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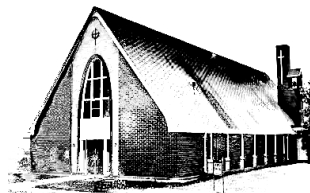


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St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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 IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 18, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 40 NO. 3

Message from our Pastor

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

"Christ came for the very purpose of redeeming our sins, offering us His forgiveness, and giving us His peace. Jesus comes to free us from the bonds of sin. And there is no sin that is beyond God's mercy. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. His greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. You can find out more information about the Church's ministry for healing after abortion by visiting hopeafterabortion.com (*USCCB.org*).

"Each year on January 22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 60 million lives have been lost. That's more than the size of Italy's population. On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now, state, and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed" (*USCCB.org*).

"This coming January 22, 2026, we set aside a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms" (*USCCB.org*).

Let us pray that abortion in the United States will come to end by the action of man before it becomes to an end by the action of God.

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WEEKLY EVENTS

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
- Prayer for Christian Unity 3:00 PM

Monday, January 19

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - midnight
- Prayer for Christian Unity 3:00 PM

Tuesday, January 20

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Prayer for Christian Unity 3:00 PM
- Little Flower Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 21

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- Prayer for Christian Unity & Prayer for Life 3:00 PM
- Little Way Classes; 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- Grades 7-12 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Thursday, January 22

- 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
- Prayer for Christian Unity 3:00 PM
- Saint Vincent de Paul meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, January 23

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with a movie following in Dorothy's Room
- Prayer for Christian Unity 3:00 PM

Saturday, January 24

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM
- Confession 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Prayer for Christian Unity 3:00 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
- New Year Potluck and Bingo Party after Mass

Sunday, January 25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- KC Breakfast following Masses
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel 8:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM
- Prayer for Christian Unity 3:00 PM

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

Everyone is invited to join us as we observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. From Sunday, January 18th through Sunday, January 25th, a rosary will be prayed each day at 3:00 PM at Little Flower Church for Christian Unity. As Pope John Paul II reminds us in *Ut Unum Sint 20*): "What unites us is much greater than what divides us." For more information about the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, please see the article in the January 2026 issue of *The Word Among Us*.

The St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will meet on Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.

There will be a 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.

Knights of Columbus

Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast following the Sunday Masses on January 25.

Little Flower Catholic School is gearing up for Catholic Schools Week! This year we will celebrate **January 25–30**. It's a wonderful opportunity for our school, parish, and community to recognize the value of a strong, faith-based, formational education and to celebrate all that Catholic schools make possible for our students and families.

Catholic Schools Week Highlights:

January 25: We kick off the week with Little Flower Catholic School families participating at the **10:30 AM Mass**.

January 28: Parents and grandparents are invited to join us for **"Pastries with Parents" at 8:15 AM**. We also invite you to stay for our weekly assembly to start the day. If you plan to attend, please contact the Little Flower Catholic School office to RSVP by **Thursday, January 22**, so we can plan for an accurate count.

January 30: Students will wrap up Catholic Schools Week with a **whole-school skating party at the Al Wentz Arena!** This year, we're also excited to invite **St. Ann's Catholic School in Belcourt** to join us. Mass will be at 10:00 AM.

Throughout the week, students will also enjoy fun dress-up days, learn more about the significance and history of the Catholic Church and its role in education, and take part in a few surprises along the way. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Bringing Care to the Homebound. Do you know someone who is homebound, feeling isolated, or in need of a caring presence? Our St. Vincent de Paul members offer friendly home visits, sharing prayer, encouragement, and a compassionate ear. If you or someone you know would welcome a visit, please reach out to us at **701-681-0192 or email: littleflower@svdpfargo.org**. We are here to serve with love, dignity, and respect.

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 and your support of this project would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be placed in an envelope marked "Speaker Capital Campaign" and dropped in the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Checks should be made payable to Little Flower Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps to ensure that all parishioners can fully participate in our liturgies and parish events.



Are you able to spend 1 hour in Eucharistic Adoration with our Lord? 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.** If you are able to fill in or would like to participate in this devotion please contact the parish office at 776-6388.

Next week we will take the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html. Donation envelopes are included in the Little Flower stewardship packets and a few will be located at the front entrance of the church. Donation envelopes for St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be included in next weeks bulletin.

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.

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.

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!

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING		
	2026	2025
January 10-11		
Little Flower	\$7,407.76	\$6,457.00
January 11, 2026	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's		
1-1-2026	\$ 90.00	
1-4-2026	\$120.00	
1-11-2026	\$ 87.00	\$297.00
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	\$6,655

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- Christian Mothers**
 Theone Stevenson, President
- Catholic Daughters**
 Valerie Bachmeier, Regent
- Parish Music Ministry**
 Glenda Mack - 776-5179
- Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**
 Deb Black, President 681-0192



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

Monday, January 19

7:30 AM (LF)

5:15 PM (LF)

5:45 PM (LF)

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

† Vergil Dufner by Diane Dufner

† Regina Hoffart by Brossart Relatives
Adoration

Tuesday, January 20

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28 Saint Fabian, Saint Sebastian

† Ron Brossart by his family
Adoration

† Joe P Haman by his family

Wednesday, January 21

7:30 AM (LF)

9:30 AM (OLMC)

5:15 PM (LF)

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6 Saint Agnes

† Ed Brossart by Chuck and Linda Duchscher

† Gerald N. Muffenbier by Larry and Diane Muffenbier

† John Bohl by the Monday Quilters

Thursday, January 22

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

10:30 AM (Hosp)

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children

† Christopher Brewer by Deacon Jonathan and Annette Brewer

† Ed Selensky by friends and family

† Curtis Roerick by family and friends

Friday, January 23

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (LF)

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19 Saint Vincent, Saint Marianne Cope

† Regina Eisenzimmer by friends and family

† Ted Mitzel by Louis and Karla Bickler

Saturday, January 24

8:00 AM (LF)

5:00 PM (LF)

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21 St. Francis de Sales

† Dwight Cote by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse

Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Emily Dufner by Diane Dufner

Sunday, January 25

8:00 AM (LF)

8:30 AM (OLMC)

10:30 AM (LF)

10:30 AM (SM)

Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Bernie Volk by Isaac and Kory Schaan

† Richard Jundt by Jeff and Cassie Duchscher

Mass for the People

† John Bueckers by Bob and Diane Fritel

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in
memory of Bernie Volk by Isaac and Kory Schaan.

SERVING OUR PARISHES JANUARY 24-25

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Brenda Heilman	Dorice Duchscher Deb Millang		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Jeremy Wald	Michael Voeller		
10:30 AM Sunday	Natalie Blessum Braden Brossart Beric Brossart		Bria Brossart	Chris Brossart Jennie Brossart		
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 Lynn Bohl Family	
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
8:30 AM Sunday	Kevin Leier	Harper Leier Clara Leier	Jennifer Heilman	Joe Axtman, Julie Baustad, Chad Duchscher, Diane Dodd		