

THE PARISHES OF:



**ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER**

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**ST. MARY'S**

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**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 a.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass as scheduled on back page

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Saturday 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday 5:45 p.m. - Midnight  
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
If a funeral is scheduled at 11am adoration begins at 1:00pm; if a funeral is scheduled at 2:00pm adoration will be from 8:00am - noon.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2023 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 46 NO. 49

*Message from our Pastor*

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

"A voice of one crying out in the desert: prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (Mk 1:3). The Gospel of the second Sunday of Advent reminds us of our need to be open to the message of Christmas, which is often forgotten in the midst of all the lights and glitter. Our Blessed Lord desires to share his life with each of us so that we may become an instrument of his saving grace for those whom we share our life with every day. Let each of us prepare for his coming, which is soon to be!

"We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming he was seen on earth, dwelling among men; he himself testifies that they saw him and hated him. In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty. Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, he will appear as our life; in this middle coming, he is our rest and consolation" (From a sermon by St. Bernard, Abbot).

May you have a blessed Advent week!

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 9:00 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 ADVENT



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### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday, December 10

##### Second Sunday of Advent

- Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- LF Religious Education Class 9:15 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- LF School Christmas Program 2:00 PM

#### Monday, December 11

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Adoration 5:45 PM - midnight
- LF Parish Council meeting 7:00 PM

#### Tuesday, December 12

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Home Mass 9:00 AM
- Eucharist: *Studying the Mass in the Bible* Class 7 PM

#### Wednesday, December 13

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:00 AM
- CYO Early Out—Reconciliation Service
- LF Advent Reconciliation Service 3 and 7 PM

#### Thursday, December 14

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Home Mass 9:00 AM
- Hospital Mass 10:30 AM
- Saint Vincent de Paul meeting 7:00 PM

#### Friday, December 15

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

#### Saturday, December 16

- 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, December 17

##### Third Sunday of Advent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- LF RE Family Christmas Program 9:00 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- Holiday Bingo and Popcorn 2:00 PM

**Support a lifetime of service.** Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those most in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

**The Little Flower Christmas Program, *The Legend of the Christmas King*** is scheduled for December 10 at 2:00 PM at the Rugby High School Auditorium. All are invited to attend.

**Little Flower Parish Council meeting Monday, December 11 at 7:00 PM.**



**The Knights of Columbus** monthly council meeting will be on Wednesday, December 13 beginning with supper at 6:00 PM and the meeting following.



**Advent Reconciliation Services** will be held at Little Flower Parish on Wednesday, December 13 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several priests will be available. Please plan on being present at the beginning of each service. Additional local Advent Reconciliation Services - Bottineau, December 10 at 7:00 PM; Towner, December 11 at 7:00 PM.

**Little Flower CYO** will be heading out to "sing" Christmas cheer to the Rugby Community on December 20 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. If you have a special someone who would enjoy a visit from the CYO Christmas carolers, call the parish at 776-6388 and leave a name, address and favorite carol before December 13.



**The St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** will be meeting on December 14 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room. Anyone interested in helping them as they prepare Christmas Bags for the Correctional Center are welcome to join them.



Join us for **Holiday Bingo and Popcorn** on Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy food, fellowship, and maybe win a prize. Everyone is welcome.



**End of Year Donations:** Thank you for your generosity and monetary contributions to our parishes during the past year. All additional donations and contributions which you would like claimed in the 2023 year **must be** received by the **December 25 weekend collection** in order to be recorded on our records. Please be sure to include any Special Collection contributions you may have overlooked during the year but want to include.

**The 10,000 Rosary Challenge** continues until December 31, 2023 at Little Flower, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Mary's Parishes. Forms to record the number of rosaries you have prayed are available on the table at the front of the church. Completed forms may be placed in the box at the front entrance of the church or in the collection basket. Currently 3,148 rosaries have been prayed. Thank you to all those who have dedicated their time to praying the rosary. We all need to pray!!

**Bishop Folda is asking that a second collection be taken up on the weekend of December 16-17, 2023 for humanitarian and parish assistance in the Holy Land.** The funds raised will be sent to the Latin Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Please make checks payable to Little Flower Church.

**The Pierce County Food Pantry will be delivering Christmas Food Baskets** to families who could use a little extra help this time of year. We will need volunteers to help deliver at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 16 at the Rugby Armory. If you can help, call Vonnie at 776-5597. Thank you.

**Poinsettias for Christmas at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.** Anyone interested in purchasing a poinsettia to decorate Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church for Christmas please bring the poinsettia to the church. Please contact Jane Gross at 776-5124 with any questions.

**Poinsettias for Christmas at Little Flower:** Donations are being accepted to adorn 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.

**Are you able to spend one hour in Eucharistic Adoration with our Lord?** Come and experience the Hope, Peace, Faith, and Joy of Advent. Imagine the many blessings awaiting you! **We currently need someone for the 11:00 AM - noon hour on Tuesday and from 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 14 and December 21.** Consider teaming up with a friend or family member to fulfill the commitment. For those who are unable to make a commitment, subs are a great blessing to this devotion. Adoration times are: Monday from 5:45 PM - midnight; Tuesday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM; and Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. If you would like to participate in this devotion please contact the parish office at 776-6388.



**Little Flower School PTO PRAY 365 prayer/fundraising campaign for the 2024 calendar year is underway!** Last year's campaign was a great success with so many intentions prayed for by our students and staff! We hopefully touched many lives through the power of prayer and want to continue for 2024. You can reserve any calendar date in 2024 to honor someone or a special intention which will be prayed for during the school's weekly assembly. Days will be taken on a first come, first served basis so claim your dates quickly! Dates can be reserved for \$25 per day. For more information or to make a reservation call Jennie Brossart @ 701-208-0962.

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING**

December 2-3, 2023	2023	2022
Little Flower Parish	\$17,581.17	\$7,112.05
December 3, 2023	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$360.26	\$16,746.32
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	\$	\$1,400.00

**2023 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL CAMPAIGN**

Little Flower Parish	Year to Date
Goal	\$73,325
Pledged	\$45,276
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,867
Pledged	\$3,725
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	
Goal	\$9,858
Pledged	\$3,980

**St. Therese the Little Flower**

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**Christian Mothers**

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**Catholic Daughters**

Dorice Duchscherer, Regent

**Parish Music Ministry**

Glenda Mack - 776-5179

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

Deb Black, President 681-0192



**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

**Religious Education**

Chelbie Bohl  
 Kristen Bohl

**Parish Council**

Mark Hoffert

**St. Mary's Ladies Society**

Kristen Bohl

**Parish Music Ministry**

Susan Hoffert



**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

**Religious Education**

Samantha Wentz

**Parish Council**

Pete Burgard

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

<b>Monday, December 11</b>	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26 Saint Damasus I 7:30 AM (LF) Special Intention 5:15 PM (LF) † Bertha Schell by LeeAllen and Rebecca Leier 5:45 PM (LF) Adoration
<b>Tuesday, December 12</b>	Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:39-47 Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:30 AM (LF) † Francis and Delores Pfeifer by Gerold and Leanne Pfeifer 8:00 AM (LF) Adoration 9:00 AM (HE) † Daniel Koenig by Brian and Sue Blessum
<b>Wednesday, December 13</b>	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30 Saint Lucy 7:30 AM (LF) † Leonard Schmaltz by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker 9:00 AM (OLMC) † Neil Mack by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse 5:15 PM (LF) † Virgil Haman by Veronica Haman and Family
<b>Thursday, December 14</b>	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15 Saint John of the Cross 7:30 AM (LF) † Ron Brossart by Dan and Donna Brossart 8:00 AM (LF) Adoration 9:00 AM (HE) † Ann Hager by Regina Eisenzimmer 10:30 AM (Hosp) Families of the Parish by the Christian Mothers
<b>Friday, December 15</b>	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19 7:30 AM (LF) † Mikala and Ken Jordan by Rebecca Jordan 9:00 AM (LF) † Christopher Brewer by Diane Peyerl
<b>Saturday, December 16</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 8:00 AM (LF) Birthday Blessing for Leanne Pfeifer by her family Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28 Third Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM (LF) † Chad Mears and Doreen Volk by Wendelin Ebach
<b>Sunday, December 17</b>	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28 Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 AM (LF) † Daniel Brossart and all deceased relatives by Isabel Brossart and family 8:30 AM (SM) † Casper Volk by Fritz and Verena Wolf 10:30 AM (LF) Mass for the People 10:30 AM (OLMC) † Thomas and Elizabeth Burgard by Pete and Kim Burgard and family

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Daniel Brossart and all deceased family members by Isabel Brossart and family.

**SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 16-17**

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Brenda Heilman	Dorice Duchscherer Deb Millang		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Angela Hoffert	Rose Schneibel		
10:30 AM Sunday	Samantha Blessum Chelsea Blessum Lyric Fritel		Rebecca Leier	Kenneth Schaan Marlene Schaan		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman Mark Hoffert	Bria Brossart Braden Brossart	Chris Brossart Jerald Bohl	Chris Brossart Wanda Follman	Ed Volk	Kenny Bohl Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
10:30 AM Sunday	Pete Burgard	Caleb Schaan Meagan Schaan	Diane Muffenbier	Scott Filler, Jane Gross, Wes Hall, Joe Haman		