

THE PARISHES OF:



ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

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OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

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St. Therese Little Flower Parish

Rectory: 776-6388

Parish Office: 776-6388

www.littleflowerrugby.org

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am - 3pm

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass as scheduled on back page

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If a funeral is scheduled at 11am adoration begins at 1pm; if a funeral is scheduled at 2pm adoration will be from 8am - noon.

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY APRIL 12, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 15

Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Little Flower, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Mary's,

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. At the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30th, 2000, Pope St. John Paul II designated the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday.

There will be a Holy Hour at 3:00 pm this afternoon at Little Flower.

Our blessed Lord expressed to St. Faustina his desire that we pray "at three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion" (*Divine Mercy in My Soul Diary*, 1320).

"At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same. When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My Son" (*Divine Mercy in My Soul Diary*, 811).

May God's blessing be in abundance for all who did so much to make the Sacred Triduum and Easter a beautiful celebration.

May you have a Blessed Easter Season!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Frank Miller
Pastor



**St. Mary's Parish
Eucharistic Liturgy**

Sunday 8:30 a.m.



**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish
Eucharistic Liturgy**

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday 9:30 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. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

Communion to the Sick & 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.

**Bulletin announcement deadline:
Noon on Wednesday**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated this Sunday, April 12 with special services at Little Flower Church. Divine Mercy Devotions and Eucharistic Adoration will be held at 3:00 PM. The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. Please join us in celebrating our greatest gift from God, His Divine Mercy. **Saint Faustina's Diary-1109— I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. Then He said to me, My daughter, fear nothing. I am always with you, even if it seems to you that I am not. Your humility draws Me down from My lofty throne, and I unite Myself closely with you.**

Thank you to all who chose to practice Lenten Almsgiving by giving to Catholic Charities North Dakota. We will be collecting boxes during the Easter Octave which ends on April 12th. Please drop off boxes at the parish or school office. Together we learned the importance of the Lenten practices of Praying, Fasting, and Giving to help those in need, close to home, in North Dakota.

Little Flower School Preschool - 6th grade registration for the 2026-2027 school year is set for April 13th and 14th from 1:00 - 4:00 PM and April 15th from 1:00 to 5:30 PM in the school office. All denominations welcome!

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Thursday, April 16 with rosary at 5:00 PM followed by Mass and the meeting.

The Christian Mothers will be meeting on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 PM. There will not be a Mass. April Circle is in charge of the refreshments.

Join us for **Easter Bingo and Popcorn** on Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy food, fellowship, and maybe win a prize. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a Little Flower Catholic School Advisory Council meeting on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 AM.

Little Flower CYO extends our sincere thanks to all who participated in and supported the Living Stations of the Cross. Through prayerful reflection and reverent performance the audience, cast, musicians, and singers helped lead our parish more deeply into the mystery of Christ's Passion. We are also grateful to all who donated so generously in support of this meaningful devotion. May God bless you abundantly for sharing your time, talents, and faith so generously.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Balta, will be serving a pancake breakfast at the Rugby Eagles on Sunday, April 26. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, and juice from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. A bake sale will also be held, featuring a variety of homemade treats. Everyone is welcome. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Due to retirement Little Flower Parish is seeking a Parish Secretary to support the daily operations of our parish office. This role includes greeting visitors, managing parish records, preparing weekly communications, and assisting the pastor and staff. The ideal candidate has organizational and multitasking skills, is detail-oriented, proficient with parish office software, basic financial recordkeeping, and familiar with Catholic parish life. Hourly wage (32-40 hours/week), retirement and health care benefits. To apply, submit a résumé to franklin.miller@fargodiocese.org or bring it to the parish office. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rugby is hosting an Italian Night Supper on Saturday, April 18th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. They invite you to join them for lasagna, spaghetti, tortellini alfredo, salads, bread and desserts. Freewill offering. Dine in or carry out.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, April 12

Second Sunday of Easter—Sunday of Divine Mercy

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- Divine Mercy Devotions 3:00 PM

Monday, April 13

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM
- LFCS Preschool - 6th grade registration 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, April 14

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- LFCS Preschool - 6th grade registration 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- Little Flower Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 15

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- LFCS Preschool - 6th grade registration 1:00 - 5:30 PM
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM
- Praise the Lord RE Early Out—Grades 7-12 1:45 - 3:15 PM; Grades 1-6 5:30 - 6:30 PM; Kindergarten 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 16

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Hospital Mass 10:30 AM
- CDA Rosary 5:00 PM with Mass and meeting following
- Christian Mothers meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, April 17

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with a movie following in Dorothy's Room

Saturday, April 18

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM
- Confession 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 19

Third Sunday of Easter

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- Easter Bingo and Popcorn 2:00 PM

Thank you to those who donated Easter Flowers as memorials for loved ones at Little Flower Parish:

Emanuel Hager and parents and siblings by Bergetta Hager and family
 Lorraine Axtman by John Axtman
 Matt and Marie Axtman and Darlene Goven by Judith Axtman
 Axtman and Senger Families by Christine Axtmann
 Joe Binfet by Paula Binfet
 Garth Senechal by Jay and Charlotte Burkhartsmeier
 Leo & Gary Degenstein; Julius & Mary Kuntz; Jim & Phyllis Degenstein by Maggie Degenstein
 Archie & Monica Grove; Walter & Anne Duchscher by Chuck and Linda Duchscher
 Jim, Curt, Carla Duchscher, Jack & Amelia Duchscher; Joe & Barbara Schmaltz;
 Teresa Lauinger by Mary M Duchscher
 Mike Ebach and deceased family by Mary Ebach
 Our parents by Dale and Patricia Fedje
 Calvin Helm by Mardelle Helm
 Deceased family members by Richard and Faye Hoffart
 George & Frances Jundt; Bob Jundt & son, Coty; Jeremy, Anthony, & Delwyn Klein by Mary Kitzman
 Deceased family members by John Kuntz, Jr.
 Roy Pfeifer and deceased family members by Janice Pfeifer
 Genny Berg and Luke Selensky by Linda Reamer
 Paul Ripplinger, Anthony & Lena Schneibel, Joseph & Walburga Ripplinger by Linda Ripplinger
 Ken Schaan by Marlene Schaan
 James and Luke Selensky by Bernice Selensky
 Jack and Mary Brossart by Ronald and Pauline Selzler
 George and Christine Kraft; Richard Kraft by Marlene Smith
 Leo Vetter by Barb Vetter
 Deceased family members by Lloyd and Mary Voeller

In thanksgiving to parents for the gift of life by Neil Pfeifer

General Donations

Kathy Blessum	Vernice Brossart
Dennis & Gail Danielson	Bruce and Rita Dokken
Diane Dufner	Rita Graber
John and Wendy Groves	Rick and Teri Koenig
Myrna Muffenbier	Ralph and Carol Schmidt
John Voeller	Dale and Kris Wangler

Divine Mercy 3 o'clock Prayer

You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

	2026	2025
April 4-5, 2026		
Little Flower	\$9,561.25	\$6,644.59
April 5, 2026	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$	\$3,019.24
OLMC		

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$62,558
Pledged	\$33,651
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$3,999
Pledged	\$3,483
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,934
Pledged	\$5,852

St. Therese the Little Flower

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Catholic Daughters

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Parish Music Ministry

Susan Hoffert



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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Mass Schedule

(LF-Little Flower; SM-St. Mary; OLMC-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel; HE-Haaland Estates; HOSP - Hospital)

Monday, April 13

7:30 AM (LF)
5:15 PM (LF)
5:45 PM (LF)

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8 Saint Martin I

† Bob Graber and deceased family members of Rita Graber
† Teresa Lauinger by the Rosary Makers
Adoration

Tuesday, April 14

7:30 AM (LF)
8:00 AM (LF)
9:00 AM (HE)

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

† Curtis Roerick by family and friends
Adoration
† Delores Hager by Denise and Ken Koble

Wednesday, April 15

7:30 AM (LF)
9:30 AM (OLMC)
5:15 PM (LF)

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

† Larry Schumacker by a friend
No Mass Scheduled
† Clem Brossart by Angie Busch

Thursday, April 16

7:30 AM (LF)
8:00 AM (LF)
9:00 AM (HE)
10:30 AM (Hosp)
5:15 PM (LF)

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

† Ted Mitzel by Anthony and Angie Deplazes
Adoration
† Ed Selensky by friends and family
† Loretta Heilman by HAMC Nursing Staff
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Friday, April 17

7:30 AM (LF)
9:00 AM (LF)

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

† Anna Schaan by Anthony and Angie Deplazes
† Jane Roth by Ray and Diane Leier

Saturday, April 18

8:00 AM (LF)
5:00 PM (LF)

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

† Doreen Vetter by Barb Vetter and family
† Joe P Haman by Nancy Voeller

Sunday, April 19

8:00 AM (LF)
8:30 AM (SM)
10:30 AM (LF)
10:30 AM (OLMC)

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

† Dennis and Bill Muffenbier by Myrna Muffenbier and family
† Harvey Leonard by Bob and Diane Fritel
Mass for the People
† Beatrice Mattern by LeeAllen and Becky Leier

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Dennis and Bill Muffenbier by Myrna Muffenbier and family.

SERVING OUR PARISHES APRIL 18-19

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion			
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Chuck Teigen	Diane Dufner Joyce Teigen			
8:00 AM Sunday	Braden Brossart Beric Brossart	Rita Graber	Rose Schneibel			
10:30 AM Sunday	Levi Selensky Grant Teigen Rhett Teigen	Carter Teigen	Brian Blessum Sue Blessum			
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman	Bryant Bohl Brookelynn Bohl	Adam Lynn Bohl Darrell Hoffart	Philip Volk	Darrel Hoffart	Adam & Twyla Bohl
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel		Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care	
10:30 AM Sunday		Pete Burgard	Volunteers	Alice Bohl	Ron Kremer, Eric Kremer, LeeAllen Leier, Wayne Leier	