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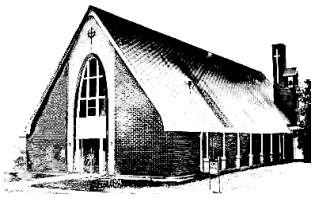

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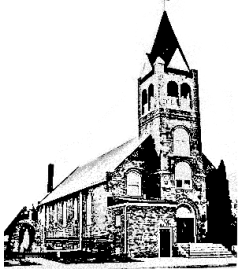

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 33

Message from our Pastor

For many families, the school year has already begun, while Little Flower School begins on September 1st. As we begin another school year, it is worth pausing to ask a deeper question—not only about what we want our children to learn, but about what we are ultimately seeking to understand and what kind of people we are all called to become. Education is not simply about acquiring knowledge; it is about forming the mind, the heart, and ultimately the whole person.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples, "**Who do you say that I am?**" This is a question about Jesus, but also about truth—and about how we should live. Questions like these stand at the heart of a truly Catholic education.

Education is never merely about information. Every educational environment, whether explicitly or implicitly, communicates a vision of what it means to be human and what makes a life worth living. No education is philosophically neutral. While our secular culture may strip away the language of "God" and "religion," it does not leave a blank slate. It replaces traditional faith with its own doctrines about morality, human nature, happiness, freedom, virtue, marriage, family, and the meaning of life. God and religion do not disappear; they are too often replaced by the shifting values of a society growing increasingly distant from its Christian roots.

Catholic education seeks to answer these questions in the light of Jesus Christ. We believe that human beings are created by God, that every person possesses a dignity that comes from Him, that our deepest happiness cannot be found in wealth, achievement, pleasure, or self-fulfillment alone, and that we are made for communion with God.

Therefore, Catholic education should encourage us to wonder, to think, to investigate, and to seek what is true. It helps us discover not only how to live, but why we live and what ultimately makes life worth living.

Jesus does not merely say that he knows the truth. He says, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). The truth is not simply a proposition. The Truth has a face. The Truth is a Person. To know him is to allow him to transform our lives—and that knowledge cannot remain private. We are called to bring him into our homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. This is the calling of every Christian.

When Jesus asks, "**Who do you say that I am**?", he invites us to more than correct identification. He invites us to entrust our lives to him. If Jesus is the Truth, he is worth seeking. If he is the Way, he is worth following. If he is the Life, he is worth giving our lives to. The great search of the human heart ultimately leads us to him.

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.

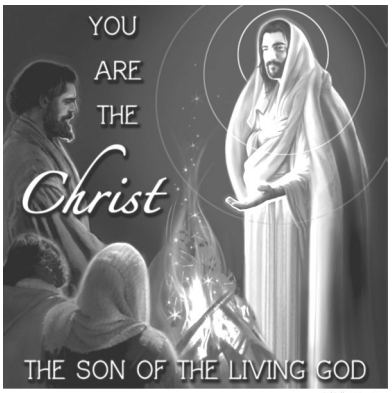
New Parishioners
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Monday, August 24
- Little Flower Mass 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, August 25
- 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 26
- 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 27
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM

Friday, August 28
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with fellowship following in Dorothy's Room

Saturday, August 29
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM
- Little Flower Confessions 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
- Fifth Saturday Potluck and Bingo following 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 30
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

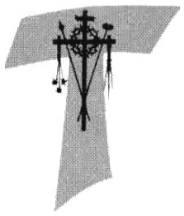
Fifth Saturday Potluck and Bingo Party on Saturday, August 29 following the 5:00 PM Mass. Bring a potluck food item to share and enjoy an evening of good food, bingo, and great fellowship with friends. Everyone is welcome.

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. For any questions please contact Casandra Zwingel or Lisa Volk.

The Christian Mothers will meet on Thursday, September 3rd. Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 PM followed by the meeting. June circle in charge of refreshments and rosary. Youth from the parish will be sharing their experiences from the youth conference they attended at Steubenville this summer.

The price for the KZZJ Broadcast has increased to $67.

1st Grade Little Way Religious Education Catechist Needed. Our Little Way program is seeking a catechist for our first-grade class. This is a wonderful opportunity to help young children grow in their love for Jesus and the Catholic faith. No previous teaching experience is necessary—only a willingness to share your faith and serve our parish community. Lesson materials and support will be provided. Please prayerfully consider this important ministry. To learn more or volunteer, contact Casandra Zwingel.



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.

Young Adult Rome Pilgrimage: May 15-17, 2027. The Diocese of Fargo is organizing a pilgrimage for Young Adults, ages 19-30, to Rome & Assisi, May 17-25, 2027. The pilgrimage will include all the major basilicas of Rome, papal audience, Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, Catacombs, overnight trip to Assisi and much more! More information and Registration: www.fargodiocese.org/youngadultpilgrimage

Stewardship Moments

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

August 15-16	2026	2025
Little Flower	$ 9,505.00	$ 5,669.00
August 16, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$300	$9,259.14
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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Valerie Bachmeier, Regent

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St. Mary's Ladies Society
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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 24 Rev 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51 Saint Bartholomew
5:15 PM (LF) † Nancy Sigette by Diane Dufner
5:45 PM (LF) Adoration

Tuesday, August 25 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26 Saint Joseph Calasanz
7:30 AM (LF) † Theresa Dahl by Tim and Tami Kraft
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Ken Schaan by Marlene Schaan

Wednesday, August 26 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
7:30 AM (LF) † Bernie Volk by Anthony and Angie Deplazes
9:30 AM (OLMC) † Matthew Yunkers by Rebecca Leier

Thursday, August 27 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51 Saint Monica
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Joe Fritel by Nick and Bernie Senger

Friday, August 28 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13 Saint Augustine
7:30 AM (LF) † James C Duchscher by Mary Duchscher and family
9:00 AM (LF) † Roy Pfeifer by Janice Pfeifer

Saturday, August 29 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mk 6:17-29 Passion of Saint John the Baptist
8:00 AM (LF) † Anna Schaan by Janice Pfeifer
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM (LF) † Joe Fritel by Andy and Deanne Fedje

Sunday, August 30 Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM (LF) Carlan Stevenson's First Birthday by Theone and Wayne Stevenson
8:30 AM (SM) † Kira Lemar by Cindy Lemar
10:30 AM (LF) Mass for the People
10:30 AM (OLMC) † Curtis and John Bohl by Kent and Renee Ward

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Theone and Wayne Stevenson for Carlan Stevenson's first birthday.

SERVING OUR PARISHES AUGUST 29-30

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Monica Houim	Dorice Duchscherer Deb Millang
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Rita Graber	Valerie Bachmeier
10:30 AM Sunday	Levi Selensky Grant Teigen Rhett Teigen	Carter Teigen	Angie Busch Marlene Schaan

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	Bob and Diane Fritel	David & Jerald Bohl Families

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care
10:30 AM Sunday	Daryl Klein	Volunteers	Eric Kremer	Chris Heilman, Kenny Heilman, Brad Jacobs, Mike Jundt