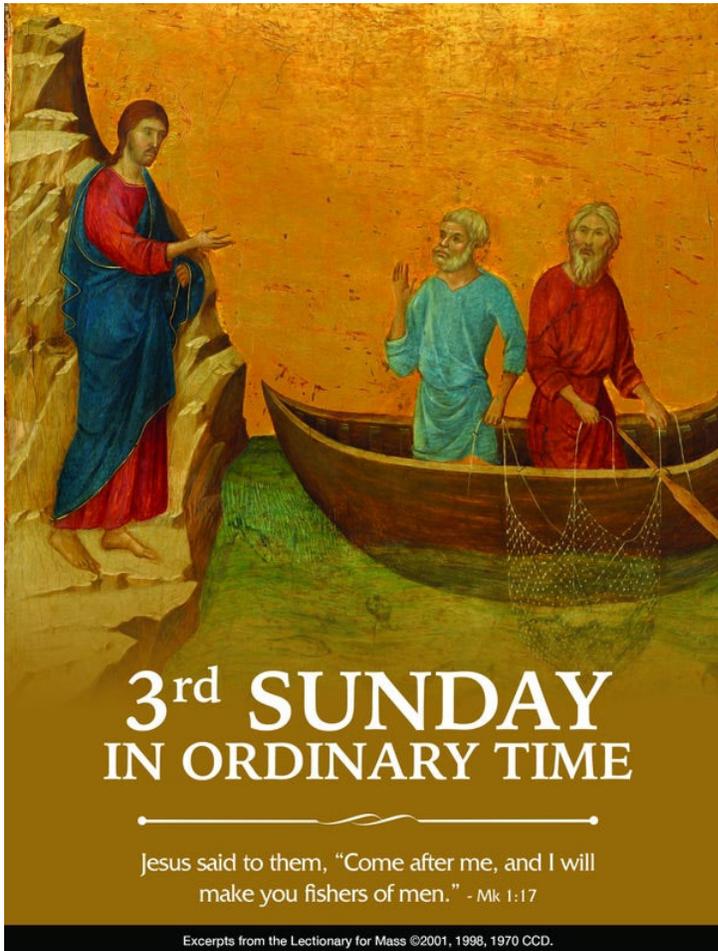


# Church of the Little Flower

January 21st, 2024

Third 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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## 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

<b>Monday</b>		<b>January 22</b>
7:00am		Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>January 23</b>
7:00am		Mass
10:00am		Legion of Mary
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>January 24</b>
7:00am		Mass
		8:15am Mass
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>January 25</b>
7:00am		Mass
<b>Friday</b>		<b>January 26</b>
7:00am		Mass
		ADORATION 8:00AM-5:00PM
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>January 27</b>
8:00am		Mass
5:00pm		Mass
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>January 28</b>
8:00am		Mass
9:15am		New Latin Mass
10:30am		Mass

### Ministers of Service Jan. 27 & Jan. 28 2023

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

01/27 5:00pm	~	J. Schibig	L. Allman	M. Husmann
01/28 8:00am	~	A. & H. Reinagel		A. Hornberg
01/28 10:30am	~	A. Eppert	B. Acosta	S. Donovan

#### LECTORS

01/27 5:00pm	~	C. Verry	P. Keenoy
01/28 8:00am	~	T. Serena	H. Fanega
01/29 10:30am	~	E. & B. Carmody	

#### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

##### (Sacristan Helpers)

01/27 5:00pm	~	B. Campeau	Team C
01/28 8:00am	~	S. Condit	
01/28 10:30am	~	D. Koeller	

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

01/27 5:00pm	~	Volunteer	Volunteer
01/28 8:00am	~	Volunteer	Volunteer
01/28 10:30am	~	Volunteer	Volunteer

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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“Be constantly committed to prayer or to reading scripture; by praying, you speak to God, in reading, God speaks to you.” St. Cyprian of Carthage

In today’s Gospel it is proclaimed: “As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Then they left their nets and followed him.”

We encounter Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry. His message is simple and clear: “The time is opportune and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news.” In fact, the whole of the Gospel message is contained in those two sentences. It contains both the purpose of Jesus’ coming and how we are to respond. This passage firmly informs us that the Kingdom of God is here and now. It is immediate and there is a sense of urgency in the call of the kingdom. All are called to respond. The opportunity cannot be lost. In fact, this summarizes the entire ministry of Jesus and sets a call of urgency to discover and to find him. In today’s hectic world we may often find our resolve to follow the Lord and his Gospel being diverted. We miss opportunities to forge, heal and comfort people around us. There are several opportunities placed before us and they are easily lost because of our preoccupation with other things.

Today we are informed that the expected time has come. The kingdom of God is close at hand, it is in the vicinity; the kingship and the reign of God is close to us. Jesus is the sign and symbol of the kingdom and in reality, he is the kingdom who brings God’s rule into our hearts. How can any person enter that kingdom? Jesus shows us the way. He says: “Repent and believe in the Good News.”

Jesus invites all to repent and to believe. ‘Repent’ here is more than just being sorry for the past; it involves a radical conversion (metanoia), a change of direction and priorities in a person’s life. It is a turning from something but much more a turning towards something more important. This consists in believing in Jesus who is the Good News. To believe in Jesus means is not merely to accept what Jesus teaches us but to involve in a total commitment to a cause. It is to invest oneself in the work of Jesus and build the kingdom along with him. The Kingdom extends far wider than the Church, which is called to be the sign pointing to the Kingdom’s presence in our world which is Jesus.

They would indeed become “fishers of people continuing a great movement begun by their Master Jesus to bring people to a new way of living in truth, love, freedom and justice. But they never regretted that day they walked away from their security. They found experiences that transcended all their dreams. When everyone started leaving Jesus and moving away, Jesus asks the disciples will you also go away? Their answer must have been surprising and also encouraging him. Peter on behalf of the rest of the group says, to whom we shall go for you have the words of eternal life. In other words, they vow to remain faithful to him and have understood him. This invitation comes to us even today and we need the courage of the apostles to say yes to him.

As a Parish we are called to give flesh and blood to this call. With the effects of the Pandemic decimated Mass attendance and general participation in Parish life our collections have gone done. We are called at this time in our diocese to show a resilience, holiness and commitment to who and what are Parish is. The challenge is before us; may St. Therese guide and sustain us.

God Bless—Fr H



*“Follow me and I will make fishers of men.”*

*(Mark 1:17)*

*Jesus said “follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That we hear Jesus personal invitation to “Follow Him” and respond by generously sharing all our gifts  
Amen*



### ACTUAL GRACE

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 to holiness. Some examples of responding to actual grace are:  
 Taking time to listen to someone who is lonely  
 Offering to relieve a caregiver  
 Walking away from a temptation that could lead to sin  
 Making a spiritual retreat  
 Spending 15 minutes in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

If interested in OCIA, call Debra at the rectory 341-645-1445



**Christmas Poinsettia Giveaway!**  
 The Christmas poinsettias are available to take home. Please take what you want after any of the upcoming Masses. They will be available to pick up from the Little Flower Baptistry. Thank you.

### COME TO THE TABLE for a PROGRESSIVE DINNER hosted by the LITTLE FLOWER LADIES CLUB and YOU!

HOSTS are needed for an eventful evening with old and new friends. If you are interested in hosting a dinner for our Progressive Dinner on Saturday, February 10, 2024, please contact Jean Flanagan at 314-608-5281, [jflanaga@wustl.edu](mailto:jflanaga@wustl.edu).



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!



The Vocational Chalice is in need of more families to host it. If you are interested, Please stop by the All Soul's Chapel and sign up. It's a privilege to have this beautiful chalice in your home. Please consider joining in this ministry. Contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or [jwaugh123@charter.net](mailto:jwaugh123@charter.net) for more information.



### Donut Sunday is Today!

Please join us after all The Sunday Masses in the Parish Hall for a Donut, coffee, juice and fellowship and to welcome new parishioners

### 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.

### Revival News! We are looking to begin the next phase of Eucharistic Revival here at Little Flower.

This will be a 7 week Lenten Adult Faith Formation experience entitled "Jesus and the Eucharist". I'm hoping to start it the first week of February. I would host an evening group but would need someone to host a day group. The plan is to meet in the Cry Room. Check out the series at [Eucharisticrevival.com](http://Eucharisticrevival.com) under the parish point person resources at the bottom of the page. If you are interested in facilitating the day group, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or [jwaugh123@charter.net](mailto:jwaugh123@charter.net). Thanks in advance for your interest in the revival.

### CONTRIBUTIONS 2023

If you itemize deductions and would like a contribution statement for 2023, please fill out the form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. Statements will be mailed by February 16, 2024.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE # \_\_\_\_\_



Little Flower  
Catholic School

## A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



On December 18, the St. Louis Shakespeare Company performed an abridged version of Twelfth Night. This was the play they performed over the summer at Shakespeare in the Park, but it is adapted for young people. There are only two performers acting out 9 characters and it is billed as a comedy.

Students in Pk to Grade 8 attended the performance. This event was paid for by the CEEP FUNDS -\$400. Thank you to Ms. Dierker for chairing this activity for the school.

Grade 7 Ecology Science Class built dams to better understand how the power of water has on the environment.

**Gloria Openlander**  
Principal  
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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.



## World Marriage Day

**On Sunday, February 11, 2024, at the 12:00 pm Mass**, Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivituso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, who now is sponsoring this event on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Did you Know?

If you are homebound or know of anyone in the parish who is homebound, and would like to receive Communion please contact the rectory office at 314-645-1445. We will be happy to arrange that.

Also if you are homebound and do not have access to a computer, we would gladly send you a weekly copy of the bulletin. Please let us know what we can do for you by calling the rectory office. 314-645-1445

### Join us for First Friday Devotions

**Bring the whole family** to join the Sodality of the Most Sacred Heart on **Friday, February 2, 2024, 4:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.** as we honor and offer reparation to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart during Adoration, Reconciliation, and Holy Mass. After mass, enjoy a light Dinner (free-will offering) followed by a Reflection. \*Activities and games for Children available during the Reflection. **Celebrant and Speaker: Fr. Sam Conedera, SJ**, Assistant Professor, School of History, St. Louis University. **Event Location:** St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2618 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144. For more information, visit: [MostSacredHeart.net](http://MostSacredHeart.net)

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**7 PM**

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### Join us for a Pre-Lent Day of Reflection Saturday, FEB. 10, 2024 -

All are invited to join us for a day of silent reflection and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The day begins with 8 AM Mass followed by a light breakfast. Throughout the day we will have three Reflections, plus Confession, Prayer ministry teams, and Private conferences\* with priests available. (We recommend to those desiring a 15-minute private conference to register early as conferences are limited and will be offered to attendees in order of registration.) Box lunch is provided as well as water, tea and coffee. Cost is \$30, payable to Sodality of the Most Sacred Heart the day of the retreat. For more information and to register, visit: [MostSacredHeart.net](http://MostSacredHeart.net). **Event Location:** St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2618 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144

The Rosary Crusade for America and the Church will be prayed every Saturday at 4:30 in the Little Chapel. Whether you attend the 5:00 Mass or just join for the rosary, everyone is invited.



*"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        | Maryne Kraus         | Sue Rice           |
| Kathleen Carter      | Joanne Kinsley       | Ken Roberts        |
| Rachelle Chaney      | Ken Kuhlman          | Marguerite         |
| Nicholas Coleman     | Jack Lally           | Scheidegger        |
| Katie Crouch Willett | Julie Lally          | Tom Schuette       |
| Clare Crouch         | Marianne Lally       | <b>James Smith</b> |
| 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               | Bob Warren         |
| Ron Garnier          | Elizabeth Lyons      | Billy Wells        |
| Joyce Griffen        | Emma Lyons           | Joseph Wheeler     |
| Linda Grobelny       | Bob McShane          |                    |
|                      | G. Tracy Mehan       |                    |

Mass Intentions

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| <b>Monday</b><br>7:00am                      | <b>January 22</b><br>Janet Griffard  |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:00am                     | <b>January 23</b><br>Souls in Purgatory                                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:00am<br>8:15am         | <b>January 24</b><br>Lorraine Bath<br>Little Flower Parish                   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>7:00am                    | <b>January 25</b><br>Rachelle Reeg   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>7:00am                      | <b>January 26</b><br>Nancy Mueller   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>8:00am<br>5:00pm          | <b>January 27</b><br>Thomas E. Mueller<br>Members of the Parish              |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:00am<br>9:15am<br>10:30am | <b>January 28</b><br>L. F. School<br>Sp. Intention (D. Burke)<br>Ursula Hand |

**Readings for the week of January 21, 2024**

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

**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 Habb  
 Dashawn Arrendon-  
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