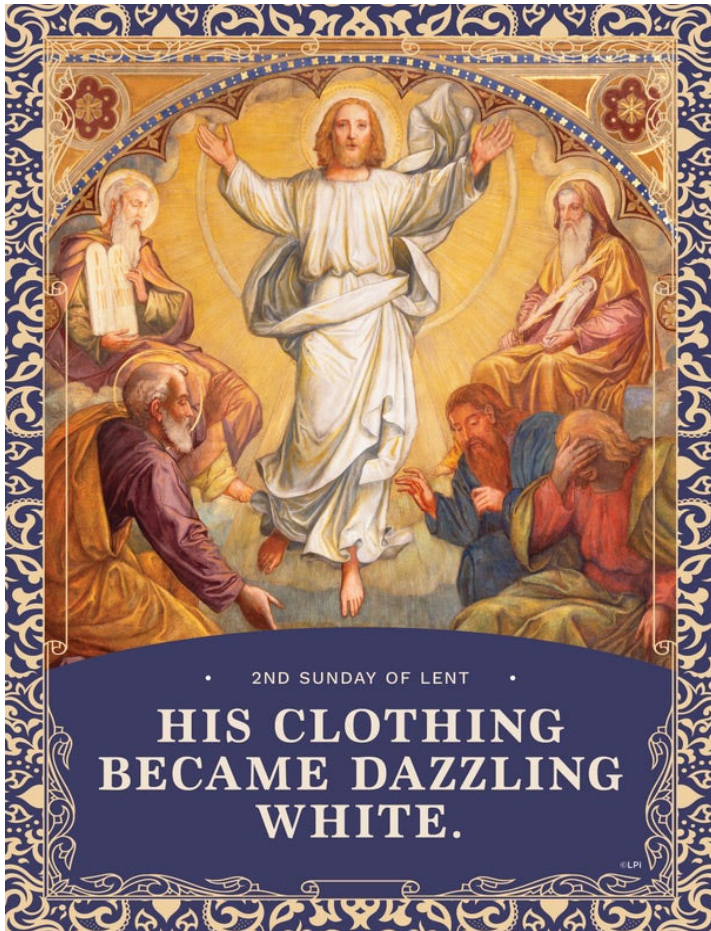


Church of the Little Flower

March 16th, 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent



"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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Website

www.littleflowerstl.org

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
 First Saturday: 9:00am
 Offered by Eucharistic Prayer Companions JMJ

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 March 17 (St. Patrick's Day)

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass

Tuesday March 18

6:45-6:55 Perpetual Help Devotions
 7:00am Mass
7:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday March 19

7:00am Mass
 7:00pm Men's Club

Thursday March 20

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass

Friday March 21

6:45-6:55 Confessions
 7:00am Mass
8:00am-5:00pm Adoration

Saturday March 22

4pm-4:45pm Confessions
4:30pm Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
 5:00pm Mass

Sunday March 23

8:00am Mass
10:00am-10:15am Confessions
 10:30am Mass

Ministers of Service March 22 & 23 2025

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

03/22 5:00pm ~ K. Thomason T. Sullivan M. Husmann
 03/23 8:00am ~ Austin & Annelise Reinagel Volunteer
 03/23 10:30am ~ M Dietz W. Dietz D. Dietz

LECTORS

03/22 5:00pm ~ M. Hazelwood L. Bub
 03/23 8:00am ~ S. McDonald B. Miller
 03/23 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann R. Provaznik

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

03/22 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams (Team B)
 03/23 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz
 03/23 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

Sacramental Catechesis: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

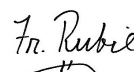
The first time Jesus appeared to His disciples after the Resurrection was in the Upper Room. Recognizing their fear and seclusion after the trauma of the Crucifixion, the Lord said lovingly to them, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Invoking the power of the Trinity, Jesus says to them again, “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained. (John 20:21-23). Interestingly, Jesus’ first words to the entire group of disciples, except for Thomas who was absent and Judas Iscariot—who forfeited his discipleship, was a benediction of everlasting peace, a commandment of apostleship, and the power to forgive sins in the power of the Triune God. All three phrases Jesus utters in this Resurrection scene are at the heart of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: the blessing of peace, the call to witness Christ in apostleship, and, by virtue of the power of Holy Orders, the priest’s ability and ministry to forgive sins due to the graces of priestly ordination from apostolic succession. This reality is incredibly packed tightly in this Resurrection account. Upon reflection, especially in light of Thomas’ own contrition for being incredulous to believe what was said about Jesus being alive—expressed in the next biblical scene, it should be assumed the disciples too expressed contrition, confessed their incredulity to believe, and received the benediction of forgiveness and peace before being sent as apostles. Undoubtedly, the Sacrament of Reconciliation was the first fruits experienced by the power of Jesus’ Resurrection.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation today, as it was on that first Easter Sunday, is still the dawning light of Jesus’ Resurrection in people’s lives. This is true for sinners who undergo either their first Reconciliation, or the return to confession after years of being away from it, or for those who make it to confession on a regular basis. While Jesus gave the apostles the power to forgive sins because of their priestly ordination on Holy Thursday, it can reasonably be assumed He forgave them of their sins before commissioning them to act in His name, in His priesthood. Certainly, most of us cannot sacramentally forgive sins; however, all of us can experience forgiveness in confession and forgive others from our own heart—this is where this Resurrection scene has experiential importance to our lives: to hear the words, “I absolve you, I forgive you...” is transformative and it is freeing! Jesus’ words changed these disciples and made it possible for them to be disposed to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Similarly, these same words, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are transformative because every penitent, who does an honest examination of conscience, leaves the confessional with the aglow of the Resurrection. He or she has new life and a life freed from the burdens of their sins. Sure, this doesn’t exempt me or you from experiencing the effects or consequences of our sins, but it does mean I no longer have to be weighed down by these sins. Such freedom knows no boundaries.

There is, of course, the interior freedom the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides for us by being unshackled by the weight and moral depravity of our sins. Yet, confession does so much more—it strengthens our self-awareness and our identity before God and ourselves. Ancient philosophers were not far off in stressing the importance of the examined life, a life of reflection. Making a good confession—that is a thorough examination of conscience, humble contrition, and a courageous confession—are just the right moral ingredients for growing in self-awareness. Self-awareness is nothing short of knowing yourself and truly loving who you are before God. Self-examination and self-awareness are essential to self-identity, which makes for an extremely rich and fulfilling life. Knowing and loving ourselves is not an exercise in selfishness; let’s not think the main purpose of going to confession is to know and love ourselves better. No, the main reason to go to confession is to restore our intimacy and friendship with God, which He does this through the exercise of his divine mercy. Self-awareness, simply stated, enables us to grow in divine love by knowing and loving Him, which in turn affects our own self-love. It is a relationship dynamic necessary for Christian apostleship.

I admit this catechesis is deeply philosophical. I’m sorry, but this is the trained philosopher within me. If you can take anything away from this reflection on confession, know this: the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the first fruits of the effects of Jesus’ Resurrection, it provides incredible interior freedom from sin, and it increases our self-awareness and love for God. With such a treasure and gift of the Church, why would we want to avoid it? It may be just the key to unlock the shuddered doors of our hearts and let in the fire of the Holy Spirit, enflaming us with His love!

In Christ the Savior,





Lord who brought you from Ur
deans to give you this land as a

Genesis (15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Did You Know?

When Archbishop Glennon purchased the property for Little Flower, a sign was put on the corner of Boland Place and Arch Terrace that announced the coming parish and school and said “He makes few mistakes.” The archbishop knew he was doing the right thing to create this parish in this place. 100 years later we are still going strong!

Little Flower Holy Hour

Come join Jesus on the mountain top and be transformed. The next Holy Hour will be on Tuesday, March 18th at 7 pm. Confessions will be available.

HOLY MASS

Is the Lord calling you to come to Mass an extra day of the week? Mass is prayed in the Little Flower chapel every weekday at 7:00am.

Save the Date!
**Lolly's Place
Trivia Night 2025**



**Saturday, March 29
6:30 - 9:30 PM
Little Flower School**

**PRAYERS OF THE
FAITHFUL**

*That we invest in our heavenly home as
we do in our earthly home.*

Amen



OCIA LESSON: THE EUCHARIST—THE IRRESISTIBLE GIFT

Joey, an eleven-year-old preparing for reception into the Catholic church and First Communion, was attending school Mass. Instead of presenting himself, as taught, for a blessing at the Communion station, he received Communion. Later, his catechist, Sr. Margaret quietly took him aside and reminded him about his pending First Communion ceremony and the need to wait for the special day. Joey's explanation was: "I just couldn't wait!" Others too find the Eucharist irresistible. Stories from new adult Catholics express how the Eucharist drew them to be in union with the beliefs and practices of the Catholic church.

Let's be inspired to be prepared, reverent, awed when we receive the irresistible gift of Holy Communion. Interested in becoming Catholic? What is holding you back? For info and answers please call the rectory: 314-645-1445 or email: drichter@littleflowerstl.org



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website for more details.



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

**Missouri Right to Life
“Keep Missouri Pro-Life” Action Day
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Missouri State Capitol
1st Floor Rotunda
We need you to ACT!**

- Come to Jefferson City on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, for Pro-Life Action Day to encourage your legislators to pass pro-life legislation.
- Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Lobby your legislators and join the noon rally and a featured guest.

Bus transportation is available from several sites in the St Louis metro and surrounding areas. Bus registration deadline is March 14.

Sign up online at www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday.



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WEDNESDAY APRIL 2ND @ 7:00 PM

LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH

1264 ARCH TERRACE

SAINT LOUIS MO 63117

This event is free to all. Children's activities will also be offered.
Please contact Judy with any questions: osterjudy@att.net

Please Join Us in Supporting

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GAME & CARD PARTY LUNCHEON

Raffle Items – Attendance Prizes – Pot of Gold

Come play any game you like or just come for **LUNCH**

Tuesday April 8th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

St. Clement's Parish Center, 1508 Bopp Road, Des Peres, 63131

The cost per person is **\$35.00. Please Make your Reservation by April 1st**

Send your name, those playing with you & your check made out to "Birthright Counseling STL" to:
Birthright Counseling STL, 2525 South Brentwood Blvd. #102, 63144 Attention: Card Party

OR Click on the following website to register & pay with a credit card:

https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BirthrightCounselingStLouis_1/springcardparty.html

*** **If you have dietary restrictions, please inform us in advance!**

Questions? Call or Text Jane @ 314-570-6880

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday March 5th, 2025) and Good Friday (April 18th, 2025) are days of *abstinence (refraining from meat)* for all Catholics *from the age of 14 onwards*. On these two days, *fast*, as well as *abstinence*, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All Fridays in Lent are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.



**TODAY IS
IS DONUT SUNDAY.
PLEASE JOIN US in the Parish Hall.**



Do you want to know a great way to make this Lent even better? Listen to Catholic Radio! Shut off the noise and listen to solid Catholic teaching, prayers, and call-in programs. You can listen on a smart speaker, tell Alexa to play **Covenant Network Catholic Radio**, on our App, **Covenant Network**, online at **OurCatholicRadio.org**, or on your local Catholic radio station, **AM 1460 / 96.7 FM**. Make this a Lent to remember. Pray the **Visual Rosary** with sacred images for each prayer and the **Stations of the Cross**.

To all Separated, Divorced, Widowed, or Remarried Catholics:

We would like to invite you to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, March 27, 2025. We meet at St. Catherine Laboure Parish Cafeteria (next to the playground), 9740 Sappington Rd, Sunset Hills, MO. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Following our short business meeting we will be having a Quartet to entertain us and enjoy refreshments. It's a fun evening!!

SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community but all are welcome. SCDC offers social activities for everyone that range from cards, game days, happy hours, and dinners. We also plan many other activities such as visits to wineries, area sites, etc.

Ask about our same day \$5 discount for new members.

For additional info please contact Tom Shepard, 781-221-7839.

First Saturday Devotions

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 or contact
epcjesusmaryandjoseph@gmail.com or 557-214-6776

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.



"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	March 17
7:00am	Judy McLaughlin
Tuesday	March 18
7:00am	<i>Celebrant's Choice</i>
Wednesday	March 19
7:00am	Margie Meatte
Thursday	March 20
7:00am	Patrick Decker
Friday	March 21
7:00am	Special Intention (K. B.)
Saturday	March 22
5:00pm	Bob McShane
Sunday	March 23
8:00am	Katie Matula
10:30am	Barbara Zaegel

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

Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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
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