

THE PARISHES OF:



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30, 2025 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 39 NO. 48

Message from our Pastor

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

It was a great and exciting time at the Little Flower Catholic School "Dine & Bid" on November 21st. The food was delicious and there was a great selection of items for the auctions. A special thank you to all who donated auction items and all who helped make it a wonderful evening for everyone. We are very proud of Little Flower School and thank everyone who continues to make it to be a wonderful school to learn and be prepared for the future.



The liturgical year of 2026 begins today, the first Sunday of Advent. The four weeks of advent are our preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ our Savior. As a gift to us from the Father, the Son of God desires to come to us to enlighten our lives with his wisdom and love. "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10b).

One of the most important means to prepare for the celebration of Christmas is participation in the Advent Communal Penance Service on December 17th at Little Flower. See the bulletin for details.

The 10,000 Rosary Challenge continues. Please place your forms in the box at the entrance of the church. Prayers are needed more than ever. For an example, please pray for the soldiers killed in Washington, D.C. this past week. They were unarmed.

May you have a blessed and joyous Advent season!

Fr. Frank Miller
Pastor

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.



St. Mary's Parish
Eucharistic Liturgy
Sunday 8:30 a.m.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish
Eucharistic Liturgy
Sunday 10:30 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

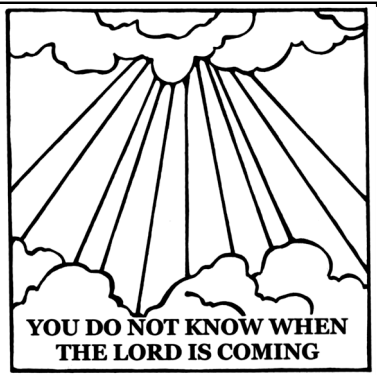
Parish ministers bring the Holy Eucharist to the homebound and the hospitalized. Please call the parish office to arrange for visitation.

Anointing of the Sick

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

**Bulletin announcement deadline:
Noon on Wednesday**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes extend our condolences to the family of Helen Kremer whose funeral was on Friday, November 28 at Little Flower. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

The Christian Mothers will meet Thursday, December 4. Rosary at 6:30PM with the meeting following in the church basement. The March Circle will be in charge of the rosary and coffee. If you are new to the parish or have been a member for many years, and are looking for an opportunity to volunteer and support Little Flower Parish contact Toni Stevenson, Nancy Voeller, Rita Graber or Charlotte Burkhartsmeier for more information about the Christian Mothers organization.

Altar Servers, Weekend Mass Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The schedule for the months of January - May 2026 will soon be prepared. Please contact the parish office at 776-6388 extension 4 or lfparish@gondtc.com by **December 5** with the dates you are **not** able to serve in your respective ministries. This request was also sent via email. If your email address or phone number has changed please contact us with the updated information.

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, and the title under which Mary is designated as the patroness of our country and our diocese will be celebrated at:

Little Flower on December 8 at 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel on December 8 at 7:30 PM

There will not be Adoration on Monday evening at Little Flower.

Advent Reconciliation Services will be held at Little Flower Parish on December 17 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several priests will be available. Please plan on being present at the beginning of each service. Additional local Advent Reconciliation Services - Rolette, November 30 at 7:00 PM; Bottineau, December 14 at 7:00 PM; Towner, December 15 at 7:00 PM; Harvey, December 18 at 7:00 PM.



Are you interested in making rosaries? There will be a learning session in the small cafeteria at Little Flower Church on Tuesday, December 9 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Refreshments to follow.

Poinsettias for Christmas at Little Flower: Donations are being accepted to adorn our church for Christmas. Donations may be made in memory of loved ones. Please make checks payable to Little Flower Parish with a notation for flowers. Donation envelopes may be found in your envelope packets and may be placed in the weekend collection baskets or brought to the parish office.

End of Year Donations: Thank you for your generosity and monetary contributions to our parishes during the past year. All additional donations and contributions which you would like claimed in the 2025 year **must be** received by the **December 28th weekend collection** in order to be recorded on our records. Please be sure to include any Special Collection contributions you may have overlooked during the year but want to include.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Christian Mothers' No Bake Bake Sale this year. The proceeds will be used to support youth from Little Flower attending Trinity Youth Camp and CYO retreats. If you did not have the opportunity to donate, you may place your donation in the weekend collection with a Bake Sale notation.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

- 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, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 2

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

Wednesday, December 3

- 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 RE and Buck-a-Luck 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Thursday, December 4

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Hospital Mass 10:30 AM
- Christian Mother's Rosary 6:30 PM with meeting following

Friday, December 5

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

Saturday, December 6

- 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, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

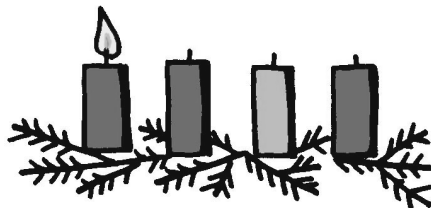
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- St. Mary's 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM

THANK YOU to everyone who made the 2025 PTO Dine & Bid a HUGE success!! It was an incredible evening that brought our school and community together! We are extremely grateful for the volunteers, sponsors, and community support. It is truly humbling to see the pride and belief in our mission here at Little Flower Catholic School. We are grateful for your support and dedication in making this event truly amazing.

The 10,000 Rosary Challenge! As a community rooted in prayer and devotion, we're embarking on a powerful spiritual journey: a parish-wide challenge to pray 10,000 rosaries before the end of the year. Whether prayed individually, with family, or in groups, each rosary offered will be a beautiful gift to Our Lady and a source of grace for our parish, our loved ones, and the world. Let's unite our hearts in prayer, deepen our faith, and witness the transformative power of the Rosary—one bead at a time! The 10,000 Rosary Challenge continues until December 31, 2025 at Little Flower, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Mary's Parishes. Forms to record the number of rosaries you have prayed are available on the table at the front of the church. Completed forms may be placed in the box at the front entrance of the church or in the collection basket. Currently the forms that have been returned indicate 2,361 rosaries have been prayed. **Keep praying!!**

The World's Finest Chocolate has arrived!! 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!

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond us; for we long for the coming of the Lord. Through your gift to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul you show the true meaning of Thanksgiving by generously sharing your goods with your neighbors in need. You make a difference to others, thank you for your support! Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's room. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!! Deb Black



STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

	2025	2024
November 15-16		
Little Flower	\$5,161.05	\$11,664.00
November 16, 2025	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$168.00	\$12,451.68
OLMC		

2025 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	\$72,622
Pledged	\$51,534
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,401
Pledged	\$3,680
OLMC	
Goal	\$8,385
Pledged	\$6,455

St. Therese the Little Flower

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

Monday, December 1

7:30 AM (LF)

5:15 PM (LF)

5:45 PM (LF)

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

† Dorothy Aberle by family

† Ted Mitzel by Vernice Brossart

Adoration

Tuesday, December 2

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Families of the Parish by the Christian Mothers

Adoration

† Matt and Marie Axtman by Judith Axtman

Wednesday, December 3

7:30 AM (LF)

9:30 AM (OLMC)

5:15 PM (LF)

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37 Saint Francis Xavier

† Ed Brossart by Brian and Sue Blessum

† John Bohl by Maggie Degenstein

Birthday Blessings for Frank Keller by Karla and Louis Bickler and Karen Keller

Thursday, December 4

7:30 AM (LF)

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

10:30 AM (Hosp)

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27 Saint John Damascene

† Brent Hager by David and Becky Kraft

Adoration

† Bernie Volk by Angela Trunkle

† Ted Mitzel by Greg and Jody Endres

Friday, December 5

7:30 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (LF)

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

† David Houim by family

† Anna Schaan by Little Flower School

Saturday, December 6

8:00 AM (LF)

5:00 PM (LF)

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 Saint Nicholas

† Bob Graber by Rita Graber

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12 Second Sunday of Advent

† Ken Schaan by Marvin and Karen Migler

Sunday, December 7

8:00 AM (LF)

8:30 AM (SM)

10:30 AM (LF)

10:30 AM (OLMC)

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12 Second Sunday of Advent

† Deceased family members of Marge Heilman by Marge Heilman

Birthday Blessings for Bria Brossart, Eleanor Follman by St. Mary's

† Gerald Kremer by David and Becky Kraft

Mass for the People

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Marge Heilman in memory of her deceased family members.

SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 6-7

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Chuck Teigen	Diane Dufner Joyce Teigen		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Sarah Shively	Michael Voeller		
10:30 AM Sunday	Chelsea Blessum Nataline Blessum Clare Livedalen		Royanne Livedalen	Nicholas Schmaltz Jacinta Schmaltz		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman Mark Hoffert	Barret Bohl Micah Bohl	Allan Follman Jerald Bohl	Wanda Follman	Frances Schneider	Kenny Bohl Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
10:30 AM Sunday	Julie Baustad	Volunteers	Alice Bohl	Steve Wentz, Darold Schmalz, Rod Schmitt, Derek Shively,		