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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH DECEMBER 28, 2025 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 39 NO. 52

Message from our Pastor

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

Merry Christmas!

Today, December 28th, 2025, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. God chose to come into the world as a baby and share the beginnings of his earthly life in the setting of a holy family, a family in Nazareth of Joseph and Mary. The family "in God's plan it has been established as an 'intimate community of life and love,' the family has the mission to become more and more what it is, that is to say, a community of life and love, in an effort that will find fulfillment, as will everything created and redeemed, in the Kingdom of God" (*Familiaris Consortio*, St. John Paul II, 17).

The celebration of the mystery of the birth of our blessed Lord in Bethlehem often turns the hearts of many to a new realization of what it means to exist in a world filled with great wonders of God's creativity. With this knowledge, the Christmas season is a time to celebrate the mysteries of God's effort to transform our lives, of those who are willing, to the likeness of his Son. "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10b).

The times in which we live call for families to pray together often, especially the Holy Rosary. Gathering frequently to pray invites the Holy Spirit to come with His gifts of divine help and protection.

"It should never be forgotten that prayer constitutes an essential part of Christian life, understood in its fullness and centrality. Indeed, prayer is an important part of our very humanity: it is 'the first expression of man's inner truth, the first condition for authentic freedom of spirit'" (*Familiaris Consortio*, St. John Paul II, 62).

May you have a blessed Feast Day and a joyous New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Frank Miller

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.



St. Mary's Parish

Eucharistic Liturgy

Sunday 10:30 a.m.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

Eucharistic Liturgy

Sunday 8:30 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**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



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 at Little Flower on Thursday, January 1.



Are you able to spend 1 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 1:00 - 2:00 PM during the months of January - April.** If you are able to fill in or would like to participate in this devotion please contact the parish office at 776-6388.

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Monday, December 29

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

Tuesday, December 30

- 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 31

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Thursday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

Friday, January 2

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

Saturday, January 3

- 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, January 4

The Epiphany of the Lord

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel 8:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM



The 10,000 Rosary Challenge continues until December 31 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 5,217 rosaries have been prayed. **Keep praying!!**

The World's Finest Chocolate. 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!

"As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, hearing the words of the angel, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy". Today and throughout the new year, may we take care of our suffering brothers and sisters, bringing hope, not fear. **"To our incredible volunteers and donors: Your generosity is a powerful force for good. Because of your support, we can continue to create meaningful change and bring hope where it's needed most. Your kindness fuels our work, your belief strengthens our resolve, and your contributions — whether time, talent, or treasure — are changing lives every day. Thank you for believing in our vision and helping make it a reality."** -**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Pierce County Food Pantry: "To our amazing volunteers and donors — you are the heart and hands of everything we do. Your kindness, whether through time, talent, or resources, fuels our mission and transforms lives every single day. Through your generosity we were able to distribute approximately 115 Christmas Baskets and Turkeys. We are endlessly thankful for you. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to All!"

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

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 the Solemnity of Mary, the
Holy Mother of God**

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 the Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**

January 1 at 10:30 AM

Lector: Wanda Follman

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Phillip Volk

Altar Servers: Mason Bohl and Titus Volk

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. Retreat dates are February 27 - March 1, 2026 with the deadline to register February 9 and April 10-12, 2026 with the deadline to register March 23. For more information go to www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm

Stewardship Moments

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." COLOSSIANS 3:17
Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

	2025	2024
December 20-21		
Little Flower	\$26,195.00	\$21,277.66
December 21, 2025	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$254.75	\$13,537.68
OLMC		

2025 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$72,622
Pledged	\$54,340
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,401
Pledged	\$3,680
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,385
Pledged	\$6,655

St. Therese the Little Flower

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Parish Music Ministry

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Lisa Volk

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Kenny Bohl

St. Mary's Ladies Society

Kristen Bohl

Parish Music Ministry

Susan Hoffert



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Religious Education

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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 29

7:30 AM (LF)

5:15 PM (LF)

5:45 PM (LF)

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

† Jarrot McKinney by family

† Joe and Elda Mae Tuchscherer by Marian Schmaltz Adoration

Tuesday, December 30

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

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

† Jane Roth by Chuck and Joyce Teigen Adoration

All living and deceased members of the Walter & Margaret Wolfe Family by Kathy Wolfe

Wednesday, December 31

7:30 AM (LF)

9:30 AM (OLMC)

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18 Saint Sylvester I

† Regina Eisenzimmer by family

† Neil and Patricia Couch by LeeAllen and Rebecca Leier

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass

5:00 PM (LF)

† Daniel Brossart by Isabel Brossart and family

Thursday, January 1

8:00 AM (LF)

10:30 AM (LF)

8:30 AM (OLMC)

10:30 AM (SM)

Nu 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

† Joe and Bernie Volk by Randy and Heidi Luraas

† Mike Brossart by family and friends

Mass for the People

† Joseph Fritel by Bob and Diane Fritel

Friday, January 2

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (LF)

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28 Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

† Donny Pfeifer and Frankie Pfeifer by family

† Marlene and Bob Schumacker and deceased & living family by Betty Summers

Saturday, January 3

8:00 AM (LF)

5:00 PM (LF)

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

† Valentine Brossart by family

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

† Edward and Bertha Schell by Andy and Deanne Fedje

Sunday, January 4

8:00 AM (LF)

8:30 AM (OLMC)

10:30 AM (LF)

10:30 AM (SM)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 The Epiphany of the Lord

† Ken Schaan by Marlene Schaan and family

Mass for the People

† Joe P Haman by Bob and Nancy Jaeger

† Joan Bosch by St. Mary's

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Ken Schaan by Marlene Schaan and family.

SERVING OUR PARISHES JANUARY 3-4

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Kathy Heilman	Vernice Brossart Deb Millang		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Rita Graber	Michael Voeller		
10:30 AM Sunday	Chelsea Blessum Nataline Blessum Clare Livedalen		Royanne Livedalen	Joe Schmaltz Mary Schmaltz		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
10:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman Wanda Follman	Mason Bohl Titus Volk	Kenny Bohl Gary Hoffart	Phillip Volk	Mary Jo Bohl	
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
8:30 AM Sunday	Kevin Leier	Harper Leier Clare Leier	Diane Muffenbier	Joe Axtman, Julie Baustad, Chad Duchscher, Diane Dodd		