

THE PARISHES OF:



**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**

301 MAIN STREET N, BALTA ND



**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 OF LENT MARCH 1, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 9

*Message from our Pastor*

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



“While parishes rely on the financial support of parishioners through weekly Sunday offertory collections, the diocese also relies on the faithful people of Eastern North Dakota to make possible the many services it is able to provide.”

“The God's Gift Appeal provides the annual funding for more than 47 different ministries that provide services throughout the diocese. This appeal is an opportunity for each Catholic household to help further the mission of the Church.”

“Many dioceses operate with both an annual and a parish assessment, also referred to as a cathedraticum - an annual collection and a parish assessment paid by a Catholic parish to the diocese for the support of the bishop and diocesan programs. There is no parish assessment or cathedraticum in the Diocese of Fargo. In 1958, the Fargo diocese leadership moved away from the assessment model of diocesan funding to an annual appeal model we call God's Gift Appeal - gifts freely given by parishioners in support of their bishop and the diocese.”

Thank you for your support in the mission of the Diocese of Fargo.

May you have a blessed Lent!

Fr. Frank Miller  
Pastor



**St. Mary's Parish**

**Eucharistic Liturgy**

Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.



**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish**

**Eucharistic Liturgy**

Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.  
Friday 7:00 p.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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday, March 1

##### Second Sunday of Lent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 8:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM
- KC Breakfast 9:00am - 12:30 PM Eagles

#### Monday, March 2

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Stations of the Cross 4:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - midnight

#### Tuesday, March 3

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Beatrice Mattern Funeral Mass 11:00 AM
- Adoration 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- The Bible & Church Fathers Study Group 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM
- Little Flower Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM

#### Wednesday, March 4

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- LF Prayer for Life 3:00 PM
- LF Soup and Stations of the Cross 5:45 PM
- Buck A Luck & Little Way Classes
- St. Mary's Mass & Stations of the Cross 7 PM

#### Thursday, March 5

- 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

#### Friday, March 6

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with a movie following in Dorothy's Room
- OLMC Mass & Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, March 7

- 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 8

##### Third Sunday of Lent

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

Knights of Columbus  
**Breakfast**



There will be a KC Breakfast March 1st at the Rugby Eagles. We will be serving sausage patties, pancakes, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice and coffee from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM. We would like to invite everyone to come out and join us for a terrific meal and fellowship. Thank you for your support.



**Soup and Stations, a Family Night of Prayer and Fellowship on Wednesday, March 4.** Everyone is welcome to attend along with the Little Way classes, CYO students and the Knights of Columbus following the 5:15 PM Mass to pray the Stations of the Cross together. After this devotion, the children will head downstairs to create a hands-on Stations of the Cross bag, and families are invited to enjoy soup and fellowship with fellow parishioners.

**Catholic Charities North Dakota invites you to honor Deb Black and her dedication to service at the 2026 Caritas Award Luncheon on March 17, 2026 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 710 10th St. S, Fargo.** Please RSVP by **March 3rd** to Melinda at CCND; 701-235-4457 or [MELINDA.ELLSWORTH@CATHOLICCHARITIESND.ORG](mailto:MELINDA.ELLSWORTH@CATHOLICCHARITIESND.ORG). An RSVP is required due to limited capacity.

**Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes** extend our condolences to the family of Beatrice Mattern whose funeral will be on Tuesday, March 3 at 11:00 AM at Little Flower. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

**The Little Flower Catholic School Advisory Council** will meet on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 AM.

**Little Flower CYO Rummage Sale** - March 12th – March 14th from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM and March 15 from 8:00 AM - Noon. With Lent upon us, it's a great time to clear the clutter and lighten the soul. **Donations will be accepted starting March 8th in the Monsignor Cloos Dining Room.** If you're able, please unpack your items in the designated areas. Volunteers are welcome anytime beginning March 8th to help unpack, sort, or assist during the sale. Unsold items will be donated to St. Ann's Thrift Store in Belcourt. Questions? Contact Lisa at 208-0931 or the Little Flower Parish Office. No TVs or computers accepted.



**CYO Lenten Seafood Fundraiser.** Off the Hook Seafood is back! All orders support the CYO program. Forms are available near the entry of the Church. Orders need to be returned by March 14. Your order will arrive on March 28.

**Cards for Denise Lagasse.** If you would like to send a card to Denise, you may drop it off at the parish office. All cards will be gathered and mailed out each week, offering her our continued prayers and support.

**Walk the Stations of the Cross and recount Jesus' journey to Calvary.** The Stations of the Cross will bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion! **Little Flower will have Stations of the Cross** led by the Catholic Daughters and Christian Mothers on Mondays at 4:15 PM followed by the rosary and the 5:15 PM Mass.

The Knights of Columbus will lead the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays following the 5:15 PM Mass.

**St. Mary's** will have Mass and Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel** will have Mass and Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM.

This year the children and youth of Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel 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 more 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 entrances to the church, and pick one up to use for your own charitable giving during Lent.

**Are you interested in becoming a 4<sup>th</sup> degree KC?** There is some interest building and we would like to hold a 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification here in Rugby. In order to do so, we are looking to get as many men as possible for this ceremony. Please contact Brian Blessum, Pete Burgard, or email [rugbykc@gondtc.com](mailto:rugbykc@gondtc.com) if you would be interested. We are also seeking any possible spare or unused **KC swords**. These would be given to new 4<sup>th</sup> degree KCs to help in completing their uniform. If you would like to donate them, please drop them off at the parish office.

**There are openings to sponsor the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on KZZJ 1450 AM and 92.1 FM radio beginning on March 22, 2026.** The total cost is \$75.00; the broadcast is \$65.00 and the Mass stipend \$10.00 and may be made in memory of loved ones or in honor of special occasions. To sponsor a broadcast please contact the parish office at 776-6388 or drop the information in the collection basket. Mass intention/KZZJ broadcast forms are available on the table at the front entrances of the church.

**Last weekend was our parish Commitment Weekend for the 2026 God's Gift Appeal.** If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office.

**FCCLA is hosting a service project to sew and donate handmade blankets for the Trinity NICU, and we'd love your help.** If you enjoy sewing—or want to learn—this is a meaningful way to bring comfort to babies and families during a challenging time. Any soft, cozy, baby-friendly blanket is welcome. Your time, care, and creativity will make a real difference for the tiniest patients. Thank you for sharing your talents and helping us wrap these little ones in warmth and love. (swaddle blankets 42x42 – crib blankets 26x36.5) Call Meagan Schaan 701-542-3878 with any questions. **We would like all blankets by March 15th.**

**Little Flower Speaker Capital Campaign.** Our church has installed two new speakers to improve sound during Mass and parish events. The project cost was \$9,000, and we have received \$4,930 so far. Thank you to all who have contributed. Donations of any amount are welcome. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Speaker Capital Campaign" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Checks should be made payable to Little Flower Church.

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING**

	2026	2025
February 21-22		
Little Flower	\$16,385.75	\$3,651.48
February 22, 2026	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$191.00	\$1,185.00
OLMC		

**2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL**

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$62,558
Pledged	\$
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$3,999
Pledged	\$
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,934
Pledged	\$

**St. Therese the Little Flower**

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**Catholic Youth Organization**

Lisa Volk - 583-2338

**Knights of Columbus**

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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**

**Religious Education**

Samantha Wentz

**Parish Council**

Pete Burgard

**Altar Society**

Bernice Axtman 542-3385

**Music Ministry**

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**Little Flower School - 776-6258**

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

**Monday, March 2**  
7:30 AM (LF)

5:15 PM (LF)  
5:45 PM (LF)

**Tuesday, March 3**

7:30 AM (LF)  
9:00 AM (HE)  
11:00 AM (LF)  
1:00 PM (LF)

**Wednesday, March 4**

7:30 AM (LF)  
9:30 AM (OLMC)  
5:15 PM (LF)  
7:00 PM (SM)

**Thursday, March 5**

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

**Friday, March 6**

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

**Saturday, March 7**

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

**Sunday, March 8**

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

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38  
The needs of Denise, Deacon Rick and Michael Lagasse by  
Chuck and Joyce Teigen  
† Joseph Fritel by Mary Kitzman  
Adoration

Is 1:0, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12 Saint Katharine Drexel  
† Ted Mitzel by Anthony and Angie Deplazes  
† Bernie Volk by Valerie and Kevin Bachmeier  
† Beatrice Mattern Funeral Mass  
Adoration

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28 Saint Casimir  
† Delores Hager by Mike and Deb Schneider  
† John Bachmeier by Alice Bohl  
† Helen Kremer by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse  
† Katherine Haman by Bob and Diane Fritel

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31  
† Mike and Katherine Ebach by Mary Ebach  
Adoration  
† Regina Eisenzimmer by Vernice Brossart  
† Curtis Roerick by family and friends

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Young People of the Parish by the Christian Mothers  
† Anna Schaan by Richard and Arlene Schmaltz  
† Richard Jundt by Chuck and Laurie Volk

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Saints Perpetua and Felicity  
† Clemence Haman by family  
Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 Third Sunday of Lent  
Birthday Blessings for Rose Ann Rodeman by Marian Schmaltz

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 Third Sunday of Lent  
† Fred & Elizabeth Mitzel, Ted & Christine Mitzel, Fred Mitzel Jr,  
Marlene Schumacker, James Summers Jr, Robert Schumacker by  
the living family members of Fred and Elizabeth Mitzel  
† Richard Jundt by Chuck and Linda Duchscher  
Mass for the People  
† Kira Lemer 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 Fred & Elizabeth Mitzel, Ted & Christine Mitzel, Fred Mitzel Jr, James Summers Jr Marlene Schumacker, Robert Schumacker by the living family of Fred and Elizabeth Mitzel.

**SERVING OUR PARISHES MARCH 7-8**

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers		Vernice Brossart	Dorice Duchscherer Marge Heilman		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers		Sarah Shively	Rita Graber		
10:30 AM Sunday	Beric Brossart Braden Brossart Levi Selensky		Bria Brossart	Chris Brossart Jennie Brossart		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
10:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman Mark Hoffert	Barrett Bohl Titus Volk	Tim Sattler Al Follman	Wanda Follman	Mary Jo Bohl	Hoffert and Pfeifer Families
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
8:30 AM Sunday	Kevin Leier	Harper Leier Clara Leier	Diane Muffenbier	Wes Hall, Joe Haman, Derrick Klein, Kelly King		