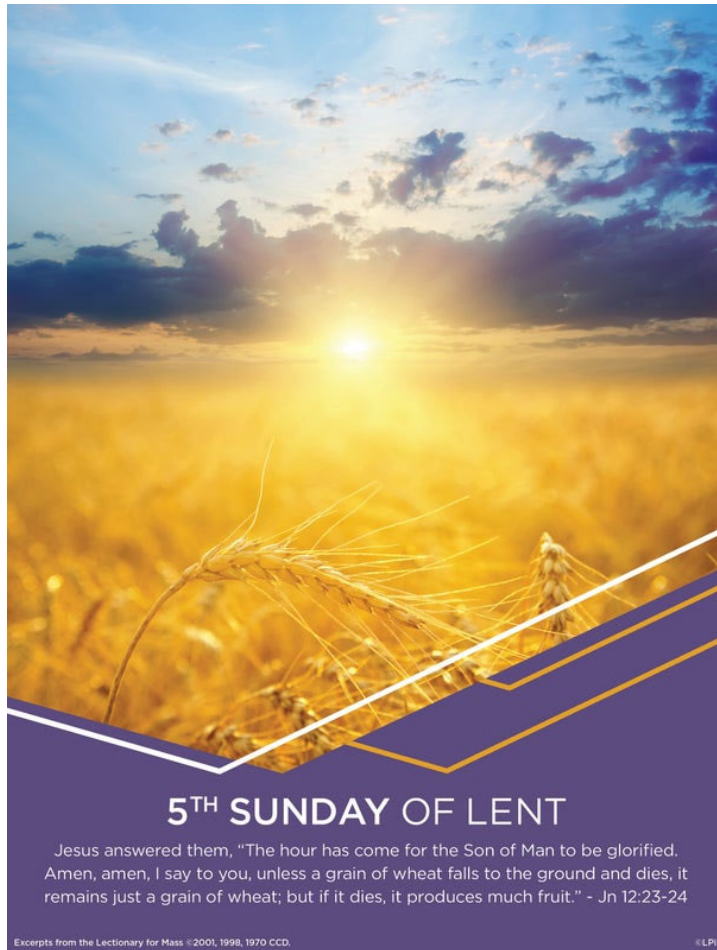


Church of the Little Flower

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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
 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	March 18
7:00am	Mass
7:30pm	Pipes for Parkinson's Concert
Tuesday	March 19
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	March 20
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	Mass
7:00pm	Men's Club
Thursday	March 21
7:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Rosary & Ladies Club
Friday	March 22
7:00am	Mass
2:00pm	Stations of the Cross
ADORATION 8:00AM-5:00PM	
Saturday	March 23
8:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Mass
4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
Sunday	March 24
8:00am	Mass
9:15am	New Latin Mass
10:30am	Mass

Ministers of Service March 23 & 24 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

03/23 5:00pm ~ T. Sullivan K. Thomason L. Armbrecht
 03/24 8:00am ~ M. El. & R. Devereux
 03/24 10:30am ~ B. Acosta W. & N. Saykes

LECTORS

03/23 5:00pm ~ M. Hazelwood L. Bub
 03/24 8:00am ~ K. Sargent M. Gibbs
 03/24 10:30am ~ M. Mabery M. Seal

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

03/23 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams **Team B**
 03/24 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz
 03/24 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

03/23 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 03/24 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 03/24 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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May Christ shield me today...Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me...Christ in the mouth of everyone who speak of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. –St. Patrick

In our Gospel today, it is proclaimed: “Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be’”.

When we listen to the word of God regularly sometimes we may think, what would have been the situation if we were in the square listening to Jesus and how responsive we would have been unlike the crowd of those days. Or would we have missed the point since now we have the entire Bible with us and those people had only to listen to Jesus. We certainly feel that the purpose of Jesus’ death and resurrection was to make a positive change in the way people relate to God, to one another and to the creation. Has this event made a difference in our lives? This was the grain of wheat that fell on the fertile ground and produced multiple of fruits. In our life, each act of kindness towards a loved one or a stranger is a step in the right direction. Any act of solidarity on the part of individual or the community or the Government indicates the goodness and the truth in life. As we move forward on our Lenten journey we ask the grace from the Lord that we may profit highly from the message of the Gospel that we may be renewed and built in faith like the baptismal candidates. Jesus always expects us to respond.

In the Gospel we have the simple request of the Greeks, who had come to Jerusalem and met Philip that they wanted to see Jesus. Jesus by then must have become very popular and all wanted to have a glimpse of him. We are not told if those Greeks ever did see Jesus but we do know that Jesus gave to his disciples a special teaching: “Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.” The grain, of course, does not actually die but it is totally transformed into something altogether new – roots, leaves and fruit. What Jesus wants to say is that exterior things do not matter and what is needed is the interior disposition of the person. We have Mathew, Zacchaeus, Peter and several others who finally become his followers.

Secondly, Jesus is speaking about his own death and resurrection through the symbolic words of dying and rising. He is the source of salvation for those who obey Him. We are called on to answer God’s call and to be drawn to the Lord. This is possible if we are able to rely on the spirit that opens our hearts to him. We must always be thankful to the Lord for what He sends us, trusting in His infinite grace to sanctify us through His Spirit. Therefore, Jesus further adds to say: “Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.” Jesus says is that only when we sacrifice all for his sake and keep him as our priority, only when we are ready to let go of ourselves totally of all we have and are in love and must be ready to serve others then only our spiritual desires will be fulfilled. It also means walking with Jesus and with Mary all the way to Calvary, wherever that happens to be for each of us.

To follow Jesus is not always easy. The human nature always seeks to avoid suffering. At the same time, our spiritual nature tells us to self-sacrifice ourselves for others. Both natures are constantly in conflict with one another. How I wish I could always do what I want to do instead of doing what I do not want to do! This is not easy but we need to remember that, in the words of the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus was like us in every respect, except for sin. That is the reason why Jesus gives us the hope to say, “When I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all peoples to myself.”

God Bless—Fr. H



“I will be their God and they shall be my people.”

(Jeremiah 31:33)

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we Don’t know, just as God cares for each of us.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That, as God’s chosen people,
we may accept and follow
God’s plan to generously
share our time, talent and
treasure with others.*

Amen



**OCIA-THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
WHEN DO WE CELEBRATE THE PASCHAL
MYSTERY?**

The high point of our faith—the Paschal Mystery—is celebrated at the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Easter is known as the “feast of feasts”.

The Paschal Mystery is the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ by which he heals us from sin and enables us to become children of God. Holy Thursday (the institution of the Eucharist), Good Friday (Jesus’ sacrificial suffering and death by crucifixion), and the Easter Vigil (Jesus’ rising from the dead), are our holiest days.

Please attend the celebrations. At Little Flower Church each service of the Triduum begins at 7:30 PM.

Source: Evangelium

For more information about OCIA, call Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445



Just a reminder that Little Flower Church offers The Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:30am Mass during the school year. Children ages 3 and up are welcome to participate in this program, where they receive the readings and Gospel in simpler language. Volunteer teachers prepare a brief lesson and give the children time to share their own thoughts about living the Gospel and being the ‘light of the world’. They learn new ways to pray and are always eager to bring their intentions to the group. The children should gather at the front of the altar when the priest invites them and walk out as a group with the teacher. They will return to their families after the homily. Please encourage your children to participate in this special faith formation opportunity that is just for them!

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Mary Morgan at 314-973-7842.



Holy Thursday-Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30pm

Good Friday-Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Mass

8:00am & 10:00am
9:15 New Latin Mass

Holy Saturday-Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Easter Vigil-7:30pm



**DONUT SUNDAY
IS TODAY!
After all Masses.**

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Bulletin Announcements for March 24th Bulletin are due in on Monday March 18th.

Bulletin Announcements for the March 31st Easter Bulletin are due in by March 22nd.

**Little Flower Ladies’ Club meeting:
Thurs. March 21, 2024**

On Thursday evening, March 21, 2024, the Little Flower Ladies Club will pray the Rosary in church at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will move to the School Hall.

Nancy Burke, president of the Little Flower St. Vincent de Paul Society will be our featured speaker. With all the recent changes in parish configurations and ministries, it is important that the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in helping the poor in our neighborhoods will continue. We will be creating and decorating Easter Bunny bags filled with Easter treats for the needy.

Light refreshments will be served.

We continue to invite the ladies of Immaculate Conception (Parish now closed) and St. Mary Magdalen Parish to join us. If you have friends at those parishes, please invite them! Call Regina Morris with any questions at 314-647-0475.

*Ladies
Club*

**Please Join Us in Supporting
BIRTHRIGHT**

By Attending the St. Clement of Rome & St. Gerard Majella’s Annual

GAME & CARD PARTY LUNCHEON

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

Raffle Items – Attendance Prizes – Pot of Gold

Thursday April 11th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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

The cost per person is **\$30.00**. Make your **Reservation by April 4th** by sending your name,

and those playing with you, along with your check made out to "Birthright" to:

Birthright, 2525 South Brentwood Blvd. #102, 63144 Attention: Card Party

OR click on https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BirthrightCounselingStLouis_1/springcardparty.html to register & pay by credit card.

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

***If you cannot attend, but wish to make a donation, please send it to Birthright.

RAFFLE TICKETS will be sold at St. Clement & St. Gerard after all weekend masses on

March 17th, March 24th & April 7th

Questions? Jane @ 314-570-6880



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

PK 4 Presentation by Kimberley Ankenbrand

The PK 4 students got treated to a presentation on bears on Friday by one of the parents, Mrs. Carolyn Kelly, a zookeeper at our zoo.

She brought fur and skulls for them to touch and she also allowed each child (and teacher!) to hold a different stuffed animal throughout the whole thing. It was very interesting and informative and the kids did a great job listening!



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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.



Transforming Hearts: The Meaning and Message of Mary's Places of Grace

The Association of the Miraculous Medal invites you and your loved ones to the presentation, "Transforming Hearts: The Meaning and Message of Mary's Places of Grace," by award-winning and best-selling author Marge Steinhage Fenelon. She is an internationally-known speaker who has been on EWTN and hosts the podcast "Simply Holy". This presentation will take place Sunday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri. Please contact 1-800-264-6279 or visit our website, www.amm.org, for more information.

Pipes For Parkinson's

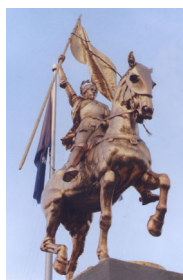
MARCH 18



Enjoy organ performances from members of the American Guild of Organists (St. Louis chapter) and raise money for the American Parkinson's Disease Association on Monday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. at Little Flower Church in Richmond Heights, 1264 Arch Terrace.

Admission is free and donations will be accepted.

Pipes for Parkinson's is organized by Robert Schneider in honor of his wife, former Webster Groves resident JoAnn Schneider, who has Parkinson's and graduated from Nerinx Hall.



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.

Where Art Serves the World: An Afternoon with Internationally-Noted St. Louis

Sculptor Don Wiegand. Wednesday, April 10, Noon – 2:00 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac. Doors open at 11:30 AM; box lunch & drinks served at noon. Cost: \$50 individual ticket; \$275 table of 6; livestream \$15 per household. Purchase tickets at MERCYCENTERSTL.ORG

CBC Summer Academy Registration now open for all boys entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Enjoy a premier summer experience held in CBC's theater, classrooms, science labs, art studios, sports facilities, and esports center by being part of our CBC Summer Academy. Register today at www.BeaCadet.org/summer. Contact Melissa Ryan at ryanm@cbchs.org or 314-985-6095 for more information.

Switch to Catholic radio for Lent. It's not a sacrifice. You can listen to the exceptional programming on Covenant Network Catholic radio by tuning into KHOJ 1460 AM, or anytime on our mobile app, or at OurCatholicRadio.org. <https://ourcatholicradio.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 | Mary Falk Mehan |
| Andrew Blum | Mary Ellen Havard | Peg Mango |
| John Boland | Louise Haynes | Helen Mango |
| Maxine Borowiak | Adrianna Hubb | David Nathe |
| Jaxson Boyer | ChrisLewishutchcroft | Sr. Jo Ann |
| Frankie Boyer | Stan James | O'Connell, BVM |
| Steve Bradshaw | Barb Jones | Lachlan Oddy |
| Joanne Buchholz | Chad Keeven | Kristin Rafferty |
| Marissa Campeau | Donald Kenney | Christi Rice Blum |
| Ellen Carmody | Mary Kinsley | Sue Rice |
| Kathleen Carter | Joanne Kraus | Ken Roberts |
| Rachelle Chaney | Ken Kuhlman | Marguerite |
| Nicholas Coleman | Jack Lally | Scheidegger |
| Katie Crouch Willett | Julie Lally | Tom Schuette |
| Clare Crouch | Marianne Lally | James Smith |
| Helena Czosnyka | Jim LaMartina | Tony Snider |
| Chandelor Davis | Patty LaRochelle | Hollie Soto |
| James Davis | Mary Laws | Matthew Stuart |
| James E. Davis | Everleigh Lauber | Gary Underwood |
| Nathan Glore Davis | Jean Leonhardt | Miriam Varas |
| Bill Edwards | Sherry Lopez | Margaret Verzino |
| Kathryn Fischer | Greg & Shelley | Charles Volk |
| Peter Freundl | Lowrey | Billy Wells |
| Ron Garnier | Elizabeth Lyons | Joseph Wheeler |
| Joyce Griffen | Emma Lyons | |
| Linda Grobelny | Bob McShane | |
| | G. Tracy Mehan | |

Mass Intentions

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| Monday | March 18 |
| 7:00am | Ruth Wissner |
| Tuesday | March 19 |
| 7:00am | James Feser |
| Wednesday | March 20 |
| 7:00am | Eileen Nathe |
| 8:15am | Little Flower Parish |
| Thursday | March 21 |
| 7:00am | Genevieve Norvell |
| Friday | March 22 |
| 7:00am | Gregory Sand |
| Saturday | March 23 |
| 8:00am | Verda Bersch |
| 5:00pm | Rachelle Reeg |
| Sunday | March 24 |
| 8:00am | Members of the Parish |
| 9:15am | Jill Harris Smith |
| 10:30am | Bill Martin |

Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

- Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: 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
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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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