THE PARISHES OF:

St. Therese the Little Flower

218 3RD STREET SE, RUGBY, ND

St. Mary's

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR

As your new parochial vicar, I would like to briefly share the journey that brought me here and how God has shaped my life for service.

I was born in Rombo District, in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania. When I was two years old, my mother moved to Hai District, to a small village called Kawaya in the same region, where I grew up and attended primary school. I later entered Minor Seminary for four years of secondary school and graduated from high school in 1999. Afterward, I attended teaching college for two years and earned a Diploma in Teaching, specializing in Mathematics and Geography. Soon after graduating, I was employed as a teacher at Chanjale Minor Seminary for three years.

During my time teaching at the Minor Seminary, I often asked myself whether I was on the right path in life. The rector, a priest whose life of sacrifice for Christ deeply inspired me, helped awaken that question in my heart. I also remembered the words of St. Maximilian Kolbe: "A single act of love makes the soul return to life." I found myself searching for something deeper: What is the meaning of sacrifice? What kind of life can I offer to God's people? How much love can I give to God? Looking back, I can see that God was teaching me what Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote: "Do small things with great love." With that conviction, I decided to offer my life for the salvation of many and joined the Holy Spirit Fathers, whose spirituality is rooted in Easter and Pentecost, which is the life of the Resurrection lived through loving service, joy, forgiveness, mercy, and peace.

I was ordained a priest in 2015 and have been blessed to serve in several parishes in Tanzania, including Janda and Kakonko in the Diocese of Kigoma. Later, my superiors assigned me to our Congregation's International Headquarters, where I served for two years as Manager and Principal of our Secondary School and High School. I was then transferred to St. Anne Parish in the Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania where I ministered for five years. After that, I was sent to the United States for a new assignment in the Diocese of Fargo, serving at St. James Basilica for one year and one month before coming to St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rugby, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church in Balta and St. Mary's Church in Knox.

My father still lives in Rombo, Tanzania. My mother passed away in 2012, before my ordination. Her death was exceedingly difficult for me, especially because I had lived with her for 35 years while being apart from my father. I have four brothers and two sisters, and I am the second youngest. God has blessed me richly through my family, and I thank Him for them every day.

What excites me most about serving as your parochial vicar is helping people grow closer to Jesus as the Spirituality of my religious order requires that to live Easter Pentecost life through joy, forgiveness, perseverance, and peace. I consider it a great blessing to begin this new chapter of my priesthood with you. My hope is to know you personally, to pray with you, to celebrate the sacraments with you, and to encourage one another in following Jesus Christ. Whether you are a child, a student, a family, or someone carrying heavy burdens, I pray that you will always find in me a priest who is ready to listen, to serve, and to walk with you in faith.

Please know that each of you is in my prayers every day. I humbly ask that you remember me in yours as well.

Thanks, have many blessings.

Fr. Peter Nau

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.

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 AM
Wednesday 9:30 AM

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.

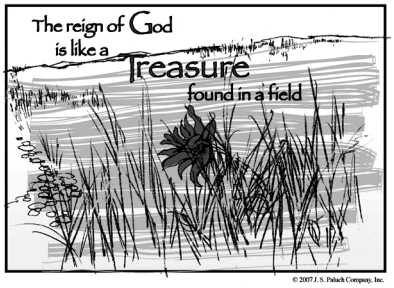
New Parishioners
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Events

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

Monday, July 27
- Little Flower Mass 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, July 28
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- Little Flower Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, July 29
- 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 30
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM

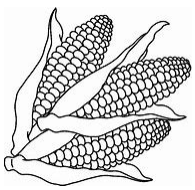
Friday, July 31
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with fellowship following in Dorothy's Room
- Funeral Mass for John A Voeller 11:00 AM

Saturday, August 1
- Little Flower Confessions 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 2
Eighteenth 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
- Little Flower Corn Feed 4:00 - 7:00 PM

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.

Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes extend our condolences to the family of John A. Voeller whose funeral will be on July 31 at Little Flower. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.



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 extension 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.

Little Flower Catholic School registration for the 2026-2027 school year for grades preschool - 6th grade will be on August 3rd and 4th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. New families, please bring a copy of the students birth certificate and immunization record. Please call 701-776-6258 with any questions.

Join us for ***Bingo and Popcorn*** August 9th, at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy food, fellowship, and maybe win a prize. Everyone is welcome.

Little Flower Parish is accepting applications for a parish secretary. Please contact Fr. Reese Weber for additional information.

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 $6,140. 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.

Silent Directed Retreat from August 12-19, 2026 at the Sisters of St. Francis Retreat and Conference Center in Hankinson. A week of silence and reflection on the beautiful prairies of eastern North Dakota, where you can listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance and experience his grace in a special way. Enjoy daily Spiritual Direction, our beautiful chapels and grounds, Mass & Adoration (optional), and comfortable accommodations. Register at https://www.sfcretreats.org/register-online/

All are welcome to the 70th Annual Pilgrimage—the Shrine of Our Lady of the Prairies on Sunday, August 16 at the Carmel of Mary Monastery, 17765 78th St SE, Wahpeton ND.

2:00 PM - Guest Speaker: Fr. John Horan, O. Carm
3:00 PM - Rosary/Confessions
5:00 PM - Holy Mass
6:00 PM - Picnic

The main celebrate for Holy Mass is Bishop John Folda. For additional information, contact the Carmel of Mary at 701-640-6152. Carmelofmary.org; CarmelofMary@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

July 18-19, 2026	2026	2025
Little Flower	$9,784.58	$7,460.00
July 19, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$359.00	$7,941.14
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	$6,837

St. Therese the Little Flower

Priests: 776-6388 Ext 1 opt 1
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Rev. Peter Nau, Parochial Vicar

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Valerie Bachmeier, Regent

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Deb Black, President 681-0192

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St. Mary's Ladies Society
Kristen Bohl

Parish Music Ministry
Susan Hoffert

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

Monday, July 27 Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
5:15 PM (LF) † Bernadine Volk by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse
5:45 PM (LF) Adoration

Tuesday, July 28 Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
7:30 AM (LF) † Francis and Dolores Pfeifer by Gerold and Leanne Pfeifer
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) Families of the Parish by the Christian Mothers

Wednesday, July 29 Jer 15:10, 16-21; Jn 11:19-27 Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
7:30 AM (LF) Young People of the Parish by the Christian Mothers
9:30 AM (OLMC) † Ben and Barb Selensky by Paul and Janelle Waliser

Thursday, July 30 Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53 Saint Peter Chrysologus
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Ken Schaan by Marlene Schaan

Friday, July 31 Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58 Saint Ignatius of Loyola
7:30 AM (LF) † Bob Graber and deceased family members by Rita Graber
9:00 AM (LF) † Sam Schmaltz by Ed and JoAnne Ziegler
11:00 AM (LF) † John A. Voeller Funeral Mass

Saturday, August 1 Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12 Saint Alphonsus Liguori
8:00 AM (LF) † Roy Pfeifer by family
1 Kgs 3:5,7-12;Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM (LF) † Walter Busch and Donnis Busch and deceased family members by Angie Busch

Sunday, August 2 Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM (LF) † Ken Schaan by Marlene Schaan and family
8:30 AM (SM) † Julia Brossart by St. Mary's Knox
10:30 AM (LF) Mass for the People
10:30 AM (OLMC) † Frances Heilman by Paul and Janelle Waliser

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored in memory of Ken Schaan by Marlene Schaan and family.

SERVING OUR PARISHES AUGUST 1-2

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Theone Stevenson	Marge Heilman Deb Millang
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Jeremy Wald	Rita Graber
10:30 AM Sunday	Pius Wangler Penn Wangler Paxton Wangler	Paisley Wangler	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	Phillip Volk Family	Bosch Family

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