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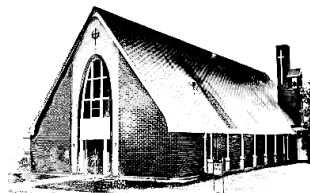


**ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER**

218 3RD STREET SE, RUGBY, ND

**ST. MARY'S**

129 S MORGAN STREET, KNOX, ND



**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL**

301 MAIN STREET N, BALTA ND



**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. - 5:00 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 46 NO. 48

*Message from our Pastor*

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

The Season of Advent begins today. It is the shortest Advent possible, with only three full weeks. The Advent Season is important for the preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

“When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: ‘He must increase, but I must decrease’” (CCC, 524).

This Sunday is also the beginning of Year B in the three-year cycle of the lectionary for Sunday. The weekday cycle has a two-year cycle, and this year is cycle II. St. Mark is the primary evangelist for the Year B.

Mark's gospel was written in Greek, primarily for Gentile Christians, because he uses terms, which were meaningless for non-believers. It is the shortest gospel written in Rome with a blend of history and theology in simple terms. The date of composition is around 70 A.D.

May you have a blessed week!

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.

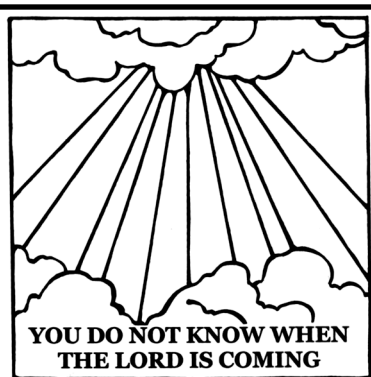
**New Parishioners**  
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

**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**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday, December 3

##### First Sunday of Advent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- Religious Education Class 9:15 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM

#### Monday, December 4

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Adoration 5:45 PM - midnight
- Adult Intercessory Prayer Group 7:00 PM

#### Tuesday, December 5

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Home Mass 9:00 AM
- Eucharist: *Studying the Mass in the Bible* Class 7 PM

#### Wednesday, December 6

- LFS Advisory Council Meeting 7:00 AM
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:00 AM
- CYO Buck-A-Luck 6 PM, Class 7:15 PM
- Great Plains Food Bank 3:45 - 4:30 PM

#### Thursday, December 7

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Home Mass 9:00 AM
- Hospital Mass 10:30 AM
- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- St. Mary's Vigil Mass 7:30 PM

#### Friday, December 8

##### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Little Flower Mass 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 7:30 PM

#### Saturday, December 9

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM
- Confession 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 5:00 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

#### Sunday, December 10

##### Second Sunday of Advent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- LF Religious Education Class 9:15 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM

An adult Intercessory Prayer Group will begin at Little Flower on Monday, December 4 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room. Fr. Frank Miller will direct the prayer sessions with the use of the Rosary as a means of intercession. The group will meet on the first and third Mondays of the month. All are invited to participate.

**Altar Servers, Weekend Mass Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** The schedule for the months of January - May will soon be prepared. Please contact the parish office at 776-6388 or [fparish@gondtc.com](mailto:fparish@gondtc.com) by **December 4** with the dates you are **not** able to serve in your respective ministries. This request was also sent via email. If your email address or phone number has changed please contact us with the updated information. **We are also in need of Altar Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Christmas Midnight Mass and the 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass.**

**Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, a holy day of obligation, and the title under which Mary is designated as the patroness of our country and our diocese will be celebrated at:

**St. Mary's** on December 7 at 7:30 PM (Vigil Mass)

**Little Flower** on December 8 at 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel** on December 8 at 7:30 PM

**LFS Advisory Council meeting Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 AM.**

**Little Flower Parish Council meeting Monday, December 11 at 7:00 PM.**

**Advent Reconciliation Services** will be held at Little Flower Parish on Wednesday, December 13 at 3:00 PM and at 7:00 PM. Parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several priests will be available. Please plan on being present at the beginning of each service. Additional local Advent Services - Rolette, December 3 at 7:00 PM; Bottineau, December 10 at 7:00 PM, Towner, December 11 at 7:00 PM.

**Little Flower CYO** will be heading out to "sing" Christmas cheer to the Rugby Community on December 20 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. If you have a special someone who would enjoy a visit from the CYO Christmas carolers, call the parish at 776-6388 and leave a name, address and favorite carol before December 13.

**Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes** extend our condolences to the family of Agnes Heilman whose funeral was Friday, December 1 at Little Flower. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

**Poinsettias for Christmas at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.** Anyone interested in purchasing a poinsettia to decorate Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church for Christmas please bring the poinsettia to the church. Please contact Jane Gross at 776-5124 with any questions.

**Poinsettias for Christmas at Little Flower:** Donations are being accepted to adorn 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.

**The Great Plains Food Bank** will be in Rugby on Wednesday, December 6 from 3:45 - 4:30 PM at the Rugby Fairgrounds Community Building, 208 2nd Ave NE. Anyone in need of food assistance from any community is welcome to attend.

**You can help.** “Religious are blessed to serve,” says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

**Little Flower Choir CDs are now 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!!

**The Diocese of Fargo is now partnering with Flocknotes to support ongoing communication and evangelization efforts by ministries and offices in the diocese.** Flocknotes is a convenient way for dioceses and parishes to text and email members. Email and text messages are being sent directly to the faithful of the Diocese of Fargo from Bishop John Folda every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The purpose of the Bishop’s messages are to inspire and encourage you in your journey of faith, as well as strengthen your relationship to the local Church. “From Bishop’s Desk” offers up-to-date news from Bishop Folda and the various offices of the Diocese of Fargo. These messages provide easy ways for you to find news, register for events, and connect you to the Catholic resources you want most. At the end of each message will be an invitation to sign up for updates from ministries most important to you. You can receive messages for youth activities, young adult events, Maryvale retreats, and more. If your email or phone number are registered at a parish or with the Diocese of Fargo, you should be receiving these messages from Bishop Folda automatically. The messages default as emails, but if there is no email available, the messages are sent as texts. If you have not received any of the previous messages, or would like to change how you receive these messages, sign up by visiting [www.fargodiocese.flocknote.com](http://www.fargodiocese.flocknote.com).

**New North Dakota Tax Law HB 1176** allows a tax credit up to \$2,500 or up to 50% of your ND income tax bill for donations made by December 31 to pregnancy help centers, maternity homes, or adoption agencies. This includes: Women’s Care Center, Dakota Hope Clinic, and St. Gianna’s Maternity Home.

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING**

November 25-26 2023	2023	2022
Little Flower Parish	\$4,500.25	\$5,784.50
November 26, 2023	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary’s	\$428.51	\$16,386.06
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	\$	\$1,400.00

**2023 GOD’S GIFT APPEAL CAMPAIGN**

Little Flower Parish	Year to Date
Goal	\$73,325
Pledged	\$45,246
St. Mary’s	
Goal	\$4,867
Pledged	\$3,725
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	
Goal	\$9,858
Pledged	\$3,905

**St. Therese the Little Flower**

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Brian Blessum, Grand Knight

**Christian Mothers**

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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**

**Religious Education**

Chelbie Bohl  
Kristen Bohl

**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**

Pete Burgard

**Altar Society**

Bernice Axtman 542-3385

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becoming a sponsor of the Little  
Flower Historian please contact  
Linda or Deb in the business  
office at 776-6388.**



**Mass Schedule (LF-Little Flower; SM-St. Mary; OLMC-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel; HE-Haaland Estates; HOSP - Hospital)**

**Monday, December 4**

7:30 AM (LF)  
5:15 PM (LF)  
5:45 PM (LF)

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11 Saint John Damascene  
† Sharon Jansky by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse  
† Bertha Schell by Jeff and Deb Bopp  
Adoration

**Tuesday, December 5**

7:30 AM (LF)  
8:00 AM (LF)  
9:00 AM (HE)

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
† Ron Brossart by Maurus and Sandy Brossart  
Adoration  
† Casper & Steve Koble and deceased family members by Virginia Koble

**Wednesday, December 6**

7:30 AM (LF)  
9:00 AM (OLMC)  
5:15 PM (LF)

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37 Saint Nicholas  
† Steve Agnes by Anthony and Angie Deplazes  
† Marlene Wentz by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse  
† Leonard Schmaltz by Cletus, Bernice and Glenn Axtman

**Thursday, December 7**

7:30 AM (LF)  
8:00 AM (LF)  
9:00 AM (HE)  
10:30 AM (Hosp)

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27 Saint Ambrose  
† Bob Graber by Rita Graber  
Adoration  
† Regina Vetsch by Joe and Mary Schmaltz  
† Daniel Koenig by Byron Nilsen, Elaine Nilsen and Dwight Liming  
Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass  
Mass for the People

7:30 PM (SM)

**Friday, December 8**

9:00 AM (LF)  
7:30 PM (LF)  
7:30 PM (OLMC)

Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
† Casimer Hoffert by Kevin and Valerie Bachmeier  
Patroness of SSVdP by St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of SSVdP  
† Wesley Muffenbier by Duane and Jeni Heilman

**Saturday, December 9**

8:00 AM (LF)  
5:00 PM (LF)

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8 Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin  
† Daniel Koenig by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8 Second Sunday of Advent  
† Monica Grove by Elaine Schaan and Bill Schaan

**Sunday, December 10**

8:00 AM (LF)  
8:30 AM (SM)  
10:30 AM (LF)  
10:30 AM (OLMC)

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8 Second Sunday of Advent  
† My husband, Mel Bickler and daughter, Bonnie by Alma Bickler  
† Ann Hager by Doug and Shelley Mundahl  
Mass for the People  
† Curtis Bohl by John Bohl family and friends

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Alma Bickler in memory of my husband, Mel Bickler and my daughter, Bonnie.

**SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 9-10**

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Kathleen Heilman	Diane Dufner Marge Heilman		
8:00 AM Sunday	Luke Voeller Hailey Voeller		Rob St. Michael	Michael Voeller Heidi Voeller		
10:30 AM Sunday	Royanne Livedalen Clare Livedalen Beth Schmaltz		Nicholas Schmaltz	Michael Hurlly Jacinta 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	Frances Schneider	Kenny Bohl Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel		Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care	
10:30 AM Sunday		Julie Baustad	Jaxon Heilman Kenley Heilman	Alice Bohl	Scott Filler, Jane Gross, Wes Hall, Joe Haman	