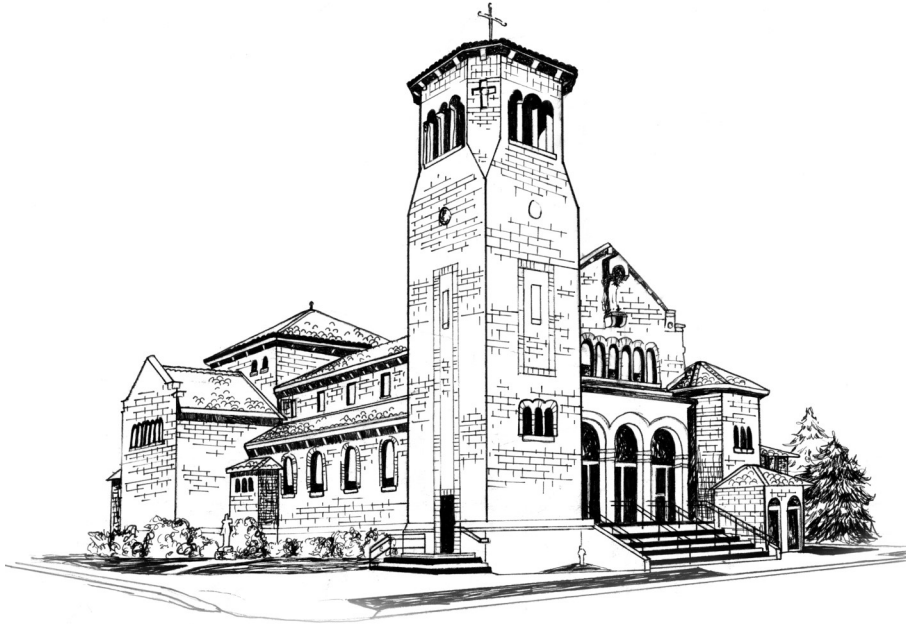


# ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

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## ST. MARY



### St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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#### Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Weekdays as scheduled on back page  
(Mass of the day in the church will be canceled when a funeral Mass is scheduled)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.  
Sunday 7:00 - 7:45 a.m.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 5:30 p.m. - Midnight  
Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Thursdays 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

If funeral is scheduled begins at 1:00 p.m.

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### Sunday by Sunday edited by Michael E. Novak

#### IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS

Peace on earth. Good will toward all. An end to hunger, violence, and poverty. Freedom from overwork. Freedom to forgive and to love. Are these the dreams you have for Christmas this year? Today's scriptures tell us they are not impossible. It is Advent, a time when we remember that God can calm the violence of our world, heal our hurting hearts, and inspire the most courageous and generous of deeds—in short, God can make seemingly impossible dreams come true.

But God will not do it without us. The sooner we start cooperating with God, the sooner the "mountains" of self-righteousness, the "gorges" of despair and complacency, and the "rough ways" of anger will be "made smooth." John the Baptist invites us to repent and "prepare the way of the Lord" within our hearts, in our families, our communities, our churches and our world.

#### "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD"

What gives us the courage to "prepare the way of the Lord" as John the Baptist did? How can we continue to work, watch, and wait for the reign of God in a world where progress seems impossible? We are energized by the confident hope that Christ will ultimately triumph over every mountain, gorge and rough way. The Christ who came into human history once and comes to save each of us from sin day by day will indeed come again to establish his reign of justice over the whole universe so that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God." We express the fullness of this Advent hope when we proclaim together in our Memorial Acclamation at Mass: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again."

Hope strengthens us to keep preparing the way of the Lord until he comes in glory. Copyright © 2005, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



### St. Mary Parish, Knox

Eucharistic Liturgy  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Sunday 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.



#### Infant Baptism

Please contact priest before birth or selecting baptismal sponsors.

#### Marriage Preparation

Prior to setting a wedding date, at least six months in advance, please arrange a first meeting with one of our priests.

#### New Parishioners

Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

#### Communion to the Sick and Homebound

Parish ministers bring the Holy Eucharist to the homebound and the hospitalized. Please call the parish office to arrange for visitation.

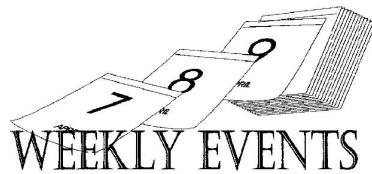
#### Anointing of the Sick

Please contact a priest when hospitalized or preparing for surgery or significant medical procedure.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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### Sunday, December 9

#### Second Sunday of Advent

- Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
- LF Religious Ed 9:15 AM
- SM Religious Education
- LFS "Miracle at Midnight" 2:00 PM at RHS
- CDA Potluck Christmas Party 4:00 PM

### Monday, December 10

- Eucharistic Adoration 5:30 PM - midnight

### Tuesday, December 11

- Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM - 11:00 PM

### Wednesday, December 12

- LFS Advisory Council meeting 7:00 AM
- Little Flower Advent Reconciliation Service 3:00 and 7:00 PM
- KC/Teen Meal; Religious Ed 7:00 PM
- RCIA 7:00 PM

### Thursday, December 13

- Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM
- LF 4H 3:30 - 8:00 PM
- Advent Day of Reflection 10:00 - 4:00 PM
- SSVdP meeting 7:00 PM

### Friday, December 14

- "Mass and a Movie" Daily Mass at 9:00 AM; The movie *Daniel* following Mass in Dorothy's Room

### Saturday, December 15

- Catholic Daughters' Christmas Bake Sale from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Shopko

### Sunday, December 16

#### Third Sunday of Advent

- LF Rel Ed Family Christmas Program 9:00 AM
- SM "The Traditional Christmas Story" after 9:00 AM Mass

**Aging religious need your help.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous. Special envelopes for this collection may be found in your envelope packets or the pews.

**Little Flower School students are presenting "Miracle at Midnight"** December 9 at 2:00 PM in the Rugby High School Auditorium. All are invited to attend.

**The Catholic Daughters' Potluck Christmas Party** will be held at the Senior Center December 9 at 4:00 PM. Husbands and guests are welcome. Please bring a nonperishable food item for the Sisters of St. Francis' food pantry.

**The Little Flower School Advisory Council** will be meeting Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 AM.

**Advent Reconciliation Services** will be held at Little Flower Parish Wednesday, **December 12 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM.** Parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Four priests will be available. Please plan on being present at the beginning of each service. Other Penance services in the area include Rolette, Sunday, December 9 at 7:00 PM; Towner, Monday, December 10 at 7:00 PM; Balta, Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM; Harvey, Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 PM. In addition see the bulletin for our weekly and monthly confession schedule.

**The Knights of Columbus** monthly supper and council meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:00 PM.

**You are invited to an Advent Day of Reflection on December 13** from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM in the Msgr. Cloos Dining Room facilitated by Sr. Mary Ruth. There is a registration fee of \$10.00 which includes a noon meal. To preregister please call Vernice at 776-2322.

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family, and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas. **The St. Therese Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will meet Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.**

**Let the Catholic Daughters help you with your holiday baking,** stop by their Christmas Bake Sale Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM at Shopko.

**We are in need of Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers** for the Christmas Midnight Mass and the 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**St. Mary's will be presenting "The Traditional Christmas Story"** December 16 after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to enjoy some scripture and song recited by our Religious Education students and in the spirit of the season, food and fellowship to follow for all to enjoy!

**The Little Flower Sunday School Christmas program** will be held Sunday, December 16 from 9:00 - 10:15 AM in the Msgr. Cloos Dining Room. Everyone is welcome to join our PreK-6th grade students, as they present a short program "The Animals' Christmas Eve." Join us for the story of Jesus' birth from the perspective of the stable animals. The program will be followed by a family craft and fellowship time. We also anticipate a visit from the "Advent Angel." The Angel will stop by to visit with children and receive their gifts for Baby Jesus, which will be delivered to the manger on Christmas Eve.

**The Little Flower CYO** will be out and about spreading the love and joy of the Advent season through song on December 19 from 1:30 - 3:00 PM. If you or someone you know would enjoy the message of Christmas delivered with carols by our CYO, please contact the parish Religious Education office and leave a name, address and contact information.

**Little Flower Religious Education classes** will observe Christmas break from December 20 - January 2. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6 for Sunday School students and Wednesday, January 9 for grades 7-12.

**The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Christmas Coloring Contest.** This contest is open to all kids from kindergarten to the 6th grade and not limited to just Catholics but to all denominations. Five \$75.00 cash prizes will be awarded by the North Dakota State Council. Deadline to have the coloring completed is December 31. Contact Rebecca Leier or Randy Malo for the picture to be colored, more information and entry forms.

**December 31 and January 1, Solemnity of Mary Holy Day.** Altar Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on December 31 and the 9:00 AM Mass on January 1. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Poinsettias for Christmas at Little Flower:** Donations are being accepted to decorate our church for Christmas. Donations may be made in memory of loved ones. Please make checks payable to Little Flower Parish with a notation for flowers. Donation envelopes may be found in your envelope packets and may be placed in the weekend collection baskets or brought to the parish office.

**End of year donations:** Thank you for your generosity and monetary contributions to our parish during the past year. All additional donations and contributions to Little Flower Church which you would like claimed in the 2018 fiscal year must be received by the December 30 weekend collection in order to be recorded on our records. Please be sure to include any Special Collection contributions you overlooked during the year but want to include: Holy Father, Rice Bowl, Holy Land, Home Mission, World Mission, Black and Indian, Religious Retirement, Disaster Relief, North Dakota Catholic Charities.

**First Lutheran's "Come to the Manger" event is Sunday, December 9** from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Nativity sets will be on display in the Fellowship Hall plus a live Nativity in front of the church. Coffee, cider and bars will be served.

**The Pierce County Food Pantry** will be assembling and delivering Christmas Food Baskets on Saturday, December 15 at the Rugby Armory. If you would like to help please come to the armory at 9:00 AM.

### *Treasures from Our Tradition*

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

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- Schneider Aerial, Inc.
- Voeller Crop Insurance

**Monday, December 10** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26  
5:00 PM (LF) † Rita Yaggie by DeAnna Heidlebaugh

**Tuesday, December 11** Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14 Saint Damasus I  
7:00 AM (LF) † Hilda Buckmeier by friends and family  
9:00 AM (HE) Rosary and Communion Service

**Wednesday, December 12** Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; Lk 1:39-47 Our Lady of Guadalupe  
10:00 AM (HOSP) † George Sattler by Ray and Diane Leier  
3:00 PM (LF) Advent Reconciliation Service  
5:00 PM (LF) † Alice Brossart by Ted and Barbara Jaeger  
7:00 PM (LF) Advent Reconciliation Service

**Thursday, December 13** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15 Saint Lucy  
7:00 AM (LF) † Tony Heintz by Cindy Heintz  
9:00 AM (HE) † Dolores Pfeifer by Regina Eisenzimmer

**Friday, December 14** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19 Saint John of the Cross  
9:00 AM (LF) † Adam Schafer by Little Flower School staff, students and PTO

**Saturday, December 15** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9, 10-13  
8:00 AM (LF) † Joseph and Margaret Brossart by their family  
5:00 PM (LF) † James C. Duchscher by Mary Duchscher and family

**Sunday, December 16** Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18 Third Sunday of Advent  
8:00 AM (LF) † August Bachmeier by family  
9:00 AM (SM) † Ray Minette by Bob and Diane Fritel  
10:30 AM (LF) Mass for the Parish

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on KZZJ is sponsored by Bert and Violet Kuntz in memory of their deceased parents and family members.

**Stewardship Moment:** "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)  
Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those who are in need.

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING DECEMBER 1/2**

Little Flower Parish	Week	Year to Date
Budgeted	\$10,175.00	\$488,400.00
<b>Little Flower Parish</b>	\$8,897.26	\$404,500.93
Increase/Decrease (+ or -)	-\$1,277.74	-\$83,899.07
50 Cents a Day Charity	\$46.00	\$1,913.00
Children's Donation	\$43.00	\$1,035.34
<b>St. Mary's</b>	\$434.50	\$24,121.65

**2018 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL CAMPAIGN**

Little Flower Parish	Year to Date
Goal	\$53,328
Pledged	\$46,295
<b>St. Mary's</b>	
Goal	\$4,959
Pledged	\$4,098

**SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 15/16**

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharist Minister	Family Offertory		
<b>5:00 PM Saturday</b>	Amber Selensky Allison Selensky	Brenda Heilman	Debbie Millang (Homes) Karin Fursather (Church)			
<b>8:00 AM Sunday</b>	Carson Mattern Katelyn Mattern	Rose Schneibel	Rita Graber (Hosp) Deb Black (HE) Vernice Brossart (Homes)			
<b>10:30 AM Sunday</b>	Aidan Clements Anna Clements Carter Teigen	Caye Bednarz	Angie Busch Tom Clements Lori Tangen	Riley and Erin Schaan		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	Eucharist	Gifts	Church Care
<b>9:00 AM Sunday</b>	Jennifer Brossart Tyson Follman	Thatcher Volk Cole Anderson	Chris Brossart Jay Bosch	Phil Volk Wanda Follman	Frances Schneider	Mark Hoffert Family Blaine Pfeifer Family