

Church of the Little Flower

February 16th, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary



"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	February 17	6:45-6:55 Confessions			
		7:00am Mass			
		President's Day-Parish office closed			
Tuesday	February 18	6:45-6:55 Perpetual Help Devotions			
		7:00am Mass			
		7:00pm Holy Hour			
Wednesday	February 19	7:00am Mass			
		7:00pm Men's Club			
Thursday	February 20	6:45-6:55 Confessions			
		7:00am Mass			
		6:30pm Rosary-Ladies Club			
Friday	February 21				
		6:45-6:55 Confessions			
		7:00am Mass			
		8:00am-5:00pm Adoration			
Saturday	February 22	4pm-4:45pm Confessions			
		4:30pm Rosary in Little Flower Chapel			
		5:00pm Mass			
Sunday	February 23				
		8:00am Mass			
		10:00am-10:15am Confessions			
		10:30am Mass			

Ministers of Service Feb 22 & 23 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

02/22 5:00pm ~ K. Thomason, Vol. Req. B. Acosta
 02/23 8:00am ~ Curran, Keegan Koontz J. Schibig
 02/23 10:30am ~ Michael & William & David Dietz

LECTORS

02/22 5:00pm ~ J. Waugh L. Waugh
 02/23 8:00am ~ M. Boyce D. Bello
 02/23 10:30am ~ M. Chauvin M. Seal

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

02/22 5:00pm ~ P. Keenoy (Team A)
 02/23 8:00am ~ K. Sargent
 02/23 10:30am ~ K. & S. Toombs

Sacramental Catechesis: The Anointing of the Sick

During the next few weeks of Ordinary Time leading up to the beginning of the Lenten season, I would like to do for all of you a written catechesis and reflection on the sacraments of the Church. The sacramental life of the Church is paramount to our experience of God's presence, grace, and goodness toward us on an individual and communal level. I want to begin by delving into the importance of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and to give people a better understanding of this vital sacrament. It is fitting to begin teaching on the Anointing of the Sick because it's usually one of the most remote sacraments people encounter in their daily lives. Due to this being the case, a lot of people have misconceptions about the nature and function of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Some people might regard it as used *only for the so-called "Last Rites" of the Church when the person receiving it is actively dying. Still there are others who swing to the other side of the pendulum and think the sacrament can be administered to anyone who desires to receive it, regardless if they do or don't have a serious illness or going into a surgery requiring anesthetics. Both viewpoints are misconceptions about the nature of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. My hope is to briefly correct these misconceptions and to provide a better understanding of the beauty of this sacrament.*

I remember my first day at my first assignment as a newly ordained priest. It was around 11 PM at night and I was completing my first full day as an associate pastor at Immaculate Conception in Dardenne Prairie. I got a call to come to Delmar Gardens to minister the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to an older resident who was actively dying. I anointed her and gave prayers and support to the family gathered around her during this sad, but momentous time. Two days later, I received a call again to go to Delmar Gardens for an anointing and, again, I was called to anoint the same older lady. Being a young and inexperienced priest, I anointed her again but thought to myself: was this really necessary? Did her condition actually get increasingly worse? The experience left me reflecting on the performative dimension of ministering the sacrament and how to convey the correct catechesis to people. This bulletin column is one such opportunity. My former professor in seminary, Dr. Lawrence Feingold, wrote about the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in his book, *Touched by Christ: The Sacramental Economy*, stating:

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick was instituted for the seriously ill to aid them in three closely interrelated ways. First of all, to help prepare the seriously ill for death and entrance into glory, the sacrament serves as a further remedy against sin and its wounds or "remnants," which include the temporal penalty for sin and the disordered inclinations that sin leaves even after it has been repented of and forgiven by [the Sacrament of] Penance... Secondly, they [the sick] are anointed to receive the spiritual (and sometimes bodily) strengthening and comfort in their trial... Third, in addition to healing the remnants of sin and aiding the faithful in the trial of illness, the sacramental graces of Anointing are also ordered to unleashing the redemptive power of suffering endured by the recipient, so that it can be offered for the good of the Church as well as for the purification of the suffering member (pgs. 373-74).

This long quote from Dr. Feingold's book summarizes beautifully the purpose of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. It is a sacrament heavily connected with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is the principal reason why only a priest can be the minister of the sacrament. While it has the element of the forgiveness of sins through the priestly prayer and anointing, it ideally should be ministered to someone who is ill in conjunction with confession, if the ill person is capable of making a confession.

Perhaps one of the areas the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a point of reflection is not just in its forgiveness of sins and giving hope and strength to an ill person in their time of trial, but to transform an ill person, or those suffering from old age, to unite their suffering to the redemptive power of Jesus Christ. In other words, the sacrament is there to transform one's suffering, due to illness and the burdens of old age, into the visible reality of Jesus' Paschal Mystery and to be a sign to themselves and others that suffering lends itself to the hope of the Resurrection. Consequently, because the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is connected with Reconciliation, and due to the fact it is deeply personal and imminent to the recipient of the sacrament, a priest should take these factors into account when celebrating this sacrament. To not do so would be at worst scandalous and at best confusing to the faithful. It should be properly distinguished from certain charismatic celebrations of anointing blessings, which are usually pious, communal celebrations but could only lead to confusion if the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick were celebrated in similar fashion.

Here at St. Mary Magdalen, I prefer to minister the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in a one-on-one interaction. This is important because it gives the recipient the opportunity to go to confession and it enables me to record the sacrament in a sacramental record book that is evaluated each year by the Archbishop or bishop visiting the parish. I certainly encourage parishioners to reach out to me if you have a loved one in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It's a beautiful sacrament that doesn't need to happen at the moment of death. If one is ill or going under surgery, please reach out to receive the graces of this sacrament.

In Christ the Savior,

Fr. Rubie



"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."

(Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the first pastor of Little Flower, Fr. Tammany, was here 33 years! I think Fr. Herzog is now probably the second longest with nearly 20! We love you Fr. H!

Little Flower Holy Hour

Is Jesus the love of your life? Then come spend some time with Him. **Our next Holy Hour will be Tuesday, February 18th at 7 pm in the St. Therese' chapel.** Confession will be available. Let Him minister to your heart. All are welcome!

Today is Donut Sunday!

Please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee, juice, & donuts after Mass. Catch up with old friends and meet some new friends.

**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 have the strength and courage to joyfully proclaim our faith, especially in uncomfortable situations.

Amen



WHAT IS THE SACRED LITURGY?

The Sacred Liturgy is the true worship of God enacted by Jesus Christ and his body, the Church. It is a shared "public work" (leiturgia in Greek) by believers-priest and its ceremonies, rites and formulas are established by Scripture and Tradition. Christ's command at the Last Supper: "Do this in remembrance of me" (Lk 22:19) establishes the sacramental rites of the New Testament and Tradition has passed them on to us. Liturgy follows set times and seasons, the most important when the church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus on every Sunday and at Easter.

Notable liturgies are: the Mass and the sacraments; the Divine Office (prayers said by priest, religious and lay persons several times a day); Benediction (Eucharistic Adoration, prayers, and blessing outside of Mass; Funeral Rites.

As in the parable of the King who invites guest to his banquet, we respond to the awesome invitation to enter the Kingdom here and now through the Sacred Liturgy.

Source: Evangelium

To learn more come to OCIA. Please call the rectory 314-645-1445 or e-mail drichter@littleflowerstl.org

Carmen Cecilia Steurer



Daughter of Hannah & Daniel Steurer



The Catholic Community of Little Flower welcomes with great joy:

Nicholas & Michelle Harviel & their son Liam!



THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY



PRESIDENTS' DAY

HONORING OUR LEADERS

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH IS
PRESIDENT'S DAY.**

Due to the holiday, the Parish office will be closed and reopen on Tuesday the 18th.

The Vocational Chalice Is Looking For Places To Go!



The vocational chalice has returned to church and 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 feel free to take it home with you even if you didn't sign up ahead of time. Just put your name on the sheet when you take it so I know where it is. Please help us continue this important prayer for our priests and our pastorate. For more information contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619.

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?

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH
LADIES CLUB
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20

ROSARY @ 6:30P
in church

MEETING @ 7:00P
in the parish hall

Featured food will be desserts! Let's indulge a bit before Lent begins. We will also have some foods from Richmond Heights restaurants to enjoy. Our speaker will be Amy Hamilton, City Manager for Richmond Heights. Back by popular request! She will let us know of local happenings and take any community questions.

Questions can go to Judy Osterman at osterjudy@att.net or 314-853-8695.



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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

Love is in the air. . .

To celebrate our parish centennial, we will be performing random acts of love and kindness throughout the month of February to honor our patron saint, Saint Therese.

Please keep your hearts and eyes open for details to follow in the mail.



The Centennial Committee



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

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 7:00am	February 17 A Special Intention
Tuesday 7:00am	February 18 Christopher Bub
Wednesday 7:00am	February 19 Celebrant's Choice
Thursday 7:00am	February 20 Celebrant's Choice
Friday 7:00am	February 21 Special Intention for the Zylka Family
Saturday 5:00pm	February 22 John Herber
Sunday 8:00am	February 23 James Feser
10:30am	Jean Leonhardt

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 | John McShane |
| Andrew Blum | Mary Ellen Havard | G. Tracy Mehan |
| John Boland | Louise Haynes | Mary Falk Mehan |
| Maxine Borowiak | Adrianna Hubb | Peg Mango |
| Jaxson Boyer | ChrisLewisHutchcroft | Helen Mango |
| Frankie Boyer | Stan James | Stephanie Mortenson |
| Steve Bradshaw | Rebecca Jenson | David Nathe |
| Joanne Buchholz | 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 February 16, 2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

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*