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St. Therese the Little Flower

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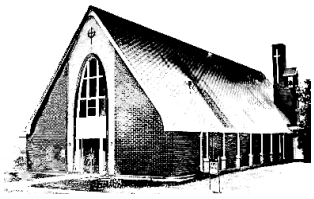

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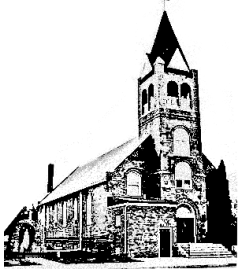

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

301 MAIN STREET N, BALTA ND

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 16, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 32

Message from our Pastor

For the past twelve years, our parish has been blessed by the faithful and quiet service of Deb Millang, who has served as our parish secretary. As she concludes this ministry, we desire to express our gratitude to God and to Deb for the many ways she has served our parish family.

I have only had the privilege of working with Deb for the past few months, so I cannot personally speak about all twelve years of her service. However, I have seen her faithfulness, kindness, and dedication, and I have heard from many people about the care and assistance she has provided over the years. Those conversations have confirmed what I have experienced myself: Deb has faithfully served both God and this parish community.

Deb has quietly and faithfully carried out the many responsibilities entrusted to her. Much of what a parish secretary does is often unseen. Phone calls are answered, records are maintained, questions are resolved, schedules are coordinated, visitors are welcomed, and countless details are attended to each day. When these things are done well, they often happen without much notice. Deb does not seek recognition or public attention. Her desire was simply to serve God in a quiet way through the work He placed before her. In fact, I suspect that even this note in the bulletin is more attention than she would want. Yet there is something deeply virtuous and Christian about a person who faithfully serves without seeking praise. This weekend's readings remind us that God's house is a place where He desires to gather people to Himself. Through her work in the parish office, Deb helped make our parish a welcoming place where people could find assistance, encouragement, and hospitality.

On behalf of our parish family, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Deb for her twelve years of faithful service. We pray that the Lord will bless her abundantly for the many ways she has served His Church, many of which are known only to Him. May He grant her and her husband Mark joy, peace, and many blessings in this new chapter of their life.

At the same time, we warmly welcome Teresa Salazar as our new parish secretary. We are grateful that God has brought Teresa to our parish, and we look forward to the gifts and talents she will bring to this ministry of service. Please keep Teresa in your prayers as she begins this new role among us, and may we continue to support one another as a parish family.

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. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
If a funeral is scheduled at 11am adoration begins at 2pm; 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 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

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekly Events

Sunday, August 16
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM

Monday, August 17
- Little Flower Mass 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, August 18
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM
- Little Flower Confessions 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 19
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM

Thursday, August 20
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM
- Catholic Daughters rosary 5:00 PM, Mass and meeting following

Friday, August 21
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with fellowship following in Dorothy's Room

Saturday, August 22
- Little Flower Confessions 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 23
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Thursday, August 20th, rosary at 5:00 PM followed by Mass and the meeting.

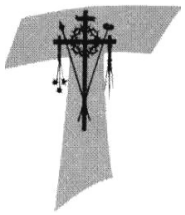
Fifth Saturday Potluck and Bingo Party on Saturday, August 29 following the 5:00 PM Mass. Bring a potluck food item to share and enjoy an evening of good food, bingo, and great fellowship with friends. Everyone is welcome.

Welcome Back Bonfire Evening with registration and parent meeting for Religious Education Class is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd. Little Way elementary grades meet at 5:30 PM; junior/high school meet at 7:00 PM. Children are welcome to attend with their parents. See SportsYou for more updates. Any questions please contact Casandra Zwingel or Lisa Volk.

There are openings to sponsor the 8 AM Sunday Mass on KZZJ 1450 AM and 92.1 FM radio beginning on September 6. Sponsors are needed to continue providing this service. The total cost is $77.00; the broadcast is $67.00 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.

Children attending Trinity Youth Camp this summer can receive a prorated reimbursement from the Knights of Columbus and Christian Mothers. Parents should notify Grand Knight Brian Blessum or DRE Casandra Zwingel. Reimbursement checks will be mailed at summer's end. Thank you.

Join us in prayer. — We Need Catechists for next year.
Our parish will be losing five catechists, including our Junior and Senior class teachers. This leaves a big gap in our religious education program, and the youth of this parish need faithful guides. So here is the bold ask: Please join in prayer that the Lord stirs the hearts of His faithful and sends someone forward as He has in the past. "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37–38. If the Lord is stirring something in your heart — even quietly — please reach out. St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us. Contact Casandra Zwingel, DRE to learn more.



Lord, Teach Me to Pray. Are you looking to deepen your prayer life this year? Join Sr. Mary Ruth for a six-month series, "Lord, Teach Me to Pray," based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Participants will meet Monday mornings from 6:00 - 7:15 AM (online or in-person at the St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND). We ask that you commit to both semesters (September 14 - December 7 AND January 11 - April 12) when joining. **If interested, contact Sr. Mary Ruth at (701) 242-7195 or srmaryruth@sfcretreats.org.**

Did you know you can donate to Little Flower Church electronically? Simply visit www.littleflowerrugby.org, click on 'Parishioner Info,' and select 'Online Giving' to reach our donation portal. Support the Church, School, Special Projects, or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with ease. Prefer a quicker way? Just scan the QR code. Your generosity makes a difference!

Catholic Formation Initiative this Fall!
Come away and learn more about your Faith! Discover Faith and Culture through the Diocese of Fargo's new Catholic Formation Initiative, featuring comprehensive five-hour classes this fall and spring. Coming this fall is the first class! The Human Person- The Foundation of All Rights and Dignity
Course Instructor: Tim Mosser
Dates: September 18-19, 2026

- Place: Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City
- Time: Friday at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (lunch at 12:00 PM)

Online Registration & Class Fee Structure: www.fargodiocese.org/cfi-classes
What is this class about? A correct understanding of the human person is essential for understanding human rights and dignity. This class will simply and clearly address the uniqueness of each person created in the image and likeness of God with infinite dignity and desire but with limited power and freedom.

Women's Silent Retreat for Beginners: November 19-22, 2026. Do you have a desire to go deeper with the Lord in prayer and learn the basics of Ignatian prayer? If you have never been on a silent retreat, are curious as to what it is about, or want to deepen your understanding of the Spiritual Exercises, this retreat is for you. Father Andrew Jasinski will be the retreat master for this women's silent retreat going from the evening of Thursday, November 19 through Sunday, November 22. Find all details by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/womens-retreat.

Rachel Vineyard Retreat: Hope and Healing: November 20-22, 2026. Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the physical, emotional, or spiritual effects of a past abortion? Rachel's Vineyard offers a safe, non-judgmental and confidential weekend retreat for anyone – including women, men, couples, grandparents or siblings - who struggle with the feelings of loss or guilt that can accompany an abortion experience. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon. For more information, contact Sherry at 701-520-1229 or email rvregister@yahoo.com. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Stewardship Moments

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

August 8-9, 2026	2026	2025
Little Flower	$6,587.00	$9,393.00
August 2-9, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$598.00	$8,959.14
OLMC		$11,670.32

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	$62,558
Pledged	$50,187
St. Mary's	
Goal	$3,999
Pledged	$4,483
OLMC	
Goal	$8,934
Pledged	$6,837

St. Therese the Little Flower

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Catholic Daughters
Valerie Bachmeier, Regent

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St. Mary's Ladies Society
Kristen Bohl

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Susan Hoffert

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Mass Schedule

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

Monday, August 17 Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22
5:15 PM (LF) † John Murtaugh by Pete and Mary Murtaugh
5:45 PM (LF) Adoration

Tuesday, August 18 Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
7:30 AM (LF) † Ron Brossart by family
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Loretta Heilman by Marge Heilman

Wednesday, August 19 Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16 Saint John Eudes
7:30 AM (LF) † Frank and Magdalena Pfeifer by Gerold and Leanne Pfeifer
9:30 AM (OLMC) † Fred and Regina Fettig by their children and grandchildren

Thursday, August 20 Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14 Saint Bernard
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) Deceased and living members of Fred and Elizabeth Mitzel by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker
5:15 PM (LF) Catholic Daughters

Friday, August 21 Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40 Saint Pius X
7:30 AM (LF) † Bob Graber and deceased family members by Rita Graber
9:00 AM (LF) † Angeline Keller by Angie Busch

Saturday, August 22 Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM (LF) † Denise Lagasse by Ronald and Anna Kramer
Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM (LF) † Theresa Dahl by Anthony and Angie Deplazes

Sunday, August 23 Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM (LF) † Deceased Family Members of Mark and Deb Millang
8:30 AM (SM) Birthday Blessings for Grant Bohl by St. Mary's
10:30 AM (LF) † Jerome Voeller by Duane and Margaret Voeller
10:30 AM (OLMC) Mass for the People

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Mark and Deb Millang for their deceased family members.

Serving Our Parishes August 22-23

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	Hailey Voeller Luke Voeller	Rose Schneibel	Michael Voeller Heidi Voeller
10:30 AM Sunday	Crosby Zwingel Finnley Zwingel Brenna Zwingel	Nicholas Schmaltz	Joe Schmaltz Mary Schmaltz

St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Diane Fritel Bob Fritel	Mason Bohl Barrett Bohl	Joe Bohl Darrell Hoffart	Phillip Volk	Mary Jo Bohl	David & Jerald Bohl Families

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care
10:30 AM Sunday	Kevin Leier	Harper Leier Clara Leier	Erin Schaan	Chris Heilman, Kenny Heilman, Brad Jacobs, Mike Jundt