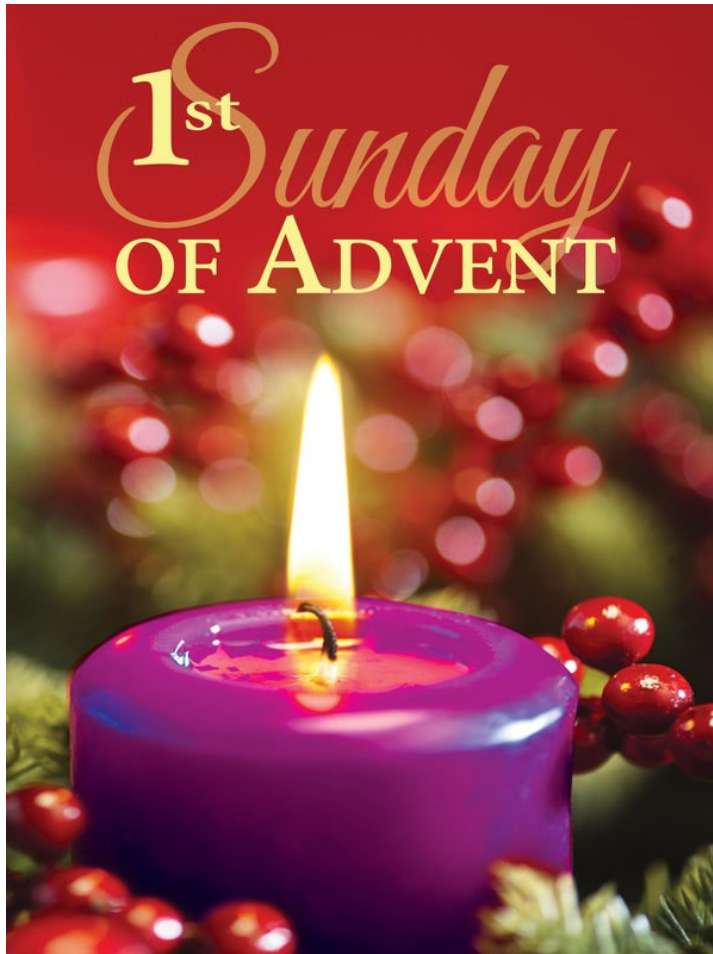


# Church of the Little Flower

December 1st, 2024

First Sunday of Advent



*"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>December 2</b>
6:45-6:55	<b>Confessions</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 3</b>
6:45-6:55	<b>Perpetual Help Devotions</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
6:45-6:55	<b>Confessions</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
6:45-6:55	<b>Confessions</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 6</b>
6:45-6:55	<b>Confessions</b>
7:00am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	<b>Adoration</b>
6:00pm-10:00pm	<b>Advent Party in Parish Hall</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 7</b>
4pm-4:45pm	<b>Confessions</b>
4:30pm	<b>Rosary in Little Flower Chapel</b>
5:00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 8</b>
8:00am	Mass
10:00am-10:15am	<b>Confessions</b>
10:30am	Mass

### Ministers of Service Dec. 07 & Dec. 08, 2024

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

12/07 5:00pm ~ P. Armbrecht L. Allman M. Husmann  
 12/08 8:00am ~ Austin, Annelise, & Henry Reinagel  
 12/08 10:30am ~ Clark, George & Rosemary Woods

#### LECTORS

12/07 5:00pm ~ L. Bub M. Hazelwood  
 12/08 8:00am ~ B. Miller S. McDonald  
 12/08 10:30am ~ R. Provaznik C. Flottmann

#### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

#### (Sacristan Helpers)

12/07 5:00pm ~ A. Lewis & P. Williams **(Team B)**  
 12/08 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz  
 12/08 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

## ***Advent is More than Preparing for Christmas***

The Carmelite tradition is filled with some incredible men and women dedicated to prayer and holiness. This religious order too has several canonized saints whose holy life and spirituality is a treasure for the annals of the Church's history. Who could not be moved and edified by the seraphic writings of St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux? Out of these three powerhouse Carmelite saints emerges a contemporary of the Little Flower of Lisieux from Dijon, France: St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. This French Carmelite saint may not be a declared "Doctor of the Church," but her writings and her way of life tell us something significant about approaching the season of Advent. St. Elizabeth, or as she was called before her entry into the Carmel at Dijon "Elisabeth Catez," was an incredible pianist and socially gifted young woman. Elizabeth was so affable and outgoing, she ran a youth group in the late nineteenth century before youth groups were a "thing." Certainly this caught the attention of young men who desired to enter into courtship with Elizabeth for her hand in marriage. However, those closest to Elizabeth recognized her peace, joy, kindness, and above all love and attention were directed to someone else *interiorly*. *She was in intimacy with the living God interiorly through her prayers and thoughts; being a musician too, Elizabeth's rhythm was responding to God's divine tune. Early on in Elizabeth's life to the day she died at age 26 of Addison's disease, she developed a spirituality focusing on the indwelling of the Holy Trinity within the human person.*

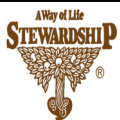
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity emphasized the significance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit dwelling within the depths of the human heart, making His throne and Temple within the souls of human beings living in sanctifying grace. In other words, this implies that each sanctified person has within him or her "heaven" dwelling within them. Elizabeth's spirituality isn't wishful thinking; it is highly scriptural and its basis is alluded to in the Scripture readings for the 1st Sunday of Advent this year. As we prepare to begin our spiritual journey this Advent season, the Church is encouraging us to reflect upon the reality of God's indwelling presence within our souls and our daily lives. Take for instance the Book of Jeremiah for this Sunday: here Jeremiah is offering "good news" during the worst period of Israelite history up to that point. The prophet is foreshadowing a time when Judah and Jerusalem will be gathered again under a just Davidic ruler. Not only that, but God's people will be called "The Lord our justice." Essentially, in the Bible the giving of a name meant an identity and description of the entirety of a person. For God's people, Jeremiah prophesies that God's people will be "righteous," meaning they will receive God's spirit making them "one with God Himself." The responsorial psalm, taken from Psalm 25, speaks of the psalmist having "friendship" with the Lord, receiving his interior instruction and being in covenant with Him. In biblical language, this expresses unity, oneness, and personal intimacy with God that exceed the desire for natural bliss. In sum, it's the thirst for divinization under the gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

The awareness and desire for interior intimacy with God, the fortitude and temperance to grow in union with the Lord through the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned above, are at the heart of our Advent journey—every Advent journey—each year. Jesus warns in our Gospel this Sunday about being vigilant, practicing fortitude and temperance against the wickedness of immoderate pleasure and worldly anxiety. These vices will only lead to chaos and destruction, which first attack the human heart before they expand out in the open for the naked eye to see. During the beginning of the Advent season, take time to grow in your relationship with God by entering into your interior life. What is stirring in your thoughts, your feelings, your desires? What is God saying to you and does this make sense to others whom you trust?

Please, take the opportunity for silence and reflection because that is where God speaks. Jesus Christ is coming again and are you and I prepared for that day? Advent is more than preparation for Christmas Day; it's preparing for Christ's coming again!

In Christ the Savior,

*Fr. Rubie*



*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."*

(Luke 21:28)

*We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*That we have the courage to share our faith story with others and accompany them on their journey.*

*Amen*



### 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.

### Mass Schedule for the Immaculate Conception & Christmas Eve/Night/Day Masses"

**Monday, Dec. 9th-Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Little Flower Mass at 7:00am—St. Mary Magdalen 8:00am School Mass, 12:00pm Noon Mass & 5:30pm Mass.**

**Christmas Eve—St. MM 4:30pm, Little Flower 5:00pm St. M.M. Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day—Little Flower 10:00am St. MM—7:30am & 9:30am**

**Solemnity of Mary-Wednesday, Jan. 1st—Little Flower 9:00am St.MM 5:30pm—Midnight Mass 12:00pm—9:00am Mass**

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 portal of our Website.



### All are Invited to Join us First Friday, December 6, 2024, Advent: Preparing Our Hearts.

**Location: St. Mary Magdalen, 2618 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144.** First Friday Schedule: 4:30pm Adoration, Reconciliation, & Benediction; 5:30pm Celebration of Holy Mass with **Fr. Charlie Archer**, Associate Pastor, St. Peter Catholic Church, Kirkwood. 6:30pm Dinner (free-will offering), 7:00pm Reflection by Fr. Archer and activities for children. For more information on the Sodality and the Event, visit [MostSacredHeart.net](http://MostSacredHeart.net).



### OCIA LESSON -- WHAT IS SANCTIFYING GRACE?

The life of grace begins in Baptism, which is a supernatural birth. God allows us to share his own divine life, as his adopted children, and makes us heirs to the kingdom of heaven. As St. Peter says, we become "partakers of the divine nature." (2 Pet 1:4)

Mortal or grave sin causes the loss of sanctifying grace, which can, however, be restored by means of confession. Just as natural human life develops toward maturity, so does the life of grace. Grace builds on our human nature and brings it to perfection in heaven.

Two good practices: (1) Celebrate your Baptism—with gratitude. (2) Provide Baptism for your children promptly to enable them to share in God's life.

Source: Evangelium

Interested in OCIA? Call Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445

Email: [drichter@littleflowerstl.org](mailto:drichter@littleflowerstl.org)

## Santa's Workshop

Setup Tuesday, Dec. 3 | Shopping Wednesday, Dec. 4

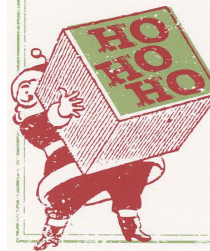
*New location at Saint Mary Magdalen School*

**Volunteer Elves Needed!**  
**Setup on Tuesday, December 3**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**JK4 - 4th Grade Shopping**  
**Wednesday, December 4**  
**7:45 a.m. to noon**

*Santa's Workshop is still accepting gift donations*

Donations of new and lightly used toys, board games, puzzles, books, jewelry, knick-knacks and other treasures are welcome. Drop donations on the front porch of the Gibbs Home at 1140 Boland Pl., 63117



For questions or to volunteer, contact Constance Gibbs at (760) 845-5259 or [StMMSantasWorkshop@gmail.com](mailto:StMMSantasWorkshop@gmail.com)

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that Advent means coming? We prepare our hearts for Jesus' second coming at the end of time and to celebrate His first coming at Christmas.





## THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

### DECEMBER EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES!

For Dec. 8th bulletin deadline is Dec. 2nd  
For Dec. 15th bulletin deadline is Dec. 6th  
For Dec. 22nd bulletin deadline is Dec. 12th  
For Dec. 29th bulletin deadline is Dec. 20th  
For Jan. 5th bulletin deadline is Dec. 27th  
Please get your notices in as soon as possible. Thank you!



The Giving Tree will be up in St. Joseph's Chapel.

We are asking for donations of gift cards-some ideas are 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. Thank you!

### Adorers Needed

Did you know that Little Flower has weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays? It's true. We have Adoration on Fridays from 8a-5pm. You are welcome to come join us in spending time with Jesus. We could really use additional Adorers from 9-10am, 12-1pm, and 3-4pm. If you're interested in committing to coming at one of these times or being available to sub as needed, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or Jane McCabe at 314-605-6098.

### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

11/03/2024	Year-to-Date Offertory	
Collection: \$ 5,059.00	\$	93,167.53
Budget: \$ (7,496.15)	\$	(127,434.55)
Surplus/ (Deficit) \$ (2,437.15)	\$	(34,267.02)



## 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)!



### Ladies of St. Mary Magdalen and Little Flower

## Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 pm in the school gym

There is no cost for this wonderful evening of fellowship to help us prepare for the Advent season. Table hostesses provide table settings, dessert, and drink of your choice for a table of 8 or 10 ladies. You can partner with a friend to be a hostess. This is a lot of fun and requires only a few hours of your time for planning and decorating.

If you have any questions or would like to register a table, please contact Linda Zeman at 314-517-6953 or email at [ZEMANLJ@yahoo.com](mailto:ZEMANLJ@yahoo.com), complete this form and place in the collection basket, or register with the QR code.  
Please register by December 2nd

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_





Please join us for the annual

## Advent Party

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH  
6:00 P.M - 10 P.M

Little Flower School

Drinks & Dinner provided

Hosted by the Little Flower Ladies and Mens Clubs  
(adults only)



**BREAKFAST**  
With Santa

**Sunday December 15, 2024**  
**9:00a-12:00p**  
**Little Flower Parish**

**\$10/person**  
(proceeds will go to Society of St. Vincent dePaul)



\*Bring a camera for pictures with Santa!

### *Eucharistic Prayer Companions—First Saturdays*

Flowing with the Holy Spirit at the 10th Eucharistic Revival Congress, we are led to invigorate and honor Our Lady's Fatima request for the Rosary and Prayers of Reparation and Conversion on First Saturdays.

You are invited to gather with the Eucharistic Prayer Companions of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (EPC) at various Churches throughout the St. Louis Archdiocese on First Saturdays for Holy Mass followed by these prayers: The Rosary and Reparation prayers, the Chaplets of the Holy FACE and of Divine Mercy, followed by 15 Minutes of Silent Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Prayer copies will be available at the Church.

Our next gatherings:

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** **St. Alban Roe Church** 2001 Shepard Road, Wildwood, 63038. **Confessions 7:30-8:15. Mass 8:30am**  
First Saturday Prayers.

**January 4<sup>th</sup>** **Little Flower Church** 1264 Arch Terrace, Richmond Heights, 63117.  
**8am Mass** followed by First Saturday Prayers.

Please invite others and share this invitation with your family and friends.

For updated information on future gatherings, please visit our website:  
[www.CentreForMercy.org/epc](http://www.CentreForMercy.org/epc).

**Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us....**



*"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>December 2</b> Mary Lou McHaynes
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am	<b>December 3</b> Helen Miller
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am	<b>December 4</b> Celebrant's Choice
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am	<b>December 5</b> Celebrant's Choice
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am	<b>December 6</b> (Sp. Int.) Elise Campeau
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>December 7</b> Larry Waugh
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am 10:30am	<b>December 8</b> Remo Beffa For the People of Little Flower & St. Mary Magdalen

**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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|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Andrew Blum          | Beverly Haffner        | John McShane           |
| John Boland          | Mary Ellen Havard      | G. Tracy Mehan         |
| Maxine Borowiak      | Louise Haynes          | Mary Falk Mehan        |
| Jaxson Boyer         | Adrianna Hubb          | Peg Mango              |
| Frankie Boyer        | Chris Lewis Hutchcroft | Helen Mango            |
| Steve Bradshaw       | Stan James             | Stephanie Mortenson    |
| Joanne Buchholz      | Rebecca Jenson         | David Nathe            |
| Marissa Campeau      | 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            |
| Chandlor 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 December 1, 2024**

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**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*