THE PARISHES OF

St. Therese the Little Flower

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St. Mary

St. Therese Little Flower Parish
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Eucharistic Liturgies
Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays as scheduled on back page
(Mass of the day in the church will be canceled when a funeral Mass is scheduled)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 - 7:45 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays 5:30 p.m. - Midnight
Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Thursdays 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
If funeral is scheduled begins at 1:00 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 16, 2018 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 33 NO. 50

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"THE LORD IS IN YOUR MIDST"

Both today's reading from Zephaniah and the responsorial psalm exult that "the LORD is in your midst." They proclaim the presence of God among the people of Israel and foretell the core of our faith in the Incarnation. God is not far off. God's love was manifested in Jesus' coming as a human person and is present here and now in us. John the Baptist also proclaims the coming of Christ into our midst and reminds us that our lives must change if we are to be ready to welcome the Messiah at his coming.

These scriptures are not unlike the bells that seem to surround us at this time of year. They call us to rejoice. They call us to worship. And they call us to change. One bell in particular, the Salvation Army bell, reminds us that not everyone has experienced God's saving presence yet. There are many who suffer while others wallow in abundance. "What should we do?" John the Baptist calls us to respond to their need. He calls us to change our ways so that Christ's saving presence can truly be manifested "in our midst."

"WHAT SHOULD WE DO?"

One way to discover what we should do this Advent is to pray the Our Father with extra sincerity and attentiveness. We pray, "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done." We commit ourselves to a spirit of trust and forgiveness and ask to be kept from temptation. As we get ready for the coming of Christmas it is good to ask ourselves what God's will is for us, whom we are called to forgive, and how we are tempted. What should we do so that God's kingdom might come into our lives more fully this Christmas?

How would John the Baptist reply to us if we asked him, "What should we do?" Copyright © 2005, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

St. Mary Parish, Knox

Eucharistic Liturgy
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Infant Baptism
Please contact priest before birth or selecting baptismal sponsors.

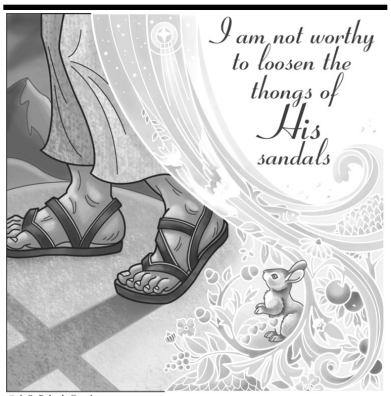
Marriage Preparation
Prior to setting a wedding date, at least six months in advance, please arrange a first meeting with one of our priests.

New Parishioners
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

Communion to the Sick and 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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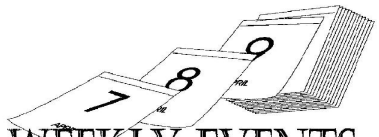

Sunday, December 16
Third Sunday of Advent
- LF Rel Ed Family Christmas Program 9:00 AM
- SM "The Traditional Christmas Story" after 9:00 AM Mass

Monday, December 17
- Eucharistic Adoration 5:30 PM - midnight

Tuesday, December 18
- Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM - 11:00 PM
- LF Finance Council meeting 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 19
- Early Out - LF CYO Caroling 1:30 - 3:00 PM
- Children's Christmas Eve Mass Practice from 3:30 - 4:30 PM
- RCIA 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 20
- Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 23
Fourth Sunday of Advent
- No LF Religious Ed classes
- No SM Religious Ed classes

We are in need of Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:
Christmas Midnight Mass - Lector is needed.
9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass - Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers are needed. Please call the parish office at 776-6388 if you are able to serve at these Masses. Your help is greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's will be presenting "The Traditional Christmas Story" December 16 after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to enjoy some scripture and song recited by our Religious Education students and in the spirit of the season, food and fellowship to follow for all to enjoy!

The Little Flower Sunday School Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 16 from 9:00 - 10:15 AM in the Msgr. Cloos Dining Room. Everyone is welcome to join our PreK-6th grade students, as they present a short program "The Animals' Christmas Eve." Join us for the story of Jesus' birth from the perspective of the stable animals. The program will be followed by a family craft and fellowship time. We also anticipate a visit from the "Advent Angel." The Angel will stop by to visit with children and receive their gifts for Baby Jesus, which will be delivered to the manger on Christmas Eve.

The Little Flower Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM.

The Little Flower CYO will be out and about spreading the love and joy of the Advent season through song on December 19 from 1:30 - 3:00 PM. If you or someone you know would enjoy the message of Christmas delivered with carols by our CYO, please contact the parish Religious Education office and leave a name, address and contact information.

The Children's Christmas Mass will be celebrated December 24 at 4:00 PM. Families who would like their children to have a role in the Mass—the Nativity procession, lector, reading the Prayers of the Faithful, altar server or choir member should plan to attend the practice on Wednesday, December 19. Practice will be held upstairs in the church from 3:30 - 4:30 PM. Contact Rebecca Leier at 776-6388 with any questions.

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. . ." Through your gift to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood. **The St. Therese Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be meeting on December 27 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.**

We will have a Fifth Saturday Potluck and evangelization panel discussion after the Saturday evening Mass December 29. Our panel will be made up of parishioners who attended the Convocation of Parish Leaders. Join us in finding ways we can all evangelize in our community and share the Good News with our family and neighbors.

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.

Little Flower Religious Education classes will observe Christmas break from December 20 - January 2. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6 for Sunday School students and Wednesday, January 9 for grades 7-12.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Christmas Coloring Contest. This contest is open to all kids from kindergarten to the 6th grade and not limited to just Catholics but to all denominations. Five $75.00 cash prizes will be awarded by the North Dakota State Council. **Deadline to have the coloring completed is December 31**. Contact Rebecca Leier or Randy Malo for the picture to be colored, more information and entry forms.

December 31 and January 1, Solemnity of Mary Holy Day. Altar Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on December 31 and the

9:00 AM Mass on January 1. If you are able to serve at these Masses please call the parish office at 776-6388. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift" writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift of $845.00 in last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity.

End of year donations: Thank you for your generosity and monetary contributions to our parish during the past year. All additional donations and contributions to Little Flower and St. Mary Churches which you would like claimed in the 2018 fiscal year must be received by the December 30 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: Holy Father, Rice Bowl, Holy Land, Home Mission, World Mission, Black and Indian, Religious Retirement, Disaster Relief, North Dakota Catholic Charities.

There is a new Lighthouse Catholic Media CD in the racks at the entrances of the church entitled *Our Lady of Guadalupe.* Luis Soto shares the little known history and life-changing importance of Mary's appearance to a peasant man, Juan Diego and the miraculous image she left behind.

SEARCH: Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up January 11-13, 2019 at Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at http://www.fargodiocese-search.org/home. **Applications due 12/27**.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held January 11 - 13, 2019 at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church Social Center in Harvey. The Seminar is an opportunity to deepen your personal relationship with the Holy Trinity and fellow members of the Body of Christ. The spiritual director for the weekend is Fr. Neil Pfeifer. Cost of the weekend is a free -will donation. Pre-registration is appreciated. For more information or to register contact Rosalie Axtman at 701-324-2706, raxtman@gondtc.com or stcecilia@gondtc.com or 701-324-2144.

"You saw me before I was born." Psalm 139:16 (NLT) *OctoberBaby—A great film with a great message*—Hannah finds out she was actually adopted … after a failed abortion attempt. Travel with Hannah as she joins a group of friends on a Spring Break road trip, embarking on a journey to discover her hidden past … and find hope for her unknown future. *OctoberBaby* will be shown at the Lyric Theatre, January 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM. Freewill offering. Sponsored by Little Flower Pro-Life.

All ladies are invited to the Christmas Tea at Bethany Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 16 at 2:00 PM.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

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Mass Schedule (LF-Little Flower; SM-St. Mary's; HE-Haaland Estates; HOSP - Hospital)

Monday, December 17	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
5:00 PM (LF)	Birthday Blessings for Leanne Pfeifer by her family
Tuesday, December 18	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
7:00 AM (LF)	† Elna Mack by Robert and Rita Graber
9:00 AM (HE)	Rosary and Communion Service
Wednesday, December 19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25
10:00 AM (HOSP)	† David P. Wangler by friends and family
5:00 PM (LF)	† Elizabeth Duchscher by Mary and Jared Duchscher
Thursday, December 20	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
7:00 AM (LF)	† Adam M. Schafer by Rose Selensky
9:00 AM (HE)	† My son, Duane Schall by Nick Schall, Jr.
Friday, December 21	Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45 Saint Peter Canisius
9:00 AM (LF)	† Eusabius Burgard by Ed and Elaine Selensky
Saturday, December 22	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
8:00 AM (LF)	† Leo and Gary Degenstein by Maggie Degenstein and family
5:00 PM (LF)	† Dale, Angie and Daryl Kuhnhenn by Richard and Faye Hoffart
Sunday, December 23	Mi 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45 Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM (LF)	† Roy Pfeifer by family and friends
9:00 AM (SM)	† Hilda Buckmeier by friends and family
10:30 AM (LF)	Mass for the Parish

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on KZZJ is sponsored in memory of Bruce Baumann by Myrna Baumann and family.

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 our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING DECEMBER 8/9

Little Flower Parish	Week	Year to Date
Budgeted	$10,175.00	$498,575.00
Little Flower Parish	$11,674.74	$416,175.67
Increase/Decrease (+ or -)	+$1,499.74	-$82,399.33
50 Cents a Day Charity	$60.50	$1,973.50
Children's Donation	$22.00	$1,057.34
St. Mary's	$287.75	$24,409.40

2018 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL CAMPAIGN

Little Flower Parish	Year to Date
Goal	$53,328
Pledged	$47,495
St. Mary's	
Goal	$4,959
Pledged	$4,098

SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 22/23

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharist Minister	Family Offertory
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteer opportunity	Diane Dufner	Joyce Teigen (Homes) Chuck Teigen (Church)	
8:00 AM Sunday	Katelyn Duchscher Jaclyn Duchscher	Cassie Duchscher	Debbie Millang (Hosp) Myrna Baumann (HE) Vernice Brossart (Homes)	
10:30 AM Sunday	Mykell Heidlebaugh Alyson Mundahl Caleb Schaan	Rebeka Wangler	Riley Schaan Joe Schmaltz Mary Schmaltz	Tom and Kelly Clements

St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	Eucharist	Gifts	Church Care
9:00 AM Sunday	Jennifer Brossart Tyson Follman	Collyn Bosch Marisa Bohl	Chris Brossart Jay Bosch	Phil Volk Wanda Follman	Ed Volk	Mark Hoffert Family Blaine Pfeifer Family