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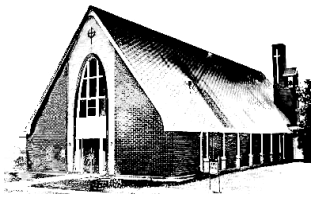

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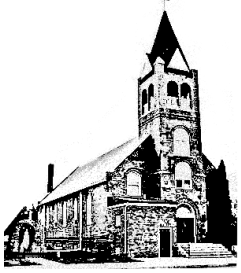

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 24, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 21

Message from our Pastor

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

Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost. "On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of the Promise was poured out on the disciples, gathered "together in one place." While awaiting the Spirit, "all these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer." The Spirit who teaches the Church and recalls for her everything that Jesus said was also to form her in the life of prayer" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2623).

"The Spirit of God allows us to find a new way of approaching and experiencing life. He puts us in touch with our inmost self, beneath all the masks we wear. He leads us to an encounter with the Lord by teaching us to experience the joy that is his gift. He convinces us, as we just heard in Jesus' words, that only by abiding in love, will we receive the strength to remain faithful to his word and to let it transform us. The Spirit opens our interior borders, so that our lives can become places of welcome and refreshment" (Homily of the Holy Father Leo XIV, June 8, 2025).

Congratulations to our High School graduates of 2026; Alli Blessum, Bryant Bohl, Logan Brossart, Tambrey Brossart, Jaxon Heilman, Amber Houim, Alex Kraft, Katelyn Mattern, Jose Ortega, Caleb Schann, Mya Schneibel, Carter Teigen, Paisely Wangler, and Brandon Zappone.

May the Lord bless them abundantly on the completion of their High School education and their future careers! We wish them well.

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.
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday 5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
If a funeral is scheduled at 11am adoration begins at 1pm; 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.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, May 24
Pentecost Sunday
- 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, May 25
Memorial Day
- Little Flower Mass 9:00 AM at LF Cemetery
- No Little Flower Adoration
- St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM at cemetery with a Memorial Day meal following Mass

Tuesday, May 26
- 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, May 27
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM

Thursday, May 28
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- No Hospital Mass

Friday, May 29
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with fellowship following in Dorothy's Room

Saturday, May 30
- Little Flower 8:00 AM Mass
- Confessions 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
- Fifth Saturday Potluck and Bingo Party following Mass

Sunday, May 31
The Most Holy Trinity
- 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; Rugby High School Graduates Celebration following Mass
- St. Mary's Parish Council meeting following Mass

Memorial Day Mass Schedule:
- Mass will be held Monday, May 25 at 9:00 AM at Little Flower Cemetery, weather permitting; otherwise at the church.
- There will not be Mass at 7:30 AM or 5:15 PM at Little Flower.
- No Eucharistic Adoration at Little Flower.
- Mass at St. Mary's will be at 10:30 AM at St. Mary's Cemetery, weather permitting; otherwise at the church.

There will be a Memorial Day Meal at St. Mary's, Knox, on Monday, May 25th, after the 10:30 Mass. Serving—ham and scalloped potatoes, beans, salads, bars, coffee, and lemonade. Free-will offering. Mass will be at the cemetery if the weather cooperates; otherwise at the church.

Keep Father Miller in your prayers as he celebrates his 37th anniversary of ordination on May 27th. May God's grace and blessings be generously poured out upon him, and may we continue to affirm, support, and joyfully celebrate his faithful gift of service to us.

Fifth Saturday Potluck and Bingo Party on Saturday, May 30th following the 5:00 PM Mass. Bring a potluck food item to share and enjoy an evening of good food, Bingo, and fellowship with friends. Everyone is welcome!

St. Mary's invites all to a celebration for our Rugby High School graduates Bryant Lynn Bohl and Brandon Zappone on May 31st following the 10:30 Mass with a potluck to share. Let us come together as a Church family and a community of faith, rejoicing in this joyous accomplishment as we surround our graduates with support, encouragement, and prayer.

There will be a Knox Parish Council Meeting following the 10:30 AM Mass on May 31st.

The Christian Mother's will be meeting on Thursday, June 4th beginning with a rosary at 7:00 PM and the meeting to follow. The May Circle is in charge of the rosary and refreshments.

Changes in the weekend Mass Schedule for June 6/7, June 13/14 and 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 6, June 13, and June 20.
- The weekend Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on June 6, June 13, and June 20 will be at 7:30 PM on Saturday evening.
- Father Schommer will be celebrating the 8:00 AM Mass at Little Flower on June 7, June 14 and June 21.

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 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 Church 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. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

Franciscan Sisters Mother-Daughter Days. Share some time together. Strengthen your relationship. Learn about your Catholic faith and gain exposure to the religious life. June 11-13 and July 9-11, 2026. For more information contact Sr. Mary Ruth at srmaryruth@sfcretreats.org. Register at ndfranciscans.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.

Stewardship Moments

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."
1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

Memorial Day Prayer

Gracious God,
On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.
In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We ask this through your name.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

May 16-17, 2026	2026	2025
Little Flower	$6,500.00	$6,420.85
May 17, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$398.00	$5,071.74
OLMC		

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	$62,558
Pledged	$47,376
St. Mary's	
Goal	$3,999
Pledged	$3,483
OLMC	
Goal	$8,934
Pledged	$6,717

St. Therese the Little Flower

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

Monday, May 25 — Gn 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
9:00 AM (LF) † The deceased members of the Clif and Monica Hooker Family by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker
10:30 AM (SM) † Kevin Neuharth by Bob and Diane Fritel

Tuesday, May 26 — 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31 Saint Philip Neri
7:30 AM (LF) † Denise Lagasse by Rita Graber
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:00 AM (HE) For all Catholics attending Mass by Kathy Wolfe

Wednesday, May 27 — 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45 Saint Augustine of Canterbury
7:30 AM (LF) Fr. Frank Miller on his Anniversary of Ordination
9:30 AM (OLMC) No Mass Scheduled
5:15 PM (LF) † Curtis Roerick by friends and family

Thursday, May 28 — 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52
7:30 AM (LF) † Margaret Brossart and Clifford Millang by Mark and Deb Millang
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:00 AM (HE) † Fr. William Callery
10:30 AM (Hosp) No Mass Scheduled

Friday, May 29 — 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26 Saint Paul VI
7:30 AM (LF) † Heidi Tank by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker
9:00 AM (LF) † Joe Fritel by Mitzi Hager

Saturday, May 30 — Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33
8:00 AM (LF) † John Bohl by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18 The Most Holy Trinity
5:00 PM (LF) † Angeline Keller by Chuck and Linda Duchscher

Sunday, May 31 — Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18 The Most Holy Trinity
8:00 AM (LF) † Jerry Burckhard by Phil and Lisa Volk
8:30 AM (OLMC) † John Bohl by Alice Bohl
10:30 AM (LF) † Bernie Volk by Steve and Lori Schneider
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 in memory of Jerry Burckhard by Phil and Lisa Volk.

SERVING OUR PARISHES MAY 30-31

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Brenda Heilman	Diane Dufner Kathy Heilman
8:00 AM Sunday	Braden Brossart Beric Brossart	Bria Brossart	Chris Brossart
10:30 AM Sunday	Natalie Blessum Chelsea Blessum Rhett Teigen	Carter Teigen	Angie Busch Marlene Schaan

St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
10:30 AM Sunday	Diane Fritel Phillip Volk	Titus Volk Mason Bohl	David Bohl Bob Fritel	Mark Hoffert	Jerald Bohl Family	Bob and Diane Fritel

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care
8:30 AM Sunday	Riley Schaan	Volunteers Needed	Alice Bohl	Kevin Leier, Shane Peterson, Riley Schaan, Darold Schmaltz