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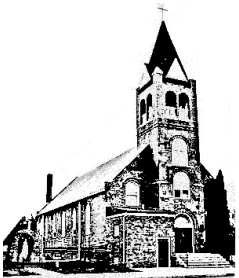
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**St. Therese Little Flower Parish**

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 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. - Cancelled  
Sunday 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. - Cancelled

**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 Parishioners of Little Flower, St. Mary, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,

“The Word became flesh so that thus we might know God's love: ‘In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 458). “The Word became flesh to be our model of holiness: ‘Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.’ ... Jesus is the model for the Beatitudes and the norm of the new law: ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’ This love implies an effective offering of oneself, after his example” (*CCC*, 459).” “The Word became flesh to make us ‘partakers of the divine nature’ (*CCC*, 460).” What makes Christmas so wonderful year after year is the knowledge and belief that we are to become “ever-new.” The “old ways,” the actions, ideas, and thoughts not of God in our life, will pass away and there will be a new birth of life and love within our heart. “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God” (Mt. 5:8).

It is very easy to get caught up in the commercialization of the Christmas season. The buying and acquiring gifts can often lead us to forget that our Blessed Lord is the most precious gift to receive and he has come to us through the love of Mary of Nazareth. As Disciples of Christ, we strive to echo her words; “My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my savior” (Lk 1:46a).

Please do not let COVID-19 keep you from receiving the Blessed Sacrament of his Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ this Christmas. COVID-19 protocols and guidelines are followed. The use of masks is not mandatory but encouraged.

May Our Lord Jesus Christ come into our lives this Christmas in such a way that everyone may know that he is the “light of the world” (Jn 8:12b).

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 6:15 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



## What's Happening This Week

### Sunday, December 13

#### Third Sunday of Advent

- Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
- 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
- LF Religious Ed Class 9:15 AM
- LF *Into the Breach* men's video series 7 PM

### Monday, December 14

- Funeral Mass for Duane Baillie 2:00 PM
- Little Flower Mass 5:15 PM
- Adoration 5:45 PM - midnight
- Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, December 15

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

### Wednesday, December 16

- Mass at the Convent 7:15 AM
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- LF Advent Reconciliation Service 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM
- Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel 6:15 PM
- LF Jr./Sr. CYO & Parents class 6:00 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Religious Ed 7 PM

### Thursday, December 17

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Home Mass 9:00 AM
- Advent Day of Reflection 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- SSVdP Group Study 7:00 PM

### Friday, December 18

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

### Saturday, December 19

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM
- Confession 9:00 - 10:30 AM in the wings of the church
- Little Flower Mass 5:00 PM

### Sunday, December 20

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 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
- LF Sunday School Christmas Program Broadcast at noon
- LF *Into the Breach* men's video series 7 PM

We welcome into our parish family Gunnar Christopher Heilman the son of Christopher and Jenny Heilman who was baptized at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish this weekend. "Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism." CCC 1277

**Make a Difference.** "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. **Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.**

The Little Flower Finance/Pastoral Council will meet Monday, December 14 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.

**Advent Reconciliation Services** will be held at Little Flower Parish on Wednesday, December 16 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM and at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Wednesday, December 23 at 6:45 PM. 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.

The 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade High School Religious Education Parents are invited to join their teens for class and "The Judges Challenge" on December 16 from 6 - 7 PM in Dorothy's Room. Come and hear current data about teen mental health and correlations with social media and cell phone use... Parents and teens will also receive the details on "The Judges Challenge!" Judge Michael Hurly will be the presenter.

**You are invited to an Advent Day of Reflection "The Mystery of the Incarnation"** on December 17 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM in the Msgr. Cloos Dining Room facilitated by Sr. Mary Ruth. There is a registration fee of \$10.00 which includes a noon meal. To preregister please call Vernice at 776-2322. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, please follow the guidelines of mandatory facial coverings, social distancing, hand hygiene and staying home if not well.

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. **The St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will continue their group study, Lectio-Prayer (Intimacy with God) on December 17 at 7:00 PM.** Everyone is welcome; you do not need to be a member to participate in our group studies.

**Little Flower's annual Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 24.** Once again we are asking parish children to participate in the Mass. There will be some adjustments due to COVID protocols. If your child/children would like to have a part in the placement of the Nativity in the stable, the readings or if your family would like to provide music please contact Mrs. Mack at Little Flower School 776-6258 or Mrs. Leier in the religious education office at 776-6388. **Information will be sent home with students and must be returned by December 18.** We must have your commitment to participate by December 18 so that those who want to participate can receive instructions and pews can be reserved for children and their families. In this way we can joyfully celebrate the Children's Christmas Eve Mass according to social distancing and COVID protocols.

**Little Flower Parish Sunday School children in grades PreK-6 are preparing to share the good news of Christ's birth with a radio broadcast of our annual Christmas program on December 20 at noon.** This year's program will present "Our Gifts for Baby Jesus," a special presentation with carols and the children's original thoughts on giving. Children will answer, "What can I give to the Christ Child?" as they prepare for Christmas. Tune in to KZZJ, with our Sunday School families, at noon on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> for the broadcast!

**Altar Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed** for the Christmas Midnight Mass and the 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass and the January 1 Solemnity of Mary Holy Day Vigil Mass on December 31 at 5 PM and Mass on January 1 at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM. Please contact the parish office if you are able to serve. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**The Holy Family Tree** is set up in the lunchroom. All families are invited to hang their family picture on the tree or use one of the pictures of the Holy Family, provided next to the tree, to write the names of their family and hang on the tree. On December 26 the tree with the family pictures will be in the sanctuary, as Father blesses parish families during the Feast of the Holy Family. All family photos will be kept for a "Fun Date Night" drawing to be held during Family Week at the Valentine Bingo Party on February 14, 2021.

**Thank you to everyone who supported Little Flower Parish by purchasing and selling raffle tickets.**

**Congratulations to the winners:**

First prize (\$400) - Karla Larson      Second Prize (\$300) - Margaret Voeller  
Third Prize (\$200) - Mindy Stier      Fourth Prize (\$100) - Anna Schaan

**The 10,000 Rosary Challenge** continues until December 31, 2020 at Little Flower, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Mary's Parishes. **To date 4,452 rosaries have been prayed at Little Flower.** We only have the month of December to achieve our goal. Forms are available at the back of the church to record the number of rosaries you have prayed. Completed forms may be placed in the box at the back of the church or in the collection basket.

**Develop a closer relationship with our Lord this Advent by spending time with Him in Eucharistic Adoration.** We need someone from **2:00 - 3:00 PM on Thursdays.** Little Flower 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.

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

**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 2020 year must be received by the December 27 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.

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING**

December 5/6	2020	2019
Little Flower Parish	\$13,848.33	\$9,087.11
Children's Envelopes	\$	\$23.96
December 6	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$863.03	\$15,131.58
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	\$1365.00	\$23,871.09

**2020 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL CAMPAIGN**

Little Flower Parish	Year to Date
Goal	\$61,870
Pledged	\$63,698
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$5,445
Pledged	\$3,185
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	
Goal	\$8,994
Pledged	\$7,755

**St. Therese the Little Flower**

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Jennifer Brossart

**Parish Music Ministry**

Susan Hoffert



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**Parish Council**

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Flower Historian please contact  
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**Monday, December 14**

7:30 AM (LF)  
2:00 PM (LF)  
5:15 PM (LF)  
5:45 PM (LF)

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27 Saint John of the Cross  
No Mass scheduled  
† Funeral Mass for Duane Baillie  
Health of David Mears by Mary Ann Mears and family  
Adoration

**Tuesday, December 15**

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

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32  
† Charlotte Tuchscherer by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker  
Adoration  
All living and deceased members of the Walter and Margaret Wolfe family  
by Kathy Wolfe **(Priest only)**

**Wednesday, December 16**

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

Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7:18-23  
Tony and June Prom and family  
† Deceased family members, Wendelin and Eva Volk, Allen Volk and  
Genny (Volk) Berg by Ed and Elaine Selensky  
† Fred P. Wangler by his cousins  
† Victor Scherr by Cletus, Bernice and Glenn Axtman

**Thursday, December 17**

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

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
Birthday Blessings for Leanne Pfeifer by her family  
Adoration  
† Sandy Wolfe Berg by Kathy Wolfe **(Priest only)**

**Friday, December 18**

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

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
† Ludvina Marto by Robert and Rita Graber  
† Bill Muffenbier by Dennis and Myrna Muffenbier

**Saturday, December 19**

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

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25  
† Joe and Helen Kremer by Janice Pfeifer  
† Cyndi Rieger by Brent and Carla Zunich

**Sunday, December 20**

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

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
† Walter and Ann Streifel by and Andrew and Renae Arnston and family  
† Larry Kraft by Bob and Diane Fritel  
Mass for Parish  
† Betty Burgard by John and Alice Bohl

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on KZZJ 1450 AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Walter and Ann Streifel by Andrew and Renae Arnston and family.

**SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 19/20**

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharist Minister	Family Offertory		
5:00 PM Saturday	Allison Selensky Amber Selensky	Theone Stevenson	Volunteer needed			
8:00 AM Sunday	Katelyn Duchscher Andrew Duchscher	Cassie Duchscher	Denise Lagasse			
10:30 AM Sunday	Trevor Blessum Alli Blessum	Barbara Vetter	Angie Busch	No Offertory		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	Eucharist	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Jennifer Brossart Tyson Follman	Cole Anderson Marissa Bohl	Chris Brossart Jay Bosch	No Eucharistic Minister	No Offertory	Mark Hoffert Family Blaine Pfeifer Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	Eucharist Minister	Church Care		
10:30 AM Sunday	Riley Schaan	Jaxon Heilman Kenley Heilman	Marlene Schaan	Wes Hall, Mike Hallof, Joe Haman, Chris Heilman		