & 09 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

02/08 5:00pm ~ Liesl & Phillip Armbrrecht T. Sullivan
 02/09 8:00am ~ Mattias & Anders Verry N. Saykes
 02/09 10:30am ~ Curran & Keegan Koontz J. Schibig

LECTORS

02/08 5:00pm ~ M. Hazelwood L. Bub
 02/09 8:00am ~ J. Osterman T. Serena
 02/09 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann R. Provaznik

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

02/08 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams **(Team B)**
 02/09 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz
 02/09 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

Nunc Dimittis— “Now Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace...”

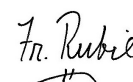
One of the favorite memories I have of my time in the seminary happened every Monday evening after dinner with the community. It was the beginning of the school week and many seminarians were getting ready for a full academic workload for the week’s lessons. Certainly on Monday evenings studying for upcoming exams or preparing to finish a term paper were done during these times. While it was understandable for brother seminarians to retreat to their rooms for quiet study, I and many other seminarians relished in the opportunity to study in the fireside lounge together with a fire roaring, ambient lighting permeating the room, classical music playing, and some cheese and wine to add a sophisticated touch. It was a tradition, a routine, that was started by Fr. Randy Soto for the men in the seminary and he gave it a fitting name to cap off a long Monday: *Nunc Dimittis*.

This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and it’s a rare opportunity to celebrate it on Sunday. Many of us are familiar with the story of Mary and Joseph bringing the baby Jesus to the Temple for His presentation before God. While this is true and it’s the heart of what we are celebrating this weekend, there is incredible significance to the scene of the Lord’s Presentation in the Temple. I want to focus on the words uttered out of Simeon’s mouth, “*Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled; my own eyes have seen the salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.*” This is Simeon’s canticle of praise to God for finally beholding with his own eyes the salvation of all peoples, which he held in his arms as the tiny baby born in Bethlehem. Simeon’s life and purpose, his hope and love for God, was all encapsulated in this significant moment where he held human salvation in his arms. Once Simeon saw his whole life’s anticipation and hope fulfilled, he uttered the most beautiful prayer that signified the definitive prophetic utterance: *Jesus is the light of God’s love to all the nations and the glory of Israel. Through Christ not only will Israel be blessed by having their Messiah and Davidic king return to His rightful throne, Israel’s glory comes by way of Jesus fulfilling Israel’s vocation to be the light that guides the Gentile nations to worship the God of Israel. Surprisingly, Israel to the naked eye looked like a shadow of its former glory under David and Solomon, especially under the tyrannical rule of the Romans. However, the fulfillment of Simeon’s prophecy shows that Israel’s kingdom would be universal and exceed the excellence of the Davidic or Solomonic reigns.*

It’s difficult to know exactly what Simeon understood about the infant Jesus being the salvation for all peoples, but we can imagine, at the very least, that this salvation would be from political and military tyranny. At least some people in Simeon’s day would see messianic hopes in being saved from an oppressive, foreign power. But it’s reasonable to believe Simeon saw that the Christ child would bring salvation to the nations on a deeper level—that humanity would be forgiven of their sins and brought into communion with the living God. Regardless, Simeon’s canticle says a lot about the vision of faith in small, but significant ways. Simeon waited years to see what God promised him and it came as an infant child. Yet, Simeon saw more than a child, but Jesus’ fulfillment of His mission and the consequences His mission would bring: the birth of the Church and a universal dominion where humanity is saved through the Lord’s paschal mystery. All of this Simeon saw not in its reality, but in its promise. Simeon teaches us a lot about seeing through hope and the vision of faith. In our own walk of faith do we see the kernels of God’s saving grace and divine love in our daily lives? Do we eagerly await the Lord to answer our prayers and are we open to receiving that fulfillment in God’s time and in the manner He desires to show us? Just think that Simeon waited decades for the Messiah to come and he only saw a small infant to his naked eye. However, Simeon’s faith saw deeper than his eyes and he rejoiced at the fulfillment of God’s promise to him, even if he saw only the beginning of human salvation in a baby wrapped in his arms. What a wonderful life Simeon lived and was justly rewarded for his faithfulness.

Nunc Dimittis are the Latin words for the beginning of Simeon’s canticle and a beautiful prayer the Church honors every day night prayer is said during the Liturgy of the Hours. Perhaps we too can end our day and our lives here on earth with these blessed words of Simeon, the great teacher of having perfect vision through the eyes of faith!

In Christ the Savior,



Did you know?

Did you know that our church was constructed in a French Gothic style of the type that would have been found in Lisieux?

First Saturday Devotions

February 1st, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd,
June 7th and continuing...

Mass at 9:00am
followed by Rosary, Devotions
and a Family Program

Our Lady of Fatima spoke to Lucia:

"I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

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For more information go to: www.centreformercy.org/epc
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OCIA LESSON: THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE—A SUPERNATURAL VOCATION

Marriage is that sacrament by which a baptized man and woman are bound together by vows to an *exclusive life-long commitment* to one another and to accepting and raising children. In this sacrament God gives grace for the fulfillment of these duties.

Echoing St John Paul II, Bishop Robert Barron teaches that "authentic married love is caught up into divine love in such a way that the family functions as ...the image of the divine love at work in the world." And from St Paul, marriage is a "symbol of Christ's love for his church."

The essential love of husband and wife passes "beyond eros (sensual desire) to self-giving love."

Why marry in church? "A couple should come before God and his people only when they are convinced that their marriage is not finally about them; that it is, in fact about God and about serving God's purposes." They see that they have been brought together by the divine love to be a radiant sign of that love to the world.

Sources: Evangelium; Bishop Barron—Vatican II Collection

Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the rectory 314-645-1445 or drichter@littleflowerstl.org

Adorers Needed

Did you know that Little Flower has weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays? It's true. We have Adoration on Fridays from 8a-5pm. You are welcome to come join us in spending time with Jesus. We could really use additional Adorers from 9-10am, 12-1pm, and 3-4pm. If you're interested in committing to coming at one of these times or being available to sub as needed, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or Jane McCabe at 314-605-6098.



"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested."

(Hebrews 2:18)

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us. He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may understand that Jesus understands our pain and only He can fill the whole in our heart.

Amen



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY



Love is in the air. . .

To celebrate our parish centennial, we will be performing random acts of love and kindness throughout the month of February to honor our patron saint, Saint Therese.

Please keep your hearts and eyes open for details to follow in the mail.



The Centennial Committee



LITTLE FLOWER NEWSLETTER

If you would like an announcement or event included in the Little Flower newsletter, please send the information or graphic to littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com.

If you would like to receive the Little Flower newsletter with updates and announcements, please send your contact information to littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com!



STMM Middle School Trivia Night



Where: St Mary Magdalen Gym
When: Sunday, Feb 16th 6p-9p
Who: 5th-8th graders - all schools welcome!

- *Cost (includes 1 drink/person) : \$15 per person or \$105 per table of 8
- *Large pizzas available for pre-order - \$12 each
- *Tickets for raffle prizes and games - 6 tickets for \$5

Doors open at 6 - Trivia starts at 6:30pm

Sign up through JotForm :
*register by Thursday, February 13th
<https://form.jotform.com/230467216354050>



E-mail Kate with any questions : katechristlieb.pac@gmail.com

Vocational Chalice



Do you know someone who is discerning the priesthood or religious life? Do you want to spend some time this week praying for our priests? Do you want to pray for guidance in discerning what God is calling you to do for His church? The vocational chalice is waiting for you! Please sign up to take it home for a week or two and pray with it. It is a privilege to host it. You will be blessed for taking part in this important ministry.



Lolly's Place After-School Tutoring

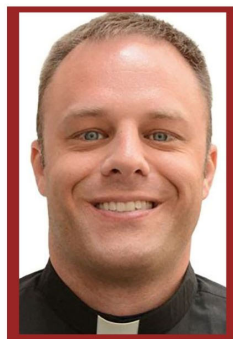
Lolly's Place is *thrilled* to announce that we have launched a second tutoring location at Little Flower. We are very excited to be a part of your community!

Lolly's Place is a holistic, literacy focused, after-school tutoring and mentoring program for children in grades K-8. We work to close learning and academic achievement gaps for children from diverse backgrounds through customized services and one-on-one tutoring. We also infuse our program with a variety of enrichment and experiential learning activities.

To enroll your child, please visit <https://lollysplace.org/tutoring-enroll>. Feel free to call Mary Pat Gallagher at 314-800-4260 or email her at 2mpg@lollysplace.org

All are Welcome, First Friday

FEBRUARY 7, 2025



- 4:30 PM - Adoration, Reconciliation & Benediction
- 5:30 PM - Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Celebrant: Fr. Sam Conedera, SJ, St. Louis University, Assistant Professor of History
- 6:30 PM - Dinner in church lower level (free-will offering ~ pizza, salad, cookies)
- 7:00 PM - Reflection by Fr. Conedera, SJ, and Activities for Children until 7:30 PM.

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



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 portal of our Website.



National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

3-part Scripture Series: God's Justice in the Bible

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

Saturdays, March 1, March 8 and March 15, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00

noon

Justice is one of the attributes of God that isn't talked about nearly enough. Yet it is fundamental to the understanding of the nature and character of the Christian and Jewish God. God is love – and one of the most important ways God's love becomes real in the world is through justice.

In this three-part series we will examine the justice of God. First, in the Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures. Second, through the message of Jesus and his Reign of God movement. Third, we will see how the early Christian movement began to back away from the practice of justice as it cozied up to the Roman Empire.

Cost: \$15 per session / \$45.00 for the series

Register online snows.org/marketling or call 618-394-6281.

"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	February 3 Marie Gregg
Tuesday 7:00am	February 4 (Sp. Int.) Joyce Meichbach
Wednesday 7:00am	February 5 Bill Farrell
Thursday 7:00am	February 6 Jim Feser
Friday 7:00am	February 7 Jean Leonhardt
Saturday 5:00pm	February 8 Mary Janet Kinsella
Sunday 8:00am	February 9 Katie Matula
10:30am	Celebrants Choice

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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| Maria Adderley | Beverly Haffner | John McShane |
| Andrew Blum | Mary Ellen Havard | G. Tracy Mehan |
| John Boland | Louise Haynes | Mary Falk Mehan |
| Maxine Borowiak | Adrianna Hubb | Peg Mango |
| Jaxson Boyer | Chris Lewis Hutchcroft | Helen Mango |
| Frankie Boyer | Stan James | Stephanie Mortenson |
| Steve Bradshaw | Rebecca Jenson | David Nathe |
| Joanne Buchholz | 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 |
| Chandlor 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 | |
| Joyce Griffen | Bob McShane | |

Readings for the week of February 2, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/
 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-1

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
 Jonathon Habbe
 Dashawn Arrendondo
 Ean Eicher*