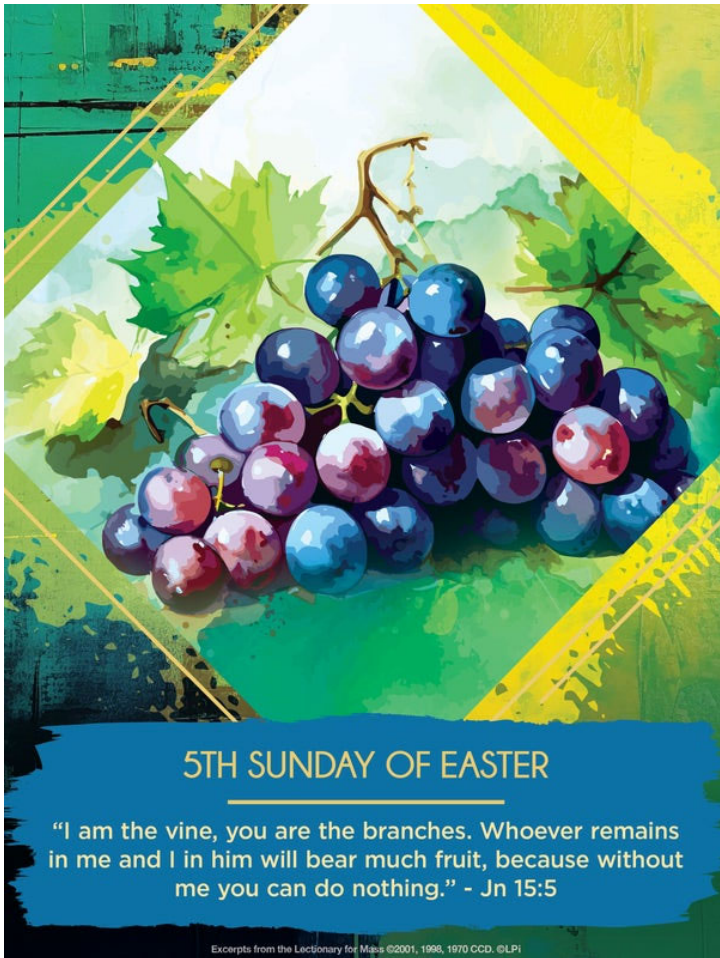


Church of the Little Flower

April 28th, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter



"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	April 29 Mass
Tuesday 7:00am 10:00am	April 30 Mass Legion of Mary
Wednesday 7:00am 8:15am	May 1 Mass Mass
Thursday 7:00am	May 2 Mass
Friday 7:00am 8:00am-5:00pm	May 3 Mass Adoration
Saturday 7:00am 5:00pm 4:30pm	May 4 Mass Mass Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
Sunday 8:00am 9:15am 10:30am	May 5 Mass New Latin Mass Mass

Ministers of Service May 4 & 5 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

05/04 5:00pm ~ L. Armbrecht K. Thomason D. Spiegel
 05/05 8:00am ~ M. & M. & A. Verry
 05/05 10:30am ~ P. Armbrecht W. & N. Saykes

LECTORS

05/04 5:00pm ~ L. Waugh J. Waugh
 05/05 8:00am ~ M. Gibbs K. Sargent
 05/05 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann R. Provaznik

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

05/04 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams **Team B**
 05/05 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz
 05/05 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

05/04 7:30pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 05/05 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 04/05 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Jesus Christ is very little known by those who claim to be His friends.

We observe them seeking in Him not His sorrows but their own consolation. –St. John of the Cross

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned."

During the Easter season the liturgy brings us closer to the resurrected Jesus and makes us realize that we are always united to him and him to us. He gives the invitation to all of us to enter into the true discipleship but in the context of the community. On his mission he sends his disciples two by two and teaches them to proclaim his kingdom as a community. He tells his chosen ones that where two or three gather in his name he is present in their midst. He takes the initiative to unite himself with us. Our life receives the full meaning when we are able to give ourselves to the service of others and find meaning in that service. Our true living comes by opening ourselves to God and to the world by becoming persons open to his will. The close identification of Jesus with the Father is the over-riding theme of today's Gospel passage. At the same time Jesus invites his followers to identify themselves with him and his mission. In this gospel passage from the last discourse of Jesus we hear Jesus say that he is the Vine and we are the branches. Without his initiative of being pruned, no branch can bear any fruit. He says that each one must bear fruit to the glory of the Father

This passage describes the intimate union that must exist between Jesus and his followers, under the image of vine and its branches. His Father is the vinedresser who will encourage the good branches and cut off the useless ones. The fruit produced by the vine and the branches, by Christ and his followers, will be to God's eternal glory. The image of a vine or the vineyard to represent the chosen people of God was often used in the Old Testament.

The vine is the source from which the branches receive their living water that gives them life and makes them bloom. If the living water was to be cut off from the branches, they would dry up, die and decay

Therefore, it is absolutely necessary for us to abide in Jesus. Those who do not abide in him will not be able to sustain life or bear fruit and therefore they will be cut off. order: first he expresses the fact that the Church must abide in him, and then he speaks of the fact that he himself is called to abide in the Church. The first is the condition of the second.

Jesus speaks to us today of his Father and of his activity in the world. That is his mission among us: to reveal to us who the Father is, to tell us what he does and what he intends to do in response to our actions.

God Bless—Fr. H



"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

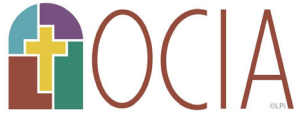
(1John 3:18)

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That our discipleship is not out of obligation, but rather out of love.

Amen



OCIA LESSON -THE CHURCH

St. Paul calls the Church the “body of Christ (Eph 1:22-29) Christ’s Mystical Body—the Church-- was established by God on earth to gather humanity to divine life in heaven.

The Church is **ONE**: one founder, Jesus. (You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church. Mt 16:18,19). Members are united in one faith, sharing the same sacraments under Christ, its head, and the Pope, his vicar on earth. It is **HOLY**, founded by God; members are the baptized striving to become holy. It is **CATHOLIC**, meaning universal and is for all races and nations in all ages. It is **APOSTOLIC**, its faith and practices come from the apostles. The bishops are successors of the apostles in an unbroken line.

Where is the Church? The **Church on earth** are all baptized working on personal holiness and the sanctification of society. The **Church in purgatory** are those being purified and making reparation for past offenses. The **Church in heaven** are those who are now in the glory of heaven.

At every Mass all the members of the entire church, with Christ the Head, participate in offering the divine sacrifice. What a privilege!

Source: Evangelium

If interested, join OCIA by calling 314-645-1445

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our patron, St. Therese of Lisieux is a Doctor of the Church.

She was considered a missionary even though she never left the Carmel.

Little Flower Parish invites you to join us for:

The Rosary Crusade for America and the Church will be prayed every Saturday at 4:30 in the Little Flower Chapel. Whether you attend the 5:00 Mass or just join for the rosary, everyone is invited.

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.

WE ARE HIRING

Early Childhood Center Director

Little Flower Parish is opening a year- round Early Childhood Center. We are seeking a faith-filled, energetic, dedicated professional to be the Director. Please email resume and cover letter to drichter@littleflowerstl.org

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.



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.



Scan to register or donate

SAVE THE DATE!

The Run for Life and Learning is June 1!
Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 1 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD®. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families. For sponsorship opportunities, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



Jefferson City, MO Field Trip

On Monday, April 15, 2024 the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Graders spent the day in Jefferson City, MO touring the Governor's Mansion, the State Capitol, and the Missouri Penitentiary.

The students listened and learned about Missouri History, and the famous prisoners of the penitentiary. The trip to Jefferson City, MO would be a great family summer day event!

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.



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.

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center Summer Directed Re-

treats

Directed Retreat II from July 8 through July 15, 2024.

The 7-day summer Directed II Retreat is a primary way to hear the voice of God through the people and events of daily experiences. The goal of the directed retreat is to allow you to go deeper into your relationship with God while savoring what is happening in your life. The retreat includes daily meetings with your own Spiritual Director and a period of personal prayer, using scripture. Also available are optional periods for group Centering Prayer experiences, Eucharist, and Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Cost: Please visit kh.snows.org/events/directed2-2024, or for more information, call

Have you heard about the Eucharistic Congress that will be held next year?

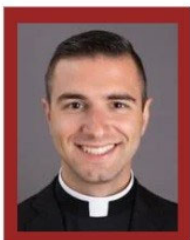
It will be in Indianapolis on July 17-23rd, 2024. If you want to attend you need to book now. The tickets are selling fast as are hotels in the area. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-6519 or jwaugh123@charter.net. If we have enough people going, we can get a group rate on 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.

All are Welcome, First Friday

MAY 3, 2024



4:30 PM - Adoration, Reconciliation & Benediction

5:30 PM - Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
Celebrant, Rev. Ryan Quarnstrom,
Associate Pastor, St. Margaret Mary
Alacoque Parish

*No Activities after mass.

Saint Mary Magdalen Church
2618 S. Brentwood Blvd, 63144



For more information on the sodality, our events, and enrollment, visit: MostSacredHeart.net

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, **May 15, or June 20 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@cppsfallon.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*

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 Scheidegger |
| Helena Czosnyka | Jim LaMartina | Tom Schuette |
| Chandolor Davis | Patty LaRochelle | James Smith |
| James Davis | Mary Laws | Tony Snider |
| James E. Davis | Everleigh Lauber | Hollie Soto |
| Nathan Glore Davis | Jean Leonhardt | Matthew Stuart |
| Patrick Dolan | Sherry Lopez | Gary Underwood |
| Bill Edwards | Greg & Shelley | Miriam Varas |
| Kathryn Fischer | Lowrey | Margaret Verzino |
| Peter Freundl | Elizabeth Lyons | Charles Volk |
| Ron Garnier | Emma Lyons | Billy Wells |
| Joyce Griffen | Bob McShane | Joseph Wheeler |
| Linda Grobelny | | |

Mass Intentions

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| Monday
7:00am | April 29
Rose Marie Koerner |
| Tuesday
7:00am | April 30
Gary Gionnette |
| Wednesday
7:00am | May 1
Helen Miller |
| Thursday
7:00am | May 2
(Sp. Int.) L.F. Parish |
| Friday
7:00am | May 3
Ida Caroline Massey |
| Saturday
7:00am | May 4
Sp. Int. (Fr. H.) |
| Sunday
8:00am | May 5
Catherine Cronin |
| Sunday
8:00am | May 5
Marita Dryden |
| Sunday
9:15am | May 5
Members of the Parish |
| Sunday
10:30am | May 5
Medta Bachhofer |
| | May 5
Dec. Members of the Kocziacki Family |

Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

- Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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