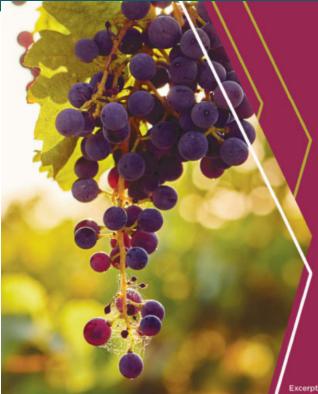


We are a community of evangelizing disciples being transformed by the Gospel in order to transform our parish, our neighborhood and our world. We will do this by cultivating faith formation, participating in spirit-filled worship, fostering stewardship, and reaching out in the name of Jesus to those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



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

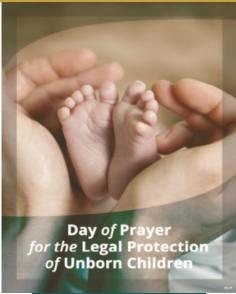
There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him. "They have no wine." Jn 2:1-3

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS



Monday, January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot*

8:30 +Judy Sonderman

Tuesday, January 18

8:30 +Joseph Matuska

Wednesday, January 19

8:30 +Florencio V. Pasqual

Thursday, January 20 - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;

St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:30 Sisters of Divine Providence in Madagascar

Saturday, January 22

3:30-4:00 Confessions

4:30 +Edward Filusch

Sunday, January 23 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Spiritual Needs of the People of Little

Flower Parish

11:00 +Bill Bacher

*ATTENTION: The Parish Office is closed on Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Stewardship Sunday, January 9, 2022

| Envelopes (87) | \$4,183 |
|----------------|----------|
| Loose | \$454 |
| Total | \$4,637 |
| January total | \$10,475 |

Thank you for your support!

Please join us for Hospitality in the Hospitality Room this weekend, after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 22, 4:30 p.m.

Lector - Brenda Del Favero

EME - Ray Feldman, Kelsey Schneider

Sunday, January 23, 9:00 a.m.

Lector - Evelyn Cruz

EME - Harrison Brunsman, J.T. Schneider

Sunday, January 23, 11:00 a.m.

Lector - Danny Otero

EME - Joan Kuethe, Debbie Otero

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 22

4:30 - Thomas Schneider

Sunday, January 23

9:00 – Brendan Blunk

11:00 - Amelia and Cora Hood

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 17 - Faith Formation meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 20, 27 - Scripture Study, 9:00 a.m., Parish Office

February 2 - Men's Society meeting, 7:30 p.m.

2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal
It is time to kick off the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)



throughout the archdiocese! The CMA is our opportunity each year to support the work of six vital ministries all of which operate right here in our archdiocese. Also, if we exceed our parish goal for the CMA, 50% of our over-goal comes back to the parish to be used toward the continued improvement of the church. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. Your help is needed as we stand with the thousands of people served throughout our archdiocese. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA.

Musings from Fr. Dave, 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time, 16 January 2022

We are now in a new church season: Ordinary Time. During the first half of this year, we celebrate the Major church seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter; then the longest season of Summer Ordinary Time. Now, during the dead of winter we have this brief period of rest. These weeks are a time to contemplate how God is present and active in our daily life. A good question to ask yourself, no matter how your life is going, no matter what problems or crises you are going through may be...how is the Holy Spirit working within me? How can I use the gifts with which I am blessed? Questions like that are good to take to prayer.

Jesus begins His ministry on earth with the miracle of changing the water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. Our Blessed Mother has much to do with the miracle you just heard proclaimed. It was at her urging that Jesus did so. I bet that wine tasted great! We do the same at every Mass we have together. The subtle miracle of changing the bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus. Jesus is present with us at every Mass. Jesus is within us every time we share communion with each other. Jesus is present with us when we exit the church after Mass and continues His indwelling within us throughout our week. This is such a simple but glorious fact of faith.

Well, stay warm and cozy in these winter weeks. Pray for those who suffer the cold and cannot afford those heating bills. Love, Fr. Dave

p.s. A note of thanks for all those who made our church so beautiful with all those poinsettias; and for those who provided poinsettias to our homebound parishioners. I am sure they brightened their homes and rooms. 10,000 Blessings!

On Saturday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. For more information, go to https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/january-22-day-of-prayer.

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TUITION ASSISTANCE

- Patricia Quinlin Education Fund For students entering grades 1-8 for the 2022-2023 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 on February 1 and is due by April 1.
- Father Hamman Scholarship For students entering grades 9-12 for the 2022-2023 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 on February 1 and is due by April 1.
- Educational Choice Scholarship For students entering grades K-12 for the 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 school year at any Archdiocesan grade school or high school. Families must complete a FACTS Grant & Aid application.
- 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.

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WITH SYMPATHY: Our parish community offers its prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Ida Grimes. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of the risen Christ.



THANK YOU to all who made a contribution to the Christmas Flower Fund. The church was decorated beautifully and is a wonderful tribute to the people mentioned in the previous weeks bulletins, plus Norb Mette and Nikolaus Feisthammel.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Please join us for our parish Scripture study. 1/20's topic is "Jesus Fulfills the Old Testament" and 1/27's topic is "The Birth of the Church." Sessions are in the rectory office on Thursday mornings from 9–10 (after Mass). Contact Greg Niehaus at 541-5560 #105 if interested.

Fr. Dave will present "Sacraments" and "Convalidation of Civil Marriage" in our rectory Conference Room TODAY from 9:50–10:50 (between Masses). Please join us.

Our Faith Formation Commission will present "Sacramentals," "The Rosary," and "Vatican II Lives On" in our rectory Conference Room on Sunday, January 23, from 9:50–10:50 (between Masses). Please join us.

There will be a presentation on "Biblical Jerusalem," "Jesus the Jew," and "Four Faces of Jesus" in our rectory Conference Room on Sunday, January 30, from 9:50–10:50 (between Masses). Please join us.

1/6/22 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Present: Michelle Blunk, Bud Lienhart, Vince Rizzo, Betty Cepluch, Jerome Gabis, Kelsey Schneider, Greg Niehaus, Jim Schreyer NP: Jim Nichols, MaryJo Chavez

Opening Prayer: Hail Mary and Our Father-Vince Rizzo **Meeting point 1:** Railings for front steps of Church

- 1. slab and ground temps pose an issue right now, but we are working on them
- 2. signage and possible email blast or bulletin post about not using the front steps was discussed

Meeting point 2: Sound system replacement in Church

- 1. backordered due to Covid-19, estimated in March
- 2. New speakers, microphones will be installed with the existing wiring in Church
- **3.** Install will happen THIS MONTH!
- **4.** new receptacles are needed throughout church to meet code **Meeting point 3:** Beacons of Light
- 1. There are now 6 deaneries, instead of 12; they have all been redone!
- 2. Little Flower is in the South deanery
- **3.** LF is still very transparent and will answer any and all question to their ability
- **4.** July 1st will be the final update to Beacons of Light and we should see our new priest around that time

Conclusion of Meeting

Prayer: Jim Schreyer, starting with Happy Birthday to Bud Lienhart

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