

# Church of the Little Flower

September 17, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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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## 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.

## Calendar of Events

### MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

<b>Monday</b> 9:00am	<b>Sept. 18</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am <b>10:00am</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Sept. 19</b> Mass <b>Legion of Mary</b> <b>Evening of Encounter with Jesus</b> <b>In church</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am 8:15am	<b>Sept. 20</b> Mass Mass
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am	<b>Sept. 21</b> Mass
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am	<b>September 22</b> Mass
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00am 5:00pm	<b>September 23</b> Mass Mass
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am 9:15am 10:30am	<b>September 24</b> Mass New Latin Mass Mass

**Please email all bulletin submissions to:  
 Debra Richter -drichter@littleflowerstl.org  
 no later than Monday at 10:00am**

### Ministers of Service September 23 & 24 2023

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

09/23 5:00pm ~ K. Thomason L. Allman M. Basi  
 09/24 8:00am A. & H. Reinagel L. Armbrrecht  
 09/24 10:30am ~ Cl. Koontz W. & N. Saykes

#### LECTORS

09/23 5:00pm ~ L. Bub M. Hazelwood  
 09/24 8:00am ~ M. Boyce D. Bello  
 09/24 10:30am ~ H. Fanega M. Seal

#### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

##### (Sacristan Helpers)

09/23 5:00pm ~ B. Campeau **Team C**  
 09/24 8:00am ~ S. Condit  
 09/24 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

09/23 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer  
 09/24 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer  
 09/25 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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You have been created for the glory of God and your own eternal salvation. ... This your goal; this is the center of your life; this is the treasure of your heart.

If you reach this goal, you will find happiness. If you fail to reach it, you will find misery. —St Robert Bellarmine

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Forgiveness is a Christian virtue and is the hallmark of our Christian faith and practice. Forgiving the other in the full sense is a form of loving and caring. It is the miracle of a new beginning. It is to start where we are, not where we wish we were, or the other person was. It is to hold out a hand; to want to renew a friendship; to want a new relationship with husband, father, daughter, friend, or indeed enemy. It may not take away the hurt and it does not deny the past injury. It does not ignore the possibility and need for repentance and a change in the relationship. It means being willing to take the initiative in dealing with any barriers that I may be raising towards a restored relationship. It means that I am willing to have a relationship with the other person that is based on Christian love and not on what has happened in the past, if the response of the other person makes that possible. Christ from the cross showed what forgiveness is and how far we can go. The first reading from the Book of Sirach tells us that if we forgive our neighbor, we ourselves will be forgiven. In the gospel of today Jesus tells us in response to Peter's limited generosity that there is no limit to forgiveness. We are a people in need of forgiveness and we are endlessly called upon to forgive. Jesus tells us that we must be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate.

We are told by Jesus in the parable to forgive others as God has forgiven us, to live the Our Father: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. For God to forgive us means to change us and accept us into a new relationship with him. It is to make our entire relationship alive with the life of God. It is an invitation to be one with God and become his new creation. Only God can forgive us and show us the new way in which we can live.

There are two remarkable benefits that come from forgiving. First benefit touches us who forgive: If you forgive others their wrong doing, the heavenly Father will also forgive us. The second benefit accrues those we forgive: we can be an instrument of God's grace to others, help to make them better than they are.

God Bless—Fr. H



*"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."*

*(Romans 14:8)*

*This is the essence of stewardship—everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That we recognize everything we have and everything we have is a gift from God, including our very own lives.*

*Amen*



This week the vocational chalice is staying in church. We currently have no one signed up to take it home with them. So I ask that during this time we all pray for vocations as well as our current clergy as they make decisions about the parishes in our archdiocese and live with them. You can still have the privilege of hosting the chalice in your home. Sign up in the All Souls Chapel. We need someone for upcoming weeks. If you wish to sign up for more than one week at a time, simply draw an arrow from your entry to the one below. Please help us continue this important prayer. Contact Jackie Waugh for more info at 314-704-5619. Thanks for participating in this important ministry.

### Donut Sunday Today! After all Masses



Please join us in the Parish Hall for donuts, coffee & conversation



**OICA** (formerly called **RICA**-for persons considering joining the Church-  
Will begin soon at Little Flower.

You might consider attending the inquiry sessions:

If you have been thinking about being a member of the Catholic Church

If you are baptized but never received the sacrament of Confirmation

If your children are attending a Catholic school and you wish to understand their Faith Formation

If you wish to deepen your understandings of the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church.

**CALL DEBRA AT THE RECTORY-314-645-1445 OR E-MAIL [drichter@littleflowerstl.org](mailto:drichter@littleflowerstl.org)**

### Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux, (The Little Flower) is October 1st



We will pray the Novena Sept. 23rd-Oct. 1 everyday after morning Mass in the LF chapel and at 7:00pm in the Church. People may also sign up for the novena on-line at [praymorenovenas.com/st-therese-novena](http://praymorenovenas.com/st-therese-novena).

Also as part of our parish celebration there will be a Pot-Luck Brunch after the 10:30 Mass in The Parish Hall!

CALLING ALL GOLFERS! SIGN UP NOW!!!



Saturday, September 23 2023 @ 1:30PM  
Norman K. Probstein Golf Courses at Forest Park

Contact Lance Reinagel for Details  
314 295 8350 or [lance.d.reinagel@gmail.com](mailto:lance.d.reinagel@gmail.com)



### Little Flower Church Ladies' Club meeting: Thurs. Sept. 21, 2023

The Little Flower Ladies Club is ready to begin the 2023-2024 program year!!! On Thursday evening, Sept. 21, we will pray the Rosary in church at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will move to the School Hall for a spiritual meditation on St. Terese. At 7:30 p.m., we will introduce the officers, update memberships (\$20. annual dues), and get reacquainted! Light refreshments will be served. Come for all or part of the evening, as your schedule allows. Call Bea Pollard with any questions at 314-477-2626



II. Kate McAtee & Charles Mueth



Little Flower  
Catholic School

## A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL

### Appreciation

The Little Flower Ladies Club presented the faculty and staff a gift of \$100 in appreciation for their time and talents that go beyond routine daily activities. Thank you to the Ladies Club for their generous support for the faculty and staff members. We are grateful for their commitment to the Little Flower School Mission!

## Save the Date!



**Gloria Openlander**  
**Principal**  
**Little Flower Catholic School**  
**1275 Boland Place**  
**Richmond Heights, MO 63117**  
**314-781-4995**



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.



## BABY QUILTS



The St. John Paul II quilting group has a large supply of baby quilts for sale. They are all lovingly handmade and hand quilted by a small group of dedicated quilters. Come take a look. For information call Hilda Rupee at 314-832-5680.

## An Evening of Encounter with Jesus

As part of the Eucharistic Revival at Little Flower, on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, we will have an Evening of Encounter with Jesus. On this evening we will offer an hour of Adoration. There will be soft music and scriptures for meditation. Father will also be available for confessions at this time. At the end of the night, we will have benediction. The idea is for you to come away from the chaos we live in and allow Christ to speak to your hearts. We can only truly encounter the living Christ if we silence ourselves so we can hear Him. You are encouraged to join us for this special evening. If you can't make this one, there will be an opportunity for Encounter every third Tuesday throughout this year of Revival. For more info, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or [jwaugh123@charter.net](mailto:jwaugh123@charter.net).

There is a Little Flower parishioner currently looking for a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment within the LF parish area. If you have one for rent or know of someone who does please contact the rectory at 314-645-1445. Thank you for your help!



## Welcome!

The Catholic Community of Little Flower welcomes with great joy into our parish:

Fatima & Benjamin Virgen  
Santonyale Clay & daughter Zori Phenix

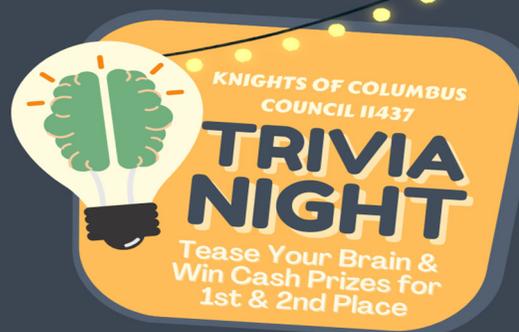
We are happy you are here!

## HELP WANTED! Maintenance Position

We are currently hiring for an experienced maintenance person who can maintain Parish/School buildings and knowledge of plumbing and electrical repair. Please send resume's to:  
[lherzog@littleflowerstl.org](mailto:lherzog@littleflowerstl.org)

## Little Flower on YouTube

Did you know the Little Flower parish is on YouTube? We livestream all of our Masses, Sacred Devotions and Morning Prayer. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel, *Little Flower Parish – Richmond Heights*. Be sure and **LIKE** our videos, and share this information with your family and friends.



Saturday, October 14th, 2023  
For registration & further information  
[www.kocfundraiser.com](http://www.kocfundraiser.com)

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

Mass Intentions

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| <b>Monday</b><br>7:00am                      | <b>September 18</b><br>Mary Janet Kinsella   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:00am                     | <b>September 19</b><br>Glennon Reinsmith   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:00am<br>8:15am         | <b>September 20</b><br>Victoria Keegan<br>Margie Meatte                            |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>7:00am                    | <b>September 21</b><br>Shirley Dolan   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>7:00am                      | <b>September 22</b><br>Bill Kelly  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>8:00am<br>5:00pm          | <b>September 23</b><br>Maureen Stewart<br>Bill Kelly                               |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:00am<br>9:15am<br>10:30am | <b>September 24</b><br>Members of the Parish<br>Souls in Purgatory<br>Helen Miller |

**Readings for the week of September 17, 2023**

- Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**PLEASE PRAY for our PARISHIONERS and/or LOVED ONES SERVING in the UNITED STATES MILITARY**



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| Allen Conrey         | Maurice Muro        |
| Mollie Conrey        | Ashton Piper        |
| Rebecca Conrey       | Christopher Wamhoff |
| Blaise Coultier      | John Weber          |
| Alex Garofalo        | Jonathon Habbe      |
| Derek Hirtz          |                     |
| Brian Kloppenburg    |                     |
| Justin Kloppenburg   |                     |
| Alexander LaRochelle |                     |
| Ean Eichert          |                     |