

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

Eucharistic Liturgies-Cancelled

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays as scheduled on back page

Sacrament of Reconciliation-Cancelled

Saturday 9:00-10:30 a.m. and
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 - 7:45 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration-Cancelled

Mondays 5:45 p.m. - Midnight
Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursdays 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If a funeral is scheduled Adoration begins at 1:00 p.m.

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March 18th, 2020

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

The rapid spread of the coronavirus has forced us to change our routines and activities. It has stopped our parishes from operating as usual and we hope the return to normalcy will be soon. I urge everyone during this extraordinary time to pray and for families to pray together. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Mt. 18:20). The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet come to mind as very important prayers to be prayed every day. Families and individuals should pray to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to know present needs and the needs of those who live nearby, who may be alone or without relatives to help them.

Fr. Anthony and I are always available to help if we are able. In following the directives of the Bishop, we will do our best to provide the sacraments for those who desire them. Please do not hesitate to call the parish at 776-6388.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Frank Miller
Pastor



St. Mary's Parish
Eucharistic Liturgy-Cancelled

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Mass and Stations 7:00 p.m.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish
Eucharistic Liturgy-Cancelled

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Mass and Stations 6:00 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. - 4:00 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**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



During this challenging time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. **MAGNIFICAT is honored to provide complimentary access to their online version to help people pray from home, go to <https://us.magnificat.net/free>**

Prayers for our Confirmation/ First Holy Communion students. Due to the rapid changes occurring with the COVID 19 virus, our Confirmation and First Communion Mass scheduled for March 21 has been cancelled. The sacraments will be rescheduled for celebration on a yet to be determined date. We continue to request prayer partners from St. Therese the Little Flower, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Balta and St. Mary's, Knox Parishes for 3rd grade students and their families. A prayer board has been placed near the baptismal font at Little Flower Church with the names of students who have been preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please visit the prayer board and take the name of a student and their family and pray for them during this month.

There will be no Sunday School classes on March 22 or until further notice. Further information regarding Sunday School will be sent home to parents via REMIND and email next week.

Religious Education classes and CYO for 7-12 grades: Further information regarding classes and CYO scheduled events will be sent home to parents via REMIND and email next week.

In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. **The St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be postponing their group study Lectio; Evangelization until a later date.**

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on Friday, March 27 at the Rugby Eagles has been cancelled.

Stations of the Cross at Little Flower, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Mary's have been cancelled.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, March 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- No Religious Education classes

Monday, March 23

- No LF Stations of the Cross
- No LF Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, March 24

- No LF Eucharistic Adoration
- No Mass at the Haaland Home

Wednesday, March 25

- No Academy Day
- No Mass at the hospital
- No PLD
- No LF Stations of the Cross
- No OLMC Mass and Stations of the Cross
- No St Mary's Mass & Stations of the Cross
- No RCIA 7:00 PM
- No OLMC Religious Education

Thursday, March 26

- No LF Eucharistic Adoration
- No Mass at the Haaland Home
- No SSVdP Group Study

Friday, March 27

- No "Mass and a Movie"
- No KC Fish Fry at the Rugby Eagles

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- No Religious Education class



DIocese of
FARGO

An important message from Bishop John Folda to the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Fargo

The current COVID-19 health crisis has led to extraordinary measures being taken throughout the world. As Catholics, we have a serious responsibility, not only in charity, but in justice, to prevent the spread of this disease to those who are most vulnerable.

As a result, I have made the difficult decision to cancel public celebrations of the Mass, sacraments, and parish events during this challenging time.

The Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ for the sanctification of God's people. As a result, any restriction of their public celebration is a very serious matter. Nevertheless, we have the responsibility to protect the well-being of our brothers and sisters, and I judge these measures to be prudent and necessary. As our Lord taught, there is no commandment greater than to love God, and to love our neighbor as our self (cf. Mk 12:30-31).

Therefore, effective Noon, Wednesday, March 18, the following directives are to be observed throughout the Diocese of Fargo until further notice:

- All public Masses are cancelled and the faithful within the territory of the Diocese of Fargo are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. The faithful are reminded that they are to observe other means of keeping the Lord's Day holy.
- Funeral rites may only be celebrated with 10 or fewer people. If it is pastorally beneficial, the Rite of Committal may be celebrated at the graveside, and a public funeral, with or without Mass, may be arranged at a later date. All other public funeral events are deferred.

- Weddings may only be celebrated with 10 or fewer people.
- The Baptism of infants is to be conferred only in the presence of 10 or fewer people.
- Confirmation/First Eucharist Masses are deferred.
- RCIA classes and sacramental initiation of adults are deferred. Exceptional cases may be referred to the Bishop's Liturgy Office.
- Individual Confession may be arranged with a local priest, while making appropriate arrangements that allow for both social distancing and confidentiality.
- Priests will continue to provide the sacraments on an individual basis, particularly in danger of death. Every effort will be made to provide Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum to those who need it. When needed, please contact your parish priest.
- All parish religious education classes are cancelled. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, have the opportunity and duty to take an active role in their children's religious education. The curriculum for youth religious education may be fulfilled by parents and students through the "Alive in Christ At Home Program" available at www.fargodiocese.org/catechesis.
- All communal parish events, including receptions and outside events held in parish facilities are cancelled.
- Catholic schools are closed. Individual schools will make their own arrangements for on-line/in home instruction.
- Insofar as possible, priests are to continue saying Mass "privately" each day.
- Parishes that normally keep their churches open during the day are to retain this practice, if possible, so that individual members of the faithful may come for private prayer.

The faithful of our diocese have a great love for Christ and His Church. These prudent and necessary precautions are sure to be a hardship for us all. Each day I invite you to make an act of spiritual communion, pray the rosary, and engage in spiritual reading. This is especially important on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

As members of the Body of Christ, even though separated by physical distance, we remain united in prayer and in the grace that continues to flow through the celebration of the sacraments of the Church. Let us together ask God, through the intercession of Mary and all the saints, for healing and divine assistance in this hour of need.

Finally, I ask all the faithful to pray for those who are ill and all others affected by COVID-19. I also take this opportunity to offer my paternal blessing to those working tirelessly in healthcare, emergency management, and other essential services. May the Lord be with us and our families.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Most Rev. John T. Folda

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

March 14/15	2020	2019
Little Flower Parish	\$7,693.75	\$5,463.76
Children's Envelopes	\$32.47	\$11.54

March 14/15	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$362.01	\$3,823.16
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	\$	\$3,766.25

2020 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL CAMPAIGN

Little Flower Parish	Year to Date
Goal	\$61,870
Pledged	\$38,449
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$5,445
Pledged	\$3,030
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	
Goal	\$8,994
Pledged	\$2,900

St. Therese the Little Flower

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WHEN UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS; PERFORM A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dioceses all across the country are temporarily cancelling Sunday and daily Masses to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Diocese of Fargo among them. So what can Catholics do to stay true to their faith when they are unable to receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist? The Church says one can make a "Spiritual Communion." But how does one do that? There are many ways to pause during the day and unite with the Lord when partaking in the Eucharist isn't possible. Here's an idea of what you can do alone or with your family. The Diocese of Fargo sponsors a broadcast of the Sunday Mass every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM on WDAY/WDAZ TV. Mass is also broadcast at 11:00 AM on KXND TV Minot.

EWTN offers the daily readings to enable viewers to accompany the Mass of the day as it is televised. They are also the perfect way to find time in your day for spiritual reflection. Listen, watch, or read from the comfort of your home. The Catholic Daily Reading includes the readings of the day, along with online videos, and is a resource for all who desire to live a life of faith that is pleasing to our Lord. If these are not possible, you may do the following at home:

1. Pray the Profession of Faith.
2. Read from the readings for that day's Mass.
3. Pray the Our Father.

Whether you watch a televised Mass or pray together at home, include this beautiful prayer:



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You
are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already
come, I embrace You and unite
myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.



Monday, March 23
Tuesday, March 24
Wednesday, March 25

Thursday, March 26
Friday, March 27
Saturday, March 28
Sunday, March 29

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 The Annunciation
of the Lord
Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Wis 2:1,12-22; Jn 7:1-2; 10, 25-30
Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 Fifth Sunday of Lent