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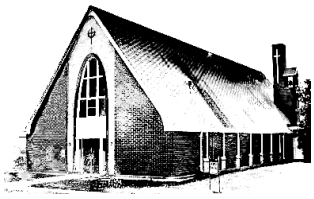

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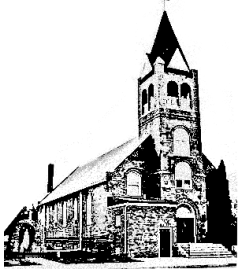

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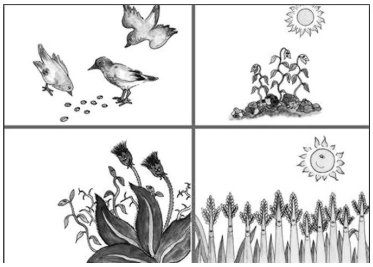
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 27

THE WORD SHALL DO MY WILL

The word of God is caught up in metaphors and parables. The image of seed that falls on different kinds of ground helps us understand how to listen creatively.



Jesus, the Word, bears fruit in all of creation, but best in our lives and hearts. When you hear this parable of the sower and the seed, do you wonder which you are? Sometimes it seems that we are one, and sometimes another. Like all metaphors, this parable must be understood intuitively, "with the heart," in order for it to work God's healing grace in us.

Jesus is careful to say that we see with our eyes and hear with our ears, but we understand, not with our head, but with our *heart*.

CREATION AWAITS

It is easy to get discouraged. It is easy to be distracted by difficulties and duties in our daily lives. It is possible for the word to be snatched away, even as we struggle to understand. Distractions of every kind prevent the word from being heard. But Isaiah and Paul underline the important point that the word of God is effective in all of creation, including us. Just as the rain waters the earth and will not return to the heavens until it does its intended work, the earth yields its rich harvest and rejoices. Our sufferings, distractions, and wearying work will not prevent us from hearing the word of God and doing God's work if we see with our eyes the beauty of creation, hear with our ears the music of the universe, and understand with our heart that God has made all of this to help us. God heals every ill, calls us back from distraction, protects us from evil, and gives us the grace to hear the word with joy.

It is God's grace that prepares the ground for the seed, watering it, breaking up the clods, making even untilled ground fruitful. When we understand with our heart that this is God's work in us, then even without understanding with our head, we can receive the word of God with the same joyful song of creation in bloom.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:10–11; Psalm 65:10–14; Romans 8:18–23; Matthew 13:1–23 [1–9]

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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.

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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.

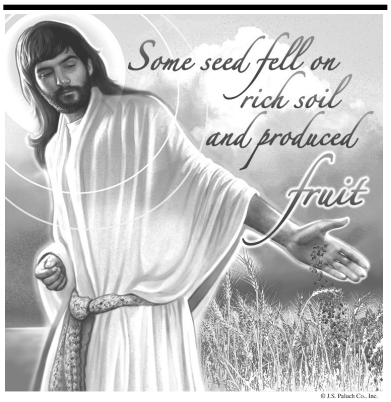
New Parishioners
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Events

Sunday, July 12
Fifteenth 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

Monday, July 13
- LFCS Advisory Council meeting 7:00 AM
- No Little Flower Mass
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, July 14
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- No Haaland Estates Mass
- Little Flower Confessions 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, July 15
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM

Thursday, July 16
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM
- CDA rosary at 5:00 PM with the meeting following
- Saint Vincent de Paul meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, July 17
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with fellowship following in Dorothy's Room

Saturday, July 18
- 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, July 19
Sixteenth 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
- July Bingo and Popcorn 2:00 PM

The Little Flower Catholic School Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, July 13 at 7:00 AM.

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Thursday, July 16th with rosary at 5:00 PM followed by the meeting.

The St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be meeting on Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room. **Have you considered answering the call to join the Society, you're invited to our next meeting.**

Join us for ***July Bingo and Popcorn*** on July 19 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy food, fellowship, and maybe win a prize. Everyone is welcome.

Please join us as we celebrate Dennis & Diane Thingvold's 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 19th from noon to 5:00 PM at the Rugby Eagles. Lunch will be provided.

CYO students join us on Tuesday, July 28 in Velva for an evening of fun, faith, and fellowship! Enjoy Ultimate Frisbee, games, dinner, and XLT (Exalt) featuring praise and worship music, an inspiring message, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity for Confession. More details and the signup can be found in the CYO SportsYou page or contact Casandra Zwingel or Lisa Volk.

The Little Flower Corn Feed will be at Ellery Park on Sunday, August 2 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. The cost is $12 per plate; $8 for age 6 and under for a meal of hot dogs and corn on the cob. There will not be raffle tickets again this year, so any donation toward the corn feed are welcome.

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold." In June, through your gifts, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was able to "acknowledge the goodness of the Father" **by assisting 14 households; providing $1,128 in rent, $715 in utilities, $40 in gas, $184 in food, $50 in furniture, $44 in clothing, and a $20 bus ticket.** This week by your gift to SVdP, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred-fold. Thank you for your support!

Do you have a hunger growing in your spiritual life, enjoy a deeper love for Christ, and participate in holy Mass with greater fervor? Magnificat magazine is a spiritual guide to assist you in these desires. In a pocket sized format, monthly Magnificat offers prayers for both morning and evening inspired by the Liturgy of the Hours, the official texts of daily Mass, meditations written by spiritual giants of the Church and more contemporary authors, and essays on the lives of the saints of today and yesterday. Every month you will find articles providing ongoing Faith formation, two commentaries giving valuable spiritual insight into masterpieces of sacred art, and one in-depth look at a Sunday Gospel. **The price for this treasury for 2026 is $42.00 if we order 10 or more copies in a bulk mailing which is delivered to Little Flower Parish - each of us will pick them up there.** This is a savings of $10 off a home delivered mailing subscription. Please join your fellow parishioners in this adventure of Faith by contacting Susan Hoffert, 701-542-3806 (home phone); or hoffmar@gondtc.com. **Deadline to reply is August 9th, and the subscription begins with the November issue.**

Have you been longing to spend more time with Jesus—to grow deeper in your faith and rest in His loving presence? We need someone to be with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration on **Tuesdays from 11:00 - noon**. Just one quiet hour can transform your week and draw your heart closer to His. If

you're able to help, please contact the parish office at 776-6388. Invite a friend or family member and share that sacred hour together. If you are unable to make a commitment subs are always needed.

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.

Little Flower Church Northeast Entrance Steps Capital Campaign. The northeast entrance steps of Little Flower Church have been repaired and we have launched a Capital Campaign to fund this project. The cost of the repair is $7,500 and we have received donations in the amount of $3,855. If you feel called to contribute, please make checks payable to Little Flower Church. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Step Capital Campaign" and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it directly to the parish office. Your generosity helps keep our parish safe, welcoming, and beautiful. Thank you for your support.

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.

Putt 4 a Purpose—Golf Event. Bishop John Folda invites you to *Putt 4 a Purpose*, at the 20th Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on Monday, August 3 for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register 3 golfers and bring your priest, deacon, or seminarian as your 4th player for free! If you are not a golfer, please consider sponsoring a priest or seminarian or a hole on the golf course. Your contribution will help support the event and defray costs. Register online at www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose. For further information, contact Steve Schons in the Stewardship and Development Office at 701-356-7926 or email steve.schons@fargodiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

July 4-5, 2026	2026	2025
Little Flower	$7,113.00	$7,803.20
July 5, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$376.00	$7,265.69
OLMC		$11,670.32

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	$62,558
Pledged	$49,637
St. Mary's	
Goal	$3,999
Pledged	$4,483
OLMC	
Goal	$8,934
Pledged	$6,717

St. Therese the Little Flower

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Catholic Daughters
Valerie Bachmeier, Regent

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

Monday, July 13 — Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1 Saint Henry
5:15 PM (LF) — **No Mass Scheduled**
5:45 PM (LF) — Adoration

Tuesday, July 14 — Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
7:30 AM (LF) — Living and deceased family of Bernie Howard by Bernie Howard
8:00 AM (LF) — Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) — **No Mass Scheduled**

Wednesday, July 15 — Is 10:5-7, 13b-16: Mt 11:25-27 Saint Bonaventure
7:30 AM (LF) — † Kristie Schrader by Jim and Deb Hoffert
9:30 AM (OLMC) — † Duane Schaan by Gerold and Leanne Pfeifer

Thursday, July 16 — Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:00 AM (LF) — Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) — † Denise Lagasse by Marlene Schaan

Friday, July 17 — Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
7:30 AM (LF) — † Mavis Volk by Theone and Wayne Stevenson
9:00 AM (LF) — † Rose Keller by Frank Keller and family

Saturday, July 18 — Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21 Saint Camillus de Lellis
8:00 AM (LF) — † Carol Coffman by friends of the family
Wis 12:13,16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM (LF) — † Ted Mitzel by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse

Sunday, July 19 — Wis 12:13,16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM (LF) — † Thomas and Elizabeth Burgard by Ken and Peggy Burgard
8:30 AM (OLMC) — † Richard Jundt by Ron and Wanda Kremer
10:30 AM (SM) — † Jane Roth by Mark and Susan Hoffert
10:30 AM (LF) — Mass for the People

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Thomas and Elizabeth Burgard by Ken and Peggy Burgard.

SERVING OUR PARISHES JULY 18-19

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Vernice Brossart	Dorice Duchscherer Deb Millang
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Rose Schneibel	Michael Voeller
10:30 AM Sunday	Carter Teigen Grant Teigen Rhett Teigen	Nicholas Schmaltz	Angie Busch Marlene Schaan

St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
10:30 AM Sunday	Charlet Bohl Bob Fritel	Tosten Bohl Micah Bohl	Mark Hoffert Jerald Bohl	Mark Hoffert	Adam Lynn Bohl Family	Bosch Family

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care
8:30 AM Sunday	Riley Schaan	Volunteers	Erin Schaan	Joe Axtman, Diane Dodd, Chad Duchscher, Julie Baustad