# 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. - 10:00 p.m. Thursdays 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. If funeral is scheduled begins at 1:00 p.m.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 30, 2018 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 33 NO. 52

# Sunday by Sunday edited by Michael E. Novak

# **HOLY FAMILIES**

Today's scriptures describe three human families and their efforts to do God's will. Such efforts make them grow in holiness. The first family we encounter is Hannah, Elkanah, and Samuel. Hannah does something that only a woman who has given up her baby for adoption might fully understand—she leaves her long-awaited child to be raised by a priest in the service of the Lord's temple. Somehow Hannah recognizes that this is God's will for her and for Samuel. Both are "dedicated to the LORD."

Next we hear about the Christian family, "the children of God." The first letter of John encourages us to "do what pleases [God]." By focusing on doing God's will we will help one another to become more holy, more like the children of God that we truly are. Finally, we listen to a story about Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. It involves a typical dynamic in family life, with the adolescent son seeking independence and the parents responding with "anxiety" and hurt. As in our own families, it seems that Joseph, Mary, and Jesus didn't always agree on what it meant to do God's will.

# DOING WHAT PLEASES GOD

Like Mary and Joseph, who "did not understand" why Jesus remained in the Temple, we will not always understand what God has in mind for us through the struggles of family life. It may be difficult to know how to "do what pleases [God]." Today's reading from the First Letter of John gives us some guidance. If we put our faith in Christ and "love one another" we will grow together in holiness. With Jesus we will "advance in wisdom and age and favor before God and man." God's will is that we all love one another and grow together into a holy human family. 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.

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



We welcome into our parish family Ruth Alice Beaver the daughter of Bryan and Veronica Beaver who was baptized at Little Flower Parish this weekend. "Just as Baptism is the source of responsibilities and duties, the baptized person also enjoys rights within the Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church." CCC 1269

The Coins for Kids Collection will be taken this weekend. This month's collection will be used to support our students and staff during our January celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Thank you for your generosity.

The feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Tuesday, January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a 5:30 PM Vigil Mass Monday at Little Flower and a 9:00 AM Mass on Tuesday, January 1 at Little Flower and St. Mary's. There will not be Adoration on Monday, December 31 or Tuesday, January 1.

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

December 31 at 5:30 PM

Lector: Rose Schneibel

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Johnson, Roxan Mulloy

Altar Servers: Volunteers are needed

January 1 at 9:00 AM Lector: Rita Graber

Eucharistic Ministers: Denise Lagasse, Deb Black Altar Servers: Carter Teigen, **another server is needed** 

Altar Server Commissioning. The Altar Server Ministry is a very special group of young people in our parish who have answered God's call to ministry. As an altar server, they are one of the liturgical ministers with an important role during the Mass or during other liturgical services. All altar servers will be commissioned at the Saturday, January 5 Vigil Mass and the Sunday, January 6 Masses.

**Little Flower and St. Mary's Parishes** extend their condolences to the family of Margaret Rocheleau whose funeral was Thursday, December 27 at Little Flower. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. The St. Therese Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be meeting on January 10 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.

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 open to all denominations. Five \$75.00 cash prizes will be awarded by the North Dakota State Council. Deadline to have the coloring completed is January 15. Contact Rebecca Leier or Randy Malo for the picture to be colored, more information and entry forms.

**Religious Education classes** will resume on Sunday, January 6 for Sunday School students and Wednesday, January 9 for grades 7-12.

The Confirmation retreat for 3rd grade students will be Saturday, January 12 from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Parents and 3rd grade students should arrive at 7:45 AM to register prior to Mass.

**2nd Grade Parents:** Second grade students will be offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation March 9. Parents of second grade students will meet January 13 in the Msgr. Cloos Dining Room for parent meeting 1 of 2 for Reconciliation preparation.

"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



# Sunday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- Coins for Kids Collection for Catholic Schools Week
- No LF Religious Ed classes
- No SM Religious Ed classes

# Monday, December 31

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 5:30 PM Holy Day Vigil Mass
- No Adoration

# Tuesday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- •9:00 AM Mass Little Flower
- •9:00 AM Mass St. Mary
- No Adoration

# Wednesday, January 2

- No 7-12 grade Religious Education Class
- •RCIA 7:00 PM

# Thursday, January 3

- Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM 6:00 PM
- Confession 1:00 5:00 PM

# Sunday, January 6

The Epiphany of the Lord

- LF Religious Ed Shared Faith Shared Space 9:15 AM
- St. Mary Religious Ed

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 the Little Flower Pro-Life Committee.

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.

9 Days for Life Novena begins January 14. January 14-22 will mark the USCCB's nationwide Novena 9 Days for Life. The prayer effort takes place during the U.S. bishops' annual period of *prayer and action* focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. While the overarching intention of the centerpiece novena is the end to abortion, each days' prayer focuses on a different aspect of respecting each other's God-given dignity. Download or sign up to receive the novena any of four ways: free mobile app, text message, email, or online. Quick, easy-to-use tools can help you share 9 Days for Life. For more information visit www.qdaysforlife.com. Paper copies of the Novena will be available on the table at the back of the church.

40 Days for Life ND invites you to an Evening of Thanksgiving. Ramona Trevino will be the guest speaker at an evening event honoring the participants of the 40 Days for Life fall campaign and all who stand for life! You are invited to join Ramona as she shares her story of conversion from an abortion provider to an advocate for life. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, January, 22 from 7 - 8:30 PM** at the Avalon Events Center, 2525 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Fargo. Registration not required. Hors D'oeuvres will be served - there will be a free will offering. Sponsored by 40 Days for Life ND. For more information contact the Pregnancy Help Center at 701-284-6601.

FirstChoice Women's Care Center-Largest Baby Shower. Be part of "The Largest Baby Shower" during the month of January. Show your support for life and the FirstChoice Women's Care Center by donating new baby items. Baby items are needed to re-stock our Crib Club. New Items needed include diapers (size 4-6) and pull ups, unscented baby wipes, crib sheets & mattress pads, infant towels and washcloths, nursing pillows and covers, gender neutral diaper bags, gift cards (Walmart, Target). Items may be dropped off at the Little Flower parish office or if you are in Devils Lake drop off locations include St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bethel E Free Church, River of Life Church and FirstChoice Women's Care Center. Call FirstChoice Clinic at 701-662-2229 with any questions.

# **Treasures from Our Tradition**

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimagethe journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

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Mass Schedul

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

Monday, December 31 Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Vigil Mass—Holy Day of Obligation

5:30 PM (LF) † Eddie Schell by Andy and Deanne Fedje

Tuesday, January 1 Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God-

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 AM (LF) Birthday Blessings for Greg Eldevik by his family

9:00 AM (SM) † Jackie Senger by Bob and Diane Fritel

Wednesday, January 2 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28 Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

10:00 AM (HOSP) † Lorraine Mack Schafer by Clem and Marian Schmaltz 5:00 PM (LF) † Andrew and Anna Bohl by Mike and Amy Meade

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

7:00 AM (LF) † Valentine Brossart by his family 9:00 AM (HE) † Rose Hager by her family

Friday, January 4 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 9:00 AM (LF) † Rebecca Simonet by Ben and Betty Axtman

**Saturday, January 5** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

8:00 AM (LF) † Roy Pfeifer by family and friends

5:00 PM (LF) † Elizabeth Duchscher by September Circle Christian Mothers

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

8:00 AM (LF) † Deceased family members of Ann Hager

9:00 AM (SM) † JoAnn Hardy by Anita May

10:30 AM (LF) Mass for the Parish

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on KZZJ is sponsored by Ann Hager in memory of her deceased family members.

**Stewardship Moment:** "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1) During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

# STEWARDSHIP OFFERING 12/23 AND 12/25

Little Flower Parish	Week	Year to Date	
Budgeted	\$10,175.00	\$518,925.00	
Little Flower Parish	\$34,489.82	\$469,961.74	
Increase/Decrease (+ or -)	+\$24,314.82	-\$48,963.26	
50 Cents a Day Charity	\$.00	\$1,988.50	
Children's Donation	\$79.00	\$1,167.34	
St. Mary's	\$823.59	\$26,770.56	

# 2018 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL CAMPAIGN

Little Flower Parish	Year to Date
Goal	\$53,328
Pledged	\$47,545
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,959
Pledged	\$4,098

# **SERVING OUR PARISHES JANUARY 5/6**

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	<b>Eucharist Minister</b>	Family Offertory
5:00 PM Saturday	Amber Selensky Allison Selensky	Brenda Heilman	Diane Dufner (Homes) Karin Fursather (Church)	
8:00 AM Sunday	Luke Arnston Jaden Wald	Rob St. Michel	Myrna Muffenbier (Hosp) Deb Black (HE) Mark Johnson (Homes)	
10:30 AM Sunday	Samantha Blessum Tallie Dosch Mykell Heidlebaugh	Barbara Vetter	Charlotte Blessum Joe Schmaltz Mary Schmaltz	Tom and Kelly Clements

St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	Eucharist	Gifts	Church Care
9:00 AM Sunday	Brenda Mitzel		Joe Bohl Blaine Pfeifer	Mark Hoffert	Kim Anderson Family	Mitzel Family Schneider Family