

# 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. - 10:00 p.m.  
Thursdays 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 24, 2019 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 34 NO. 8

## Sunday by Sunday edited by Michael E. Novak

### WISDOM OR FOOLISHNESS?

Sometimes the idea of “repentance” can seem old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you’re looking for real foolishness, you’ll find it in today’s readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition “Take no revenge and cherish no grudge” (19:18). We’ve heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called practical realities of life. St. Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers himself wise had better become a fool, because “the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God” (1 Corinthians 3:19).

This “foolishness” continues in today’s Gospel: “Offer no resistance to one who is evil” (Matthew 5:39). In fact, turn the other cheek when you’ve been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. “Be perfect,” Jesus says, “just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48).

### THE “FOOLISHNESS” OF THE GOSPEL

The so-called “wisdom” of this world tells us that it is foolish to keep working for peace, to keep up the struggle for life against the many and various merchants of death. It is foolish to keep siding with the poor and downtrodden against the economic forces of the marketplace. It is foolish, also, to “give to the one who asks of you” (Matthew 5:42). Or so goes the wisdom of this world.

It is foolish to “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”. (Matthew 5:44) It is foolish to let someone get away with striking you in the face, to give in when someone sues you for the very clothes off your back, to let someone make you work without pay. Yet that is what Jesus encourages us to do.

Why? Maybe only the poets, the prophets, and the so-called “fools” can answer, because “the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God” (1 Corinthians 3:19). It does seem, however, that if we want to follow the path of Jesus, we must eventually come down firmly on the side of what the world deems “foolishness.”

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### 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.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Be  
merciful,



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### Sunday, February 24

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- God's Gift Commitment Weekend
- Little Flower Religious Ed 9:15 AM
- 2nd First Communion Parent Mtg 9:15 AM
- St. Mary Religious Ed

### Monday, February 25

- LF Preschool registration 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Eucharistic Adoration 5:30 PM - midnight

### Tuesday, February 26

- Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM - 10:00 PM
- LF Preschool registration 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### Wednesday, February 27

- LF Preschool registration 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- 7-12 grade Rel Ed Class 7:00 - 8:15 PM
- RCIA 7:00 PM

### Thursday, February 28

- Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM
- LF Preschool registration 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Confession 1:00 - 5:00 PM
- SSVdP Group Study 7:00 PM

### Sunday, March 3

#### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Safe Haven Sunday
- No Little Flower Religious Ed class
- No St. Mary Religious Ed class

This weekend is **Commitment Weekend for the 2019 God's Gift Appeal**. The parish goal for Little Flower is \$56,245 and \$4,950 for St. Mary Parish. Please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our diocesan church. If you do not have a card, please fill out a commitment card located on the table at the back of the church. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our diocesan church. Please place your completed pledge card in the envelope provided and place it in the collection basket. Unopened envelopes are mailed in bulk to the diocese.

The **second parent meeting for families who are preparing for First Communion** will be held in Dorothy's Room on **February 24 from 9:15 - 10:15**.

**Attention High School Seniors.** The Knights of Columbus are once again offering scholarships this year. Applications will be considered for local scholarships as well as for a \$500.00 scholarship on the state level. In order to apply, you must be a son or daughter of a past or present KC member. **Deadline is February 25.** For full rules and an application contact Randy Malo at 771-2205.

**Registration for Little Flower Preschool for the 2019-2020 school year** will be on a first come first serve basis. Registration will be **February 25, 26, 27 and 28 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the office.** Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and current immunization record. To be eligible for Little Flower preschool children must turn 4 years of age by midnight, July 31, 2019. All children must be toilet trained. If you have any questions please call the school at 776-6258.

**On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and North Dakota Special Olympics, I** would like to say Thank You for your support this past weekend. Because of you, we were able to raise \$400.00 from the Tootsie Rolls and about \$700.00 from the breakfast. God Bless, Grand Knight Randy Malo

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies . . . Give to everyone who asks of you . . . Do to others as you would have them do to you . . . Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. **The St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be continuing their group study—Presence-The Mystery of the Eucharist on February 28 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.** You do not need to be a member to join us as we explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.

**Lent begins Wednesday, March 6.** It is time to collect last year's blessed palms for making ashes. Please bring them to the parish office. Thank you!

**There will be a general meeting of the Christian Mothers, Thursday, March 7.** Rosary will be at 6:45 PM followed by Mass and the meeting. The December Circle is in charge of Mass preparation and refreshments.

**Come one -- Come all to the Rugby Knights of Columbus Fun Night** at the Rugby Eagles Saturday, March 9. Theresa's roast beef dinner will be served. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children ages 6-12 and a family rate of \$30.00. All the money raised during the Fun Night and dinner are given back to the community. Dinner starts at 5:00 PM. The raffle drawings begin at 7:30 PM and tickets will be available at the Fun Night for those who have not had the opportunity to purchase their tickets. See you there. Thank you for your continued support.

### FORMED — The Catholic Faith on Demand Presence—Episode 1: God Is With Us

What's so special about the Eucharist? Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist with the first episode of FORMED's most popular series. Register by going to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and entering our parish code K7Z623 and then explore the many free Catholic selections.

**There are openings to sponsor the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on KZZJ 1450 AM and 92.1 FM Radio.** The cost of each broadcast is \$55.00 and may be made in memory

of loved ones or in honor of special occasions. To sponsor a broadcast please contact Debbie in the parish office at 776-6388 or drop the information in the collection basket. Mass intention/KZZJ broadcast forms are available on the table at the back of the church.

**The Great Plains Food Bank** will be stopping in both **Rugby** and **Towner** on **Thursday, February 28** with their quarterly Mobile Food Pantry. The Mobile Food Pantry consists of pre-packed shelf stable boxes, fresh produce, bakery items and usually one meat option. There is no pre-registration. Anyone in need of food assistance from ANY community is welcome – everyone stays in their cars! If someone cannot attend during the distribution time, is homebound or does not have transportation we welcome others to come pick up for those folks.

The family home is to be a safe haven. But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role, and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world. **Next weekend, March 3/4, Little Flower and St. Mary Parishes are taking a bold step to help families by celebrating Safe Haven Sunday.** This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please contact Rebecca Leier or visit [www.fargodiocese.org/breakingfree](http://www.fargodiocese.org/breakingfree).

**REDEEMED 2019 “Made for Greatness” Men’s Conference.** Bishop John Folda invites all men of the Diocese of Fargo to join him on Saturday, March 30 at the Delta Hotel in Fargo for the REDEEMED 2019 Made for Greatness Men’s Conference. Hear dynamic speakers such as Bill Donaghy (creator of the RISE 30 Day Men’s Challenge), Father Sean Kilcawley (Integrity Restored), Bishop John Folda, and more as they unpack what leads to the authentic greatness. **Early registration is only \$40 through March 10.** For more information or to register visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedmen](http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedmen) or call Brad Gray (701) 356-7903.

**The Center for Ministry Development Workshop,** Connecting Families to Sacramental Ministries for Middle School and High School Youth has been **canceled.** This workshop was to be held on March 8 at St. Catherine’s in Valley City and March 9 at St. John’s in New Rockford.

**The Diocese of Fargo is currently accepting applicants for a PT Respect Life Director.** Email a cover letter, resume and references by Friday, March 29, 2019 to [Barbara.Augdahl@fargodiocese.org](mailto:Barbara.Augdahl@fargodiocese.org).

### *Treasures from Our Tradition*

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service. Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

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- Bremer Bank
- C & H Repair
- Daryl's Refrigeration, LLC
- Deplazes Redi-Mix & Construction
- Envision
- Farmers Union Insurance
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- Harper Oil
- Hi-Way MVP Store
- Integrity Appraisals
- i design
- Knights of Columbus Insurance
- KZZJ AM 1450 and KKWZ 95.3 FM
- Leevers Foods
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- Mack Law Offices, P.C.
- Merchants Bank
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- St. Michel Furniture
- Schaan Crop Insurance
- Schneider Aerial, Inc.
- Voeller Crop Insurance



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

**Monday, February 25** Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29  
5:00 PM (LF) † Betty Hoffert by Michelle Lake

**Tuesday, February 26** Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37  
7:00 AM (LF) † Alice Rozmarynowski by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse  
9:00 AM (HE) Rosary and Communion Service

**Wednesday, February 27** Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40  
10:00 AM (HOSP) † Lilia Hoffart by Ray and Diane Leier  
5:00 PM (LF) † Joseph and Margaret Brossart and Al Brossart by their family

**Thursday, February 28** Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50  
7:00 AM (LF) † Lizzie Keller by Nick and Bernie Senger  
9:00 AM (HE) † Joe Selensky and deceased family members of Joe and Rose Selensky by Rose Selensky and family.

**Friday, March 1** Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12  
9:00 AM (LF) † Helen Hoffert by Paula Binfet

**Saturday, March 2** Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16  
8:00 AM (LF) † Roy Pfeifer by family and friends  
5:00 PM (LF) † Rose Hager by Allie Axtman

**Sunday, March 3** Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-48; Lk 6:39-45 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 AM (LF) † Elizabeth Hoffert by Leo Hoffert  
9:00 AM (SM) † Louise Krebs by Allan and Wanda Follman  
10:30 AM (LF) Mass for the Parish

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on KZZJ is sponsored in memory of Elizabeth Hoffert by Leo Hoffert.

**Stewardship Moment:** *"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." (Luke 6:35)* Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING FEBRUARY 16/17**

Little Flower Parish	Week	Year to Date
Budgeted	\$9,742.00	\$68,194.00
<b>Little Flower Parish</b>	\$5,098.11	\$52,550.16
Increase/Decrease (+ or -)	-\$4,643.89	-\$15,643.84
50 Cents a Day Charity	\$	\$419.50
Children's Donation	\$37.50	\$211.10
<b>St. Mary's (2/10 - 2/17)</b>	\$584.25	\$2,467.29

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards —*  
*"Give, and it shall be given to you.*  
*For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."*  
*What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!*

**SERVING OUR PARISHES MARCH 2/3**

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharist Minister	Family Offertory		
<b>5:00 PM Saturday</b>	Amber Selensky Allison Selensky	Brenda Heilman	Diane Dufner (Homes) Diane Leier (Church)			
<b>8:00 AM Sunday</b>	Luke Arnston Jaden Wald	Sarah Shively	Denise Lagasse (Hosp) Myma Baumann (HE) Rita Graber (Homes)			
<b>10:30 AM Sunday</b>	Anna Clements Aiden Clements Beth Schmaltz	Nicholas Schmaltz	Charlotte Blessum Tom Clements Lori Tangen	Brad and Ashley Wangler		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	Eucharist	Gifts	Church Care
<b>9:00 AM Sunday</b>	Wanda Follman Chris Brossart		Bob Mitzel Al Follman	Wanda Follman	Kenny Bohl Family	Joe Bohl Family Jerald Bohl Family