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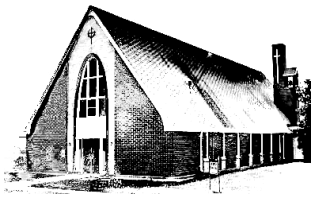

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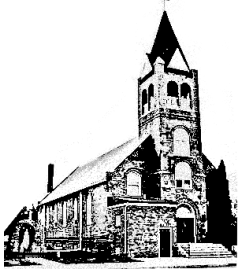

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 31, 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 the Most Holy Trinity. As Christians, we know God as three persons in one, which we learned by the presence on earth of the Second Person of the Trinity. "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith'. The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 234).

We hear in this Sunday's reading from the Gospel of St. John, the knowledge of the love of the Trinity for all of us. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

"The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished 'once for all' by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ" (*CCC*, 571).

This year's Memorial Day was a fabulous day to have Mass outdoors. It was a magnificent spring morning. Mass was held at the cemetery in Little Flower at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM at St. Mary's near Knox. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a special occasion.

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.

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 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.

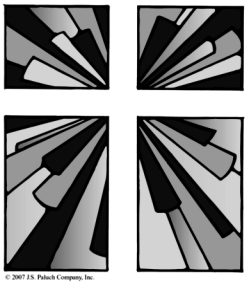
New Parishioners
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

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 MOST HOLY TRINITY



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.

The St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be meeting on Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 PM in Dorothy's Room.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Monday, June 1
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, June 2
- 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 3
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM

Thursday, June 4
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:00 AM
- Christian Mothers rosary at 7:00 PM with meeting to follow

Friday, June 5
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with fellowship following in Dorothy's Room

Saturday, June 6
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 7:30 PM

Sunday, June 7
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM

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, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes extend our condolences to the family of Jon Stork whose funeral services are currently pending. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

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.

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.

9th ANNUAL RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION: Please join Bishop Folda and the parishioners of Mayville, Finley and Hunter on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at Kurt and Cheryl Elliott's Farm, 15154 6th St. SE, Blanchard, ND. Welcome begins at 4:00 PM with Mass at 4:30. After Mass there will be a blessing of land, machinery, and animals followed by a meal. This event is free and open to all. Mass will be indoors. Bring a bag of soil or seeds to be blessed. Please RSVP by June 12th at: olpstagnes@midco.net (preferred) or (701) 788-3234. For more information visit www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life.

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.

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Stewardship Moments

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son…" JOHN 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

May 23-24, 2026	2026	2025
Little Flower	$4,168.01	$4,173.30
May 24, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$300.70	$5,372.44
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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Mass Schedule (LF-Little Flower; SM-St. Mary; OLMC-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel; HE-Haaland Estates; HOSP - Hospital)

Monday, June 1 — 2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12 Saint Justin
7:30 AM (LF) † Elaine Kraft by Rita Graber
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
5:15 PM (LF) † Mike Brossart by Little Flower Christian Mothers

Tuesday, June 2 — 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17 Saints Marcellinus and Peter
7:30 AM (LF) † Jane Roth by Jon, Sharon, Hallie, Ron, and Ryan
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:00 AM (HE) † Katherine Haman by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker

Wednesday, June 3 — 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27 Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions
7:30 AM (LF) Birthday Blessings for Stephanie Hovland by Annette Brewer
9:30 AM (OLMC) No Mass Scheduled
5:15 PM (LF) † Denise Lagasse by Bernice Selensky

Thursday, June 4 — 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
7:30 AM (LF) † Ron Lake by Gerold and Leanne Pfiefer
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:00 AM (HE) † Joseph Fritel by Pat Fritel
10:30 AM (Hosp) No Mass Scheduled

Friday, June 5 — 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37 Saint Boniface
7:30 AM (LF) † Raymond Heilman by his family
9:00 AM (LF) † Beattie Mattern by Delilah Scherr

Saturday, June 6 — 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44 Saint Norbert
5:00 PM (LF) † Helen Kremer by Pius and Eileen Axtman
7:30 PM (OLMC) † Loretta Heilman by Diane Dodd

Sunday, June 7 — Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58 Corpus Christi
8:00 AM (LF) † Edward and Katherine Ganje by Bruce Ganje and family
8:30 AM (SM) Anniversary Blessings for Joe & Charlet Bohl's 49th Wedding Anniversary by Charlet and Family
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 Edward and Katherine Ganje by Bruce Ganje and family.

SERVING OUR PARISHES JUNE 6-7

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Theone Stevenson	Dorice Duchscherer Marge Heilman
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Rose Schneibel	Michael Voeller Heidi Voeller
10:30 AM Sunday	Levi Selensky Grant Teigen Rhett Teigen	Carter Teigen	Angie Busch Marlene Schaan

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	Mary Jo Bohl	General Cleaning

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care
7:30 PM Saturday	Daryl Klein	Volunteers	Diane Muffenbier	Linda Sollin, Rod Schmitt, Derek Shively, Steve Wentz