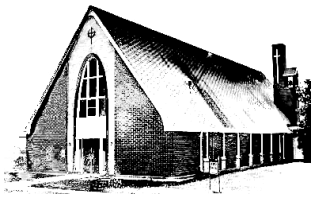
THE PARISHES OF:

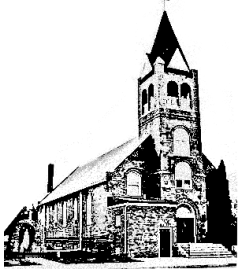
St. Therese the Little Flower

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 30, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 34

Message from our Pastor

As you know, parts of Rugby received eight or more inches of rain last Sunday night and Monday morning, causing flooding and damage to a number of homes. I sent a text to everyone in our parish system with a cell number, asking anyone who needed help—or knew someone who did—to let us know, and inviting those willing to help to respond.

We received only a couple of requests for assistance, yet so many of you stepped forward, ready to roll up your sleeves and get to work. At the same time, those who had water problems themselves simply got to work doing what needed to be done. Families, friends, and neighbors were helping one another long before I even sent my text. It was wonderful to see that kind of determination and willingness to help.

That is an excellent expression of what St. Paul tells us in this Sunday's reading: "Do not conform yourselves to this age." One temptation of our age is to become spectators—to see a problem and immediately ask who else should take care of it. We can complain that the government or city isn't doing enough while sitting on the sidelines waiting. There may be legitimate responsibilities that belong to governments and other institutions, but Christian charity asks first: What can I do for the person in front of me? Rather than simply pointing to the problem, we step forward and become part of the solution ourselves.

If you or someone you know still needs help because of the flooding, please let us know. We have people ready and willing to help.

We are also working on better ways to communicate with parishioners so we can reach people quickly when needs arise, opportunities to serve appear, or important events need to be shared.

Thank you for being a parish community that steps up and helps. I am grateful to be part of it, and I am proud of this particular strength of rural North Dakota: when a neighbor needs help, people show up.

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 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish
Eucharistic Liturgy
Sunday 8:30 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, August 30
Twenty-Second 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 31
- Little Flower Mass 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, September 1
- 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
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 2
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM
- Little Way Parent Registration 5:30 PM
- RE Parent Night/CYO Bonfire 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 3
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM
- Christian Mothers Meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, September 4
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with fellowship following in Dorothy's Room

Saturday, September 5
- 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

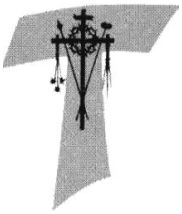
Sunday, September 6
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 8:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us. **Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help! (701) 681-0192.** Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 1st, at 7 pm** in Dorothy's Room. Please join us!

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.



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!

Real Presence Radio Fall Live Drive. Stories of faith. Voices of hope. Your local community brought together by a shared mission. Join us for our fall live drive September 15-17 from 7am-7pm on 1370 AM / 92.5 FM in Grand Forks to be a part of what it takes to keep Catholic radio on the air.

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.

Annual Fall Dinner at 1:30 pm on September 20th. St. Joseph's Church in Devil's Lake invites us to their annual fall dinner. Stuffed pork chops, mashed potatoes, gravy with all the trimmings and homemade pies will be served. **Cost: $12 for adults, $6 for ages 6-12 and preschool and under are free.**

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.

FORMED Catholic Media Parish Subscription. Are you looking for content that is educational, faith-based, family friendly and unapologetically Catholic? By setting up an account with **FORMED for Parishes** and selecting **St. Therese of the Little Flower Catholic Church, Rugby ND**, you can access a vast library of Catholic media including everything from deep theological studies to playful children's shows. We are re-evaluating providing this subscription as a parish but will continue to provide it for the next year. Don't miss out on everything FORMED has to offer!

Stewardship Moments

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, *"Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else."* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

August 22-23	2026	2025
Little Flower	$ 4,552.00	$ 4,050.35
August 23, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$1,202	$10,461.14
OLMC		$11,670.32

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	$62,558
Pledged	$50,187.27
St. Mary's	
Goal	$3,999
Pledged	$4,483
OLMC	
Goal	$8,934
Pledged	$6,837

St. Therese the Little Flower

Priests: 776-6388 Ext 1
Rev. Reese Weber, Pastor
776-6388 Ext 1
Rev. Peter Nau, Parochial Vicar

Deacons
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Richard Lagasse
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Parish Secretary - 776-6388 Ext 4
Teresa Salazar
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Bookkeeper - 776-6388 Ext 7
Heidi Voeller
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Religious Education - 776-6388 Ext 6
Casandra Zwingel
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208-0429 M - F 8am - 5pm

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Knights of Columbus
Brian Blessum, Grand Knight

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
Joe 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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Kevin Leier
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Parish/School Custodian
Deacon Jonathan Brewer

Church/School Kitchen 776-6388 Ext 5

Anderson Funeral Homes, Inc. Rugby & Towner

Deplazes Redi-Mix and Construction, LLC

First United Bank

H. E. Everson Co. Auto Parts & Supplies

Harper Oil

Horizon Ag Services

Integrity Appraisals

Knights of Columbus Insurance

M. J. McGuire Co.

Mack Law Offices, P.C.

Main Street Boutique

Martinson Ag Risk Management

Merchants Bank

Mike Swanson Construction

Niewoehner Funeral Home

Old National Bank

Prairie Strands

Precision Auto Body & Glass

Rugby Broadcasters KZZJ & KKWZ

Rugby Eagles

Rugby Insurance Agency

Rugby Veterinary Service, PC

St. Michel Furniture

Schneider Aerial, Inc.

Volk Excavating - Knox

For information about becoming a sponsor of the Little Flower Historian please contact Heidi in the business office at 776-6388.

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

Monday, August 31 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
5:15 PM (LF) † Bruce Baumann by Myrna Baumann and Family
5:45 PM (LF) Adoration

Tuesday, September 1 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
7:30 AM (LF) † Ken Schaan by Marlene Schaan
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Loretta Heilman by Chuck and Linda Duchscher

Wednesday, September 2 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
7:30 AM (LF) † Denise Lagasse by Bruce Dahl
9:30 AM (OLMC) † John Bohl and Curtis Bohl by Gerold and Leanne Pfeifer

Thursday, September 3 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11 Saint Gregory the Great
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Ilene Mattern by Joni Linker and Venstad Family

Friday, September 4 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
7:30 AM (LF) † Valentine Brossart by Family
9:00 AM (LF) † Marion Hauck by Jeni and Duane Heilman

Saturday, September 5 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
8:00 AM (LF) Anniversary Blessings for Rob and Stephanie Hovland by Annette Brewer
Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM (LF) † Peter and Theckla Tuchscherer by Marian Schmaltz and Family

Sunday, September 6 Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM (LF) † Bob Graber and Deceased Family Members by Rita Graber
8:30 AM (OLMC) † Veronica Thoreson by Cletus and Bernice Axtman
10:30 AM (LF) † Denise Lagasse by Bruce and Rita Dokken
10:30 AM (SM) Mass for the People

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Rita Graber for Bob Graber and her other deceased family members.

SERVING OUR PARISHES SEPTEMBER 5-6

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Vernice Brossart	Chuck Teigen Joyce Teigen
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Rose Schneibel	Heidi Voeller Michael Voeller
10:30 AM Sunday	Clare Livedalen Brenna Zwingel Finnley Zwingel	Royanne Livedalen	Brian Blessum Sue Blessum

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care
8:30 AM Sunday	Julie Baustad	Volunteers	Jennifer Heilman	Wes Hall, Joe Haman, Derrick Klein, Kelly King

St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
10:30 AM Sunday	Charlet Bohl Mark Hoffert	Bently Bohl Brookelynn Bohl	Phil Volk Adam Bohl	Wanda Follman	Jay Bosch Family	Joe Bohl Family Mary Jo Bohl