

# Church of the Little Flower

October 20th , 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"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

#### 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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 21</b>
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 22</b>
6:45-6:55	Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00am	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 23</b>
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 24</b>
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 25</b>
6:45-6:55	Confessions
7:00am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration
6:00pm	Fall Festival
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 26</b>
4pm-4:45pm	Confessions
4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
5:00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 27</b>
8:00am	Mass
10:00am-10:15am	Confessions
10:30am	Mass

### Ministers of Service Oct. 26 & 27 2024

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

10/26 5:00pm ~ P. McClure T. Sullivan K. Thomason  
 10/27 8:00am ~ Austin, Annelise, & Henry Reinagel  
 10/27 10:30am ~ A. Scherman D. Spiegel J. Schibig

#### LECTORS

10/26 5:00pm ~ L. Bub M. Hazelwood  
 10/27 8:00am ~ T. Serena H. Fanega  
 10/27 10:30am ~ R. Provaznik C. Flottmann

#### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

##### (Sacristan Helpers)

10/26 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams **(Team B)**  
 10/27 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz  
 10/27 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

## ***Don't Forget! The Psalms are Holy Scripture!***

In my last year of seminary, my classmates and I took a fall semester class called, "Psalms and Wisdom Literature." It was taught by a Benedictine monk, Fr. Lawrence Kriegshauser. Father Kriegshauser loved the psalms and took particular interest in teaching this class. He wanted to desperately pass on to his young students the love for God's word in the psalter, which conveys, in poetic and literary imagery, the psalmists' experiences of God's majesty, power, goodness, love, and mercy. Likewise, the psalmists went through crushing pain, abandonment, sin, shame, and humiliation. The psalter in its decisive four books, as Fr. Kriegshauser so emphatically puts it, describes extensively the triumphs and tragedies of human experience, God's place in these experiences, and ultimate trust in the Lord's covenant love. While I learned a lot about the psalms from Fr. Kriegshauser's love for the psalter, I never forgot what he told the class, "When you guys preach your homilies, never forget the psalms are Sacred Scripture. They are God's holy word as much as the Old Testament and the Gospels."

Although I can't promise you I'll be preaching on the psalms this weekend, I do think it's important to reflect upon this Sunday's responsorial psalm. Psalm 33 is a cheerful psalm in Book I of the Psalter. This is unique because a lot of psalms in Book I are cries of lament. Psalm 33 is positioned to look at God's merciful love and the psalmist's song of hope in the context of experiencing lament, sadness, and grief. The response in the responsorial psalm sums up the psalm's words in the lectionary for this Sunday, "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." It's important to focus on the word "mercy" in this refrain; its meaning describes much of what the psalmist expresses in this unique psalm. The meaning of "mercy" in Scripture, and particularly Psalm 33, comes from the Hebrew word *hesed*, which translates literally as "covenant love." *God's hesed is beautifully depicted in the Old Testament in the Book of Exodus and in the Book of Deuteronomy. First, in the Book of Exodus God makes a covenant with Israel vowing to be their God, making Israel His own people and He symbolically enters into a blood relationship with His people at Mt. Sinai. Similarly, in the Book of Deuteronomy, God renews His covenant with Israel after the golden calf incident by inviting the next generation of Israelites to enter into covenantal fidelity to Him that their parents failed to uphold. In exchange, God will make Israel particularly His own people and He will bless them with a land filled with "milk and honey." Furthermore, in the New Testament, Jesus as God renews His covenant love at the Last Supper and on the Cross by literally entering into blood relations with the New Israel—the Church. In all the other Scriptural references and allusions to hesed, God literally vows Himself to His people and never breaks His fidelity and union with them.*

It is significant to reflect upon the Lord's *hesed*, His "mercy," as a reality and truth that God literally vows to make with His people—especially those of His Church and all the baptized. When each of us go through life thinking, maybe wondering, if God has abandoned me we can take courage and comfort in the psalms. Yet, despite the horror the psalmists experienced in many psalms in the psalter, the inspired words in the psalms always point us to God's covenant fidelity and love for his people, for each of us! I encourage you to pray the psalms in your time of prayer. I am privileged to pray the psalms each day in my daily prayers for the Liturgy of the Hours. The last stanza for our responsorial psalm this Sunday captivates the attitude we should have toward God's love for us and the importance of reciting this psalm often: "Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O'Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you."

In Christ the Savior,

*Fr. Rubie*



*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

*(Mark 10:45)*

*If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*That we may change our attitude of wanting more to being grateful and sharing more generously.*

*Amen*



### The Vocational Chalice Is Looking For Places To Go!

Thank you to Mary Hazelwood for hosting the vocational chalice this past month. It is looking for more places to go. If you and your family would like to host it for a week or two, please sign up in the All Souls Chapel. We currently have no one else signed up to take the Chalice home with them. You can take it again if you had it earlier in the year. Please help us continue this important prayer for our priests and our pastorate.

## Adorers Needed

We currently have some openings for committed adorers on Friday afternoons. If you are willing to commit to making a weekly Holy Hour let Jackie Waugh or Jane McCabe know. And if you don't want to commit, please consider being a sub. Subs step in when committed adorers can't be there to make sure someone is with Jesus while He is on the altar. It's a great way to start coming to pray with us. If you want more information, call 314-704-5619.



### Lolly's Place After-School Tutoring

Lolly's Place is *thrilled* to announce that we have launched a second tutoring location at Little Flower. We are very excited to be a part of your community!

Lolly's Place is a holistic, literacy focused, after-school tutoring and mentoring program for children in grades K-8. We work to close learning and academic achievement gaps for children from diverse backgrounds through customized services and one-on-one tutoring. We also infuse our program with a variety of enrichment and experiential learning activities.

To enroll your child, please visit <https://lollysplace.org/tutoring-enroll>. Feel free to call Mary Pat Gallagher at 314-800-4260 or email her at [2mpg@lollysplace.org](mailto:2mpg@lollysplace.org)



### WHAT IS OCIA ?

OCIA (formerly called RCIA) is a journey for individuals interested in becoming Catholic or finding more about the Catholic Church. It is a process of sharing Catholic teaching, prayer, spiritual formation, rituals and coming to know members of the church community.

You are invited to come to the inquiry sessions

if you have been thinking about joining the Catholic Church

if you are baptized but never received the sacrament of Confirmation

if your children are attending a Catholic school or Parish School of Religion

and you wish to understand their Faith formation

if you wish to deepen your understanding of the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church

if for you, some topic about the Catholic faith needs clarification

The inquiry sessions are informational with no commitment. Don't hesitate to call the Rectory for more information. 314-645-1445

**Join the Daughters of St. Paul every weekday in October (except the 31<sup>st</sup>) at 5:30 p.m. to pray the Rosary in their backyard grotto in Crestwood (9804 Watson Road), as we honor Mary, our Mother and Queen! Please feel free to bring your own lawn chairs or picnic blankets. Leashed pets are welcome to join us on Wednesday, October 30 for a special Pets & Prayer night!**

**King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center  
An Advent Day of Prayer – The Three Comings of Christ**

**Presenter – Karen Seaborn  
Saturday, December 7, 2024  
9:00 am to 3:00pm**

**This Advent Day of Prayer will consist of three conferences with time for quiet reflection after each and includes lunch with conversation. The presentations will include experiential elements, imaginative prayer, lectio divina and visio divina. Some simple art supplies will be provided.**

**Cost: \$50 (lunch included)  
For more information, call 618-397-0584  
or register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/adventdop/>**





## THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY



**Fall Fest**  
 Little Flower  
 Catholic Church  
 October 25 **6 p.m**  
 Blacktop  
*Come Join Us!*  
 1264 Arch Terrace  
 Richmond Heights, MO 63117

### LECTORS NEEDED!

We have a need for a Lector for the 8:00am Mass on Sundays. Please contact the rectory at 314-645-1445. We can really use your help! Thank you.

### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

	10/06/2024	Year-to-Date Offertory
Collection:	\$ 4,475.00	\$ 63,630.53
Budget:	\$ (7,496.15)	\$ (104,496.10)
Surplus/ (Deficit).8	\$ (3,021.15)	\$ (26,323.27)

Thank you for using your envelopes as a way to return God's treasure.

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](http://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 if we want to be great we must serve others?

**Stewardship Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola**

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will – all that I have and call my own. You have given it all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me.*

**THE PARISH THAT PRAYS  
TOGETHER,  
STAYS TOGETHER!**

**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](http://therosary.online)

Pray the Cardinal Burke Novena daily



Scan here or go to:  
[novena.cardinalburke.com](http://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

**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 our Archdiocese on First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers:

A Reparation Rosary, the Chaplets of Divine Mercy and of the Holy FACE, and 15 Minutes of Silent Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.  
Prayer copies will be available at the Church.

Please join us for the following:

**November 2nd St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Church** 4900 Ringer Rd. 63129.

**8am Mass** followed by our First Saturday Prayers.

**December 7th St. Alban Roe Church** 2001 Shepard Road, Wildwood, 63038.

**Confessions 7:30-8:15. Mass 8:30am** 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:

[www.CentreForMercy.org/epc](http://www.CentreForMercy.org/epc).

or email us at:

[epcofjesusmaryandjoseph@yahoo.com](mailto:epcofjesusmaryandjoseph@yahoo.com)

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:*  
 Margie Curran (645-1709) or Anita Blattenberger (330-6796)

Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 7:00am	<b>October 21</b> Kathryn Franke
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am	<b>October 22</b> Sp. Intention-Dan Miller
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am	<b>October 23</b> Celebrants Choice
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am	<b>October 24</b> Joann & Tom Ruoff
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am	<b>October 25</b> Katie Matula
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>October 26</b> Margie Meatte
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	<b>October 27</b> Celebrants Choice
10:30am	People of St. Mary Magdalen & Little Flower

**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          |
| Margie Curran        | Jack Lally           | Scheidegger         |
| Helena Czosnyka      | Julie Lally          | James Smith         |
| Chandelor Davis      | Marianne Lally       | Tony Snider         |
| James Davis          | Jim LaMartina        | Hollie Soto         |
| James E. Davis       | Patty LaRochelle     | Matthew Stuart      |
| Nathan Glore Davis   | Mary Laws            | Gary Underwood      |
| Patrick Dolan        | Everleigh Lauber     | Miriam Varas        |
| Bill Edwards         | Sherry Lopez         | Margaret Verzino    |
| Kathryn Fischer      | Greg & Shelley       | Charles Volk        |
| Bill Flottmann       | Lowrey               | Billy Wells         |
| Peter Freundl        | Elizabeth Lyons      | Joseph Wheeler      |
| Ron Garnier          | Emma Lyons           | Charlie Vogelsang   |
| Joyce Griffen        | Bob McShane          |                     |

**Readings for the week of October 20, 2024**

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/ Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/ Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

**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 Arrendondo  
 Ean Eicher