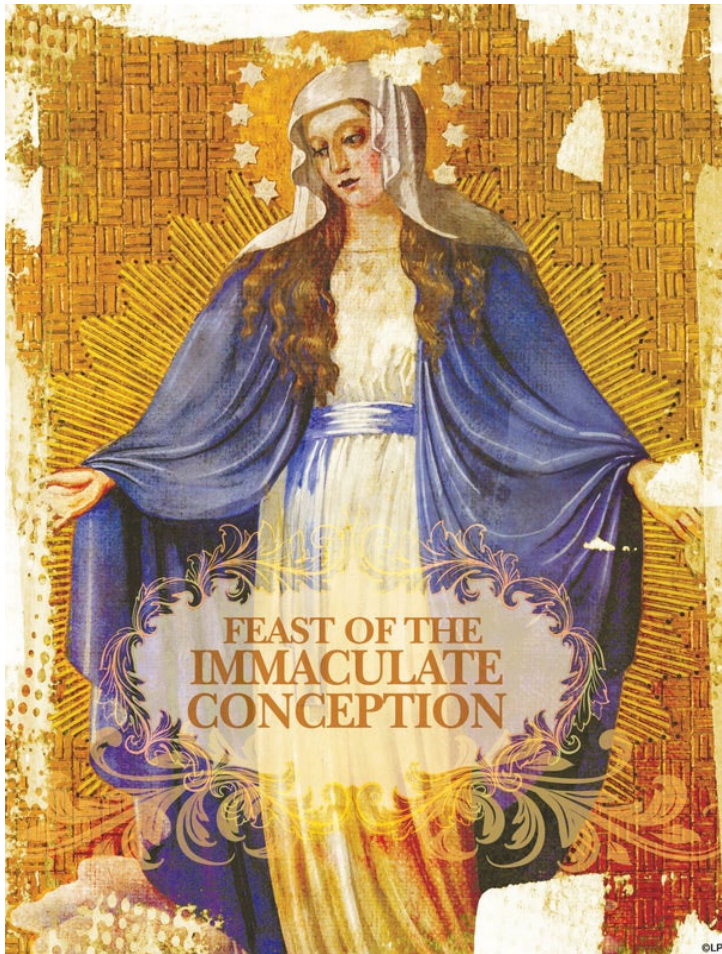


Church of the Little Flower

December 8th, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent



"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	December 9
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	December 10
6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00am	Mass
Wednesday	December 11
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Thursday	December 12
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
Friday	December 13
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration
7:00pm	Rose Fulton Christmas Recital in Church
Saturday	December 14
2:30pm	Kennebeck & Walsh Christmas Concert in Church
4pm-4:45pm	Confessions
4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	December 15
8:00am	Mass
9:00am-12:00pm	Breakfast With Santa
10:00am-10:15am	Confessions
10:30am	Mass

Ministers of Service Dec. 14 & Dec. 15, 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

12/14 5:00pm ~ P. McClure T. Sullivan K. Thomason
 12/15 8:00am ~ A. Eppert Mat. & Anders Verry
 12/15 10:30am ~ William, Michael & David Dietz

LECTORS

12/14 5:00pm ~ C. Verry P. Keenoy
 12/15 8:00am ~ M. Boyce D. Bello
 12/15 10:30am ~ Carmody

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

12/14 5:00pm ~ J. Osterman **(Team C)**
 12/15 8:00am ~ S. Condit
 12/15 10:30am ~ B. Campeau

The History of “Kingshighway”—A Spiritual Reflection

Many people who grew up in St. Louis knows a thing or two about the “Gateway to the West.” If you were to talk to many St. Louisans, you would get a short, or long, history lesson about the city in general or, perhaps, their own neighborhood. I too love history and, particularly, St. Louis history. Recently, I came across a piece of St. Louis history that fascinates me: the history of Kingshighway Boulevard. Now, this might seem a bit odd to be attracted to the history of a road, but roads, and specifically this road, tells us a lot about the goals and dreams of St. Louis at the turn of the twentieth century. Likewise, the history of Kingshighway can help us appreciate the image of the “royal roads” alluded to in our Scripture readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent and how they lead to a life of ease and prosperity, especially in light of our eternal destination: God’s heavenly Kingdom.

The beginning of Kingshighway in St. Louis is debated among local historians. Even the origins of its name “Kingshighway” is undoubtedly derived from “King’s Highway,” but we’re not sure if it refers to the French king or Spanish king at the time when St. Louis switched hands between the French and the Spanish. Some consider Kingshighway to be originally a native American trail because the original “Kingshighway”—St. Charles Rock Road—connected the native Americans to a portage on the Missouri River. However, the “Kingshighway” we know today probably was named as such because it connected the King’s sovereign land with the outlining lands used for farming. Eventually, this road served as a major artery of the city running north and south on an 18 mile span, beginning north at Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries and ending south at Gravois Boulevard near Carondelet Park. By the time the 1904 World’s Fair rolled around, city planners had the ambition of seeing Kingshighway as the “Champs-Élysées of the West.” Since the road stretched across the city, incorporating two cemeteries and four major parks (e.g., O’Fallon Park, Forest Park, Tower Grove Park, and Carondelet Park), city planners wanted decorative street lights, landscaping, and beautiful buildings along the 18 mile road. Undoubtedly, Kingshighway was destined to be the parade route celebrating St. Louis, the cutting edge of urban life, economic growth, and industrial development. Truly, the namesake “Kingshighway” would be fitting for a “road to prosperity.”

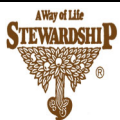
Unfortunately, Kingshighway never lived up to its ambitious destiny for a multitude of reasons. Yet, its namesake does say something about its continuing significance, especially in light of our Scripture readings for this weekend. If one were to take a bike ride for those 18 miles of road, you would come across a variety of people, neighborhoods, businesses, hospitals, parks, and residents centers from various economic conditions. In sum, you would experience a wider range of the city of St. Louis than you would on most city roads. Kingshighway would give you a clue into both growth and development together with building dilapidation. In short, Kingshighway would give you an honest assessment of the neighborhoods around you, but with a flicker, and glimmer of hope for potential urban development.

This, I believe, is what our Scripture readings are about for this 2nd Sunday in Advent. When the Book of Baruch and the quote from Isaiah from the Gospel this weekend speak about “valleys being filled and mountains and hills made low” this is descriptive of kings in antiquity making royal highways so they can easily traverse their kingdom. Prophetically, both Baruch and St. John the Baptist, by quoting Isaiah, is highlighting that despite present conditions of oppression, pain, and human suffering there will be a time soon when people who are lost and forgotten will travel the royal highway leading to prosperity, peace, joy, and above all love. Prosperity and growth will, and does, culminate in Jesus Christ and His Church—to the degree that the Church reaches her perfection and beauty in His grace—by providing a new exodus into the promised land of Christ’s Kingdom.

Each of us may be facing challenges in our lives today. I don’t know what those are for each of you specifically, but God does know. Not only does He know it, but He is calling you and I to travel the royal highway with Him to encounter and receive His peace and prosperity—a prosperity that will have its full realization in the world to come. The royal road, the “Kingshighway,” God is calling us to travel may be a mixed back of consolations and desolations; however, while the road may be a little bumpy it’s a lot better than the rough terrain without Him. God’s highway, the true “King’s Highway,” is filled with hope and future of brightness. Perhaps the next time you drive on Kingshighway, think about the royal road you are traveling in your journey of faith.

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubie



“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”

(Philippians 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That we may resist the lure of holiday advertising and instead concentrate on the message of simplicity and trust that is found in the Christmas manger scene
Amen*

Mass Schedule for the Immaculate Conception & Christmas Eve/
Night/Day Masses”

Monday, Dec. 9th—Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Little Flower Mass at 7:00am—St. Mary Magdalen 8:00am School Mass, 12:00pm Noon Mass & 5:30pm Mass.

Christmas Eve—St. MM 4:30pm, Little Flower 5:00pm
St. M.M. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day—Little Flower 10:00am
St. MM—7:30am & 9:30am

Solemnity of Mary—Wednesday, Jan. 1st—Little Flower 9:00am
St. MM 5:30pm—Midnight Mass 12:00pm—9:00am Mass

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Thanks to all who donated to the Food Drive for Immaculate Conception Food Pantry. We collected over 100 pounds of food and personal care items for the pantry and they were extremely grateful. As always, the generosity of Little Flower parishioners is very much appreciated!



Did you know that we have Benediction at the end of Friday Adoration?

Most Fridays we are now having Benediction at 5 pm. Please join us to receive a special blessing from our Eucharistic Lord. Even if you are there early in the day for Adoration, you can come back. And if you can only come at the end of the day for a few minutes with Jesus, you are welcome. Isn't receiving God's grace worth a moment of your time?



OCIA LESSON—ACTUAL GRACE: A HOLY ENRIGIZER

Living a life of grace means sharing God's life. Sanctifying Grace makes us children of God. Actual Grace refers to the particular prompts and assistance that God gives us to act in ways leading us to holiness. Some examples of responding to actual grace are:

- (1) taking time to listen to someone who is lonely
- (2) offering to relieve a caregiver
- (3) walking away from a temptation that could lead to sin
- (4) making a spiritual retreat
- (5) spending 15 minutes in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Interested in being Catholic? Call Debbie at the Rectory 314-645-1445

Email drichter@littleflowerstl.org

BREAKFAST
With Santa

Sunday December 15, 2024
9:00a-12:00p
Little Flower Parish

\$10/person
(proceeds will go to Society of St. Vincent dePaul)

Chris Cakes
ST. LOUIS

*Bring a camera for pictures with Santa!

No Little Flower Holy Hour ☐

In December, we will join the Advent Holy Hour/Confession service at Mary Magdalen on December 18th from 6-9pm in the spirit of collaboration. All of our priests will be there. . It is important for us to work together as a pastorate when the opportunity presents itself. Please join us in supporting this beautiful tradition. All are welcome!



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

DECEMBER EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES!

For Dec. 15th bulletin deadline is Dec. 6th
For Dec. 22nd bulletin deadline is Dec.12th
For Dec. 29th bulletin deadline is Dec. 20th
For Jan. 5th bulletin deadline is Dec. 27th
Please get your notices in as soon as possible.
Thank you!

Christmas Country Church Tour Announcement

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Saint Mary’s of the Barrens Church) in Perryville, Missouri, will once again be participating in the Christmas Country Church Tour along with 38 other churches and chapels. The tour will take place on December 19 and 20, from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. All of the participating churches welcome visitors to view their Christmas decorations and to spend a few moments in silent prayer during the Advent season. Here at the Shrine, a tree will be decorated with prayer petitions from local students. There will be live music both nights from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served in the Visitor Center, where unique Christmas items, including nativity sets, will be on display. If you have any questions, please call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-6279 or visit our website at www.amm.org. We look forward to your visit.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

11/03/2024	Year-to-Date Offertory	
Collection: \$ 5,059.00	\$	93,167.53
Budget: \$ (7,496.15)	\$	(127,434.55)
Surplus/ (Deficit) \$ (2,437.15)	\$	(34,267.02)



The Giving Tree will be up in St. Joseph’s Chapel.

We are asking for donations of gift cards-some ideas are Walmart, Aldi, or Schnucks.

Gift cards may be placed in the offertory basket at mass, or in the rectory mailbox.

We ask for your continued prayers for our neighbors in need. Thank you!

ST. MARY MAGDALEN AND LITTLE FLOWER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



TRIVIA
KNIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 AT ST. MARY MAGDALEN GYM
CORNER OF BRENTWOOD & MANCHESTER

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM AND TRIVIA STARTS 7:00PM

\$200 FOR TABLE OF 8 (\$25/PER PERSON) *PAY AT THE DOOR*

SODA/WATER PROVIDED SILENT AUCTION AND 50/50 RAFFLE



RESERVE YOUR TABLE BY USING THE CODE OR AT
[FORMS.GLE/MIRGXQNQH1CYGJKUA](https://forms.gle/MIRGXQNQH1CYGJKUA)
QUESTIONS? DAN.FITZGERALD@STMMCHURCH.COM

TRIVIA KNIGHT

Eucharistic Prayer Companions—First Saturdays

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

You are invited to gather with the Eucharistic Prayer Companions of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (EPC) at various Churches throughout the St. Louis Archdiocese on First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers: The Rosary and Reparation prayers, the Chaplets of the Holy FACE and of Divine Mercy, followed by 15 Minutes of Silent Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Prayer copies will be available at the Church.

Our next gatherings:

December 7th St. Alban Roe Church 2001 Shepard Road, Wildwood, 63038. Confessions 7:30-8:15. Mass 8:30am
First Saturday Prayers.

January 4th Little Flower Church 1264 Arch Terrace, Richmond Heights, 63117.
8am Mass followed by First Saturday Prayers.

Please invite others and share this invitation with your family and friends.

For updated information on future gatherings, please visit our website:
www.CentreForMercy.org/epc.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us....



"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	December 9 (Immaculate Conception) Jean Leonhardt
Tuesday 7:00am	December 10 Mac Dryden
Wednesday 7:00am	December 11 Rena Mitchell
Thursday 7:00am	December 12 Domenico Toschini
Friday 7:00am	December 13 Marlene Fiedler
Saturday 5:00pm	December 14 For the People of St. Mary Magdalen & Little Flower
Sunday 8:00am	December 15 Ida Caroline Massey
10:30am	Katie Matula

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 | John McShane |
| John Boland | Mary Ellen Havard | G. Tracy Mehan |
| Maxine Borowiak | Louise Haynes | Mary Falk Mehan |
| Jaxson Boyer | Adrianna Hubb | Peg Mango |
| Frankie Boyer | ChrisLewisHutchcroft | Helen Mango |
| Steve Bradshaw | Stan James | Stephanie Mortenson |
| Joanne Buchholz | Rebecca Jenson | David Nathe |
| Marissa Campeau | 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 Scheidegger |
| Margie Curran | Jack Lally | James Smith |
| Helena Czosnyka | Julie Lally | Tony Snider |
| Chandolor Davis | Marianne Lally | Hollie Soto |
| James Davis | Jim LaMartina | Matthew Stuart |
| James E. Davis | Patty LaRochelle | Gary Underwood |
| Nathan Glore Davis | Mary Laws | Miriam Varas |
| Patrick Dolan | Everleigh Lauber | Margaret Verzino |
| Bill Edwards | Sherry Lopez | Charles Volk |
| Kathryn Fischer | Greg & Shelley | Billy Wells |
| Bill Flottmann | Lowrey | Joseph Wheeler |
| Peter Freundl | Elizabeth Lyons | |
| Ron Garnier | Emma Lyons | |
| Joyce Griffen | Bob McShane | |

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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*