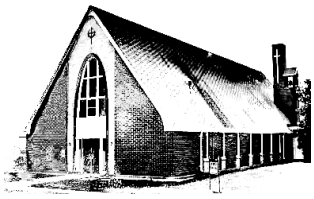
THE PARISHES OF:

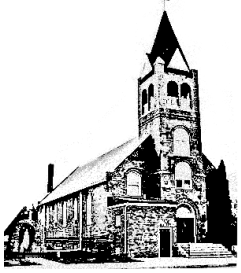
St. Therese the Little Flower

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 14, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 23

Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Little Flower, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Mary's,

.25+ inches of rain is good news. God blesses us as we strive to be obedient to his call to do good and avoid sin. "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jer 31:33b).

Masstimes.org is a great resource to help with planning vacations. "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2181). Grave sin is an act which is a transgression of divine law committed with full knowledge and consent, which in turn separates us from God's saving grace and can lead to damnation if not repented of before death.

After the 7:30 pm Mass in Balta next Saturday there will be a reception afterwards of coffee and cake as a farewell as I move to Larimore.

Everyone is invited to a farewell reception on Sunday at Little Flower at 3:00 pm with coffee and cake.

We hear in this Sundays Gospel the call to pray that our young people who have a call to the priesthood or religious life will respond to their call. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray (beg) therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2b).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Frank Miller
Pastor

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. - 4:00 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
Saturday 7:30 p.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.

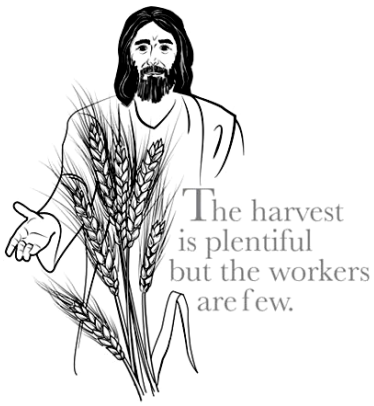
New Parishioners
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

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 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Changes in the weekend Mass Schedule for June 20/21 due to Father Miller serving all 3 parishes alone:

- There will not be Mass at 8:00 AM at Little Flower on June 20.
- The weekend Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be Saturday evening at 7:30 PM.
- Father Schommer will be celebrating the 8:00 AM Mass at Little Flower June 14 and June 21.

The Catholic Daughter's will hold their annual potluck picnic at 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 18 at Southside Park in thanksgiving for Father Miller.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be serving cake, coffee and juice following the 7:30 PM Mass on Saturday, June 20 to thank Father Miller for all he has done for our parish.

Join us for our *Summer Father's Day Bingo and Popcorn Party* on Sunday, June 21 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo, cash prizes and delicious refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Join us for cake and coffee Sunday, June 21 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM in the parish hall to wish Father Miller good luck in his new parish and to thank him for his 7 years of taking care of us here at Little Flower Parish.

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest." In May, through your gifts, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting **five** households, providing $100 in food, $522 in utilities, $37 in bus tickets, $90 in gas, and $53 in other supplies. Thank you for making this possible! **Have you considered answering the call to join the Society, you're invited to our next meeting on July 16 at 7 PM in Dorothy's Room.**

Weekly Events

Sunday, June 14
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM

Monday, June 15
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, June 16
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- Little Flower Confession 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, June 17
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM

Thursday, June 18
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Catholic Daughter's Picnic in the Park

Friday, June 19
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with fellowship following in Dorothy's Room

Saturday, June 20
- Little Flower Confessions 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 7:30 PM with cake & coffee for Fr. Miller following Mass

Sunday, June 21
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Summer Father's Day Popcorn and Bingo Party 2:00 PM
- Fr. Miller's Farewell Reception 3:00 PM

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.

Visiting the Blessed Sacrament is one of the most enriching practices within the Catholic faith. This act of devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist allows us to experience His Love and Grace in a very profound way. It is a moment of personal encounter with Christ, which invites us to reflect, pray and strengthen our relationship with Him. **Are you able to spend just one hour in Eucharistic Adoration with our Lord?** We need someone from ***11:00 AM - noon on Tuesday.*** Consider teaming up with a friend or family member to fulfill the commitment. Please contact the parish office if you are able to meet this need.

Little Flower Church Northeast Entrance Steps Capital Campaign. The northeast entrance steps of Little Flower Church are in need of important repairs, and we are launching a Capital Campaign to fund this project. 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.

Everyone is invited to First Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 14th at 7:00 PM to hear Dr. Hubert Seiler share his experience walking the 500-mile Pilgrim's Walk across Spain also known as *Camino de Santiago*.

Little Flower Parish is looking for a reliable, organized individual to serve as their parish secretary. Some of the duties include answering the phone, greeting visitors, preparing bulletins, maintaining sacramental records, and assisting the pastor and staff. Office experience, basic financial record keeping, and knowledge of the Catholic faith is helpful. Hourly wage, flexible hours, retirement and health care benefits. To apply, submit a résumé to franklin.miller@fargodiocese.org or bring it to the parish office.

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.

We invite young women to "Come & See" what life is like as a Hankinson Franciscan at the Sisters of St. Francis Retreat and Conference Center in Hankinson. Learn more about the Religious Life as lived in our community. Explore your vocation. The 2026 dates are June 26-28, and August 21-23. Sign up at our website at https://ndfranciscans.org/vocation-events.html. If you wish to arrange another time, please reach out to Sr. Mary Ruth at srmaryruth@sfcretreats.org.

A Beginning Experience weekend for the widowed, separated and divorced. June 26-28 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson, starts Friday at 6:30 PM, ends Sunday at 4:00 PM. "Let go of the pain and get ready to live again. Real results, real hope." For more information and an application, contact Bonnie (Fargo) at 701-318-0949, or leave a message on our hotline at 701-277-8784.

Stewardship Moments

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"
MATTHEW 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

June 6-7, 2026	2026	2025
Little Flower	$9,631.01	$11,281.00
June 7, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$279.00	$6,065.94
OLMC		

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	$62,558
Pledged	$48,456
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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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
Kenny Bohl

St. Mary's Ladies Society
Kristen Bohl

Parish Music Ministry
Susan Hoffert

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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Samantha Wentz

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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; HOSP - Hospital)

Monday, June 15 — 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
7:30 AM (LF) † Bob Graber and deceased family members of Rita Graber
5:15 PM (LF) † Joseph Fritel by Pat Fritel
5:45 PM (LF) Adoration

Tuesday, June 16 — 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
7:30 AM (LF) † Sam Schmaltz by Chuck and Joyce Teigen
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:00 AM (HE) † Teresa Lauinger by James Bishoff

Wednesday, June 17 — 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
7:30 AM (LF) † Doreen Vetter by Barb Vetter and family
9:30 AM (OLMC) No Mass Scheduled
5:15 PM (LF) † Jim and Mary Schmaltz by Marian Schmaltz

Thursday, June 18 — Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
7:30 AM (LF) † Cindy Volk by friends of the family
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:00 AM (HE) † Elaine Kraft by Ted and Barbara Jaeger
10:30 AM (Hosp) No Mass Scheduled

Friday, June 19 — 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20: Mt 6:19-23 Saint Romuald
7:30 AM (LF) † Curtis Roerick by family and friends
9:00 AM (LF) † Joe A and Caroline Schmaltz by Marian Schmaltz and family

Saturday, June 20 — 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34
5:00 PM (LF) Roy and Janice Pfeifer Wedding Anniversary by family
7:30 PM (OLMC) † Leonard Wangler by the Wangler Family

Sunday, June 21 — Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8
8:00 AM (LF) Living and deceased family members by Diane Dufner
8:30 AM (SM) † Tim Kuehl by Bob and Diane Fritel
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 for the living and deceased family members of Diane Dufner.

SERVING OUR PARISHES JUNE 20-21

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Theone Stevenson	Diane Dufner Kathleen Heilman
8:00 AM Sunday	Braden Brossart Beric Brossart	Sarah Shively	Rita Graber
10:30 AM Sunday	Clare Livedalen Brenna Zwingel Finnley Zwingel	Royanne Livedalen	Joe Schmaltz Mary Schmaltz

St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Charlet Bohl Blaine Pfeifer	Bently Bohl Brookelynn Bohl	Joe Bohl Tim Sattler	Bob Fritel	Phil Volk Family	General Cleaning

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care
7:30 PM Saturday	Pete Burgard	Volunteers	Eric Kremer	Linda Sollin, Rod Schmitt, Derek Shively, Steve Wentz