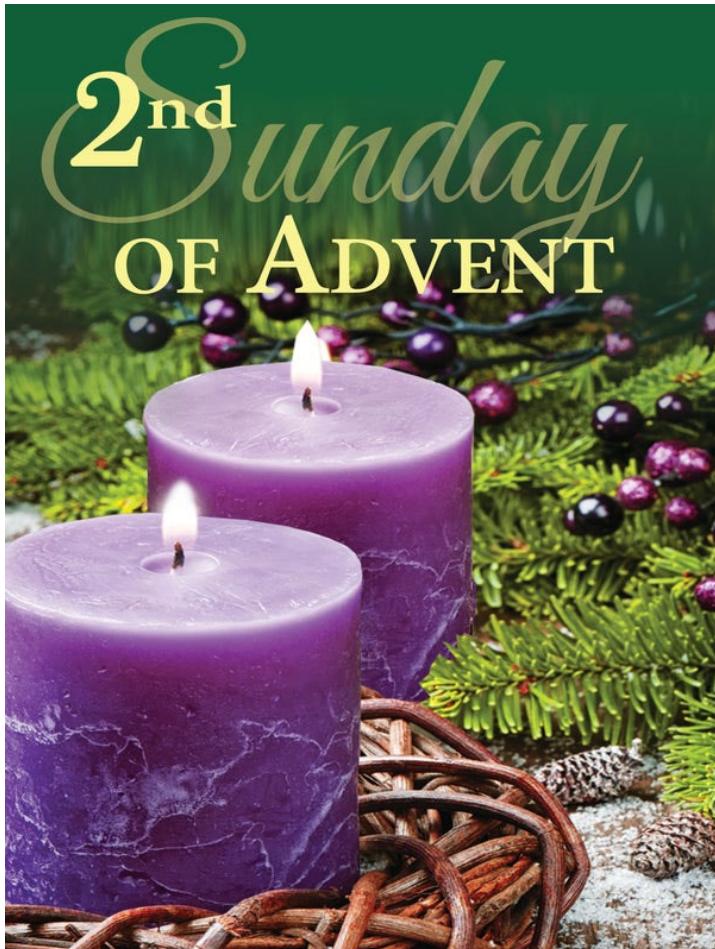


Church of the Little Flower

December 10, 2023



*"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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

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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

Monday	December 11
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	December 12
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
7:00pm	Eucharistic Revival
Wednesday	December 13
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	All-School Mass
Thursday	December 14
7:00am	Mass
Friday	December 15
7:00am	Mass
ADORATION 8:00AM-5:00PM	
Santa's Workshop in McEntee Hall	
Saturday	December 16
8:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	December 17
8:00am	Mass
9:15am	New Latin Mass
10:30am	Mass

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

Ministers of Service Dec. 16 & Dec. 17 2023

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

12/16 5:00pm ~ J. Schibig L. Allman M. Husmann
12/17 8:00am ~ K. Thomason (**2 Servers Needed**)
12/17 10:30am ~ A. Eppert B. Acosta S. Donovan

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

12/16 5:00pm ~ B. Campeau Team C
12/17 8:00am ~ S. Condit
12/17 10:30am ~ D. Koeller

LECTORS

12/16 5:00pm ~ L. Bub M. Hazelwood
12/17 8:00am ~ M. Gibbs K. Sargent
12/17 10:30am ~ Woods Family

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

12/16 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
12/17 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
12/17 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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The bark of Peter laughs at the winds and the waves.

She has the Saints as her passengers, the Cross as her mast, the Gospel teachings as her sails, the Angels as her rowers, and God as her pilot. – St. John Chrysostom

In today's Gospel it is proclaimed: ." A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.' John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins."

We are in the season of Advent, a time of waiting for the Lord who is coming to us. As much as we are waiting for him and place our hope in him we can imagine how much more God is waiting and hoping for each of us personally to come to him. It is the time when God comes to earth as a human person and chooses to live among us. It is the time when God shares his love with us as we should share our love with Him and among ourselves. Advent prepares us to welcome the arrival of the God who became man and who by his example showed how we should share his love with our neighbors. The readings of today tell us about the concern of God for his people and at the same time admonish the people to prepare the way spiritually for the coming of the Lord.

The message from today's readings tells us to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord Jesus. With the approaching of Christmas, the day when we will be celebrating the incarnation of God on earth, we are reminded how the people of the Old Testament waited for the arrival of Baby Jesus as the promised Messiah. Through the New Testament readings, we are reminded of the patience of the Lord in His second and final coming that will serve the purpose of our salvation, the Lord not wanting any to perish. It is true that we must work so that the "new heavens and new earth" begin to take shape here on earth; but such intense prayer "does not distract us from our commitment to history: by opening our heart to the love of God it also opens it to the love of our brothers and sisters, and makes us capable of shaping history according to God's plan." Holiness and prayer are the beginning and the essential precondition of any Christian action in the world.

A Special Word Of Thanks to those dedicated and loyal parishioners who helped clean our Church this past Saturday Morning. It was a time of "actual grace" and an enhancement of an appreciation of the "work of the Church". Again, thank you for putting your faith into action. May God reward you accordingly.

God Bless—Fr. H



"Prepare the way of the Lord..."

(Mark 1:3)

We are called to live a holy life. We are called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we are called to live holy and invite others to do the same.

Amen



Dear fellow parishioners, Little Flower Saint Vincent de Paul kindly asks you to help our neighbors in need this Christmas.

In the St. Joseph chapel, you will find the Giving Tree.

Select an ornament from the tree, which you may keep as a gift from us.

We ask for a donation of a gift card from 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.

“Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands.”

Blessed Frederick Ozanam, Founder
SVDP



Parish Council Nominations

We are accepting nominations for Parish Council. Please consider nominating yourself or a fellow parishioner.

Parish Council is an advisory committee which assists the Pastor in his leadership of the Parish. The council represents the needs and interests of the entire Parish community .

Consider a term on the Parish Council. There is no election for membership. New members are chosen through a lottery system.

Membership is open to all registered, active members of Little Flower Parish, age 18 or older.

Please call Debbie at the rectory to express your interest or nominate a candidate .

LITTLE FLOWER LADIES CLUB is hosting SANTA'S WORKSHOP on Friday, December 15 from 8:15 until around noon in McEntee Hall.

Donations are accepted in the School Office or on the porch of Bea & Scott Pollard at 7525 Wise Avenue any time after Thanksgiving.

Donations of new, lightly used, and clean items are requested. This includes gifts for moms, dads, and siblings.

Donations of gift wrap, gift bags, tissue paper, bubble wrap, bows, tape, and gift boxes are needed as well.

Santa's Workshop is a fun chance for our school children, grades PreK through 5th grade, to shop for Christmas gifts for their immediate family.

This is a long standing tradition at Little Flower School, spanning a few decades. All items are \$1 each and come home fully wrapped.

If you are interested in volunteering for the morning (helping children shop, cashier, gift wrapper, clean up) or with set-up the night before on Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 pm, please contact Bea Pollard at 314-477-2626 or beapol-lard@yahoo.com.

***All volunteers for Friday morning must have taken the Prevent and Protect Program. Contact Lisa Chassaing at lchassaing@littleflowerstl.org for information on the Prevent and Protect Program.

IMPORTANT EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES! **Please note these upcoming dates!**

**Bulletin for Dec. 17 is Thursday,
12/7**

**Bulletin for Dec. 24 is Wednesday, 12/13
Bulletin for Dec. 31st is Wednesday, 12/20**

As part of the **Eucharistic Revival** at Little Flower, on this **Tuesday, December 12th** 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 quiet and scriptures for meditation as we await His rebirth in our hearts this Christmas. Father will also be available for confessions at this time. It will be your only opportunity for evening confession here at Little Flower this Advent. 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. Please note that this month's evening is being held the second Tuesday because of scheduling conflicts. For more info, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or jwaugh123@charter.net.



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



Mad Science

Greg, the Mad Scientist, from Mad Science St. Louis demonstrated fun, safe, science experiments using fire and ice! The Pk to Grade 8 attended the show. This event was paid for by CEEP FUNDS.

Gloria Openlander
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Thanks

A special thank you to the following volunteers who worked so tirelessly this past Saturday to clean our beautiful church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Your service to the church was sincerely appreciated.

Judy Osterman, Donna Osborne, Bopsy Miller, Rachel Zeiss (new parishioner), Henry R., Patrick Davis, Peter Zylka, Steve Toombs, Barb Campeau, Nancy Burke, Julie Lally, Sarah Condit, Liz Gibbs, Joe Schappe, Ann Bruemmer, Lucy Z., Linus S., Clara B. and Vivienne B.

It was a VERY successful day. Morning coffee, donuts, and orange juice gave everyone an energy boost to tackle this job. Many hands did make light work and I am so grateful.



The New Testament of the Bible documents the conception and Birth of Jesus, his teachings his teachings and the events surrounding his death. The gift of faith allows us to accept that Jesus is truly God, the sacrificial "Lamb" who takes away the sins of the world, and is our only way to salvation.

As Christians we are part of Christ's body through grace. Through Prayer, the sacraments and living our lives in conformity to Jesus Teachings we encounter him personally and intimately. Incredibly He calls us "Friends".

Source:Evangelium

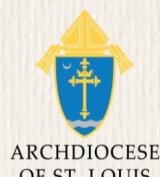
Advent LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 17 • 2pm

Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France
The Old Cathedral

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Presiding
Choir of the Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France

Free and open to the public
(No reservations required)



National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center

From November 17 through December 31, 2023, 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Indoor activities closed on Thanksgiving Day,

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Way of Lights Display depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem using over 1.5 million

beautiful lights. This year, we have added colored lights to celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for young and old alike!

Cost: No charge for display, donations accepted and additional charges for some activities.

For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at <https://snows.org/wayoflights>

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!



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

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.

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:

Amos James Becker
Andrew Blum
John Boland
Maxine Borowiak
Jaxson Boyer
Frankie Boyer
Steve Bradshaw
Joanne Buchholz
Ellen Carmody
Kathleen Carter
Rachelle Chaney
Nicholas Coleman
Katie Crouch Willett
Clare Crouch
Helena Czosnyka
Chandelier Davis
James Davis
James E. Davis
Nathan Glore Davis
Bill Edwards
Kathryn Fischer
Peter Freundl
Ron Garnier
Joyce Griffen
Linda Grobelny
Beverly Haffner
Mary Ellen Havard

Louise Haynes
Adrianna Hubb
Chris Lewis Hutchcroft
Stan James
Barb Jones
Chad Keeven
Donald Kenney
Mary Kinsley
Joanne Kraus
Jack Lally
Julie Lally
Marianne Lally
Jim LaMartina
Patty LaRochelle
Mary Laws
Everleigh Lauber
Jean Leonhardt
Sherry Lopez
Greg & Shelley
Lowrey
Elizabeth Lyons
Emma Lyons
Peg Mango
Helen Mango
Bob McShane
G. Tracy Mehan
Mary Falk Mehan

David Nathe
Sr. Jo Ann
O'Connell, BVM
Lachlan Oddy
Kristin Rafferty
Christi Rice Blum
Sue Rice
Ken Roberts
Marguerite Scheidegger
Tom Schuette
Tony Snider
Hollie Soto
Matthew Stuart
Gary Underwood
Miriam Varas
Margaret Verzino
Charles Volk
Bob Warren
Billy Wells
Joseph Wheeler

Mass Intentions	
<i>Monday</i>	<i>December 11</i>
7:00am	Margie Meatte
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>December 12</i>
7:00am	Noreen Herzog
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>December 13</i>
7:00am	Tom Reilly
8:15am	L. F. School
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>December 14</i>
7:00am	Andrew Dorsey
<i>Friday</i>	<i>December 15</i>
7:00am	John H. Heidel Jr.
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>December 16</i>
8:00am	Souls In Purgatory
5:00pm	Members of the Parish
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>December 17</i>
8:00am	Lois Milford
9:15am	David Murphy
10:30am	Nancy Mueller

Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2
Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: 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

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

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Mt 11:11-15

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: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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



Allen Conrey
Mollie Conrey
Rebecca Conrey
Blaise Coulter
Alex Garofalo
Derek Hirtz
Brian Kloppenburg
Justin Kloppenburg
Alexander LaRochelle
Ean Eichert

Maurice Muro
Ashton Piper
Christopher Wamhoff
John Weber
Jonathon Habb
Dashawn Arrendondo