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St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 11, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 40 NO. 2

Message from our Pastor

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

Today's celebration reminds us of the gift of baptism we have received when we were young. "Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift ... We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1216).

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and the revelation of God as three persons in one, the Most Holy Trinity. The Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus of Nazareth, accepted a baptism of water on our behalf so that the waters of the earth could be used to baptize persons throughout the earth.

The gift of baptism was the beginning of our transfiguration "in Christ", to be Christ-like in all we say, think and do. For most of us, we were baptized as an infant and the promises that were said on that occasion in our name by our parents and Godparents have since then been voiced by us as adults. Every year as disciples of Christ we renew our baptismal promises at Mass on Easter.

Since the day of our baptism, it had been a challenge to be faithful to those promises. As a result of experience and religious knowledge, we know we need the grace of God every day to fulfill those promises. Since grace builds on nature, we act purposely as Christians, for "whoever wants to remain faithful to his baptismal promises and resist temptations will want to adopt the means for doing so: self-knowledge, practice of an asceticism adapted to the situations that confront him, obedience to God's commandments, exercise of the moral virtues, and fidelity to prayer" (*CCC*, 2340).

Let us pray for our country as our country continues to deal with many issues.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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 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

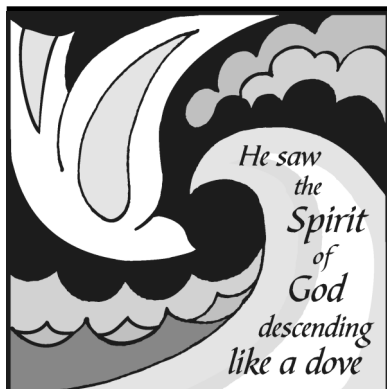
Parish ministers bring the Holy Eucharist to the homebound and the hospitalized. Please call the parish office to arrange for visitation.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact a priest when hospitalized or preparing for surgery or significant medical procedure.

**Bulletin announcement deadline:
Noon on Wednesday**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, January 11

The Baptism of the Lord

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

Monday, January 12

- LFCS Advisory Council meeting 7:00 AM
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Katherine Haman Funeral Mass 10:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - midnight

Tuesday, January 13

- 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, January 14

- 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
- Praise the Lord Day—Early Out
- Pro Life Skating 1:45 - 3:15 PM
- Little Way Classes; grades 1-6 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- Kindergarten 6:00 - 6:30 PM
- 2nd Grade Parent Reconciliation mtg 7:00 PM
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 15

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Hospital Mass 10:30 AM

Friday, January 16

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

Saturday, January 17

- 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, January 18

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel 8:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM
- New Year's Bingo and Popcorn 2:00 PM

Little Flower Catholic School Advisory Council meeting on January 12 at 7:00 AM.



The Knights of Columbus monthly council meeting will be Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00 PM. The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast following the Sunday Masses on January 25.

2nd Grade Reconciliation Parents. The reconciliation parent meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14th at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. Each family should have received an informational letter. Please sign into the SportsYou account. Your support and involvement will be key to making this a grace-filled year for everyone. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you! Casandra Zwingel

The CYO Winter Activity—"Skating for Life" will be held on January 14th, an early out school day. Everyone is welcome to join the CYO for ice skating at the Al Wentz Arena from 1:45 - 3:15 PM in honor of Pro-Life. Please bring a freewill donation that will be used to support the Pro-Life Mission of the Women's Care Center in Devils Lake. The Souris Basin Bus will transport the students from the high school to the arena and back. Questions—Contact Lisa at 583-2338.

Join us for our **New Year's Bingo and Popcorn** on Sunday, January 18th, at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo with friends, delicious refreshments, and cash prizes. Everyone is welcome.

New Year Saturday Potluck and Bingo Party following the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, January 24th. Bring a potluck food item to share and enjoy an evening of good food, bingo, and great fellowship with friends. Everyone is welcome.

Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes extend our condolences to the family of Kira Kati Jo Lemar whose funeral was on Friday, January 9 at Little Flower. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes extend our condolences to the family of Katherine Haman whose funeral is Monday, January 12 at 10:30 AM at Little Flower. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes extend our condolences to the family of Larry Schumacker whose funeral is Tuesday, January 13 at 11:00 AM at Anderson's Funeral Home. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

Are you able to spend 1 hour in Eucharistic Adoration with our Lord? New Years Resolution—develop a closer relationship with our Lord by spending time with Him in Eucharistic Adoration. 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. **We need someone on Tuesday from 1:00 - 2:00 PM during the months of January - April.** Adoration times are Monday from 5:45 PM - midnight; Tuesday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM; Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. If you are able to fill in or would like to participate in this devotion please contact the parish office at 776-6388.

The 10,000 Rosary Challenge ended on December 31, 2025 at Little Flower, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Mary's Parishes, 7,304 rosaries were prayed. Thank you to all who participated in this spiritual journey.

Little Flower Speaker Capital Campaign. Our church sound system has been upgraded to better serve our parish. Two additional speakers have been installed to improve clarity and sound quality during Mass and parish events. If you would like to support this project, please make checks payable to Little Flower Church. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Speaker Capital Campaign" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps to ensure that all parishioners can fully participate in our liturgies and celebrations.

The Baptism of the Lord. After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. **In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting 3 families, providing \$397 in rent, \$308 for utilities and a \$20 bus ticket. This season, we prepared 90 treat bags with messages of hope and prayer cards, etc. for local inmates at the Correctional Center.** The initiative aimed to offer encouragement, share God's love, and remind recipients they are remembered and prayed for during the holiday season.

The Women's Care Center in Devils Lake is having a "Baby Shower" during the month of January. The Women's Care Centers help women with unexpected pregnancies. They are staffed by nurses and trained counselors offering classes in pregnancy and parenting, emergency help, referrals, and more. Parents taking classes earn credits to obtain needed baby items. Please help keep the Women's Care Center supplied with these needed items. Find tags for these items at the front entrance of the church, choose a tag, purchase that item, and return it to the parish office. Thank you.

January Day of Reflection. You are invited to join us on Saturday, January 17 for a Day of Reflection (in-person or online). This month's theme, as we continue our Franciscan Spiritual Pilgrimage, will be "St. Clare's Basilica." The event lasts from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/qvVtezHnt9> or contact Sr. Mary Ruth with questions at smaryruth@sfcretreats.org /701-242-7195.

North Dakota's 2026 Annual Pro-Life Conference is on Thursday, January 22. Join us at 9:30 AM at the Heritage Center's Russell Reid Auditorium in Bismarck. There will be life-affirming messages from several speakers, including Dr. David Tamisiea, Executive Director of the North Dakota Catholic Conference, a delicious lunch and fellowship as we give thanks for God's precious gift of life! Tickets are \$25.00. Contact: ndfamilyalliance.org or call 701-355-6425.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

	2026	2025
January 1-4		
Little Flower	\$9,726.50	\$9,377.00
January 4, 2026	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$	\$
OLMC		

2025 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$72,622
Pledged	\$54,340
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,401
Pledged	\$3,680
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,385
Pledged	\$6,655

St. Therese the Little Flower

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becoming a sponsor of the Little
Flower Historian please contact
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Monday, January 12

7:30 AM (LF)
10:30 AM (LF)
5:15 PM (LF)
5:45 PM (LF)

1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
† Gerald Kramer by David and Becky Kraft
† Katherine Haman Funeral Mass
† Joe P Haman by Nancy Voeller
Adoration

Tuesday, January 13

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

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 Saint Hilary
† Walter Busch by Angie Busch
Adoration
† Bernie Volk by Randy and Rosalie Axtman

Wednesday, January 14

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

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
† Jane and Torgeir Vik by Anthony and Angie Deplazes
† John Bohl by Ron and Wanda Kremer
† Christ Heintz by Judy Heintz

Thursday, January 15

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

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
† John Bohl by Geri Stephan
† Curtis Roerick by family and friends
† Delores Hager by Ron and Toni Gumeringer

Friday, January 16

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

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
† Anna Schaan by Marvin and Karen Migler
† Ed Selensky by Alan and Karleen Blessum

Saturday, January 17

8:00 AM (LF)

5:00 PM (LF)

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17 Saint Anthony
† Dexter Voeller by a friend
Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24 Fourth Sunday of Advent
† William Fritel by Ron and Wanda Kremer

Sunday, January 18

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

Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
† John and Janice Carrabba by Philip Volk
† Regina Eisenzimmer by Jack and Mary Schmaltz
† Joe and Bernie Volk by Joe and Mary Schmaltz.
Mass for the People

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of John and Janice Carrabba by Philip Volk.

SERVING OUR PARISHES JANUARY 17-18

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion			
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Brenda Heilman	Vernice Brossart Marge Heilman			
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Sarah Shively	Rita Graber			
10:30 AM Sunday	Chelsea Blessum Grant Teigen Rhett Teigen	Carter Teigen	Brian Blessum Sue Blessum			
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
10:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman Wanda Follman	Mason Bohl Titus Volk	Kenny Bohl Gary Hoffart	Philip Volk	Adam Bohl Family	
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
8:30 AM Sunday	Pete Burgard	Volunteers	Eric Kremer	Joe Axtman, Julie Baustad, Chad Duchscher, Diane Dodd		