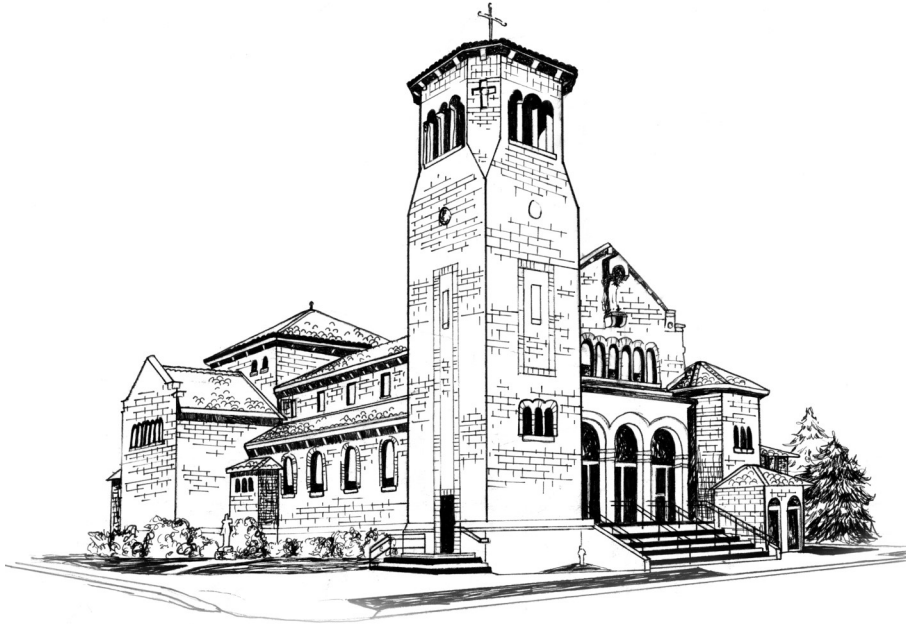


# ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

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## ST. MARY



### St. Therese Little Flower Parish

Rectory: 776-6388  
Parish Office: 776-6388  
www.littleflowerrugby.org

#### 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23, 2018 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 33 NO. 51

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

#### “BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB”

Luke’s infancy narratives are carefully written to reveal that the child Jesus who was born in Bethlehem is truly the Son of God, the long-awaited Messiah of the Jews, and the Savior of all people. In today’s Gospel Elizabeth proclaims the good news to Mary, and to us, that Mary’s child is divine. She says, “Blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Luke 1:43). As Luke tells it, John the Baptist recognized Jesus before either of them had been born, and announced Jesus’ identity as the anointed Son of God through Elizabeth’s words.

The first and second readings for this Sunday highlight Jesus’ identity as Savior of all people. In Micah we hear that “his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth” and in Hebrews we are reminded that his death was an offering “for all.” Today’s scriptures should reveal to us the full significance of the Incarnation, the coming of God in the form of a humble human infant.

#### REAL PRESENCE

We may never fully grasp God’s real presence in the human form of the infant Jesus. Just so, we may never fully grasp the real presence of God in the humble form of the Eucharist. The one who came down from heaven and became human at Christmas comes down from heaven at every Eucharist and offers us his body and blood so that all might be consecrated—that is, share in his divine life. As we sing the Lamb of God litany and receive Communion this week, may we welcome the Son of God and Savior of all people, the Messiah and Lamb of God. May we recognize him not only in the infant Jesus and in the Eucharist, but in all of our sisters and brothers.

In every Eucharist the Incarnation continues; God takes on human form and dwells among us. 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.

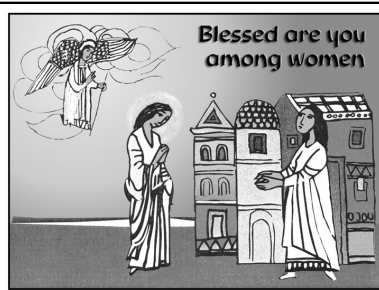
#### Communion to the Sick and Homebound

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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Serving Little Flower Parish on Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

### Midnight Mass:

Lector: Rita Graber

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Rick Lagasse, Myrna Baumann, Deb Black, Diane Leier, Roxan Mulloy.

Altar Servers: Andrew, Austin, Jaclyn and Katelyn Duchscher

### Christmas Day 9:00 AM

Lector: Caye Bednarz

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Rick Lagasse, Mark Johnson, Diane Dufner

Altar Servers: Carter Teigen, **another altar server is needed**

### December 31 at 5:30 PM

Lector: Rose Schneibel

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Johnson, Roxan Mulloy

Altar Servers: **Volunteers are needed**

### January 1 at 9:00 AM

Lector: Rita Graber

Eucharistic Ministers: Denise Lagasse, **another Eucharistic Minister is needed**

Altar Servers: Carter Teigen, **another server is needed**

**Incense enriches our worship** by engaging our sense of smell. We realize it also creates breathing problems for some. Incense will be used as part of our Christmas liturgies except for the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass in the church and the 11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass at the Haaland Home. If you are sensitive to the incense please consider attending these services.

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there. **The St. Therese Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be meeting on December 27 at 7:00 PM.**

**We will have a Fifth Saturday Potluck** and evangelization panel discussion after the Saturday evening Mass December 29. Our panel will be made up of parishioners who attended the Convocation of Parish Leaders. Join us in finding ways we can all evangelize in our community and share the good news with our family and neighbors.

**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.

**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 January 15.** Contact Rebecca Leier or Randy Malo for the picture to be colored, more information and entry forms.

**End of year donations:** Thank you for your generosity and monetary contributions to our parishes during the past year. All additional donations and contributions to Little Flower and St. Mary Churches 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.

**Altar Server Commissioning.** The Altar Server Ministry is a very special group of young people in our parish who have answered God's call to ministry. As an altar server, they are one of the liturgical ministers with an important role during the Mass or during other liturgical services. **All altar servers will be commissioned at the Saturday, January 5 Vigil Mass and the Sunday, January 6 Masses.**

**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.



### Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- No LF Religious Ed classes
- No SM Religious Ed classes

### Monday, December 24

- Children's Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM
- No Adoration

### Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

- 12:00 AM (midnight) Little Flower
- 9:00 AM Little Flower and St. Mary
- 11:00 AM Haaland Estates
- No Adoration

### Wednesday, December 26

- No 7-12 grade Religious Education Class
- No RCIA

### Thursday, December 27

- Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM
- SSVdP meeting at 7:00 PM

### Sunday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- Coins for Kids Collection for Catholic Schools Week
- No LF Religious Ed classes
- No SM Religious Ed classes

**The Confirmation retreat for 3rd grade students** will be Saturday, January 12 from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Parents and 3rd grade students should arrive at 7:45 AM to register before Mass.

**2nd Grade Parents:** The second grade students will be offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation March 9. Parents of second grade students will meet January 13 in the Msgr. Cloos Dining Room for parent meeting 1 of 2 for Reconciliation preparation.

**Looking for stocking stuffers?** Check out the selection of Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs at all church entrances and Dynamic Catholic books in the north entrance of the church. There are many titles to choose from to enrich your prayer and family life.

### FORMED — The Catholic Faith on Demand The Story of the Nativity

Explore the Birth of Christ. This fast-paced look at the true story of the Nativity clears away misunderstandings about Jesus's origin and is invaluable for learning more about the truth of Christmas. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus' miraculous conception, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and more. Register by entering our parish code K7Z623 and then enjoy many free Catholic selections.

**SEARCH:** Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up January 11-13, 2019 at Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at <http://www.fargodiocese-search.org/home>. **Applications due 12/27.**

**A Life in the Spirit Seminar** will be held January 11 - 13, 2019 at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church Social Center in Harvey. The Seminar is an opportunity to deepen your personal relationship with the Holy Trinity and fellow members of the Body of Christ. The spiritual director for the weekend is Fr. Neil Pfeifer. Cost of the weekend is a free-will donation. Pre-registration is appreciated. For more information or to register contact Rosalie Axtman at 701-324-2706, [raxtman@gondtc.com](mailto:raxtman@gondtc.com) or [stcecilia@gondtc.com](mailto:stcecilia@gondtc.com) or 701-324-2144.

**9 Days for Life Novena begins January 14.** January 14-22 will mark the USCCB's nationwide Novena **9 Days for Life**. The prayer effort takes place during the U.S. bishops' annual period of **prayer and action** focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. While the overarching intention of the centerpiece novena is the end to abortion, each days' prayer focuses on a different aspect of respecting each other's God-given dignity. Download or sign up to **receive the novena any of four ways:** free mobile app, text message, email, or online. Quick, easy-to-use tools can help you share **9 Days for Life**. For more information visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com). Paper copies of the Novena will be available on the table at the back of the church.

### Treasures from Our Tradition

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

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Mass Schedule

(LF-Little Flower; SM-St. Mary's; HE-Haaland Estates; HOSP - Hospital)

- Anderson Funeral Homes
- Bartsch Electric
- Berube Crop Insurance
- Black Thunder Woodworks
- Brad's Auto Repair & Towing
- Bremer Bank
- C & H Repair
- Daryl's Refrigeration, LLC
- Deplazes Redi-Mix & Construction
- Envision
- Farmers Union Insurance
- H. E. Everson
- Harper Oil
- Hi-Way MVP Store
- Integrity Appraisals
- i design
- Knights of Columbus Insurance
- KZZJ AM 1450 and KKWZ 95.3 FM
- Leevers Foods
- M. J. McGuire Co.
- Mack Law Offices, P.C.
- Merchants Bank
- Mike Swanson Construction
- Niewoehner Funeral Home
- Northern Equipment, Inc.
- Precision Auto Body & Glass
- Ramsey Bank
- Rugby Eagles
- Rugby Hardware Hank
- Rugby Insurance Agency
- Rugby Veterinary Service, PC
- St. Michel Furniture
- Schaan Crop Insurance
- Schneider Aerial, Inc.
- Voeller Crop Insurance

**Monday, December 24** Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25  
4:00 PM (LF) Intentions of the Priest

Sponsors for broadcast on KZZJ radio:  
4:00 PM - Anderson Funeral Homes, Rugby & Towner; St. Michel Furniture  
Midnight Mass - Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree

**Tuesday, December 25** Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Nativity of the Lord (Mass During the Night)  
12:00 AM (LF) † Louis Allen Volk by the Little Flower Choir  
Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 (Mass During the Day)  
9:00 AM (LF) Mass for the Parish  
9:00 AM (SM) † LaVerne Mitzel by Frances Schneider  
11:00 AM (HE) † Dolores Pfeifer by Janice Pfeifer

**Wednesday, December 26** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22 Saint Stephen  
10:00 AM (HOSP) † Margaret Haman by the Brock Haman Family  
5:00 PM (LF) † Bruce Baumann by Myrna Baumann and family

**Thursday, December 27** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1, 2-8 Saint John  
7:00 AM (LF) † Elna Mack by Holy Name Circle-September Christian Mothers  
9:00 AM (HE) † Peter M. Volk by Joanne Volk and family

**Friday, December 28** 1 Jn 1:5-2.2; Mt 2:13-18  
9:00 AM (LF) † August Schmaltz by Arlene and Richard Schmaltz

**Saturday, December 29** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35 Saint Thomas Becket  
8:00 AM (LF) † Rosanna Heilman by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse  
5:00 PM (LF) † Daryl Kuhnhenh, Peter and Agatha Mattern by Pat Kuhnhenh

**Sunday, December 30** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
8:00 AM (LF) † Sebastian and Katherine Black by Claytus and Ilene Mattern  
9:00 AM (SM) † Fr. Dan Mrnarevic 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 in memory of Irene Scheet by Lois Tuff.

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING DECEMBER 15/16**

Little Flower Parish	Week	Year to Date
Budgeted	\$10,175.00	\$508,750.00
<b>Little Flower Parish</b>	\$19,296.25	\$435,471.92
Increase/Decrease (+ or -)	+\$9,121.25	-\$73,278.08
50 Cents a Day Charity	\$15.00	\$1,988.50
Children's Donation	\$31.00	\$1,088.34
<b>St. Mary's</b>	\$1,537.57	\$25,946.97

**2018 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL CAMPAIGN**

Little Flower Parish	Year to Date
Goal	\$53,328
Pledged	\$47,545
<b>St. Mary's</b>	
Goal	\$4,959
Pledged	\$4,098

**SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 29/30**

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharist Minister	Family Offertory		
<b>5:00 PM Saturday</b>	Allison Selensky Amber Selensky	Theone Stevenson	Debbie Millang (Homes) Diane Leier (Church)			
<b>8:00 AM Sunday</b>	Carson Mattern Katelyn Mattern	Denise Lagasse	Mark Johnson (Hosp) Deb Black (HE) Vernice Brossart (Homes)			
<b>10:30 AM Sunday</b>	Alec Wolf Jesse Wolf Josephine Wolf	Vernice Brossart	Brian Blessum Sue Blessum Angie Busch	Alan and Karleen Blessum		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	Eucharist	Gifts	Church Care
<b>9:00 AM Sunday</b>	Jennifer Brossart Tyson Follman	Isaac Volk Carson Bohl	Chris Brossart Jay Bosch	Phil Volk Wanda Follman	Phil Volk Family	Mark Hoffert Family Blaine Pfeifer Family