

# Church of the Little Flower

January 19th, 2025

2nd 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

#### 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>January 20</b>	6:45-6:55 Confessions	
		7:00am Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 21</b>	6:45-6:55 Perpetual Help Devotions	
		7:00am Mass	
		7:00pm LF Holy Hour	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 22</b>		
		7:00am Mass	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 23</b>	6:45-6:55 Confessions	
		7:00am Mass	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 24</b>	6:45-6:55 Confessions	
		7:00am Mass	
		8:00am-5:00pm Adoration	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 25</b>	4pm-4:45pm Confessions	
		4:30pm Rosary in Little Flower Chapel	
		5:00pm Mass	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 26</b>		
		8:00am Mass	
		10:00am-10:15am Confessions	
		10:30am Mass	
		Baptism after 10:30 Mass	

### Ministers of Service Jan. 25 & 26 2024

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

01/25 5:00pm ~ Malachi, Mattias, & Anders Verry  
 01/26 8:00am ~ K. Thomason A. Scherman A. Eppert  
 01/26 10:30am ~ D. Spiegel Will & Katie Saykes

#### LECTORS

01/25 5:00pm ~ C. Verry P. Kennoy  
 01/26 8:00am ~ J. Osterman B. Miller  
 01/26 10:30am ~ A. Dryden M. Campeau

#### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

##### (Sacristan Helpers)

01/25 5:00pm ~ B. Campeau (Team C)  
 01/26 8:00am ~ S. Condit  
 01/26 10:30am ~ J. Osterman

## ***There is Nothing “Ordinary” about Remaining in the “Glow” of Epiphany***

Here we are in the middle of January and we just completed the first week of Ordinary Time. This weekend marks the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time and maybe our knee-jerk reaction is to say to ourselves, rather sarcastically, “wow, this is special!” Let’s face it, most of us don’t bring in the brass band, with flutes and horns, for the choir when the priest is wearing green. However, most of us, including myself, sometimes miss out on the reality that the mystery of Epiphany—the wonder, amazement, and awe—of the manifestation of Jesus Christ’s divinity shining forth through his human nature is reflected in this Sunday’s “Ordinary Time” celebration. In other words, we are still called to experience the *glow and radiance of the Lord’s epiphany and this is reflected quite poignantly in this Sunday’s Gospel: The Wedding Feast of Cana. Sure, the Wedding Feast of Cana happened a long time ago, but its significance both biblically and historically are relevant for our relationship with Jesus Christ. In fact, this biblical scene tells us a lot about who Jesus is to Israel and to the Church, which we are all members of through the gift of our baptism.*

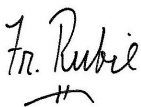
Journey through the beginning of John’s Gospel and you’ll see a lot of allusions to the creation story in Genesis. Even John’s Prologue indicates, “In the beginning was the Word...” similar to the beginning of God creating the heavens and the earth. In chapter 1 of John’s Gospel, Jesus is acting as the “creator-God” not in the order of nature, but in the order of grace. He separates the light from the darkness by ushering the beginning of sanctifying grace through the waters of baptism—His own baptism which will completely overcome the darkness of sin and bring about covenantal union between God and humanity under a New Covenant. Yes, this sounds like high-flung theology, but in reality it simply means that Jesus is beginning the process of not only redeeming man from sin, but bringing humanity into spousal union with Him. All of this in chapter 1 of John’s Gospel sets the stage for the Wedding Feast of Cana. It begins with Jesus and His disciples coming to the wedding feast, but, interestingly enough, Jesus’ mother is present too. The wedding party is all out of wine and Mary makes a simple request for Jesus to do something about it, even though she is aware of His divine power. Jesus directly says, “Woman, how does your concern affect me?” Ouch! Sounds like a harsh rebuke Jesus made to His mom. But that is not what is going on; in fact, Jesus is saying to Mary, “Woman, how does this concern affect you and me?” “What does this issue have to do with your relationship with me as my mom and I as your son?” Mary, simply put, made the request to Jesus to exercise His divine power to perform a miracle knowing that such a public display would completely change Mary’s relationship with Jesus.

This underscores the reason why Jesus called his mother, “woman.” He was alluding to Mary being Eve under the New Covenant, because, after all, Jesus was recreating humanity in the order of grace. But there is more than the creation motif going on in the Wedding Feast of Cana: Jesus, by calling and gathering His disciples together at a wedding feast, underscores what God did with Israel at Mt. Sinai. There in the Book of Exodus, God entered into a covenant with Israel and it was said that God feasted with Moses and an entourage of Israelites on the mountain top. Quite literally, the covenantal bond God made with Israel was spousal—He entered into a wedding feast with Israel at Mt. Sinai. Jesus, likewise, perfects and renews God’s covenant with Israel by entering into a wedding feast with those who will later be the beginning of the Church. Notice that the bride and bridegroom are not identified separately from Jesus, nor from Mary and the disciples. The main characters in this wedding feast scene are Jesus, Mary, and His disciples because the Wedding Feast of Cana mainly concerns them and the relationship that is created through this wedding feast. A new covenant begins at Cana and is sealed at the Last Supper and on Calvary.

Consequently, at face value what looks like an “ordinary” wedding celebration is actually an extraordinary, mysterious, and thoroughly dynamic relationship Jesus establishes with His Church. Granted, the Church has not openly started at this point in His public ministry, but Jesus is establishing through His spousal and covenantal union with His disciples the seedbed for the Church. What happens at the Wedding Feast of Cana affects the Church at Pentecost and beyond. It continues to affect the Church today, which means your lives and mine. What the Wedding Feast of Cana conveys, quite simply, is that our lives are relevant and meaningful because each of us is intimately connected—*covenanted—with God as our Lord, Savior, and eternal spouse!*

We share a blood relationship with God, with Jesus Christ, because of what happens at the Wedding Feast of Cana. After all, we participate in receiving at each Mass the Body and Blood of the Lord. We become what we eat when partaking of the Holy Eucharist and this unites us irrevocably to Christ. Let us continue to remain in the glow of the Lord’s epiphany as God, man, and covenant spouse!

In Christ the Savior,

*Fr. Rubie*  


### Little Flower Holy Hour

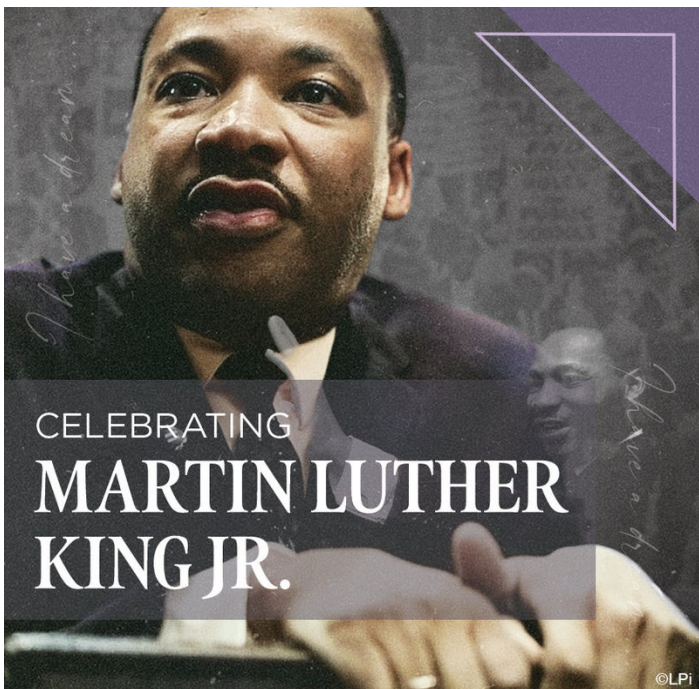
Happy New Year! Holy Hour is back on Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the chapel. Make a resolution to spend more time with Jesus this year. Confessions will be available. All are welcome!



### TODAY IS DONUT SUNDAY!

January 19th after all Masses

Please stop by the Parish Hall for coffee, juice, donuts & visit with old & new friends. See you there!



### OCIA LESSON: THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

The apostles received the first call to the sacrament of Holy Orders from Jesus himself. (Mt 28:19-20) Holy Orders is the sacrament in which a baptized man receives the authority and ability to share in the work of leading the faithful to heaven, to preach and explain the Scripture and tradition, and to sanctify the faithful through the sacraments and priestly intercessions to God.

The three levels of ordained ministry are: Bishops who govern dioceses, can confer Holy Orders and normally confer Confirmation. Priests are co-workers of the bishops. They govern parishes, celebrate the Eucharist (Lk 22:19), forgive sins in Confession (Mt 18:18), confer Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick. They also preside at marriages. Deacons assist the priests, proclaim the Gospel and engage in works of charity and service. While the promise of lifelong celibacy is the normal condition for reception of Holy Orders, a permanent deacon may be married.

As the ordained minister provides the governance, the teaching, the sacraments, it is Christ himself who is present as Head of the Body (the Church), Shepherd of his flock, high priest of the redemptive sacrifice (the Mass). Thus the priest acts in *persona Christi capitis*—in the person of Christ the Head.

Keeping this motto uppermost in the hearts of the faithful appropriately renders the love and respect for priests and prayer that one of their family be called to Holy Orders.

Sources: Evangelium; USCCB Catholic Catechism for Adults  
Be Catholic: Call the Rectory 314-645-1445 or email: [drichter@littleflowerstl.org](mailto:drichter@littleflowerstl.org)

### Did you know?

Did you know that Fr. Tammany didn't live on site during the early days of Little Flower? I guess they didn't have Mass when it snowed.



*"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."*

(-Corinthians 12:7)

*St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.*

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That we open our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to work thru us the way God intended.*

*Amen*



## THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY



### **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)

# Thanks

A big **thank you** goes out to all who volunteered to help make our church so beautiful for the Advent and Christmas season. You all did a wonderful job. We are so blessed to have such a giving community. We appreciate all the hard work you do for Little Flower. Thank you so much for sharing your gifts with the parish. You are appreciated!



## LITTLE FLOWER NEWSLETTER

If you would like an announcement or event included in the Little Flower newsletter, please send the information or graphic to [littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com).

If you would like to receive the Little Flower newsletter with updates and announcements, please send your contact information to [littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:littleflowernewsletter@gmail.com)!

**THE PARISH THAT PRAYS**

**TOGETHER,**

**STAYS TOGETHER!**

### **Little Flower Parish invites you to join us for:**

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

### **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.



Come Join Us\* for

**First Saturday Devotions -  
Including Families**

*now*

at Little Flower Church  
1264 Arch Terrace Drive 63117

Mass 9:00 A.M.  
followed by Rosary and Devotions  
and a Family Program

Mark your 2025 Calendars  
February 1<sup>st</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup> - April 5<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup> - June 7<sup>th</sup> , and contin-  
uing....

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."*

We express our prayerful gratitude to Our Lady of Fatima and St. Therese in her 100<sup>th</sup> year of sanctification as well as to Fr. Christopher Rubie, Pastor, Fr. Lawrence Herzog Senior Associate Pastor, Msgr. William McCumber, and the people of Little Flower Parish for this generous gift of hospitality celebrating the parish's 100<sup>th</sup> year.

\*Eucharistic Prayer Companions of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

*"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**

<b>Monday</b> 7:00am	<b>January 20</b> Christopher T. Bub
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am	<b>January 21</b> James Feser
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am	<b>January 22</b> Celebrant's Choice
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am	<b>January 23</b> Celebrant's Choice
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am	<b>January 24</b> Jack & Jane Brady
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>January 25</b> Joe McEntee
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	<b>January 26</b> Bill & Betty Wells
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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|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Maria Adderley</b> | 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 January 19, 2025**

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

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

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**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*