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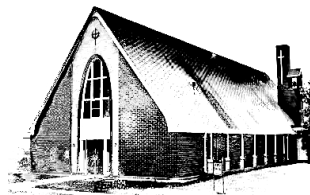


ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

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. - 10:00 p.m.
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 EASTER MAY 3, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 18

Message from our Pastor

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

Bishop Folda has appointed the Very Rev. Reese Weber to be pastor of the parishes of St. Therese the Little Flower, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Mary's. Fr. Weber will be assisted by Fr. Peter Nau. They will begin their ministry on June 24, 2026. Fr. Weber is currently the pastor of St. John's Church in New Rockford and Fr. Peter is currently serving at the Basilica of St. James in Jamestown. I have been assigned to the parish of St. Stephen in Larimore and Fr. Gaspar is returning home to India. May the Lord bless all of us as we make these changes.

Families in the United States will gather together on the second Sunday of May to honor Mothers, we also join our fellow Catholics during the month of May as the "Holy Church honors the Blessed Mary, Mother of God, with a special love. She is inseparably linked with the saving work of her Son. In her the Church admires and exalts the most excellent fruit of redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a faultless image, that which she herself desires and hopes wholly to be" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1172).

Congratulations to LFCS pre-school kids' graduation on Thursday. Special thanks to their teacher, Laura Swanson and assistant Deb Zwingel.



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.



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.

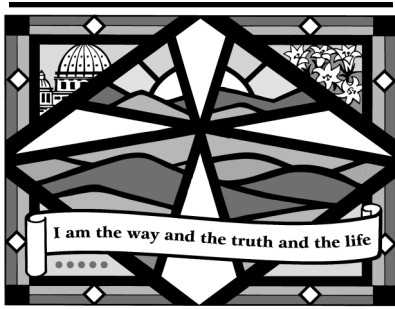
New Parishioners
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

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 EASTER



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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 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

Monday, May 4

- No Little Flower Masses
- No Little Flower Adoration

Tuesday, May 5

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Little Flower Confession 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 6

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- No Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM
- Final Little Way Classes/Parent Night
- Little Flower Choir practice 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 7

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- No Hospital Mass

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

- 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, May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

There will not be Mass or Adoration on Monday, May 4th.

Little Flower, St. Mary's, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes thank Father Gaspar for his faithful service to our parish families. Please remember him in your prayers as he travels home to India on Sunday.

Diocese of Fargo Official Appointments/Announcements.

- ♦ Fr. Frank Miller, will be the new pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Larimore for a term of six-years, beginning June 24, 2026.
- ♦ Fr. Gaspar will be retuning home to India.
- ♦ Fr. Reese J. Weber, will be the new pastor of St. Therese Church, Rugby, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Balta and St. Mary, Knox for a term of six-years, beginning June 24, 2026.
- ♦ Fr. Peter Nau, will be the new Parochial vicar of St. Therese Church, Rugby, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Balta and St. Mary, Knox, effective June 24, 2026, and continuing ad nutum episcopi.

Please keep all the priests who are starting new assignments, in your prayers, that they may experience a peaceful transition, find renewal in body and spirit and receive a warm welcome from their new parish family.

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME! Little Flower Choir will be singing for Confirmation on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 AM and also the next day, Sunday, May 17th at 10:30 AM for Baccalaureate. We plan to practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM on May 6th and 13th. Please join in singing with us!

Altar Servers, Weekend Mass Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We will be working on the summer ministry schedule including the months of June, July, and August shortly. Please contact the parish office at 776-6388 or lfparish@gondtc.com by **May 4, 2026** with the dates you are not available to serve in your respective ministries. This message was also sent via email. If we do not have your current email address or phone number please contact the parish office with this information as well. Anyone interested in serving as an altar server, lector or extraordinary minister of holy communion please contact the parish office.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish youth will be recognized at the 8:30 AM Mass on May 10, followed by a potluck meal. We will celebrate our graduating seniors: Jaxon Heilman, Alyssa Peterson, and Caleb Schaan. We also rejoice with our children, Kruz Duchscher, Eli Kremer and Oliver Leier, in receiving their sacraments. This gathering is an opportunity for our parish to come together in faith, fellowship, and gratitude. Let us extend our heartfelt congratulations and blessings to our youth as they take important steps in their spiritual and personal journeys. We encourage all parish members to participate, bring a dish, and share in the joy of this special occasion.

Join us for **Bingo and Popcorn** Sunday, May 17th at 2:00 PM in Dorothy's Room. Enjoy food, fellowship, and maybe win a prize. Everyone is welcome.

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Thursday, May 21st with rosary at 5:00 PM followed by the meeting.

KC Scholarship opportunity! To be eligible for a scholarship through the Knights of Columbus, seniors must have a father or grandfather who is a member of the Knights of Columbus organization. If interested contact Brian Blessum or the parish office by May 20, 2026.

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. If you missed the appeal, its not too late to give! Just visit www.uscb.org/home-missions.

Wedding Banns. Kristina Brossart and Riley Olsen will be married at Little Flower on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

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. The ideal candidate has organizational and multitasking skills, is detail-oriented, proficient with parish office software, basic financial recordkeeping, and familiar with Catholic parish life. Hourly wage, flexible hours, retirement and health care benefits. To apply, submit a résumé to franklin.miller@fargodiocese.org or bring it to the parish office. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

Franciscan Day of Reflection. You are invited to join us on Saturday, May 16 for a Day of Reflection (in-person or online). This month's theme, as we continue our Franciscan Spiritual Pilgrimage, will be "Saint Clare's Garden". The event lasts from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Suggested donation is \$30. Contact Sr. Mary Ruth with questions at srmaryruth@sfcaretreats.org or 701-242-7195. Registration is appreciated by the Wednesday prior to the retreat. Register at www.sfcaretreats.org/events-schedule/

Join us May 5-7 for Real Presence Radio's spring live drive! Tune in 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM CT to hear real stories from people whose lives have been transformed by Catholic radio. Tune in on 1370/92.5 in Grand Forks, 91.3 FM in Harvey or listen online at RealPresenceRadio.com.

Stewardship Moments

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."
1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

	2026	2025
April 25-26, 2026		
Little Flower	\$9,456.00	\$4,671.40
April 26, 2026	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$	\$3,019.24
OLMC		

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$62,558
Pledged	\$44,651
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$3,999
Pledged	\$3,483
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,934
Pledged	\$6,492

St. Therese the Little Flower

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Catholic Daughters

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Deb Black, President 681-0192



St. Mary's Catholic Church

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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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Parish Council

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

Monday, May 4
7:30 AM (LF)
5:15 PM (LF)
5:45 PM (LF)

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
No Mass Scheduled
No Mass Scheduled
No Adoration

Tuesday, May 5
7:30 AM (LF)
8:00 AM (LF)
9:00 AM (HE)

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
† Jane Roth by Tom and Kitty Teigen
Adoration
All living and deceased members of the Walter and Wolfe families
by Kathy Wolfe

Wednesday, May 6
7:30 AM (LF)
9:30 AM (OLMC)
5:15 PM (LF)

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
† Ed Brossart by Mark and Deb Millang
No Mass Scheduled
† Helen Kremer by Vernice Brossart

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

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Young People of the parish by the Christian Mothers
Adoration
† Elaine Kraft by Ted and Barbara Jaeger
No Mass Scheduled

Friday, May 8
7:30 AM (LF)
9:00 AM (LF)

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
† Bob Graber and deceased family members of Rita Graber
† Joe and Bernie Volk by Randy and Heidi Luraas

Saturday, May 9
8:00 AM (LF)

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
† Walter Busch by a friend
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12 Fifth Sunday of Easter
† Joe P Haman by Maggie and Brenda Degenstein

Sunday, May 10
8:00 AM (LF)
8:30 AM (OLMC)
10:30 AM (LF)
10:30 AM (SM)

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21 Sixth Sunday of Easter
† Valentine, Alice and Ron Brossart by Family
Mass for the People
† Bernie Volk by Duane and Margaret Voeller
† Denise Lagasse 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 Valentine, Alice and Ron Brossart by their family.

SERVING OUR PARISHES MAY 9-10

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Kathy Heilman	Joyce Teigen Chuck Teigen		
8:00 AM Sunday	Braden Brossart Beric Brossart		Rita Graber	Chris Brossart		
10:30 AM Sunday	Penn Wangler Pius Wangler Paxton Wangler		Paisley Wangler	Nicholas Schmaltz Jacinta Schmaltz		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
10:30 AM Sunday	Diane Fritel Phillip Volk	Titus Volk Mason Bohl	David Bohl Bob Fritel	Mark Hoffert	Kenny Bohl Family	Bob and Diane Fritel
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
8:30 AM Sunday	Daryl Klein	Volunteers Needed	Eric Kremer	Kevin Leier, Shane Peterson, Riley Schaan, Darold Schmaltz		