

Church of the Little Flower

September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary



"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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 7:00am

Holiday 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:

Monday at 1:00pm

Calendar of Events

MASSSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

Monday	September 9
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass (Msgr. McCumber)
Tuesday	September 10
6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00am	Mass (Msgr. McCumber)
Wednesday	September 11
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass (Msgr. McCumber)
Thursday	September 12
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass (Msgr. McCumber)
Friday	September 13
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass (Fr. Herzog)
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration
Saturday	September 14
4pm-4:45pm	Confessions
4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
5:00pm	Mass (Fr. Rubie)
Sunday	September 15
8:00am	Mass (Msgr. McCumber)
10:00am-10:15am	Confessions
10:30am	Mass (Fr. Rubie)

Ministers of Service Sept. 14 & 15 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

09/14 5:00pm ~ L. Armbrrecht P. Armbrrecht L. Allman

09/15 8:00am ~ Austin & Annelise & Henry Reinagel

09/15 10:30am ~ S. Donovan Nora & Will Saykes

LECTORS

09/14 5:00pm ~ L. Bub M. Hazelwood

09/15 8:00am ~ M. Gibbs K. Sargent

09/15 10:30am ~ R. Provaznik C. Flottmann

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

09/14 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams **(Team B)**

09/15 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz

09/15 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

“Ephphatha!”—that is, “Be opened!”

“Ephphatha” sounds like a strange word, especially for us Midwestern Americans who speak plain, simple English. This strange word interestingly enough is a biblical word and its holiness has profound implications for human persons created in God’s glorious and divine image. I don’t know if many of you are aware of this word being first spoken to us in the Order of Baptism, although we don’t actually hear this word spoken to us or any family member receiving baptism in the Church. Although the word “Ephphatha” is not actually said in the baptismal rite, its performative action is done to convey its significant meaning: “Be opened!” What is being opened? I’m glad you asked this question because whenever I celebrate baptism, especially a child’s baptism, I always let the parents know, “Now I am going to do a special blessing over your child by touching his/her ear and lips.” So what is being opened in this blessing is the ears and mouth of the newly baptized. This holy rite is said in full: “The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen.” In other words, all of us who are baptized in the faith have received the blessing to “receive” the word of God—Jesus Christ incarnate—from our ears to our own hearts and to proclaim *who we have received by our thoughts, words, and actions. In short, who we proclaim enables us to be stewards of God’s holiness out into the world, reshaping and recreating the profane world into the holiness of God’s sanctuary. This is incredibly profound.*

This Sunday’s Gospel is taken from the biblical story which serves as the basis for the “Ephphatha” rite in the Order of Baptism. The deaf man actually symbolizes in this story that he is not “fully created” in the truest sense of utilizing the fullness of his humanity. This is not a commentary on people who are actually deaf; it merely serves as a symbol for what deafness represents here: the inability or unwillingness to receive God’s word and to speak about God’s goodness and love. What is interesting is Jesus sets to heal this deaf man of his malady by spitting on the dirt and making clay to put in this man’s ear! Eek! Sounds like something eight year old boys would do to each other. Yet, Jesus does this to underscore the symbolism that his miracle of healing is actually an act of creation. Just as God molded Adam from the dirt of the earth, so too does Jesus “recreate” the deaf man to be fully human in the sense of receiving Him as God’s word and proclaiming Jesus to others. Sure, Jesus tells the deaf man not to tell anyone, but this is simply reverse psychology. The truth is Jesus wants the deaf man—now fully alive and well—to proclaim the goodness of God to everyone! All this took place in this man’s life and in our Gospel because Jesus said the words and performed the miracle of “Ephphatha.”

I truly believe the healing of the deaf man in the Gospel this weekend, and its connection to the implications of our own missionary work as baptized Christians, should serve as an impetus for us as parishioners here at Little Flower. There are so many men, women, and children in our parish community who are endowed with gifts, talents, and intelligence that can build our parish community with so much creativity and love. At our baptism each of us was given a very similar commission like the deaf man: to receive the word of God and to proclaim Him. We have the opportunity to receive God’s word at Mass, both in the Scripture proclaimed and in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist—together with our communion with the Church. Also, we equally have the opportunity to proclaim the Lord through our gifts, our talents, and our relationships with one another. I encourage each of you to reach out to me to discuss what you would like to do for our parish to increase your involvement here at Little Flower—to bring your gifts to bear for the good of God’s holy church. “Ephphatha”—that is “be opened” for the graces of the Holy Spirit for our good and the good of our parish community!

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubie



“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?”

(James 2:5)

What is more important—being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

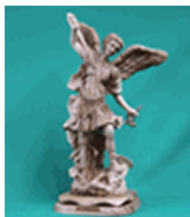
That we may grow stronger in our faith, realizing that God does not measure us by what we possess but rather by what we do for one another.

Amen

As we say every year at this time, *Where did the Summer go?* With the end of Summer comes the return of the Choir to 10:30 Sunday Mass. I'm hoping we can expand the choir this year, which means we'll be able to expand our repertoire of Sacred Music. If you enjoy singing and can read music at least at a basic level, I ask you to prayerfully consider joining the choir. Rehearsals will be 9:45 on Sundays, and one or two Wednesdays each month. Note a change this year is that there will NOT be a *weekly* Wednesday rehearsal requirement. Please contact Chuck Chauvin if interested or have any questions. If you're unsure about it, maybe this will help you decide: *There are three possible reasons to join the choir: (1) you have a great voice and can put it to good use for the glory of God in the choir, (2) you have an okay voice that would greatly be improved by joining the choir, or (3) you think God gave you a horrible voice, and this is your chance to get even.*

Thanks, and God Bless,

Chuck



Bethlehem Nativity Products

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Bethlehem Nativity Products will be visiting your parish on behalf of St. Catherine Catholic Parish of Bethlehem and the Christian families in Bethlehem. For centuries, the Christian and Catholics in Bethlehem have earned a living by carving olive wood religious art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Now a days there are no tourists or pilgrimage groups visiting the Holy Land because of the war, making it difficult for Catholic artisans to support their families by the dignified work of Christ's birth.

During our visit of your parish, we will have hand carved Nativities scenes, Ornaments, Statues, Crosses and much more beautiful olive wood hand carved religious items, please consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land to support your fellow Catholics who choose to stay and protect the Holy sites where Jesus himself lived, your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Catholic families, please support this noble cause. www.bethlehemnativity.com. We accept cash, personal checks, all credit cards, and monthly installment payments as well, Thanks for your generosity.

**Please visit our display Saturday & Sunday
September 14th & 15th, 2024**



THE GREAT COMMISSION FROM JESUS

To faithful followers of Our Lord Jesus, he commissions each of us to "Go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize... Teach them to carry out all that I have commanded you." (Mt 28:19) "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

In response, you have a perfect opportunity to jump in now—today—to invite potential new members to investigate OCIA at Little Flower. Invite them to the inquiry sessions to check out, without commitment, Catholic teachings and practices.

Who might want to come? Someone who has been thinking about joining the Catholic Church. A baptized individual who has not yet been confirmed. Parents of children attending Catholic school or Parish School of Religion and would like to understand their Faith Formation. If you think some topic about the Catholic faith needs clarification. OCIA might provide the answer. Just imagine how our parish would grow if we fulfill Jesus' great commission.

Please leave a message at the Rectory so you may be contacted. 314-645-1445

St. Louis Cathedral Concerts Presents:
Chamber Music Concerts

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7:30pm

Little Flower Catholic Church

1264 Arch Terrace, 63117

Welcomed by John Winski & Liesel Duhon

Tickets are NOT Required

The featured players in each concert are:

Kristin Ahlstrom, violin Thomas Jöstlein, horn
Bjorn Ranheim, cello Matthew Mazzoni, piano



Program:

Trio in D Major Op. 70 No. 1 for Piano, Violin, and Cello
("Ghost")
Beethoven

Andante for Horn and Piano (1888) R. Strauss

Trio in E-flat Major Op. 40 for Violin, Horn, and Piano Brahms



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

Family Holy Hour?

Would you like to see some family programming with our Little Flower Holy Hour? I am looking for someone to collaborate with me to provide programming for kids while their parents join in the Holy Hour. It's important to reach out to our families right now so that they remain a part of our community. If you have ideas how we can do this, I'd love to hear from you. Call me at 314-704-5619 or email at jwaugh123@charter.net.



Can you believe that Summer is waning and Fall schedules are on the horizon. Seasons come and go, but the love of the Lord remains. Our focus must be to remain in His love through daily prayer and deepening our knowledge of our Faith. Covenant Network Catholic radio can help in our struggle to stay focused. Our excellent programming will remind you daily of the things that really matter in life. Come pray with us and learn more about our Catholic Faith by tuning into KHOJ 1460 AM or listen anytime on our Covenant Network app or at Our-CatholicRadio.org.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE BOYS: CBC is now accepting appointments for our *8th Grade Official Visit Program*. During this visit, a young man will participate in *Experience CBC* Classes designed especially for 8th grade students. He will meet with a current CBC student, attend some of his classes, and have lunch with him. Finally, during the *CBC Explore* Period, he will have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches and program moderators to gather detailed information about the things in which he is interested. This program is by reservation only. Please contact Mrs. Melissa Ryan at (314) 985-6095 or ryanm@cbchs.org to reserve your *Official 8th Grade Visit*. On-line registration also available at www.BeaCadet.org/official

Little Flower Holy Hour

Our next Little Flower Holy Hour will be Tuesday, September 17th at 7pm. Please spend some time with Jesus. He is waiting for you. Confessions will also be available. All are welcome!

St. Louis Catholic High Schools:



High School Fairs and Presentation Nights

Fall and Spring High School Fair

Showcasing All Schools 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 22nd Visitation Academy
3020 N. Ballas Road, 63131

Wednesday, April 9th Ursuline Academy
341 Sappington Road, 63122

High School Presentation Nights

Registration 6:00 – 6:30 PM

Three 20-minute school presentations 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 4th St. John Vianney
1311 S. Kirkwood Road, 63122

Tuesday, September 17 St. Dominic High School
31 St. Dominic Drive, 63366

Monday, September 30th Cor Jesu Academy
10230 Gravois Boulevard, 63123

Thursday, October 10th St. Mary's South Side Catholic
4701 South Grand Boulevard, 63111

Families select which presentations to attend. All students in grades 5-8 are welcome. Families may attend any of the high school nights.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

SAVE THE DATE!!!



Saturday, September 28 2024 @ 1:30PM
Norman K. Probststein Golf Courses at Forest Park

Contact Mark Bult for Details
573-864-2534 or markjbult@gmail.com

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 in the tough times Jesus carries us?

**Eucharistic Prayer Companions
FIRST SATURDAYS**

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

Growing in prayer for our Priests and our holiness, with missionary zeal for the salvation of souls, we will gather as Eucharistic Prayer Companions of JESUS, Mary and Joseph or EPC.

Gather with us at various Churches throughout our Archdiocese for First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers:

Reparation Rosary, and Chaplets of Divine Mercy and of Holy FACE.

Our first prayer pilgrimage will be **Sept. 7, 2024** at **The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis**
4431 Lindell Blvd., 63108
Holy Mass 8:00 am,
with prayers following in the Chapel of Our Lady (left of the Main Altar).

On **October 5th**, we will gather at **Immacolata Church**
8900 Clayton Rd. 63117
Holy Mass 8:00am followed by our First Saturday Prayers.

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

For updated information on future gatherings, please visit our website.

Our website:
www.CentreForMercy.org/epc

Our email:
epcofjesusmaryandjoseph@yahoo.com


Prayer copies will be available at the Church.
Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us...



The Vocational Chalice is in need of more families to host it. If you are interested, Please stop by the All Soul's Chapel and sign up. It's a privilege to have this beautiful chalice in your home. Please consider joining in this ministry. Our priests need our prayers. Contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or jwaugh123@charter.net for more information.

SLUH Admissions Open House, Saturday, September 28th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. A Mass will begin the Centennial Celebration immediately following at 4:30 pm

sluh.org/centennial



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



Scan here or go to:
therosary.online

Pray the Cardinal Burke Novena daily



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

"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 9:00am	September 9 Thomas E. Mueller
Tuesday 7:00am	September 10 Donna Fisher
Wednesday 7:00am	September 11 Celebrants Choice
Thursday 7:00am	September 12 Sp. Intention (Jane McCabe)
Friday 7:00am	September 13 Kathy Lorimier
Saturday 5:00pm	September 14 Joann Ruoff
Sunday 8:00am	September 15 Mary Leona Echele Massey
10:30am	Jean Leonhardt

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

Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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 Arrendon-
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 Ean Eicher