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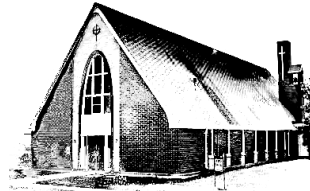


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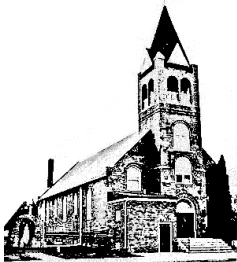
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129 S MORGAN STREET, KNOX, ND



OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

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St. Therese Little Flower Parish

Rectory: 776-6388
Parish Office: 776-6388
www.littleflowerrugby.org
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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 8, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 40 NO. 6

Message from our Pastor

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

St. Valentine's Day is traditionally the day on which "lovers" do something special for each other. Little acts of love go a long way to making life what it is supposed to be, "God made us to show forth His goodness and to share with us His everlasting happiness in Heaven" (*Baltimore Catechism*).

The happiness of heaven begins here on earth as we are willing to love God and neighbor. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' (Mt. 22:38-39).

"God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1604).

We are grateful for the faithful witness of the blessed families in our parishes and their dedication to the spiritual and religious formation of their children. The family motto of the Louie and Zellie Martin family, "Serving God First, Together," has been for many an inspiration and model for living out life as a family.

Please come for fun at the LF Family Valentine Bingo Party Sunday February 15th at 1:00 pm in the parish hall at Little Flower. Everyone is welcome!

I am sorry, I will not be at the festivities on Sunday. I will be in Wahpeton to baptize my grand-niece Blakely Clare.

May we all 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 9:30 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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Little Flower Catholic School Advisory Council will be meeting on February 9 at 7:00 AM.



The Knights of Columbus monthly council meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds. Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. **In January, through your gifts, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by assisting 9 families, providing \$50 in food, \$40 in gas, \$1,025 rent, \$202 utilities, and \$107 motel stay.** Everyone is welcome to our next meeting, Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.

Valentine's Day BINGO

Join us for the Little Flower Family Valentine Bingo Party on February 15 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the Monsignor Cloos Dining Room as we celebrate love, marriage, and family with red desserts, red bingo prizes, and red door prizes. Fun for the whole family! Everyone is welcome.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, February 8

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 9

- LFCS Advisory Council meeting 7:00 AM
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - midnight

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

- 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
- Little Way Classes, CYO Buck-A-Luck
- Knights of Columbus meeting 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 12

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower 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, February 13

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

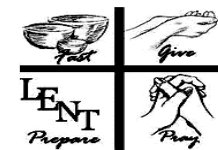
Saturday, February 14

- 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, February 15

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- Little Flower Family Valentine Bingo Party 1:00 - 3:00 PM



Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday, February 18

- Little Flower 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM
- St. Mary's 6:00 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel 7:30 PM

As Christians, we should want to know our family tree. We should want to know who has gone before us in the Faith, where they came from, and what they believed. We should want to know our history. In *The Bible and the Church Fathers* study, you will learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture. *The Bible and the Church Fathers* will teach you what you need to know about the Fathers' role in how the Bible took form. You will learn powerful tools for reading Scripture, and you will understand Scripture's relationship to Tradition and, in particular, to the Sacraments. What's more, you will recognize the powerful effect of Scripture on the Church Fathers. For them, this was no academic pursuit. Their love of God's Word transformed their lives—just as it has the power to transform ours today. ***The Bible and the Church Fathers* study group, led by Fr. Frank Miller, will begin on February 17 in Dorothy's Room. Two classes will be offered on Tuesday's for your convenience, 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. There will be 8 sessions. Please call the parish office or sign up at the front entrance of Little Flower Church so we may order the correct number of study guides. Everyone is welcome!**

Pray 365: Help Little Flower Catholic School with 365 days of prayer! Our children pray for requested 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 illness, thinking of you or anything else you can think of! Once again, the donation amount to sponsor a day in 2026 is \$25. Contact Mrs. Jennie Brossart to reserve your dates.

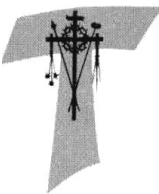
Encounter: Youth Retreat Night is for all youth grades 7-12 who are looking to attend a night of praise and worship with a keynote talk and games put on by the Diocese of Fargo! Dinner will be provided. The goal of this night is to offer a meaningful encounter with the Lord and to encourage students to grow in their relationship with Him. It's also a great

opportunity for youth to build friendships with peers who share their faith. **Encounter will take place at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Velva, ND on March 25th at 5:30 PM.** Please let your DRE know if you're interested! If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Casandra Zwingel.

Little Flower Speaker Capital Campaign. Our church sound system has been upgraded with two new speakers to improve clarity during Mass and parish events. The cost of this upgrade was \$9,000. **Donations in the amount of \$3,210 have been received in support of this project. Thank you to all those who have contributed.** Donations of any amount are appreciated. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Speaker Capital Campaign" and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Checks should be made payable to Little Flower Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The World's Finest Chocolate is still available and a perfect gift for Valentine's Day! The Little Flower CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) is raising funds for 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 and Whirls for \$3. 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!

SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a peer-to-peer retreat ministry for youth (ages 16-17) and young adults (18+) who desire to grow deeper in their faith and in Christian community. SEARCH offers a powerful opportunity to encounter God, discover more about oneself, and build meaningful relationships within a loving, supportive Christian environment. Retreats will be held February 27 - March 1, 2026, (deadline to register is February 9) or April 10-12, 2026 (deadline to register is March 23) at the Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm. Questions? Please contact Dori Picard at 952-210-2219.



February Day of Reflection – Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen. You are invited to join us on Saturday, February 21 for a Day of Reflection (online or in-person at 102 6th St SE, Hankinson, ND). This month's theme, as we continue our Franciscan Spiritual Pilgrimage, will be the San Damiano Crucifix. The event lasts from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Register online at <https://www.sfcretreats.org/register-online/> or contact Sr. Mary Ruth with questions at smaryruth@sfcretreats.org / 701-242-7195.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

	2026	2025
Jan 31 - Feb 1		
Little Flower	\$14,509.68	\$8,109.55
February 1, 2026	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$150.00	\$748.00
OLMC		

2025 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$72,622
Pledged	\$54,340
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,401
Pledged	\$3,830
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,385
Pledged	\$6,685

St. Therese the Little Flower

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Parish Music Ministry

Susan Hoffert



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

Monday, February 9

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

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
† Joseph A Brossart by Angie Busch
† Joe J. Schmaltz by Marian Schmaltz
Adoration

Tuesday, February 10

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

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13 Saint Scholastica
† Ed Brossart by Rita Graber
Adoration
† Bernie Volk by Jim and Judy Haman

Wednesday, February 11

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

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23 Our Lady of Lourdes
† Clara Ebach by Mary Ebach
† Gerald N Muffenbier by Larry and Diane Muffenbier
† Joe Fritel by Marge Heilman and family

Thursday, February 12

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

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
† Bob Graber and deceased family members of Rita Graber
Adoration
Birthday Blessings for Delores Koenig by Brian and Sue Blessum
† Joe P Haman by family

Friday, February 13

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

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
† Konrad Vik by Anthony and Angie Deplazes
† John Bohl by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Saturday, February 14

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

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10 Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius
Health of Donna Overton by Diana Gerig
Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Catherine Fritel by Marge Heilman and family

Sunday, February 15

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

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Joe Fritel by Elton and Peg Sollin
Mass for the People
† Jerome Voeller by Duane and Margaret Voeller
† Michael Barth by Ron and Wanda Kremer

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Joe Fritel by Elton and Peg Sollin.

SERVING OUR PARISHES FEBRUARY 14-15

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion			
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Vernice Brossart	Dorice Duchscherer Deb Millang			
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Rita Graber	Michael Voeller Heidi Voeller			
10:30 AM Sunday	Finnley Zwingel Brenna Zwingel Crosby Zwingel	Nicholas Schmaltz	Marlene Schaan Jacinta Schmaltz			
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman Philip Volk	Tosten Bohl Micah Bohl	Darrell Hoffart Adam Bohl	Mark Hoffert	Mark Hoffert Family	Sattler Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
10:30 AM Sunday	Kevin Leier	Harper Leier Clara Leier	Erin Schaan	Chris Heilman, Kenny Heilman, Brad Jacobs, Mike Jundt		