

JANUARY 24, 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# ST. THÉRÈSE *Little Flower*

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of evangelizing disciples being transformed by the Gospel in order to transform our parish, our neighborhood and our world. We will do this by cultivating faith formation, participating in spirit-filled worship, fostering stewardship, and reaching out in the name of Jesus to those in need.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend**  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
**Weekdays**  
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
**St. Therese Novena**  
Monday after 8:30 a.m. Mass  
**Holy days:** see schedule inside  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 3:30-4:00 p.m. and by appointment

### SACRAMENTAL AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please call the Parish Office.

### REGIONAL SCHOOL

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School  
2940 West Galbraith Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45239  
Mrs. Mandy Kirk, Principal  
Phone: (513) 931-3070  
Website: olgcs.org

### PRAYER CHAIN

Send request via email to ParishOffice@littleflowerchurch.org or call the Parish Office at (513) 541-5560.

### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



@littleflowermtairy

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.-NOON & 1-4:00 P.M.



Monday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:30 +Joan Focke

Tuesday, January 26 - St. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:30 +Bob McGee

Wednesday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

8:30 +Ed Kettler

Thursday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

+Jack and Dottie Cepluch

Saturday, January 30

3:30-4:00 Confessions

4:30 +Norma Jean Roskopf

Sunday, January 31 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 +Patrick Reagan

11:00 For the Spiritual Needs of the People of Little Flower Parish

Stewardship Sunday, January 17, 2021

Envelopes (82).....	\$4,979
Loose .....	\$338
Total.....	\$5,317
January total.....	\$15,431

Thank you for your support!

From Archbishop Dennis Schnurr: The vaccines developed by Moderna and Pfizer to combat COVID-19 may be taken without moral reservation. Neither vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level. Read the full letter on the parish website, littleflower-church.org.

2021 PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to all who ran for Parish Council. Little Flower is blessed to have many willing parishioners.

The members elected to the 2021 Council are: Michelle Blunk, Betty Cepluch, Jerome Gabis, Bud Lienhart, Jim Nichols, and Vince Rizzo.

AN INVITATION: Please feel free to bring any cares or concerns about our parish to Fr. Dennis during office hours.

A VOCATION VIEW: Just as the first apostles were called by the Lord to become fishers of men, during this Catholic Schools Week we remember that the role of our schools is to challenge young men and women to follow Christ. (Mk 1:17)

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 30, 4:30 p.m.

Lector - Brenda Del Favero, EME - Ray Feldman

Sunday, January 31, 9:00 a.m.

Lector - Nancy Berling, EME - Evelyn Cruz

Sunday, January 31, 11:00 a.m.

Lector - Sandy Weinkam, EME - Don Weinkam

The St. Thérèse Brass has recorded a Christmas/Epiphany Concert. It is available online at http://bit.ly/littleflowermusic. This new website will be updated with recordings periodically so be sure to save the link.



Parish COVID-19 precautions:

- Masks are required in church.
- Every third pew is used for seating. The other pews are blocked off.
- Please sit in the center of the pew to allow more people to be seated.
- Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing our live-streamed Mass.

The following prayer may be recited for those watching from home who want to make a spiritual communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

This weekend is the start of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our support allows us to stand with the ministries that teach, feed, and heal throughout the archdiocese. Thanks to the generosity of many families here at Little Flower, a total of \$30,169.04 was contributed to the 2020 CMA from our parish community. This year, our goal is \$15,465.

Families will be receiving a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming week or so. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card and envelope to Mass. For more information or to donate online, please visit www.AOCstewardship.org. Thank you!

**PREGNANCY CENTER WEST**

This year, Pregnancy Center West (PCW) marks 40 years serving women in our area, providing critical pro-life guidance to those seeking abortions for their unborn children. Since March 2019, PCW has offered in-house ultrasound scans, resulting in more than 75% of abortion-intended women choosing LIFE for their unborn child!

In addition to the pregnancy-related resources provided, PCW provides material assistance (diapers, baby wipes, formula, clothes, accessories) to women and families in need, as well as educational programs, mentoring and a chastity education program to area grade-school and high-school students.

All of this is only possible through the support of faithful parishioners like yourself, who partner with us year after year. If you'd like to support the mission of Pregnancy Center West, we are always in need of your prayers, volunteers to engage with clients, and monetary support. To learn more, visit [www.pc-west.org](http://www.pc-west.org), or call us at 244-5700. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE**

- *Patricia Quinlin Education Fund* - For students entering grades 1-8 for the 2021-2022 school year at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School. Students must have been at Our Lady of Grace for one (1) school year prior to applying. Families must be active in a ministry at St. Therese Little Flower. Application available at the Parish Office and on the parish website, [littleflower-church.org](http://littleflower-church.org) on February 1 and is due by April 1.
- *Father Hamman Scholarship* - For students entering grades 9-12 for the 2021-2022 school year at any Archdiocesan high school. Students must be active in a ministry at St. Therese Little Flower. Application available at the Parish Office and on the parish website, [littleflower-church.org](http://littleflower-church.org) on February 1 and is due by April 1.
- *Educational Choice Scholarship* - For students entering grades K-12 for the 2021-2022 school year. Eligibility is based on student's assigned public school for the upcoming school year. Please speak with either Mike Desmier at Our Lady of Grace or your student's high school for assistance.
- *Catholic Education Foundation Scholarship* - For students entering grades K-12 for the 2021-2022 school year at any Archdiocesan grade school or high school. Families must complete a FACTS Grant & Aid application. **Deadline for this scholarship is January 31.**
- *Tuition Assistance* - Any family needing financial assistance with tuition at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School. Families must complete a FACTS Grant & Aid application and be active in a ministry at St. Therese Little Flower. Call Kelsey Schneider at 541-5560 if you have any questions.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION****January 24, 2021 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well. ©LPi

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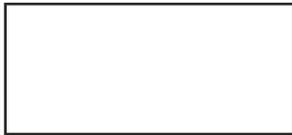
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