

THE PARISHES OF:



ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 21, 2025 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 39 NO. 51

Message from our Pastor

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

Last Sunday afternoon "Once Upon a Starry Night" was performed by the Little Flower Catholic School students. It was a splendid performance. A special thank you to Mrs. Glenda Mack, Mr. Kevin Leir, the teachers, and all who helped make the LFCS Christmas Program a wonderful preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

Whenever the children in the community have a band or choir performance, it is always delightful. It is a joy to behold their excitement and to experience their many talents. Thanks to everyone involved in making their performances always a splendid and joyous event.

Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time. When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says: Our help is in the name of the Lord. **R/.** Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. **R/.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined: God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. **R/.** Amen.

May you have a blessed and joyous Christmas!

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 9:30 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**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Everyone is invited to join us for a **Holiday Bingo and Popcorn Party** on December 21st, at 2:00 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, 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

There will not be Adoration on Thursday, December 25 or Thursday, January 1.

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 Church.

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.

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 4,286 rosaries have been prayed. **Keep praying!!**

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!

Retirement Fund for the Religious. Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity. "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Monday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 23

- 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 24

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass**
- Little Flower Mass 4:00 PM

Thursday, December 25

- The Nativity of the Lord**
- Little Flower Mass midnight and 10:30 AM
 - No Adoration
 - Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
 - St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mas 10:30 AM

Friday, December 26

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

Saturday, December 27

- 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 28

- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**
- 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

**Serving Little Flower Parish on Christmas
and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Christmas 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Lector: Little Way Religious Education
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Brian and Sue Blessum
Altar Servers: Little Way Religious Education

Midnight Mass:

Lector: Michael Hurlly
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: **Volunteers Needed**
Altar Servers: Bill Hurlly, Genny Hurlly

Christmas Day 10:30 AM

Lector: Carter Teigen
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: **Volunteers Needed**
Altar Servers: Rhett Teigen and Grant Teigen

December 31 at 5:00 PM

Lector: Vernice Brossart
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **Volunteers Needed**
Altar Servers: **Volunteers Needed**

January 1 at 8:00 AM

Lector: Rita Graber
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **Volunteers Needed**
Altar Servers: **Volunteers Needed**

January 1 at 10:30 AM

Lector: Carter Teigen
Eucharistic Ministers: **Volunteers are needed**
Altar Servers: Rhett Teigen and Grant Teigen

**Serving Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish on Christmas Day
and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Christmas Day at 10:30 AM

Lector: Julie Baustad
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jennifer Heilman
Altar Servers: Volunteers

January 1 at 8:30 AM

Lector: Pete Burgard
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Alice Bohl
Altar Servers: Volunteers

**Serving St. Mary's Parish on Christmas Day
and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Christmas Day at 8:30 AM

Lector: Mark Hoffert
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Wanda Follman
Altar Servers: Barret Bohl and Micah Bohl

January 1 at 10:30 AM

Lector:
Extraordinary Minister of Holy:
Altar Servers:

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

	2025	2024
December 13-14		
Little Flower	\$12,280.17	\$18,299.00
December 14, 2025	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$408.00	\$13,282.93
OLMC		

2025 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$72,622
Pledged	\$53,940
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,401
Pledged	\$3,680
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,385
Pledged	\$6,505

St. Therese the Little Flower

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Kenny Bohl

St. Mary's Ladies Society

Kristen Bohl

Parish Music Ministry

Susan Hoffert



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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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 22 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
7:30 AM (LF) Special Intention by Mike and Deb Black
5:15 PM (LF) † John Bohl by Marian Schmaltz
5:45 PM (LF) Adoration

Tuesday, December 23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66 Saint John of Kanty
7:30 AM (LF) † Anna Schaan by Marvin and Karen Migler
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:00 AM (HE) † Margaret & James Sr. and Jim Summers Jr. by Betty Summers

Wednesday, December 24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
7:30 AM (LF) Young People of the Parish by the Christian Mothers
9:30 AM (OLMC) † Richard Jundt by Eugene, Tim and Judy Goesser
Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 **Christmas Vigil Mass**
4:00 PM (LF) Mass for the People
The broadcast of the 4:00 PM Children's Mass on KZZJ 1450 AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Anderson Funeral Homes of Rugby and Towner, St. Michel Furniture and Rugby Electric

Thursday, December 25 Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Christmas Mass During the Night**
12:00 AM (LF) Special Intention of the Priest
Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 **Christmas Mass During the Day**
8:30 AM (SM) † Casimer and Helen Hoffert by the Joe and Charlet Bohl Family
9:00 AM (HE) † Delores Hager by Dave and Patty Feakes
10:30 AM (LF) † Curtis Roerick by family and friends
10:30 AM (OLMC) † Michael Barth by Ken Heilman

Friday, December 26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22 Saint Stephen
7:30 AM (LF) † Duane Schaan by family
9:00 AM (LF) † Theresa Lauinger by Delilah Scherr

Saturday, December 27 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8 Saint John
8:00 AM (LF) Birthday Blessings for Bernie Senger from her Godchild
Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24 Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM (LF) † Martin Heintz by Pius and Eileen Axtman

Sunday, December 28 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
8:00 AM (LF) † Bruce Baumann by Myrna Baumann and family
8:30 AM (SM) † Anna Schaan by Fritz and Verena Wolf
10:30 AM (LF) Mass for the People
10:30 AM (OLMC) † John Bohl by Ron and Wanda Kremer

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Bruce Baumann by Myrna Baumann and family.

SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 27-28

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Kathy Heilman	Dorice Duchscherer Diane Dufner		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Denise Lagasse	Rose Schneibel		
10:30 AM Sunday	Grant Teigen Carter Teigen Rhett Teigen		Barbara Vetter	Michael Hurly Marlene Schaan		
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	Kenny Bohl Family	Phil Volk Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
10:30 AM Sunday	Riley Schaan	Volunteers Needed	Eric Kremer	Steve Wentz, Darold Schmalz, Rod Schmitt, Derek Shively,		