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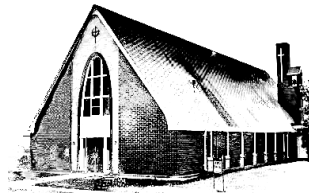


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St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 4, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 40 NO. 1

Message from our Pastor

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

The Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated today. It is a tradition of families to ask God to bless their home and all visitors who come to visit by "chalking the doors".

On the Epiphany of Our Lord, family and friends gather at the main entrances to homes or apartments (nursing home quarters, extended care facility, hospital rooms!), and ask God's blessing on their dwellings and on all who live or visit.

☩ Peace be to this house and to all who enter here.

☩ A reading from the book of Proverbs: "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

☩ Let us pray: Gracious God, as a shining star once guided the magi to the birthplace of the infant Jesus, so enable those who come here to be your light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R** Amen.

Using chalk (hence, "Chalking the Door"), people are invited to inscribe the lintel of the home (the horizontal frame above the door) with the inscription shown below. The letters C M B come from the traditional (9th century) names for the "three kings" -- Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar. Some also suggest "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ bless this dwelling!"

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☩ A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah: "The effect of righteousness is peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and quiet places."

☩ Let us pray: Sovereign God, we pray that you will bless this home and all who come here with your gracious presence, that your love may be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

☩ Lord, remember your children and teach us to pray: Our Father...

People may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their baptism.

☩ May the Lord watch over our going out and our coming in, from this day forth and throughout the year. **R** Amen.

A blessed and joyous New Year to all!

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes extend our condolences to the family of Katherine Haman whose funeral services are currently pending. May her 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.

Little Flower Speaker Capital Campaign. We are pleased to share that 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 10,000 Rosary Challenge ended on December 31, 2025 at Little Flower, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Mary's Parishes. Currently 6,904 rosaries have been prayed. **Please turn in your slips indicating the number of rosaries you have prayed.**

The World's Finest Chocolate. Little Flower CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) will be raising funds for the 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, Whirls, and Mints for \$3. Full cases are available for purchase as well. 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. Retreat dates are February 27 - March 1, 2026 with the deadline to register February 9 and April 10-12, 2026 with the deadline to register March 23. For more information go to www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm

Stewardship Moments

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, January 4

The Epiphany 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 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

- 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 7

- 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 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- CYO Buck A Luck and Class

Thursday, January 8

- 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 9

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

Saturday, January 10

- 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 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

Thank you to the following who donated poinsettias as memorials for loved ones:

Lorraine Axtman and John J and Magdalena Axtman by John Axtman
 Fred Axtmann, Joe & Elizabeth Axtmann, Nick & Christine Axtmann, Fr. Joe Senger, by Christine Axtmann
 Pete Bachmeier by Betty Bachmeier
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Thank you for your donations for poinsettias in honor of:

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul members, friends in need, and donors; Fr. Miller; Matthew Follis and Deacon Patrick Sorrells by Mike and Deb Black
 Living family members of Mary M. Duchscher
 Baby Jesus by Mary Ebach

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

	2025	2024
December 24-28		
Little Flower	\$22,117.00	\$14,020.14
December 28, 2025	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's		
December 25	\$315.50	
December 28	\$112.00	\$13,965.18
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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Parish Music Ministry

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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 5

7:30 AM (LF)

5:15 PM (LF)

5:45 PM (LF)

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Saint John Neumann

† Nancy Sigette by Diane Dufner

† William Fritel by Mary R. Boucher

Adoration

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44 Saint Andre Bessette

† William Fritel by Marge Heilman and family

Adoration

† Bernie Volk by Keith and Linda Duchscher

Wednesday, January 7

7:30 AM (LF)

9:30 AM (OLMC)

5:15 PM (LF)

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52 Saint Raymond of Penafort

† Elaine Kraft by Anthony and Angie Deplazes

† Richard Jundt by Ken Heilman

† Leonard Schmaltz by Lorraine Schmaltz and family

Thursday, January 8

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

10:30 AM (Hosp)

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

† Delores Hager by Rocky and Corrine Schell

† John Bohl by Violet Kuntz

† Joe P Haman by family

Friday, January 9

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (LF)

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

† Ed Brossart by Rita Graber

Young People of the Parish by the Christian Mothers

Saturday, January 10

8:00 AM (LF)

5:00 PM (LF)

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

† Ed Selensky by the CDA

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

† Walter Busch by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker

Sunday, January 11

8:00 AM (LF)

8:30 AM (OLMC)

10:30 AM (LF)

10:30 AM (SM)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17 The Baptism of the Lord

† Joe and Helen Kremer by Janice Pfeifer

† Michael Barth by Edwin and Patty Pfeifer

Mass for the People

Birthday Blessings for Micah Bohl by St. Mary's

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Joe and Helen Kremer by Janice Pfeifer.

SERVING OUR PARISHES JANUARY 10-11

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Chuck Teigen	Joyce Teigen Diane Dufner		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Rose Schneibel	Heidi Voeller		
10:30 AM Sunday	Genny Hurly Bill Hurly Levi Selensky		Michael Hurly	Jacinta Schmaltz Nicholas Schmaltz		
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	Phillip Volk	Phillip Volk Family	
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
8:30 AM Sunday	Riley Schaan	Volunteers	Erin Schaan	Joe Axtman, Julie Baustad, Chad Duchscher, Diane Dodd		