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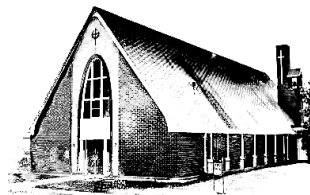


**ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER**

218 3RD STREET SE, RUGBY, ND

**ST. MARY'S**

129 S MORGAN STREET, KNOX, ND



**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 p.m.  
Saturday 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 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, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Mary's,

Congratulations to Dr. Michael McNeff, Jared Blikre, and all the administrators and staff at Rugby Public Schools for the national designation as a Blue Ribbon School. Rugby Public Schools, along with 350 other schools in the United States this past year, was acknowledged with a Blue Ribbon Ceremony on Tuesday for its academic excellence and achievements. The Blue Ribbon Program is an award of the United States Department of Education that recognizes on a yearly basis outstanding public and non-public schools.

Today, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, is the conclusion of the Advent Season for 2023. It is the shortest Advent season possible with Christmas being on Monday. Please check the bulletin for the Mass schedule for Christmas, which includes Midnight Mass.

Christmas Midnight Mass is one of the most extraordinary and unique religious services of the year. It is at a time of the night when most of the neighborhood is asleep. It is tranquil and peaceful, which characterizes the birth of our Savior as a child wrapped in "swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Lk 2:7) for the eternal benefit of the entire world.

On behalf of Fr. John Aerts and the staff at St. Therese the Little Flower Parish and School and myself, we wish you a Blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year!

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 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.

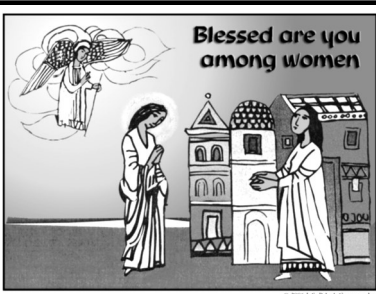
**New Parishioners**  
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

**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**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday, December 24

##### Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- No Little Flower Religious Education
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- St. Mary's Christmas decorating after Mass
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- **Nativity of the Lord Vigil**
- Little Flower Christmas Vigil Mass 4 PM

#### Monday, December 25

##### Nativity of the Lord

- Little Flower Mass at midnight and 9:00 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- No Little Flower Adoration

#### Tuesday, December 26

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

#### Wednesday, December 27

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:00 AM
- No Religious Education

#### Thursday, December 28

- 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 29

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

#### Saturday, December 30

- 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 31

##### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- No Little Flower Religious Education
- 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 the Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>. We will also be accepting poinsettias for decorating.

Little Flower Parish has a special Christmas gift for everyone attending Christmas Masses this weekend. Parishioners and guests will receive a copy of the book "Beautiful Eucharist." Make sure to pick-up your copy of this uplifting book, from the book cart, after Mass. "Beautiful Eucharist" is full of real-life, inspirational stories from priests, bishops and prominent Catholic authors. .... Pick up a copy and infuse your life and the lives of others with a new understanding of how beautiful the gift of Christ is in the Eucharist.

**Thank you to those serving Little Flower Parish on Christmas Midnight Mass:**

Lector: Michael Hurly

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Chuck Teigen

Altar Servers: Katelyn, Andrew, Jaclyn and Austin Duchscher, Grant Senger

**Christmas Day 9:00 AM Mass**

Lector: Jeremy Wald

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mike and Heidi Voeller

Altar Servers: Carter, Rhett and Grant Teigen

**Fifth Saturday Potluck Supper and White Elephant Bingo Party** on Saturday, December 30 following the 5:00 PM Mass in the Parish Hall. Bring a potluck food item and a white elephant Bingo prize and join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship with friends. Everyone is welcome!

**Volunteers are needed to serve Little Flower Parish on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**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: **Volunteer needed**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **Volunteers needed**

Altar Servers: Carter, Rhett and Grant Teigen

**Mass at St. Mary's will be at 8:30 AM and Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be at 10:30 AM on January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.**

**The Holy Family Tree!** It is the time to place your family picture on the Holy Family tree. Each year families are invited to hang their family Christmas card, a picture, or a handmade Holy Family ornament with your family's name on it on the Holy Family tree. Materials to make a quick family ornament are in a basket next to the tree. The tree is downstairs in the small dining room until the Feast of the Holy Family on December 31. All names on the tree will be entered into a "Family Date Night" drawing held on February 11 at the Family Bingo Party.

**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 2023 year **must be** received by the **December 25 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.



**The Knights of Columbus** monthly supper and council meeting will be Wednesday, January 10 at Dakota Farms with the meal at 6:00 PM and the meeting to follow.

**The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast following the Sunday Masses on January 14.**

**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. **This week we need someone on Tuesday, December 26 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM, Thursday, December 28 from 8:00 - 9:00 AM and 3:00 - 4:00 PM.** If you are able to fill in next week or would like to participate in this devotion please contact the parish office at 776-6388.

**Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes** extend our condolences to the family of Betty Zacher whose funeral was on December 21 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

**Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes** extend our condolences to the family of Christ Jaeger whose funeral was on December 21 at Little Flower. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

**Little Flower Choir CDs are still available!** In honor of the legacy of Little Flower Choir and in memory of Robert Graber, a recording was made last spring. It has favorite music from both the mixed and ladies choirs, as well as archived music of Robert. It also has music sung by James Maertens and Lexi Birnbaum. You may purchase them in the church office for a suggested donation of \$10 each. Enjoy!!

**Little Flower School PTO PRAY 365 prayer/fundraising campaign for the 2024 calendar year is underway!** Last year's campaign was a great success with so many intentions prayed for by our students and staff! We hopefully touched many lives through the power of prayer and want to continue for 2024. You can reserve any calendar date in 2024 to honor someone or a special intention which will be prayed for during the school's weekly assembly. Days will be taken on a first come, first served basis so claim your dates quickly! Dates can be reserved for \$25 per day. For more information or to make a reservation call Jennie Brossart @ 701-208-0962.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be offering marriage retreats at:** Mandan (February 9-11), and Valley City (March 22-24). These weekends are private and allow couples to focus just on each other. A communication tool is taught to help spouses get to know themselves better and to grow deeper in their married relationships. Live your best life in love! For more information, call Rob & Angie at (701) 347-1998 or apply at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING**

December 16-17, 2023	2023	2022
Little Flower Parish	\$23,482.00	\$13,494.75
December 17, 2023	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$447.00	\$17,591.98
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	\$	\$1,400.00

**2023 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL CAMPAIGN**

Little Flower Parish	Year to Date
Goal	\$73,325
Pledged	\$46,176
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,867
Pledged	\$3,725
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	
Goal	\$9,858
Pledged	\$4,080

**St. Therese the Little Flower**

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**Parish Music Ministry**

Glenda Mack - 776-5179

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

Deb Black, President 681-0192



**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

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**Parish Council**

Mark Hoffert

**St. Mary's Ladies Society**

Kristen Bohl

**Parish Music Ministry**

Susan Hoffert



**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

**Religious Education**

Samantha Wentz

**Parish Council**

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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 25**

12:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (LF)

10:30 AM (SM)

10:30 AM (OLMC)

Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Nativity of the Lord

Intention of the Priest

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

† Larry and Paula Kraft by their children and families

Mass for the People

† Agnes Heilman by Cletus and Bernice Axtman

**Tuesday, December 26**

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22 Saint Stephen

Families of the Parish by the Christian Mothers

Adoration

† Engelbert Kuntz by Ed and Elaine Selensky

**Wednesday, December 27**

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (OLMC)

5:15 PM (LF)

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a & 2-8 Feast of Saint John

† Bernie Duchscher by their children and families

† Ann Hager by Cletus and Bernice Axtman

† Bertha Schell by Loretta Heilman

**Thursday, December 28**

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

10:30 AM (Hosp)

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18 The Holy Innocents

† Edmund Hager by family

Adoration

† Daniel Brossart by Isabel Brossart and family

Young People of the Parish by the Christian Mothers

**Friday, December 29**

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (LF)

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35 Saint Thomas Becket

† Joe and Elda Mae Tuchscherer by Marian Schmaltz

Special Intention by Elvina Bingham

**Saturday, December 30**

8:00 AM (LF)

5:00 PM (LF)

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

† Joe Kremer by family

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

† Leonard Schmaltz by Don and Marlene Abrahamson

**Sunday, December 31**

8:00 AM (LF)

8:30 AM (SM)

10:30 AM (LF)

10:30 AM (OLMC)

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

† Bruce Baumann by Myrna Baumann and family

† Julius and Arlene Haman by Fritz and Verna Wolf and family

Mass for the People

† Gloria Miller by Wayne and Annette Leier family

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 30-31**

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Chuck Teigen	Chuck Teigen Joyce Teigen		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Angela Hoffert	Vernice Brossart		
10:30 AM Sunday	Carter Teigen Grant Teigen Rhett Teigen		Barbara Vetter	Joe Schmaltz Mary Schmaltz		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman Mark Hoffert	Bria Brossart Braden Brossart	Chris Brossart Jerald Bohl	Chris Brossart Wanda Follman	Kenny Bohl Family	Kenny Bohl Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel		Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care	
10:30 AM Sunday		Julie Baustad	Harper Senechal Hannah Senechal	Alice Bohl	Scott Filler, Jane Gross, Wes Hall, Joe Haman	