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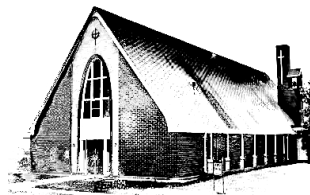


ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

218 3RD STREET SE, RUGBY, ND

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OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

301 MAIN STREET N, BALTA ND



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 26, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 17

Dear friends in Christ:

I am happy to offer my support and encouragement to the Knights of Columbus of North Dakota. The Knights of Columbus are one of the most faithful and active lay organizations in the Church, and they have made a profound contribution to the Church's mission since their founding in Connecticut in 1883.

When Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney established the very first Knights of Columbus council, he recognized the importance of inviting Catholic men to deeper faith, active service, and works of charity. He also wisely saw the importance of calling Catholic laymen to take their place as leaders in the Church. His vision has borne abundant fruit in the Knights of Columbus, who today are among the most dedicated and generous members of our parishes and throughout the universal Church.

The Knights of Columbus have a strong commitment to charity for those in need. Their original mission to support destitute families has continued and expanded to include assistance to those who suffer through illness, natural disaster, financial crisis, and warfare. They support family life and are among the greatest defenders of the sanctity of every human life, both young and old.

The dedication of the Knights of Columbus to the Church is unparalleled. They are the "strong right arm of the Church," a group of men ready to step up and help wherever there is a need. The Knights are active in their parishes, and always willing to assist their pastors. In my own experience, they were always willing to lend a hand and did whatever they could to support the life and work of the parish. They also have great reverence for the bishops of the Church, and especially for our Holy Father as the Successor of Peter and the Vicar of Christ.

The Knights of Columbus have a special dedication to priests and priestly vocations. Every year the Knights make an extraordinary contribution to the priestly formation of our seminarians. They recognize how important these young men are to the life of the Church, and they make it possible for our seminarians to prepare for their own priestly service to God's people. They are equally devoted to consecrated religious and support them in their complete dedication to God and their prophetic witness in the world.

One of the best features of the Knights of Columbus is their invitation to Christian fraternity. The members have an opportunity to meet other good, Catholic men, and form bonds of friendship and brotherhood through prayer and service. They become a band of brothers united in Christ.

Above and beyond their many good works, the Knights of Columbus strive to grow as good men, good followers of Jesus Christ, good husbands, and good fathers. The spiritual formation of their members is paramount in the mission and vision of the Knights of Columbus, and this strong foundation sets them on a path to virtue, holiness, and happiness.

To all of my brother Knights of Columbus, thank you for your faithfulness, your charity, and your steadfastness. You are a blessing to the Church, to your families, and to the communities in which you live. And to all Catholic men eighteen years of age or older, I invite you to join the Knights of Columbus. You will be joining one of the finest organizations of Catholic men in the Church and in the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Handwritten signature of John T. Folda]

†Most Reverend John T. Folda
Bishop of Fargo



St. Mary's Parish Eucharistic Liturgy

Sunday 10:30 a.m.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Eucharistic Liturgy

Sunday 8:30 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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday, April 26

##### Fourth 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
- OLMC Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Rugby Eagles

#### Monday, April 27

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

#### Tuesday, April 28

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Little Flower Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM

#### Wednesday, April 29

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM
- RE Praise the Lord Day (Early Out)

#### Thursday, April 30

- 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

#### Friday, May 1

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with a movie following in Dorothy's Room
- LFCS Marathon 12:30 PM

#### Saturday, May 2

- 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, May 3

##### Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



Pancake  
Breakfast &  
Bake Sale

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.



Food  
Pantry

Everyone is invited to the Pierce County Food Pantry Open House on Sunday, April 26 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the Rugby Armory.

The 28th annual Little Flower Catholic School Marathon is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2026 at 12:30 PM. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind!" is the theme for the 2026 Little Flower Catholic School Marathon. This is the students' MOST EXCITING fundraiser, as they get to bike/walk/run with their friends while trusting God in all that they do as well as raise money for their education! Each year the students log miles for your specific prayer intentions and our school. This year's marathon could not be possible without supporters, like you. Please consider supporting our mission and school to provide strong leaders, strong work ethics, and strong family values. If you are able to help, please choose the most convenient form of donation:

- Check payable to "Little Flower School PTO" and mail to Little Flower School, 306 3rd Ave SE, Rugby, ND 58368.
- Website [www.lfcsrugby.com](http://www.lfcsrugby.com) scroll down, select the "marathon donations" button, then click on Little Flower School donations. Please include in the note that it is for the marathon and which family you are sponsoring.
- Venmo—search Little Flower School PTO Rugby @lfcspto. In the memo line please indicate which student/family you are supporting.

Thank you for your generous support! All are invited to the community open house in the church basement at 2:25 PM.

**Altar Servers, Weekend Mass Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** We will be working on the summer ministry schedule including the months of June, July, and August shortly. Please contact the parish office at 776-6388 or [lfparish@gondtc.com](mailto:lfparish@gondtc.com) by **May 4, 2026** with the dates you are not available to serve in your respective ministries. This message was also sent via email. If we do not have your current email address or phone number please contact the parish office with this information as well. Anyone interested in serving as an altar server, lector or extraordinary minister of holy communion please contact the parish office.



**KC Scholarship opportunity!** To be eligible for a scholarship through the Knights of Columbus, seniors must have a father or grandfather who is a member of the Knights of Columbus organization. If interested contact Brian Blessum or the parish office by May 20, 2026.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish youth will be recognized at the 8:30 AM Mass on May 10, followed by a potluck meal.** We will celebrate our graduating seniors: Jaxon Heilman, Alyssa Peterson, and Caleb Schaan. We also rejoice with our children, Kruz Duchscher, Eli Kremer and Oliver Leier, in receiving their sacraments. This gathering is an opportunity for our parish to come together in faith, fellowship, and gratitude. Let us extend our heartfelt congratulations and blessings to our youth as they take important steps in their spiritual and personal journeys. We encourage all parish members to participate, bring a dish, and share in the joy of this special occasion.

**Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today!** Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions). Little Flower donation envelopes may be found in your stewardship packets or at the front entrance of the church. Donation envelopes are included in the bulletins for St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

**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, flexible hours, retirement and health care benefits. To apply, submit a résumé to [franklin.miller@fargodiocese.org](mailto:franklin.miller@fargodiocese.org) or bring it to the parish office. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

**Franciscan Day of Reflection.** You are invited to join us on Saturday, May 16th for a Day of Reflection (in-person or online). This month's theme, as we continue our Franciscan Spiritual Pilgrimage, will be "Saint Clare's Garden". The event lasts from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Suggested donation is \$30. Contact Sr. Mary Ruth with questions at [smaryruth@sfcaretreats.org](mailto:smaryruth@sfcaretreats.org) or 701-242-7195. Registration is appreciated by the Wednesday prior to the retreat. Register at [www.sfcaretreats.org/events-schedule/](http://www.sfcaretreats.org/events-schedule/)

**Join us May 5-7 for Real Presence Radio's spring live drive!** Tune in 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM CT to hear real stories from people whose lives have been transformed by Catholic radio. Tune in on 1370/92.5 in Grand Forks, 91.3 FM in Harvey or listen online at [RealPresenceRadio.com](http://RealPresenceRadio.com).

### Stewardship Moments

*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" ACTS 2:38*

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

### STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

	2026	2025
April 18-19, 2026		
Little Flower	\$14,976.11	\$12,918.90
April 19, 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	\$38,841
<b>St. Mary's</b>	
Goal	\$3,999
Pledged	\$3,483
<b>OLMC</b>	
Goal	\$8,934
Pledged	\$6,442

### St. Therese the Little Flower

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### Catholic Daughters

Valerie Bachmeier, Regent

### Parish Music Ministry

Glenda Mack - 776-5179

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Deb Black, President 681-0192



### St. Mary's Catholic Church

#### Religious Education

Lisa Volk

#### Parish Council

Kenny Bohl

#### St. Mary's Ladies Society

Kristen Bohl

#### Parish Music Ministry

Susan Hoffert



### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

#### Religious Education

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#### Parish Council

Pete Burgard

#### Altar Society

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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 27**

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

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Birthday Blessings for Barb Vetter by her family  
† Larry and Clayton Millang by Chuck and Linda Duchscher  
Adoration

**Tuesday, April 28**

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

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30 St Peter Chanel, St Louis Grignon de Montfort

† Ken Schaan by Isaac and Kory Schaan  
Adoration  
† Loretta Heilman by Christine Axtmann

**Wednesday, April 29**

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

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50 Saint Catherine of Siena

† Curtis Roerick by family and friends  
† Curtis and John Bohl by Roxanne Muffenbier  
† Katherine Haman by the Greenhouse Gang

**Thursday, April 30**

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

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20 Saint Pius V

† Bernie Volk by Anthony and Angie Deplazes  
Adoration  
† Elaine Kraft by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker  
† Beatrice Schmaltz by Eric and Maria Boren

**Friday, May 1**

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

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6 Saint Joseph the Worker

† Barbara Kuntz by Chuck and Linda Duchscher  
† Agnes Heilman by John Heilman

**Saturday, May 2**

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

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 Saint Athanasius

† John Bohl by Duane and Jeni Heilman  
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
† Frances Jundt by Mary Kitzman and family

**Sunday, May 3**

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

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Living and deceased family members of Angie Busch  
Mass for the People

† Joseph Fritel by Dan and Donna Brossart  
† Ray McGann by Bob and Diane Fritel

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Angie Busch for her living and deceased family members.

**SERVING OUR PARISHES MAY 2-3**

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector		Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Theone Stevenson		Diane Dufner Deb Millang		
8:00 AM Sunday	Braden Brossart Beric Brossart		Jennie Brossart		Rose Schneibel		
10:30 AM Sunday	Finnley Zwingel Crosby Zwingel Brenna Zwingel		Paisley Wangler		Angie Busch Marlene Schaan		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning	
10:30 AM Sunday	Diane Fritel Phillip Volk	Titus Volk Mason Bohl	David Bohl Bob Fritel	Mark Hoffert	Mark Hoffert Family	Bob and Diane Fritel	
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector		Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
8:30 AM Sunday	Kevin Leier		Harper Leier Clara Leier	Erin Schaan	Kevin Leier, Shane Peterson, Riley Schaan, Darold Schmaltz		