

THE PARISHES OF:



ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

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St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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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 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 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.

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Message from our Pastor

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

The special year of St. Joseph ended on December 8th. It was a year to learn more about the man who was the father of Jesus while our savior lived on earth. We are eternally grateful to St. Joseph for his intercession on the world's behalf during this past year and we look forward to his continued guidance on our behalf in the future. "Thus, everyone can find in Saint Joseph, the man who goes unnoticed, the man of daily presence, of discreet and hidden presence, an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of difficulty" (Pope Francis, *General Audience*, 24 November 2021).

Advent is a time to be aware of the coming visitation of our savior, Jesus Christ, anew for us as we continue to mature in faith, hope and love. For he comes to help us deal with the world in which we live and to be our everlasting hope. As we may have experienced in the past, the world and our lives can change quickly and unexpectedly.

Advent facilitates the changing of our lives, drastically if necessary, so that when he comes, we will not be like so many at his birth who failed to recognize the presence of the savior in their times. "...wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him" (Mt. 2:1b-3). Do not be frightened, "it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Tim 1:10).

Let us pray that each of us will welcome the Christ child in a significant way this coming Christmas. For at our saviors birth the shepherds heard the "Good News" as the angels sang and the Wise Men from the east saw a moving star in the heavens, which led them to encounter the Christ child. Wise men seek him today!

May this Advent continue to be a blessing to everyone!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Frank Miller



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 6:00 p.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 & 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- LF Religious Ed 9:15 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- St. Mary's Rel Ed 9:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM

Monday, December 13

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

Tuesday, December 14

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Mass at the Haaland Home 9 AM

Wednesday, December 15

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Mass 6PM
- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Rel Ed 6:30 PM
- LFS Christmas Program 7 PM
- LF Advent Reconciliation Services 3 PM and 7PM
- Rel Ed 7PM Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 16

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Mass at the Haaland Home 9AM
- Mass at the Hospital 10:30 AM

Friday, December 17

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- LF Mass at 9:00 AM with a movie following in Dorothy's Room. Everyone Welcome!

Saturday, December 18

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM
- Confessions 9:00 - 10:00 AM; 4:15 - 5:00 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- LF Religious Ed Program 9:00 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- St. Mary's Rel Ed 9:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Children's Mass 10:30 AM with Pot Luck to follow Mass

Advent Reconciliation Services will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at 3PM and 7PM. Parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please plan on being present at the beginning of each service.

Little Flower School has rescheduled their Christmas program. It will be held on Wednesday, December 15th at 7 PM in the Tilman Hovland Auditorium at the Rugby High School. Grades 1-6 will present "Mystery of Simon Shepherd". Grades PreK and Kindergarten will also perform.

Altar Servers, Weekend Mass Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: The schedule for the months of January - May, 2022 will be prepared soon. Please contact the parish office at 776-6388 or email lfparish@gondtc.com by **December 15** with the dates you are **not** able to serve in your respective ministries. If your contact information, phone number or email address, has changed please contact us with the updated information.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist says, "whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none.

And whoever has food should do likewise..."

This year, through your generous gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are in need, by assisting in 29 home visits, providing \$755 in food, \$282 in clothing, \$285 in gas/travel, and \$5,670 for utility and rent bills. Thank you and God Bless you!!

The Little Flower Sunday School Christmas Program will be held at 9AM on Sunday, December 19th. Make plans to join the children as they share their Advent program, "Gifts of Christmas" in the Msgr. Cloos Dining Room. The program will begin at 9AM followed by fellowship, goodies and pictures with the "Advent Angel". Please bring a plate of Christmas treats to share.

The 10,000 Rosary Challenge continues until December 31, 2021 at Little Flower, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Mary's Parishes. Together lets pray for peace in our country, for healing in our families, and for all the other needs of our families and community. Forms are available at the back of the church to record the number of rosaries you have prayed. If you wish to remain anonymous you do not need to fill in your name. Completed forms may be placed in the box at the back of the church or in the collection basket. We currently stand at **4276** rosaries said. **Keep praying!!**

Our Lady of Mt Carmel will hold a Children's Mass on Sunday December 19 at 10:30 AM. Pot Luck meal to follow. All welcome!!

Poinsettias for Christmas at Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Donations are being accepted to adorn our church for Christmas. Please contact Jane Gross at 776-5124 if you are interested. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 24th at 4PM. We encourage children to take an active part in the Mass, as part of the procession, singing in the choir or as lectors. Parents who wish for their children to participate, should contact the religious education office by December 20th. There will be a short practice, in the church after school on Tuesday, December 21st.

FAMILY HOME MOVIE NIGHT: Build your family's Domestic Church with great faith-filled movies. Check out amazing family movies from the large selection at Little Flower Parish. Movies will be available in the Msgr. Cloos Dining Room the first Sunday of each month after all Masses. Movies are always available for check-out and returns, Monday - Thursday in the Religious Education office.

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.

Choose your task-choose your time. Little Flower Church gets a general cleaning twice a year, before Christmas and Easter. Family, single or retired men and women... all parishioners are asked to please help care for your beautiful church. There is something to do for everyone, even the smallest of tasks if you can't physically do others. Sign up sheets are available at all entrances. Thank you!!

The **Knights of Columbus will be holding a membership initiation** on January 12th. We invite all men of the parish to join the KCs and become part of Christ's hands. You may contact Mike Voeller at 681-1516 or any KC member to ask about becoming a Knight or simply email rugbykc@gondtc.com.

"AMEN" is a free Catholic app created by the Augustine Institute that brings you beautiful prayers, faithful meditation, advent reflections and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body and soul to rest in God. Signup online at <https://amenapp.org> or the Apple store.

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 2021 year must be received by the December 26 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.

Are you able to spend one hour in Eucharistic Adoration with our Lord? Times available—Monday from 5:45 PM - midnight; Tuesday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM; and Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Consider teaming up with a friend or family member to fulfill the commitment. If you would like to participate in this devotion please contact the parish office at 776-6388.

Stewardship Moment

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

November 20-21	2021	2020
Little Flower Parish	\$7,383.00	\$7,006.25
Children's Collection	\$	\$
November 21	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$	\$15,192.61
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	\$133.00	\$20,788.24

2021 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL CAMPAIGN

Little Flower Parish	Year to Date
Goal	\$68,057
Pledged	\$55,159
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$5,355
Pledged	\$4,570
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	
Goal	\$9,573
Pledged	\$7,028

St. Therese the Little Flower

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Parish Music Ministry

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Mass Schedule

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

Monday, December 13

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

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27 Saint Lucy
Women of the Parish by the Christian Mothers
† Annie Burckhard by her family
Adoration

Tuesday, December 14

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

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32 Saint John of the Cross
† Robert Graber by Christine Axtmann
Adoration
† Fred Vetsch by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse (Priests only)

Wednesday, December 15

7:00 AM (Convent)
7:30 AM (LF)
5:15 PM (LF)
6:00 PM (OLMC)

Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7:18-23
† Danny Roy by Anthony and Angie Deplazes
Birthday Blessings for Judy Heintz by her family
† Julianne Halvorson by Joe and Mary Schmaltz
Special Intention of Jamie Scott Family by Duane Eisenzimmer

Thursday, December 16

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

Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
† Jerry Blessum by Chuck and Linda Duchscher
Adoration
† Duane and Irene Baillie by James and Sharon Juliar (Priests only)
† Frank Volk by Mary Kitzman (Priests only)

Friday, December 17

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

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Birthday Blessings for Leanne Pfeifer by her family
† Clem Schmaltz by Mike and Vernice Brossart

Saturday, December 18

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

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
† Frank Volk by Maggie Sitter
Walt, Elizabeth, Leona, Ron Miltenburger by Walt Miltenburger Family

Sunday, December 19

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

Mi 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45 Fourth Sunday of Advent
† Casimer and Helen Hoffert by Kevin and Valerie Bachmeier
† Clem Schmaltz by Doug and Shelley Mundahl
Mass for Parish
† Curtis Bohl by Brian Axtman

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on KZZJ 1450 AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Marge Heilman and family in memory of their deceased family members.

SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 18-19

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharist Minister	Family Offertory		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Kathleen Heilman	Dorice Duchscherer			
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Angela Hoffert	Rose Schneibel Valerie Bachmeier			
10:30 AM Sunday	Zachary Selensky Carter Teigen Rhett Teigen	Barbara Vetter	Joe Schmaltz Mary Schmaltz	Jamie and Jeremy Wald		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	Eucharist	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Jennifer Brossart Mark Hoffert	Cole Anderson Bria Brossart Braden Brossart	Chris Brossart Jerald Bohl	Tyson Follman Wanda Follman	Ed Volk	Mark Hoffert Family Blaine Pfeifer Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	Eucharist Minister	Church Care		
10:30 AM Sunday	Pete Burgard	Alex Berndt Lucas Wentz	Ken Schaan	Ron Kremer, Wayne Leier, Rita Mitzel, Larry Muffenbier		