

THE PARISHES OF:



ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

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OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 39 NO. 49

Message from our Pastor

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

Advent Wreaths

“Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.”

“The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas.”

“The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.” (uscgb.org)

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

Blessing of an Advent Wreath

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”:

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

May we all have a blessed and fruitful Advent.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, December 7

Second 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

Monday, December 8

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:30 PM
- Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel 7:30 PM
- No Little Flower Adoration

Tuesday, December 9

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Rosary making class 1:00 PM
- Little Flower Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 10

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- Prayer for Life 3:00 PM
- KC meal 6:00 PM with meeting following
- Praise the Lord Day-Early Out
- Grades 7-12 1:45 - 3:15 PM
- Grades 1-6 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- Kindergarten 6:00 - 6:30 PM
- Christmas caroling 7:00 PM
- Little Flower Christmas Choir practice 7 PM

Thursday, December 11

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Hospital Mass 10:30 AM
- Saint Vincent de Paul meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, December 12

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

Saturday, December 13

- 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 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Retirement Fund for the Religious Collection

- 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

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:

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

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

There will not be Adoration on Monday evening at Little Flower.



Are you interested in making rosaries? There will be a learning session in the small cafeteria at Little Flower Church on Tuesday, December 9 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Refreshments to follow.



The Knights of Columbus monthly supper and council meeting will be on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00 PM.

Singers are welcome to join with the choir for midnight Mass.

Practice will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 10th and Sunday evening at 7:00 PM on December 21st.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas. **The St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** will be meeting on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.

The Little Flower Catholic School Advisory Council will be meeting on December 15 at 7:00 AM.

Advent Reconciliation Services will be held at Little Flower Parish on



December 17 at 3:00 PM and 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 Reconciliation Services - Rolette, November 30 at 7:00 PM; Bottineau, December 14 at 7:00 PM; Towner, December 15 at 7:00 PM; Harvey, December 18 at 7:00 PM.

Join us for a **Holiday Bingo and Popcorn Party** on December 21st, at 2 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy food, fellowship, and maybe win a prize. Everyone is welcome.

Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes extend our condolences to the family of Joseph Fritel whose funeral was on Saturday, December 6 at Little Flower. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

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.

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.

Retirement Fund for the Religious. A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

Visiting the Blessed Sacrament is one of the most enriching practices within the Catholic faith. This act of devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist allows us to experience his Love and Grace in a very profound way. It is a moment of personal encounter with Christ, which invites us to reflect, pray and strengthen our relationship with Him. **Are you able to spend just one hour in Eucharistic Adoration with our Lord?** We need someone from **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM on Tuesday's and someone from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM on Thursday for the months of January, February and March.** Consider teaming up with a friend or family member to fulfill the commitment. Please contact the parish office if you are able to meet these needs.

The 10,000 Rosary Challenge! As a community rooted in prayer and devotion, we're embarking on a powerful spiritual journey: a parish-wide challenge to pray 10,000 rosaries before the end of the year. Whether prayed individually, with family, or in groups, each rosary offered will be a beautiful gift to Our Lady and a source of grace for our parish, our loved ones, and the world. Let's unite our hearts in prayer, deepen our faith, and witness the transformative power of the Rosary—one bead at a time! 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 the forms that have been returned indicate 2,922 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!



STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

	2025	2024
November 29-30		
Little Flower	\$7,425.10	\$12,847.21
November 30, 2025	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$	\$12,451.68
OLMC		

2025 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$72,622
Pledged	\$53,215
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,401
Pledged	\$3,680
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,385
Pledged	\$6,455

St. Therese the Little Flower

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becoming a sponsor of the Little
Flower Historian please contact
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Monday, December 8

7:30 AM (LF)
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

† Msgr. Wald by a friend
Mass for the People
The sick, troubled, and deceased poor by the St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
† Richard Jundt by Dan and Rosie Volk

Tuesday, December 9

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

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14 Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

† Anna Schaan by Nick and Bernie Senger
Adoration
† Verland Burckhard by Virginia Koble

Wednesday, December 10

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

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30 Our Lady of Loreto Health of Jane Roth by Chuck and Joyce Teigen

† John Bohl by Gerold and Leanne Pfeifer
† Kristina Murtaugh by the Pete and Mary Murtaugh Family

Thursday, December 11

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

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15 Saint Damasus I

† Curtis Roerick by friends and family
Adoration
† Helen Haman by Maurus and Sandy Brossart
† Anna Schaan by Eric and Ashley Kremer

Friday, December 12

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

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:39-47 Our Lady of Guadalupe Families of the Parish by the Christian Mothers
Nolan Hovland by Annette Brewer

Saturday, December 13

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

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Saint Lucy

† Pius and Regardia Schaan by family
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11 Third Sunday of Advent
† Edward Brossart by Judith Axtman

Sunday, December 14

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

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11 Third Sunday of Advent

† Deceased family members of Maurus and Sandy Brossart by Maurus and Sandy Brossart
† Bernie Volk by Valerie and Kevin Bachmeier
Mass for the People
† Matt Yunkers by Rebecca Leier

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Maurus and Sandy Brossart in memory of their deceased family members. .

SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 13-14

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Brenda Heilman	Marge Heilman Deb Millang		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Jeremy Wald	Michael Voeller		
10:30 AM Sunday	Nora Schmaltz Levi Selensky Finnley Zwingel		Vernice Brossart	Joe Schmaltz Mary Schmaltz		
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	Ed Volk	Kenny Bohl Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
10:30 AM Sunday	Pete Burgard	Volunteers	Diane Muffenbier	Steve Wentz, Darold Schmalz, Rod Schmitt, Derek Shively,		