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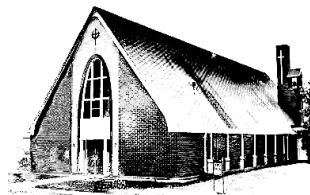


**ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER**

218 3RD STREET SE, RUGBY, ND

**ST. MARY'S**

129 S MORGAN STREET, KNOX, ND



**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL**

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**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.**

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 2025 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 39 NO. 8

*Message from our Pastor*

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

The Diocese of Fargo 2025 God's Gift Appeal is well underway.

The outpouring of support from many parishioners helps sustain the important ministries across the Diocese of Fargo. Thank you for your prayers and support.



This upcoming weekend, March 1-2, will be Commitment Weekend at our parish. Please bring the personalized commitment card you received in the mail this week to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church. There will be pledge envelopes available in the pew and in the back of the church, or you can visit [www.fargodiocese.org/godsgiftappeal](http://www.fargodiocese.org/godsgiftappeal). Your gift will truly make a difference.

Our parish goal can only be achieved through your generosity.

- Little Flower \$72,622
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel \$8,385
- St. Mary's \$4,401

The Diocesan 2025 God's Gift Appeal goal of \$3,773,301 will only be achieved with your prayers and support.

Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2025 God's Gift Appeal. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Diocese of Fargo?

May you have a blessed week!

Fr. Frank Miller  
Pastor



**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 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**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday, February 23

- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
  - Little Flower Religious Ed class 9:15 AM
  - St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
  - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM

#### Monday, February 24

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

#### Tuesday, February 25

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Home Mass 9:00 AM
- The Case for Jesus Study Group 4:00 PM
- Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM

#### Wednesday, February 26

- 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
- LF Religious Ed Class 7:00 PM

#### Thursday, February 27

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

#### Friday, February 28

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

#### Saturday, February 29

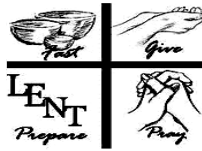
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM
- Confession 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

#### Sunday, March 2

- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
  - Little Flower Religious Ed class 9:15 AM
  - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 8:30 AM
  - St. Mary's 10:30 AM

The St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be meeting on Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5. It is time to collect last year's blessed palms for making ashes. Please bring them to the parish office. Thank you!



#### Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday, March 5

Little Flower 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM

Extraordinary Ministers of Ho

St. Mary's 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 7:30 PM

There will be a meeting for those interested in the Little Flower Cemetery on March 10 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room. This is your opportunity to participate in the care of the Little Flower Cemetery.

**Take Up Our Cross!** During Lent, we are asked to increase our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Make plans to increase your time in prayer by spending time with Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration. **We need a temporary commitment during March from 1:00 - 2:00 PM.** If you are able to fill in or would like to participate in this devotion please contact the parish office.

The Little Flower Catholic Youth Organization will be hosting their annual **CYO Freewill Offering Rummage Sale** on Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15, sale times TBD. The rummage sale will be in the parish hall, downstairs at Little Flower Catholic Church. The CYO will be accepting donations of household items and clothing starting Sunday, March 9. Donations may be dropped off downstairs in the church religious education office. Please note, we are unable to accept large appliances or TVs but welcome any other gently used items. As we begin this season of Lent, this is a great way to unclutter and clean the closet as well as the soul!! We invite everyone to stop in at the Little Flower Freewill Offering Rummage Sale on March 14 and 15. Proceeds are used by the CYO to support annual youth retreats and activities!!

**THANK YOU parishioners and the Little Flower CYO for your participation in the Women's Care Center's Baby Shower.** In 2024 the Devils Lake Women's Care Center served 234 clients, clients attended 433 classes, and currently 73 babies are expected. Please see the Thank You letter from the Devils Lake Women's Care Center and more Women's Care Center statistics on the table at the front entrance of the church this week.

**This year the children and youth of Little Flower Parish will express the Lenten tradition of giving Alms by choosing to give close to home.**

Students will make their own "Lenten Giving Boxes" to collect coins for the benefit of Catholic Charities North Dakota. Students are also making additional boxes to distribute to parishioners with an enclosed charitable message explaining the mission of Catholic Charities North Dakota. Look for these handmade "Lenten Giving Boxes" at the church entrances and pick one up to use for your charitable giving during Lent.

**A new Prayer for Life group** has been meeting on Wednesdays at 3:00 PM in Little Flower Church. Please join us as we gather to pray for an end to abortion, the conversion of hearts, a greater respect for human life, and in reparation for the sins committed against the gift of life. We begin at 3:00 PM with the Rosary, a litany in response to abortion, and end with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, a plenary indulgence may also be obtained for ourselves or for a deceased loved one under the usual conditions as we pray together in our church. Please come

join us to pray for life!

**Little Flower Elevator Capital Campaign.** The church elevator requires mechanical updates to ensure that the elevator remains in proper working order. Without the elevator many of our parishioners would not be able to attend Mass or church activities in the Parish Hall. It has also served as a more efficient way to transport deliveries into the church or church basement. The estimated cost of the required update is \$20,000. Donations in the amount \$14,250 have been received. Thank you to all who have donated. Please make checks payable to Little Flower Church and place donations in an envelope marked "Elevator Capital Campaign" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it by the parish office. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

**Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation Retreat** from April 4-6, 2025 at the Maryvale Retreat Center. No matter the circumstances, divorce always represents broken dreams and broken hearts. While much of the attention goes to the men and women trying to navigate the tidal wave of loss and hurt, often left in the wake are the children whose sense of security and identity have also been shattered. This can be true even for those who were already adults when their parents' relationship ended. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parents' relationship, no matter at what age it happened and to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. Find out more information or register for the retreat by visiting [www.fargodiocese.org/lgw](http://www.fargodiocese.org/lgw).

**At the Feet of St. John Paul II.** You are invited to a retreat that opens up St. John Paul II's life changing teaching called the "Theology of the Body". This teaching on the total vision of the human person will then be applied to life and love issues as well as the Eucharist. In addition, there will be Mass, Adoration, Confessions, music and time for personal prayer and reflection. The retreat is **April 11-13 (Friday-Sunday) at Maryvale** in Valley City. You can register by going to [Maryvalend.org](http://Maryvalend.org).

**Stewardship Moments**

*"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." - LUKE 6:35*

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING**

February 15-16	2025	2024
Little Flower	\$7,179.00	\$8,829.02
February 2025	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's		
February 2	\$174.00	
February 9	\$133.03	
February 16	\$157.00	\$1,430.44
OLMC		

**2025 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL**

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$72,622
Pledged	\$
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,401
Pledged	\$
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,385
Pledged	\$

**St. Therese the Little Flower**

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 Theone Stevenson, President

**Catholic Daughters**  
 Valerie Bachmeier, Regent

**Parish Music Ministry**  
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**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

**Religious Education**  
 Lisa Volk

**Parish Council**  
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**St. Mary's Ladies Society**  
 Kristen Bohl

**Parish Music Ministry**  
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**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

**Religious Education**  
 Samantha Wentz

**Parish Council**  
 Pete Burgard

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

**Monday, February 24**

7:30 AM (LF)

5:15 PM (LF)

5:45 PM (LF)

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

† Jeannie Schneibel by family and friends

† Mike Brossart by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker

Adoration

**Tuesday, February 25**

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

† Daniel Schaan by Janice Pfeifer

Adoration

† Delores Hager by Mike and Christine Schmaltz

**Wednesday, February 26**

7:30 AM (LF)

9:30 AM (OLMC)

5:15 PM (LF)

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

† Rosemary LaCroix by Anthony and Angie Deplazes

Health of Jerry Boucher by John and Alice Bohl

† Bruce Baumann by Myrna Baumann and family

**Thursday, February 27**

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

10:30 AM (Hosp)

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50 Saint Gregory of Narek

† Lorraine Mundahl by Andy and Deanne Fedje

Adoration

† Walter Busch by Lorraine Thompson

† Ed Brossart by Loretta Heilman

**Friday, February 28**

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (LF)

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

† Helen Haman by Sandy and Maurus Brossart

Health of family members by Joanne Ziegler

**Saturday, March 1**

8:00 AM (LF)

5:00 PM (LF)

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

† Ken Schaan by Brian and Sue Blessum

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Dennis Muffenbier by Veronica Haman

**Sunday, March 2**

8:00 AM (LF)

8:30 AM (OLMC)

10:30 AM (LF)

10:30 AM (SM)

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† The deceased friends and family members of Mike and Deb Black

† Gwen Drennick by family and friends.

† Julia Brossart by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse

Mass for the People

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Mike and Deb Black in memory of their deceased friends and family members.

**SERVING OUR PARISHES MARCH 1-2**

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers		Brenda Heilman	Vernice Brossart Marge Heilman		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers		Sarah Shively	Rita Graber		
10:30 AM Sunday	Bill Hurly Genny Hurly Levi Selensky		Michael Hurly	Joe Schmaltz Mary Schmaltz		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
10:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman	Marissa Bohl Titus Volk	Tim Sattler Al Follman	Wanda Follman	Kenny Bohl Family	Hoffert & Pfeifer Families
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
8:30 AM Sunday	Kevin Leier	Volunteers	Alice Bohl	Wes Hall, Joe Haman, Chris Heilman, Kenny Heilman		