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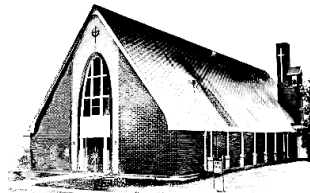


ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

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 a.m.
Saturday 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 8, 2024 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 38 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.” (usccb.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 you have a blessed 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 9:00 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- LF Religious Education Class 9:00 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- **St. Mary's Vigil Mass 7:30 PM Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 9

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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

Tuesday, December 10

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Home Mass 9:00 AM
- The Case for Jesus Study Grp 4:00 PM
- Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well study group 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 11

- 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
- Early Out 1:45; Christmas Caroling 6:30 PM
- KC Supper at 6:00 PM with meeting following
- Little Flower Choir practice 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 12

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Haaland Home Mass 9:00 AM
- Hospital Mass 10:30 AM
- Saint Vincent de Paul meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, December 13

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

Saturday, December 14

- 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 15

Third Sunday of Advent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- LF Religious Education Class 9:00 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM with decorating following Mass
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- Bingo and Popcorn 2:00 PM

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 8 at 7:30 PM (Vigil Mass)

Little Flower on December 9 at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM. There will not be adoration Monday evening.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel on December 9 at 7:30 PM

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

The Little Flower School Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 AM.



The Knights of Columbus monthly council meeting will be on Wednesday, December 11 beginning with supper at 6:00 PM and the meeting following.

Little Flower CYO will be heading out to "CAROL" Christmas cheer to the Rugby Community on December 11 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 by December 11.

The Little Flower Choir will be practicing for the **midnight Christmas Mass on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 PM in the choir loft.** We welcome men and women high school age and up, who would like to join in singing with us to celebrate the coming of Jesus.



The St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be meeting on Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.

St. Mary's Knox will be decorating for Christmas following the Mass on Sunday, December 15.

Join us for Bingo and Popcorn on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy food, fellowship, and maybe win a prize. Everyone is welcome.

The Little House Montessori Haven Advisory Board will be meeting on Monday, December 16 at 4:00 PM in the DRE office.

Little Flower Catholic School will be presenting their annual Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM in the Rugby High School Auditorium. This year's program will have performances by the Preschool, Kindergarten, and the 1st-6th grade's rendition of the "Miracle at Midnight" musical. All are welcome!



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 2024 year **must be received by the December 29th 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.

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.

Little Flower Catholic School PTO is kicking off the 2025 Pray 365 Prayer Campaign! Help us fill 2025 with 365 days of prayer! Our children pray for these intentions on Wednesdays at our Weekly Assembly. A day of prayer is a wonderful gift for a loved one for a birthday, anniversary, recovery from an illness or anything else you can think of! Once again, the donation amount to sponsor a day in 2025 is \$25. Contact Mrs. Jennie Brossart to reserve your dates!

Looking for the perfect gift for the young adult in your life? SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16 and 17) along with young adults (ages 18 and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian community. This is a time to experience a loving, supportive community of young people who want to learn and experience a closer relationship with God and with others. We have a retreat coming up January 17th-20th, 2025 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. More details and the application are at www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm or call Dori at 952-210-2219 with questions. **Applications are due no later than Monday, December 30.**

The Pierce County Food Pantry will be delivering Christmas Food Baskets to families who could use a little extra help this time of year. We will need volunteers to help assemble boxes on Friday, December 20 at 4:00 PM and deliver boxes on Saturday, December 21 at 10:00 AM from the Rugby Armory. Use the west main door. Thank you!

Stewardship Moments

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

- St. Therese the Little Flower**
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- Parish Music Ministry**
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- St. Mary's Catholic Church**
- Religious Education**
 Lisa Volk
- Parish Council**
 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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- Parish Council**
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2024 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

**Diocese of Fargo
Capital Campaign**

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

Nov 30 - Dec 1	2024	2023
Little Flower	\$12,847.21	\$17,581.17
December 1, 2024	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$368.26	\$14,235.18
OLMC	\$	\$5,587.00

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$65,993
Pledged	\$50,330
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,556
Pledged	\$1,830
OLMC	
Goal	\$9,147
Pledged	\$7,925

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$489,716
Pledged	\$288,238
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$22,891
Pledged	\$6,900
OLMC	
Goal	\$42,604
Pledged	\$14,800

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**For information about
becoming a sponsor of the Little
Flower Historian please contact
Heidi 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 9

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 Church and Pope Frances by the St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul

† Kristina Murtaugh by her family

† Deceased members of the Clif and Monica Hooker Family by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker
Mass for the People

Tuesday, December 10

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14 Our Lady of Loreto

Families of the Parish by the Christian Mothers Adoration

† Agnes Heilman by Al and Donna Jundt

Wednesday, December 11

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (OLMC)

5:15 PM (LF)

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30 Saint Damasus I

† Zachary Haman by Joe and Amy Haman and family

† Agnes Axtman by friends and family

† Dennis Muffenbier by Myrna Muffenbier and family

Thursday, December 12

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

10:30 AM (Hosp)

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:39-47 Our Lady of Guadalupe

For the sick and troubled who seek Divine help and cure thru Blessed Frederic Ozaman by the St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul

† Fr. Jerald Finnestad

† Delores Hager by Bob and Linda Black

Friday, December 13

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (LF)

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19 Saint Lucy

† Helen Haman by family and friends

† Caye Bednarz by the Little Flower School Staff and Students

Saturday, December 14

8:00 AM (LF)

5:00 PM (LF)

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Saint John of the Cross

† Betty Schall by Ed Schall

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 First Sunday of Advent

† Daryl Kuhnenn and deceased family members by Pat Kuhnenn

Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM (LF)

8:30 AM (SM)

10:30 AM (LF)

10:30 AM (OLMC)

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18 Third Sunday of Advent

† Edward and Katherine Ganje by Bruce Ganje and family
Mass for the People

† Alma Bickler by the Little Flower CDA

† Betty Zacher by Cletus and Bernice Axtman

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Edward and Katherine Ganje by the Bruce Ganje Family.

SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 14-15

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Chuck Teigen	Joyce Teigen Chuck Teigen		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Sarah Shively	Rose Schneibel		
10:30 AM Sunday	Beth Schmaltz Aubrie Schmaltz Nora Schmaltz		Nicholas Schmaltz	Michael Hurly 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 Tosten Bohl	Chris Brossart Jerald Bohl	Chris Brossart	Ed Volk	Kenny Bohl Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
10:30 AM Sunday	Julie Baustad	Volunteers	Eric Kremer	Rod Schmitt, Sherry Shively, Linda Sollin, Steve Wentz		