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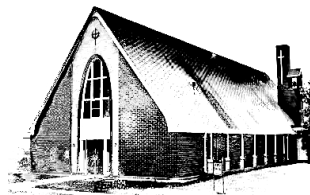


**ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER**

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14, 2025 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 39 NO. 50

*Message from our Pastor*

Today is the Annual Little Flower Catholic School Christmas Program. Everyone is invited to the RHS Tilman Hovland Auditorium at 2:00 pm for a performance of "Once Upon a Starry Night".

The LF CYO were together on Wednesday night this past week for Christmas Caroling starting with pizza provided by the Knights of Columbus. After the supper of pizza, they climbed aboard a yellow school bus - driven by Dave Zwingel - for an adventure of joy and caroling. The first performance was at the Living Center at the Heart of America Medical Center. The CYO members sang Christmas carols to the residences and as they were leaving one of the residences who is not always very responsive, waved goodbye. Undoubtedly, the CYO members were able to provide a moment of happiness for her. After singing at the Living Center, they continued to the Haaland Home where they sang for everyone gathered at the aviary. After four or five carols were sung the group proceeded to the Haaland Manor where the residence had gathered in their dining room. The residence enjoyed several carols and suggested a few to be sung. Following the caroling at the Haaland Manor the CYO members traveled to First Lutheran Church to perform for the youth gathered there that evening for their religious studies. The First Lutheran youth and adults listened attentively, and afterwards hot chocolate was served to everyone. A group photo was taken at First Lutheran of all the youth present that evening. The evening ended at Little Flower with chocolate cookies provided by Jen Teigen. It was a joyful and adventurous evening that brought a moment of happiness to many in preparation for the Lord's birthday celebration. Special thanks to Lisa Volk, Philip Volk, Mary Schmaltz, Jen Teigen, Brad and Ashley Wangler, Casandra Zwingel and Dave Zwingel.



May we all have a blessed and fruitful Advent!

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 AM



**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.

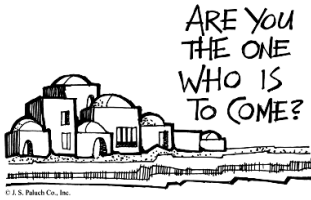
**New Parishioners**  
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

**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**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Retirement Fund for the Religious.** They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**Little Flower Catholic School will be presenting their annual Christmas Program "Once Upon a Starry Night"** on Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 PM in the Rugby High School Auditorium. All are welcome!

**The Little Flower Catholic School Advisory Council will be meeting on December 15 at 7:00 AM.**

**Advent Reconciliation Services will be held at Little Flower Parish on December 17 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM.** Parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to experience God's mercy and peace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please plan on being present at the beginning of each service. Additional local Advent Reconciliation Services - Bottineau, December 14 at 7:00 PM; Towner, December 15 at 7:00 PM; Harvey, December 18 at 7:00 PM.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday, December 14

- Third Sunday of Advent  
**Retirement Fund for the 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  
 • LFCS Christmas Program 2:00 PM

#### Monday, December 15

- LFCS Advisory Council meeting 7:00 AM  
 • Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM  
 • Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - midnight

#### Tuesday, December 16

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

#### Wednesday, December 17

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM  
 • Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM  
 • Prayer for Life 3:00 PM  
 • Advent Reconciliation Services 3 PM & 7 PM  
 • RE Little Way Classes 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

#### Thursday, December 18

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM  
 • Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 • Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM  
 • Hospital Mass 10:30 AM

#### Friday, December 19

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

#### Saturday, December 20

- 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 21

- Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 • Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
 • St. Mary's 8:30 AM  
 • Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM  
 • Holiday Popcorn and Bingo 2:00 PM  
 • Christmas Choir Practice 7:00 PM

**A Christmas Invitation This Advent.....**We invite you to take a moment to write down a special gift or prayer intention to offer the Christ Child this Christmas. On Christmas Eve, Saint Nicholas will lovingly place the basket of intentions and gifts before the manger, a beautiful reminder that our prayers and offerings are received with joy by the newborn King. All of the students at LFCS, Little Way Religious Education and CYO will be giving gifts, and we extend the invitation to all parishioners. The basket with cards will be located at the main entrance of Little Flower Parish.

Everyone is invited to join us for a **Holiday Bingo and Popcorn Party** on December 21st, at 2 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy food, fellowship, and maybe win a prize.

**Singers are welcome to join with the choir for midnight Mass.** Practice will be at 7:00 PM on Sunday evening at 7:00 PM on December 21st.

#### Mass schedule for Christmas

Little Flower	December 24 at 4:00 PM
	December 25 at midnight and 10:30 AM
Haaland Estates	December 25 at 9:00 AM
St. Mary's	December 25 at 8:30 AM
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	December 25 at 10:30 AM

#### Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Little Flower	December 31 at 5:00 PM
	January 1 at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
St. Mary's	January 1 at 10:30 AM
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	January 1 at 8:30 AM

Visiting the Blessed Sacrament is one of the most enriching practices within the Catholic faith. This act of devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist allows us to experience his Love and Grace in a very profound way. It is a moment of personal encounter with Christ, which invites us to reflect, pray and strengthen our relationship with Him. **Are you able to spend just one hour in Eucharistic Adoration with our Lord?** We need someone from **9:00 AM - 10:00 AM on Thursday for the months of January, February and March.** Consider teaming up with a friend or family member to fulfill the commitment. Please contact the parish office if you are able to meet this need.

**End of Year Donations.** Thank you for your generosity and faithful support of our parishes throughout the past year. All donations and contributions you would like to claim in the 2025 tax year must be received by the December 28th weekend collection in order to be recorded on our records. Please include any Special Collection contributions you may have overlooked during the year.

**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.

**The 10,000 Rosary Challenge continues until December 31, 2025 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 entrance of the church. Completed forms may be placed in the box at the front entrance of the church or in the collection basket. Currently 3,724 rosaries have been prayed. **Keep praying!!**

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. In the month of **November, through your gifts**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help build the kingdom of God by **assisting four families, providing \$130 in food, \$455 in rent, and \$108 for a motel stay. Thank you for your support.**

**The World's Finest Chocolate has arrived and would make a great stocking stuffer!!** Little Flower CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) will be raising funds for the program activities as well as camps and conferences, such as Prairie Pilgrimage, Camp Summit, Steubenville and Search. We have \$1 Candy Bars and Boxes of Almonds, Whirls, and Mints for \$3. Full cases are available for purchase as well. Individual candy can be purchased from any CYO member, in the Religious Education Office or the Parish Office. Any questions, call Lisa, CYO Coordinator 701-583-2338. Thank you for your continued support in our youth program as we work to build a solid foundation of Faith!

**SEARCH for Christian Maturity** is a peer-to-peer retreat ministry for **youth (ages 16-17)** and **young adults (18+)** who desire to grow deeper in their faith and in Christian community. SEARCH offers a powerful opportunity to encounter God, discover more about oneself, and build meaningful relationships within a loving, supportive Christian environment. Our next retreat will be held January 9-11, 2026 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. For more information and to apply, please visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm](http://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm) Questions? Please contact Dori Picard at 952-210-2219. **Applications are due by Monday, December 22, 2025.**

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING**

	2025	2024
December 6-8		
Little Flower	\$13,722.50	\$7,802.00
December 7, 2025	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's		
November 30	\$152.25	
December 7	\$271.00	\$12,874.93
OLMC		

**2025 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL**

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$72,622
Pledged	\$53,215
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,401
Pledged	\$3,680
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,385
Pledged	\$6,455

**St. Therese the Little Flower**

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**Parish Council**

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**Parish Music Ministry**

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becoming a sponsor of the Little  
Flower Historian please contact  
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**Monday, December 15**

7:30 AM (LF)

5:15 PM (LF)

5:45 PM (LF)

Nu 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

† Ken Schaan by Lawrence, Deb, Katelyn, Carson Mattern

† Elaine Kraft by Mary and Angela Kitzman

Adoration

**Tuesday, December 16**

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

† John and Theresa Schaan by Marlene Schaan and family

Adoration

All living and deceased members of the Phillip & Ludvina Wolfe Family by Kathy Wolfe

**Wednesday, December 17**

7:30 AM (LF)

9:30 AM (OLMC)

5:15 PM (LF)

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

† Art and Arlene Pfeifer by family

† Richard Jundt by John Heilman

† Anna Schaan by Lorraine Thompson

**Thursday, December 18**

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

10:30 AM (Hosp)

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

† John Bohl by Janice and Neil Pfeifer

Adoration

† Ed Selensky by a friend

† Delores Hager by Blaine and Jill Schatz

**Friday, December 19**

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (LF)

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

† Joe Bachmeier by friends and family

† Bernie Volk by Mary Ebach

**Saturday, December 20**

8:00 AM (LF)

5:00 PM (LF)

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

† Bob Graber by Rita Graber

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

† Fred Mitzel, Jr. by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker

**Sunday, December 21**

8:00 AM (LF)

8:30 AM (SM)

10:30 AM (LF)

10:30 AM (OLMC)

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

† Peter and Florence Stumpf and their living and deceased family members by Robert and Judi Wilmot

Mass for the People

† Ted Mitzel by Marvin and Karen Migler

† Deceased family members of Larry & Diane Muffenbier by Larry and Diane Muffenbier

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Robert and Judi Wilmot in memory of Peter and Florence Stumpf and for their living and deceased family members.

**SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 20-21**

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Brenda Heilman	Chuck Teigen Joyce Teigen		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Rita Graber	Heidi Voeller		
10:30 AM Sunday	Paxton Wangler Penn Wangler Pius Wangler		Paisley Wangler	Brian Blessum Sue Blessum		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman Mark Hoffert	Barret Bohl Micah Bohl	Allan Follman Jerald Bohl	Wanda Follman	Ed Volk	Phil Volk Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
10:30 AM Sunday	Kevin Leier	Harper Leier Clara Leier	Erin Schaan	Steve Wentz, Darold Schmalz, Rod Schmitt, Derek Shively,		