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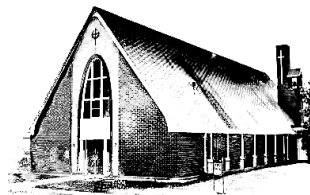


ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

218 3RD STREET SE, RUGBY, ND

ST. MARY'S

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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

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 a.m.
Saturday 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15, 2024 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 38 NO. 50

Message from our Pastor

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

The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. The vestments for today are an optional rose color. It signifies the nearness of our Savior's birth, who will bring immense joy to our hearts. In his presence, our acts of penance and sacrifice during Advent will end and there will be great rejoicing.

"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: 'He must increase, but I must decrease'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 524).

Everyone is welcome to the Holiday Bingo and Popcorn Party this afternoon at 2:00 pm. There is always delicious food, fellowship, and great prizes. It is a great way to spend a little more than an hour on a Sunday afternoon.

A special thank you to Glenda Mack, the teachers, and all, who help make the Little Flower Catholic School Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm a celebration of happiness. As we prepare for the Lord's birth, whenever the children perform it is always delightful. It is always exciting to behold their enthusiasm and their various talents.

May you have a blessed Advent!

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**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- LF Religious Education Class 9:00 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM with decorating following Mass
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- Holiday Bingo and Popcorn 2:00 PM

Monday, December 16

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 - Midnight
- Little House Montessori Haven Advisory Board council meeting 4:00 PM

Tuesday, December 17

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Home Mass 9:00 AM
- The Case for Jesus Study Grp 4:00 PM
- Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 18

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- No Little Flower RE/CYO
- LFS Christmas Program 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 19

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

Friday, December 20

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

Saturday, December 21

- 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 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- No Little Flower Religious Ed
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM

St. Mary's Knox will be decorating for Christmas following Mass on Sunday, December 15.

Holiday
B I N G O

Join us for *Holiday Bingo and Popcorn* on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy food, fellowship, and maybe win a prize. Everyone is welcome.

The Little House Montessori Haven Advisory Board will be meeting on Monday, December 16 at 4:00 PM in the DRE office.

Little Flower Catholic School will be presenting their annual Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM in the Rugby High School Auditorium. This year's program will have performances by the Preschool, Kindergarten, and the 1st-6th grade's rendition of the "Miracle at Midnight" musical. All are welcome!

The Christian Mothers of Little Flower welcome newly initiated members to our organization: Marlene Quick, Debra Pinski, Jenny Keller and Veronica Beaver. The organization supports the Little Flower Church and School community and the Rugby community spiritually with prayers, offering Masses, delivering Meals on Wheels and serving funeral meals. The Christian Mothers financially supported youth to attend the Steubenville Retreat and Trinity Youth Camp this past summer. They also support the Little Flower Religious Ed and WINGS programs and other projects at Little Flower. If you are interested in more information or joining the Little Flower Christian Mothers, please contact one of the current officers or a friend or relative that is a member. Theone Stevenson, Nancy Voeller, Charlotte Burkhardtmeier, Rita Graber

Mass schedule for Christmas

Little Flower	December 24 at 4:00 PM
	December 25 at midnight and 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 4:00 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

Little Flower Elevator Capital Campaign. The church elevator requires mechanical updates to ensure that the elevator remains in proper working order. Without the elevator many of our parishioners would not be able to attend Mass or church activities in the Parish Hall. It has also served as a more efficient way to transport deliveries into the church or church basement. The estimated cost of the required update is \$20,000. Please place donations in an envelope marked "Elevator Capital Campaign" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it by the parish office. Your donation is greatly appreciated.



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" Christmas is a time of love and gift giving . . . **please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.**

Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes extend our condolences to the family of Martin Heintz whose funeral was Thursday, December 12 at Little Flower. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

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 2024 year **must be** received by the **December 29th 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.

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, 2024 at Little Flower, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Mary's Parishes. Forms to record the number of rosaries you have prayed are on the table at the front entrance of the church. Thank you to all those who have dedicated their time to praying the rosary. We all need to pray!!

Are you able to spend one hour in Eucharistic Adoration with our Lord? New Years Resolution—develop a closer relationship with our Lord by spending time with Him in Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration times are Monday from 5:45 PM - midnight; Tuesday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM; Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. **We need someone on Tuesday from 2:00 - 3:00 PM during the months of February and March.** If you are able to fill in or would like to participate in this devotion please contact the parish office at 776-6388.

Women and men religious offer gratitude. "Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donation helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

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 assemble boxes on **Friday, December 20 at 4:00 PM and deliver boxes on Saturday, December 21 at 10:00 AM from the Rugby Armory.** Use the west main door. Thank you!

St. Therese the Little Flower

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Parish Music Ministry

Susan Hoffert



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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2024 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

**Diocese of Fargo
Capital Campaign**

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

December 7-8	2024	2023
Little Flower	\$7,802.00	\$8,833.00
December 8, 2024	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$283.26	\$14,518.44
OLMC	\$	\$5,587.00

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$65,993
Pledged	\$50,330
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,556
Pledged	\$1,830
OLMC	
Goal	\$9,147
Pledged	\$7,925

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$489,716
Pledged	\$288,238
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$22,891
Pledged	\$6,900
OLMC	
Goal	\$42,604
Pledged	\$14,800

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

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**For information about
becoming a sponsor of the Little
Flower Historian please contact
Heidi in the business office at
776-6388.**

Monday, December 16

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

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

Nicholette Brewer by Deacon Jonathan and Annette Brewer
† Mike Brossart by Allan and Meryle Brossart
Adoration

Tuesday, 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
† Calvin Helm by Jody Endres

Wednesday, December 18

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

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

† Alice Leier by Janice Pfeifer
† Agnes Axtman by friends and family
† Gwen Drewniak by Delilah Scherr

Thursday, December 19

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

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

† Cleta Martin by Jim and Jody Tuchscherer and family
Adoration
† Donald Bischoff by friends and family
† Delores Hager by Helen Arnold

Friday, December 20

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

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

† Zachary Haman by Joe and Amy Haman and family
† Helen Haman by Janice Pfeifer

Saturday, December 21

8:00 AM (LF)

5:00 PM (LF)

Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45 Saint Peter Canisius

† Darlene (Axtman) Goven by Richard and Phyllis Hagel
Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45 Fourth Sunday of Advent
† Betty Zacher by Dave and Cindy Migler

Sunday, December 22

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

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45 Fourth Sunday of Advent

† Mariya Tate Bernhardt by Brenda, Tony and Tanner
† Caye Bednarz by Bob and Diane Fritel
† Julia Brossart by Richard and Betty Voeller
Mass for the People

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Mariya Tate Bernhardt by Brenda, Tony and Tanner.

SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 21-22

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Brenda Heilman	Diane Dufner Marge Heilman		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Rita Graber	Heidi Voeller		
10:30 AM Sunday	Chelsea Blessum Clare Livedalen Royanne Livedalen		Vernice Brossart	Brian Blessum Sue Blessum		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman Mark Hoffert	Bria Brossart Braden Brossart Tosten Bohl	Chris Brossart Jerald Bohl	Chris Brossart	Phil Volk Family	Kenny Bohl Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel		Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care	
10:30 AM Sunday		Pete Burgard	Volunteers	Jennifer Heilman	Rod Schmitt, Sherry Shively, Linda Sollin, Steve Wentz	