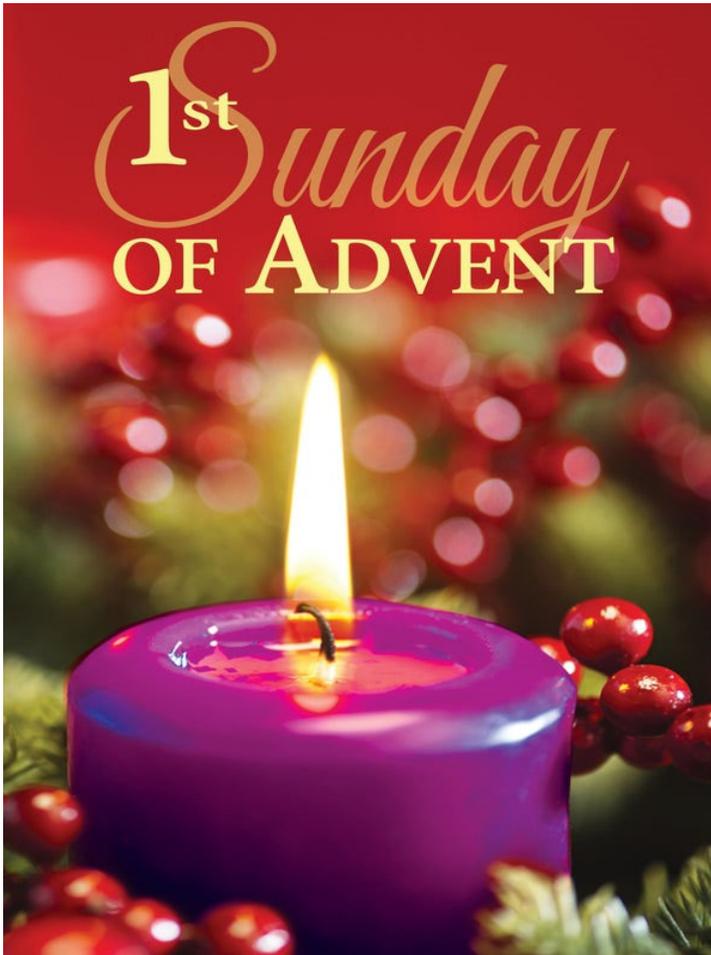


# Church of the Little Flower

December 3, 2023

1st 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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## 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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
Confirmation Retreat for 7th & 8th Grade	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 6</b>
7:00am	Mass
2:00pm & 7pm-Primary Christmas program In McEntee Hall	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 7</b>
7:00am	Mass
5:30pm	Mass ( Feast of the Immaculate Conception)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 8</b>
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	All School Mass
5:30pm	Mass for Immaculate Conception
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
8:00am	Mass
5:00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 10</b>
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. 09 & Dec. 10 2023

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

12/09 5:00pm ~ T. Sullivan K. Thomason L. Armbrecht  
 12/10 8:00am ~ M. El. & Reg. Devereux  
 12/10 10:30am ~ B. Acosta W. & N. Saykes

#### LECTORS

12/09 5:00pm ~ J. & L. Waugh  
 12/10 8:00am ~ P. Dolan Patrick Dolan  
 12/10 10:30am ~ M. Chauvin K. Koeller

#### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

##### (Sacristan Helpers)

12/09 5:00pm ~ A. Williams & P. Williams **Team B**  
 12/10 8:00am ~ R. Jacknewitz  
 12/10 10:30am ~ C. Flottmann

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

12/09 5:00pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer  
 12/10 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer  
 12/10 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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“There is a state of resting in God; an absolute break from all intellectual activity, when one forms no plans, make no decisions, and for the first time really ceased to act; when one simply hands over the future to God’s will and surrenders himself to Fate.” St. Benedicta of the Cross

In today’s Gospel it is proclaimed: “Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

Today we begin the season of Advent. Advent means waiting or coming and we wait for the coming of someone we love. During this season we focus on waiting for the Lord, waiting for the coming of Jesus. We have the three-fold waiting. We know that Jesus has already come in history and we remember that during the week before Christmas our waiting changes to waiting for our celebration of the birth of Jesus. We also wait for his final coming at the end times when he will take all to himself. We also experience his daily coming into our life through the Eucharist, word of God and also in the various persons and events of life. Waiting is something very important in the life of the human person. Anytime we wait we do so because we expect something to happen or someone to come. In our daily routine of life, we wait for something to take place, maybe we wait for a friend, for a bus or train, and there is the eagerness within us that makes us look forward to something new that will take place. During Advent we look forward to Jesus who will come in a total gesture of love: God becomes man. Today’s readings assure us that the Lord is coming. But an individual has to be alert and must be on watch

The season of Advent begins with a somber warning from Jesus to his disciples, to be watchful and to be alert. Here Mark warns the Christian community against all eschatological expectations that can easily go out of hand. There is still work to be done here on earth before the final coming of Jesus. Today’s Gospel is speaking on the level of the future and present comings of Jesus. The key word placed before us is ‘readiness’. He calls on his disciples to be on their guard and to stay awake, because they never know when the time will come. Here Jesus gives a parable about a man travelling abroad. He does two things: he gives various responsibilities to his servants to be carried out while he is away; and he warns the doorkeeper to be vigilant.

Thus, Jesus gives us the warning: Watch. Do not be caught unaware. Secondly, to be on watch is to be aware each day, through prayer and reflection that the ‘today’ of salvation is here and now.

God Bless—Fr. H



*“Be watchful! Be alert! You don’t know when the time will come.”*

*(Mark 13:33)*

*We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and everyday. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*That we don’t take our time on Earth for granted and look at each day as a gift from God.*

*Amen*

## The Giving Tree

Helping Those  
in Need



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

**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](mailto:beapol-lard@yahoo.com).

\*\*\*All volunteers for Friday morning must have taken the Prevent and Protect Program. Contact Lisa Chassaing at [lchas-saing@littleflowerstl.org](mailto:lchas-saing@littleflowerstl.org) for information on the Prevent and Protect Program.

### IMPORTANT EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES!

**Please note these upcoming dates!**

**Bulletin for Dec. 10 is Friday, 12/4**

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

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

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



Leo Hallemeier-son of Joseph & Madeline Hallemeier

Milo Barger & Charles Barger-sons of Jessica & Nathan Barger

**CLARION BRASS**

**A RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS**

Wednesday, December 6, 2023  
7:00 pm  
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church  
2618 S Brentwood Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63144

This week the vocational chalice is in the church. We currently have no one signed up to take it home with them. So I ask that during this time we all pray for vocations as well as our current clergy as they make decisions about the schools in our archdiocese and live with them. You can still have the privilege of hosting the chalice in your home. Sign up in the All Souls Chapel. We need someone for upcoming weeks. If you wish to sign up for more than one week at a time, simply draw an arrow from your entry to the one below. You can take it again if you had it earlier in the year. Please help us continue this important prayer. Contact Jackie Waugh for more info at 314-704-5619. Thanks for participating in this important ministry.



Little Flower  
Catholic School

## A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



Food Drive Totals from Grade 5 and Mrs. Sae-ger

We had a very successful food drive! We collected the following items:

- 60 cans of cream soups
  - 69 boxes of Macaroni and cheese
  - 26 bags of stuffing
  - 20 cans of pumpkin and yams
  - 28 cans of cranberry sauce
  - 4 jars of gravy
  - 49 cans of green beans
  - 21 dessert items
  - 7 containers of mashed potatoes
  - 7 cans of fried onions
  - 9 bags of pasta
- For a grand total of 300 items!



Way to go Little Flower!!



### ACAC visits Little Flower by Pam Bates

Ganesh Krishnamurthy (Mr. GK) from the American Cricket Academy and Club came to introduce the game of Cricket to 1st grade-4th grade. He told the students a brief history of cricket. Did you know that George Washington played cricket?! The students had so much fun practicing being the bowler (pitcher), batter, and keeper (catcher.) If your child has interest in learning more and playing cricket please contact Mr. GK at the American Cricket Academy and Club! Check out the website: [www.acacstl.org](http://www.acacstl.org)

Thank you to Cheryl-Bini-Armbrrecht for the referral to Little Flower to ACAC.

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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.



**Advent/ Christmas Events at Pauline Books & Media:**

**Advent Lectio Divina:**

Join the **Daughters of St. Paul at Pauline Books & Media each Tuesday in Advent, 6:30 - 8 pm** for a guided experience of praying with the Sacred Scripture. Each session will be led by a sister and will focus on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Drop-ins welcome but registration is encouraged: [tinyurl.com/yn8z9v4m](http://tinyurl.com/yn8z9v4m) or call 314-965-3512.

**Baby Jesus Party:**

Join the sisters for their annual Baby Jesus Birthday Party for kids and families and prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ!

**Christmas Program at 10:30 and 1 pm: "Twas the Day Before Christmas in Bethlehem Town"** based on book by Leslie Diggins. **Picture taking around the nativity (costumes provided) 11:30 - 1 pm and 2 - 4 pm. Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Rd in Crestwood. Call for information 314-965-3512.**

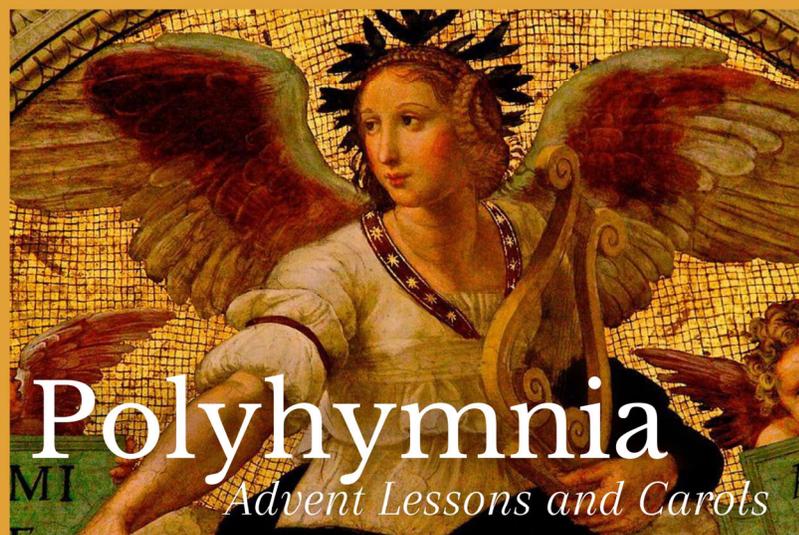
**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center**  
**From November 17 through December 31, 2023, 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Indoor activities closed on Thanksgiving Day,**

**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!



**Polyhymnia**  
*Advent Lessons and Carols*

**December 3, 2023 3 PM**

**Epiphany of Our Lord**  
 6596 Smiley Ave,  
 St. Louis, MO 63139

**December 6, 2023 7 PM**

**St. Clare of Assisi**  
 15642 Clayton Rd.  
 Ellisville MO 63011

**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:*

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|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Amos James Becker    | Adrianna Hubb        | David Nathe       |
| Andrew Blum          | ChrisLewisHutchcroft | Sr. Jo Ann        |
| John Boland          | Stan James           | O'Connell, BVM    |
| Maxine Borowiak      | Barb Jones           | Lachlan Oddy      |
| Jaxson Boyer         | Chad Keeven          | Kristin Rafferty  |
| Frankie Boyer        | Donald Kenney        | Christi Rice Blum |
| Steve Bradshaw       | Mary Kinsley         | Sue Rice          |
| Joanne Buchholz      | Joanne Kraus         | Ken Roberts       |
| Ellen Carmody        | Jack Lally           | Marguerite        |
| Kathleen Carter      | Julie Lally          | Scheidegger       |
| Rachelle Chaney      | Marianne Lally       | Tom Schuette      |
| Nicholas Coleman     | Jim LaMartina        | Tony Snider       |
| Katie Crouch Willett | Patty LaRochelle     | Hollie Soto       |
| Clare Crouch         | Mary Laws            | Matthew Stuart    |
| Helena Czosnyka      | Everleigh Lauber     | Gary Underwood    |
| Chandolor Davis      | Jean Leonhardt       | Miriam Varas      |
| James Davis          | Sherry Lopez         | Margaret Verzino  |
| James E. Davis       | Greg & Shelley       | Charles Volk      |
| Nathan Glore Davis   | Lowrey               | Bob Warren        |
| Bill Edwards         | Elizabeth Lyons      | Billy Wells       |
| Kathryn Fischer      | Emma Lyons           | Joseph Wheeler    |
| Peter Freundl        | Peg Mango            |                   |
| Ron Garnier          | Helen Mango          |                   |
| Joyce Griffen        | Bob McShane          |                   |
| Beverly Haffner      | G. Tracy Mehan       |                   |
| Mary Ellen Havard    | Mary Falk Mehan      |                   |
| Louise Haynes        |                      |                   |

Mass Intentions

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|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b><br>7:00am    | <b>December 4</b><br>Rodney Flottmann      |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:00am   | <b>December 5</b><br>Lois Milford          |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:00am | <b>December 6</b><br>Vivian Elis Campeau   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>7:00am  | <b>December 7</b><br>Bill Kelly            |
| <b>5:30pm</b>              | Margie Meatte                              |
| <b>Friday</b><br>7:00am    | <b>December 8</b><br>Souls in Purgatory    |
| 8:15am                     | James Feser                                |
| 5:30pm                     | Anita & Prospero Duarte                    |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>8:00am  | <b>December 9</b><br>Giselle McDonald      |
| 5:00pm                     | Mary Janet Kinsella                        |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:00am    | <b>December 10</b><br>Sp. Intention (F.E.) |
| 9:15am                     | Jill Harris Smith                          |
| 10:30am                    | Rodney Flottmann                           |

**Readings for the week of December 3, 2023**

- Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- 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:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- 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:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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



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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Allen Conrey         | Maurice Muro        |
| Mollie Conrey        | Ashton Piper        |
| Rebecca Conrey       | Christopher Wamhoff |
| Blaise Coultier      | John Weber          |
| Alex Garofalo        | Jonathon Habb       |
| Derek Hirtz          | Dashawn Arrendondo  |
| Brian Kloppenburg    |                     |
| Justin Kloppenburg   |                     |
| Alexander LaRochelle |                     |
| Ean Eichert          |                     |