THE PARISHES OF:

St. Therese the Little Flower

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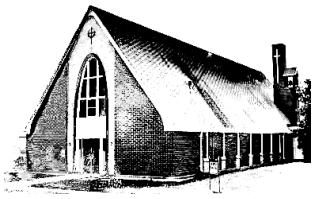

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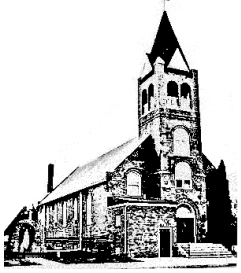

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

301 MAIN STREET N, BALTA ND

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 19, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 28

Message From Our Pastor

As your new pastor, I thought it might be helpful to share briefly about the journey that has brought me here and the experiences God has used to shape my life.

I grew up in the small town of Mooreton, North Dakota, before my family moved to Wahpeton, where I graduated from high school in 1995. Shortly afterward, I enlisted in the U.S. Army and served three years on active duty. Following my military service, I attended North Dakota State University and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. After graduation, I accepted a sales position covering a three-state territory.

During those countless hours on the road, my questions gradually shifted from how things work to why anything exists at all. I found myself searching for something deeper: What is the purpose of life? Where is lasting happiness found? Looking back, I can see that God was teaching me what St. John Paul II wrote: "Reality and truth do transcend the factual and the empirical." My search gradually moved beyond the world of facts to the One who is their ultimate source. This journey eventually led to my conversion and to the seminary.

I was ordained a priest in 2012 and have had the privilege of serving parishes in Grand Forks, Fargo, and, for the past nine years, New Rockford and McHenry before coming to Rugby, Balta and Knox.

My dad still lives in Wahpeton, while my mom passed away a little over a year ago. I have two older brothers in Fargo, along with three nieces and one nephew. I have been richly blessed by my family and thank God for them.

What excites me most about being your pastor is helping people grow closer to Jesus. I look forward to supporting our youth, working with our school, walking with those who desire a deeper relationship with God, and helping our parish become an ever-stronger home where marriages, families, and friendships can flourish in Christ.

Please know that you are in my prayers each day. I ask that you remember me in yours as well.

Fr. Reese

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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Monday, July 20
- Little Flower Mass 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, July 21
- 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, July 22
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- Christine Axtmann Funeral Mass 11:00 AM
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM

Thursday, July 23
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM

Friday, July 24
- Little Flower Mass 9:00 AM with fellowship following in Dorothy's Room

Saturday, July 25
- Little Flower Confessions 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 26
Seventeenth 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

Join us for ***Bingo and Popcorn*** Sunday, 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.

Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes extend our condolences to the family of Christine Axtmann whose funeral will be Wednesday, July 22nd at 11:00 AM at Little Flower. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

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 be ice cream! There will not be raffle tickets again this year, so any donation toward the corn feed are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help husk and cook the corn, grill the hot dogs, serve the food and clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the front entrance of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Little Flower Altar Servers, Weekend Mass Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We will be preparing the fall ministry schedule including the months of September through December 2026 shortly. If you have any preferences or dates during which you are unavailable to serve, please contact the parish office by August 3, 2026. You may call 776-6388 ext 4 or email lfparish@gondtc.com. This request has also been sent out via email. If your phone number or email address has recently changed, please update your contact information with the parish office. Thank you for your service and dedication.

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.**

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 $5,680. 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 Moments

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field… He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

July 11-12, 2026	2026	2025
Little Flower	$6,566.00	$7,697.00
July 12, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$316.45	$7,582.14
OLMC		$11,670.32

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	$62,558
Pledged	$49,862
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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776-6388 Ext 2
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Valerie Bachmeier, Regent

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Mass Schedule

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

Monday, July 20 — Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42 Saint Apollinaris
5:15 PM (LF) † Deceased family and friends by Myrna Baumann and family
5:45 PM (LF) Adoration

Tuesday, July 21 — Mi 7:14-15, 18-20: Mt 12:46-50 Saint Lawrence of Brindisi
7:30 AM (LF) † Dan and Maureen Schaan by friends and neighbors
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Larry Schumacker by Karen Hoffner

Wednesday, July 22 — Sg 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
7:30 AM (LF) † Denise Lagasse by Richard and Michael Lagasse
9:30 AM (OLMC) † Edward Heilman by Paul and Janelle Waliser
11:00 AM (LF) † Christine Axtmann Funeral Mass

Thursday, July 23 — Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17 Saint Bridget
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Theresea Dahl by Tim and Tami Kraft

Friday, July 24 — Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23 Saint Sharbel Makhluf
7:30 AM (LF) **No Mass Scheduled**
9:00 AM (LF) † Joseph Fritel by Pat Fritel

Saturday, July 25 — 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28 Saint James
8:00 AM (LF) **No Mass Scheduled**
1 Kgs 3:5,7-12;Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM (LF) † Jane Roth by Richard and Arlene Schmaltz

Sunday, July 26 — 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12;Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM (LF) † Roy Pfeifer by Gerold and Leanne Pfeifer
8:30 AM (OLMC) † Curtis and John Bohl by Darold and Tara Schmaltz
10:30 AM (SM) Mass for the People
10:30 AM (LF) † Leo Vetter by his family

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Roy Pfeifer by Gerold and Leanne Pfeifer.

SERVING OUR PARISHES JULY 25-26

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Chuck Teigen	Kathy Heilman Joyce Teigen
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Sarah Shively	Valerie Bachmeier
10:30 AM Sunday	Pius Wangler Penn Wangler Paxton Wangler	Paisley Wangler	Brian Blessum Sue Blessum

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	David Bohl Family	Bosch Family

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care
8:30 AM Sunday	Kevin Leier	Harper Leier Clara Leier	Eric Kremer	Joe Axtman, Diane Dodd, Chad Duchscher, Julie Baustad