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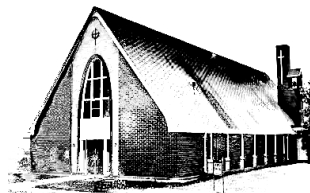


**ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER**

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**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. - 8:00 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.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 22, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 12

*Message from our Pastor*

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

Congratulations to Deb Black as the 2026 recipient of the Catholic Charities North Dakota Caritas Award.

“We are honored to celebrate Deb Black, the 2026 recipient of the Fargo Caritas Award, whose life reflects a quiet, steadfast commitment to serving others with humility, faith, and love. The Fargo Caritas Award Luncheon recognizes individuals who live out the mission of Catholic Charities through extraordinary service and compassion, and Deb embodies this spirit in every sense.”

Deb is the president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at Little Flower. She gives countless hours to serving those in need. She is truly worthy of the award and the acknowledgement of the great work she does for so many.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Lazarus, a friend of the Lord, was dead for four days before the Lord's arrival in Bethany. Upon his arrival, the Lord said, "Lazarus, come out" (Jn 11:43b). Our blessed Lord desires to call each of us back from the stench of sin in our lives. Our Lord is the only one who can, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (Jn 11:25b).

“Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rm 3:23) a communal penance service is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please check the bulletin for details.

“...the home is the first school of Christian life and ‘a school for human enrichment’” (CCC, 1657).” Little Flower School would be honored to assist any parent in the education of their children. An information night is scheduled on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 6:30 pm for all interested in enrolling a child in pre-school and kindergarten.

May you have a blessed Lent!

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 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**

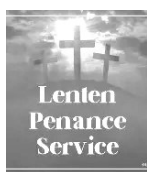
Please contact a priest when hospitalized or preparing for surgery or significant medical procedure.

**Bulletin announcement deadline:  
Noon on Wednesday**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**Spring Bingo and Popcorn Party on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall.** Everyone is welcome to join us for an afternoon of bingo with friends, cash prizes, and delicious refreshments.



**The Little Flower Parish Lenten Reconciliation Services will be held on Wednesday March 25 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM.** Parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for confession. You are encouraged to join us for a brief reflection at the beginning of the service and celebrate this sacrament of forgiveness and healing.

### Local Area Lenten Penance Service

March 22 - St. Mark's, Bottineau at 7:00 PM

**First Reconciliation Retreat – March 24.** Please keep our children in your prayers as 10 of our students prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Families are asked to check in at 5:45 PM in the MCDR, with the retreat beginning promptly at 6:00 PM. May the Holy Spirit guide them as they experience God's mercy and love in this beautiful sacrament.

**The St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** will be meeting on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.



**The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast following the Sunday Masses on March 29th.**

**The Living Stations** is a dramatic portrayal of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join us for this annual presentation by the Little Flower CYO and area youth on **Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30 PM.** Please make plans to join us and share in this Lenten devotion of music and meditations while visually walking the Way of the Cross. The Living Stations will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend. **The Living Stations cast practice will be on Sunday, March 29 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM in the church.**

Little Flower School will be hosting a **Preschool and Kindergarten Information Night** for families interested in attending Little Flower Catholic School for the 2026-27 school year. The event will be held on **Monday, March 30 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.** We will start the evening with a presentation by Principal, Mr. Kevin Leier at 5:30 PM. Teachers and staff will be available to give you and your children a tour and answer any questions you may have.



**Cards for Denise Lagasse.** If you would like to send a card to Denise, you may mail it to Denise Lagasse, Atrium ICU bed #2, Broward Health Medical Center, 1600 S Andrews Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316. Deacon Rick stated the hospital mail room will forward mail to their home address should they not be there when it arrives.

**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 Wednesday following the 5:15 PM Mass.

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

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday, March 22

#### Fifth 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
- Spring Bingo and Popcorn Party 2:00 PM

### Monday, March 23

- 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 24

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- The Bible & Church Fathers Study Group 4:00 PM
- Reconciliation Retreat 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- Little Flower Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM

### Wednesday, March 25

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- KC Stations of Cross 5:45 PM
- Little Flower Lenten Penance Service 3 PM and 7 PM

### Thursday, March 26

- 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
- Saint Vincent de Paul meeting 7:00 PM

### Friday, March 27

- 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 28

- 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 29

#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- KC Breakfast following Masses
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 8:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM
- Living Stations Practice 4:00 - 6:00 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.

**Easter Flowers:** Donations are being accepted to purchase lilies to decorate our church for Easter. Donations may be made in the memory/honor of loved ones. Donation envelopes may be found in your envelope packets and may be placed in the weekend collection basket or brought to the parish office.

**Due to retirement Little Flower Parish is seeking a Parish Secretary to support the daily operations of our parish office.** This role includes greeting visitors, managing parish records, preparing weekly communications, and assisting the pastor and staff with administrative needs. The ideal candidate has organizational and multitasking skills, detail-oriented, proficient with parish office software, basic financial recordkeeping, familiar with Catholic parish life and enjoys serving in a faith-filled environment. To apply, please submit a résumé to [franklin.miller@fargodiocese.org](mailto:franklin.miller@fargodiocese.org) or bring it to the parish office during regular hours. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

**Hello Little Flower Family!** With full hearts, we want to say THANK YOU! The **Little Flower CYO Rummage Sale was a HUGE success**, and our youth group couldn't be more grateful! Thanks to your incredibly generous donations and the MANY hours of volunteer help—from unpacking and folding, to working the sale, loading trailers, and even driving to Belcourt—this fundraiser truly exceeded all expectations. It took a village, and you showed up in amazing ways! All unsold items were donated to St. Ann's Thrift Store in Belcourt, allowing the generosity to continue even beyond the sale. Best of all, **all proceeds go directly to our Little Flower Youth Group (CYO – Catholic Youth Organization)** to support program expenses, retreats, camps, and conferences. These opportunities mean so much to our youth—and you made them possible. From the bottom of our hearts (and the bottom of many donation boxes). **THANK YOU** for your time, energy, generosity, and joyful spirit. With heartfelt gratitude, **The Little Flower Youth Group/CYO.**

**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 will be April 10-12, 2026 (**deadline to register is March 23**) at the Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. For more information and to apply, please visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm](http://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm). Questions? Please contact Dori Picard at 952-210-2219.

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING**

|                | 2026       | 2025         |
|----------------|------------|--------------|
| March 14-15    |            |              |
| Little Flower  | \$5,797.14 | \$6,810.00   |
| March 15, 2026 | Week       | Year to Date |
| St. Mary's     | \$         | \$1,521.25   |
| OLMC           |            |              |

**2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL**

| Little Flower     | Year to Date |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Goal              | \$62,558     |
| Pledged           | \$29,241     |
| <b>St. Mary's</b> |              |
| Goal              | \$3,999      |
| Pledged           | \$2,683      |
| <b>OLMC</b>       |              |
| Goal              | \$8,934      |
| Pledged           | \$5,402      |

**St. Therese the Little Flower**

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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**

Wanda Kremer - 542-3338



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

**Monday, March 23**

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

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo  
Thanksgiving for answered prayers by a parishioner  
† Fred Tuchscherer by Marian Schmaltz  
Adoration

**Tuesday, March 24**

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

Nu 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30  
† Delores Hager by Sandy Mongeon  
Adoration  
Birthday Blessings for Kelly Frick by Betty Summers

**Wednesday, March 25**

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

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 The Annunciation of the Lord  
Health of Denise Lagasse by friends  
† John Schneider by Mary Ann Welder  
† Anna Schaan by Ron and Wanda Kremer

**Thursday, March 26**

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

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59  
† Regina Eisenzimmer by friends and family  
Adoration  
† Joseph Fritel by Fritz and Verena Wolf  
† Curtis Roerick by family and friends

**Friday, March 27**

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

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
† Konrad Vik by Anthony and Angie Deplazes  
† Bernadine Volk by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse  
† Joanne Geisinger by Alice Bohl

**Saturday, March 28**

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

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56  
† Jackie Klebe by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker  
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
† Joe Haman by Maurus and Sandy Brossart

**Sunday, March 29**

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

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
† Ned and Eva Voeller by Gerold and Leanne Pfeifer  
† Richard Jundt by Marian Schmaltz  
† Elaine Kraft by Isabel Brossart and family  
Mass for the People

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Gerold and Leanne Pfeifer in memory of Ned and Eva Voeller.

**SERVING OUR PARISHES MARCH 28-29**

| St. Therese            | Altar Servers                                       |                             | Lector                             |                  | Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion          |                                 |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 5:00 PM<br>Saturday    | Volunteers  |                             | Brenda Heilman<br>Vernice Brossart |                  | Dorice Duchscherer<br>Deb Millang                 |                                 |
| 8:00 AM<br>Sunday      | Volunteers  |                             | Sarah Shively<br>Rosie Schneibel   |                  | Michael Voeller                                   |                                 |
| 10:30 AM<br>Sunday     | Brenna Zwingel<br>Crosby Zwingel<br>Finnley Zwingel |                             | Nicholas Schneibel<br>Mike Hurly   |                  | Marlene Schaan<br>Jacinta Schmaltz                |                                 |
| St. Mary               | Sacristan/Reader                                    | Altar Servers               | Ushers                             | EMHC             | Gifts   | Church Cleaning                 |
| 10:30 AM<br>Sunday     | Wanda Follman<br>Mark Hoffert                       | Barrett Bohl<br>Titus Volk  | Tim Sattler<br>Al Follman          | Wanda Follman    | Adam Lynn Bohl<br>Family                          | Hoffert and<br>Pfeifer Families |
| Our Lady of Mt. Carmel |   | Lector                      | Altar Servers                      | EMHC             | Church Care                                       |                                 |
| 8:30 AM<br>Sunday      |   | Pete Burgard<br>Kevin Leier | Harper Leier<br>Clara Leier        | Jennifer Heilman | Wes Hall, Joe Haman, Derrick Klein,<br>Kelly King |                                 |