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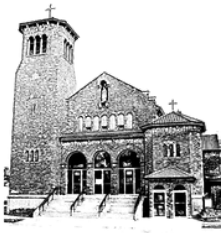

St. Therese the Little Flower

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 11TH, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 40

Message from our Pastor

As Halloween approaches, it is worth taking a moment to remember what this holiday is actually about. "Halloween" comes from "All Hallows' Eve"—the evening before All Saints Day.

For Christians, October 31 should ultimately point us not toward a fascination with darkness, death, ghosts, and evil, but toward the victory of Christ and the saints who now share in his life. St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that evil is not a thing in itself, but a privation—a lack or disorder of a good that ought to be present. Darkness is the absence of light; death is the loss of bodily life; and despair is the loss of hope. In this sense, evil has no goodness of its own. It can only appear attractive when some genuine good is mixed with it. This helps us understand what has happened to Halloween.

There is nothing wrong with children dressing up, using their imaginations, laughing, playing, and enjoying the ordered playful side of Halloween. We are naturally drawn to excitement, mystery, costumes, imagination, and even a little fear. These can all be genuine goods. But when darkness, death, demons, and evil become the focus—and evil itself is made attractive—we have lost the proper order. The problem arises when good things become attached to an attraction toward evil itself. What was meant to lead us toward the triumph of Christ has been turned into a celebration of darkness. Yet, the cultural tradition of Halloween does not need to be completely rejected; its genuine goods can be embraced while keeping them separate from any glorification of evil.

Parents can help their children choose costumes that are imaginative and fun without making evil, the occult, or darkness something to admire or celebrate. We can still enjoy the candy, have a family party, dress as saints, learn about a favorite saint, pray together, or visit a cemetery and pray for the dead. There is plenty of room for laughter, costumes, candy, and good family fun without making darkness and evil the center of our celebration. The celebration and the saints remind us of what we were created for: to share forever in the life of God. Evil does not have the last word. Christ does. Death does not have the last word. Life does. Darkness does not have the last word. Light does. And in Christ, goodness has overcome evil and life has overcome death. That is the true spirit of All Saints: Christ has opened the way to heaven, and he calls each of us to follow him there.

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
Thursday 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 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 8:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

Eucharistic Liturgy
Sunday 10:30 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 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MANY ARE INVITED BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, October 11
Twenty-Eighth 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

Monday, October 12th
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, October 13th
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM
- Little Flower Parish Council Meeting 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 14th
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- Catholic Daughters Meeting 10:00 AM
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM
- Little Way Religious Ed Class 5:30 PM
- Religious Education Class 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 15th
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Communion Service 9:10 AM
- Little Flower Mass 5:15 PM
- Little Flower Confessions 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Friday, October 16th
- Little Flower Mass 9:00 AM with movie following in Dorothy's Room
- Hospital Communion Service 10:30 AM

Saturday, October 17th
- Little Flower Mass Cancelled
- Little Flower Confessions 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Wedding 3:00 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 18th
Twenty-Ninth 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
- Bingo and Popcorn in Parish Hall 2:00 PM

World's Finest Chocolate is here and available. This phenomenal fundraiser for the religious education program helps cover the costs from meals & supplies to camps & conferences. The Little Flower CYO can't thank those who have donated enough for their support in the success of this fundraiser. This year, the chocolate covered raisins are back, in addition to pecans and pretzels. **To purchase chocolate, individual sales can be made from any CYO teen, or the religious education office.** For any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Volk at (701) 208-0931.

Forty Days for Life September 23-November 1. The Prayer Vigil for life is held on Wednesdays at 3:00-4:00 pm. Join us in this time especially to save the lives of the unborn through prayer. **For any questions or additional information, please contact Kathy Heilman at (701) 771-2710.**

The 10,000 Rosary Challenge is officially started! As a community rooted in prayer and devotion, we're embarking on a powerful spiritual journey: a parish-wide challenge to pray 10,000 rosaries before the end of the year. Whether prayed individually, with family, or in groups, each rosary offered will be a beautiful gift to Our Lady and a source of grace for our parish, our loved ones, and the world. Let's unite our hearts in prayer, deepen our faith, and witness the transformative power of the Rosary—one bead at a time! **The challenge will run from Oct 7-Dec 31. Tracking sheets will be available in the church starting this weekend.**

Catholic Daughters Elections and Meeting. Court 1193 St. Therese Little Flower has held elections for officers and they are as listed: Regent: Dorice Duchscherer, Vice: Valerie Bachmeier, Recording Secretary: Sandy Mongeon, Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Hoffert. **We wish to extend a welcome to fellow parishioners to join us.** Our membership has declined this past year and many of us are also aging out, so it gets to be more difficult to serve in an effective way. For more information, contact an officer. **Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 14th at 10:00 am in the Dorothy Room.** Please consider joining us!

Wedding. Rebekah Wangler and Nolan Beeter will be married at Little Flower on **Saturday, October 17th at 3:00 pm.** Please keep them in your prayers as they enter into this sacrament together.

Spook-tacular October Bingo and Popcorn Party. Join us at **2:00 pm Sunday, October 18th** in the main dining hall for an afternoon of bingo and fellowship with friends. Delicious refreshments will be served and cash prizes will be rewarded. **Everyone is welcome!**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." In September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting eight families, providing $1,817 in rent, $474 in utilities, $119 motel, $64 cleaning supplies, $96 bus ticket, and $30 food. Through your gift you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, and frightened to know that they belong to God. Thank You! **The next business meeting will be on Thursday, October 22nd at 7 pm in Dorothy's Room.** Everyone is welcome.

OCIA Classes Beginning Soon. If you've been coming to Mass for a few months or many years but are not Catholic, or if you are Catholic and would like a refresher course, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Little Flower, St. Mary's, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parishes will soon begin a set of sessions to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. These sessions also are opportunities for you to ask those confusing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. **Sign up for these classes must be made by October 19.** To sign up or for more information, please call Deacon Rick Lagasse at 701-208-0696 or email Richard.Lagasse@fargodiocese.org.

Annual CYO Amazing Race Food Drive. Get ready for an evening of fun, faith, and service! The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) teens will be "racing" around Rugby on **Wednesday, October 21, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**, collecting non-perishable food items for our very own Pierce County Food Pantry. This exciting annual event celebrates CYO's three S's: Service, Social, and Spirituality. Teams of teens will follow clues throughout the community while gathering donations to help local families in need. It's a joyful opportunity for our youth to share their faith in action while bringing together Church and community. Watch for our enthusiastic race teams as they travel door-to-door throughout Rugby! **If you would like to participate, simply leave your porch light on and have your non-perishable food donation ready or leave it outside your door.** Donations may also be brought directly to the Church. Our CYO members are grateful for the chance to serve and proudly strive to be "Christ's Hands on Earth." Your generosity helps make a difference, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support of our youth and our community. Together, let's fill the pantry, share God's love, and make this year's Amazing Race the best one yet! **Questions? Contact Lisa Volk at 583-2338 or 776-6388.** Thank you for helping us spread joy, hope, and kindness throughout Rugby!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Potluck on October 25. Join us after the 10:30 am Sunday Mass in Balta for a parish council meeting and a delicious potluck welcoming Fr. Reese and Fr. Nau. **Bring a dish to share! Everyone is welcome!**

Annual Dine and Bid Event on November 13th. Little Flower Catholic School PTO is seeking items for their annual Dine and Bid event scheduled for November 13th at the Rugby Eagles. We welcome any **NEW** items: crafts, gift baskets, sports team items, decorations, children's items, etc. Please consider joining our efforts to help make this our most successful auction yet! **Donations can be dropped in the school office by Oct. 30th.** Be sure to check out our Facebook Page: Little Flower Catholic School to see a sneak peek of some of the auction items available. Supper will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 PM along with a bag auction. The live auction will begin at 7:00 PM with drawings for the bag auction starting immediately after. **Thank you for contributing and supporting LFCS!**

Gifts from the Harvest (Grain, Corn, Beans, Cattle, Etc.) Cash basis farmers who harvest their crops in the fall and make their plans for spring planting, often find that making charitable gifts is a great way to do tax planning. As with all charity and tax planning, one should first consult his/her financial and legal advisors. For many farmers, at least considering a "gift from the harvest" might be the most effective way to "share your harvest". Be sure to **contact our office at (701) 356-7926 or (701) 361-9757.** For more information pick up an information sheet at the front entrance of the church.

FORMED Catholic Media Parish Subscription. Are you looking for content that is educational, faith-based, family friendly and unapologetically Catholic? By setting up an account with **FORMED for Parishes** and selecting **St. Therese of the Little Flower Catholic Church, Rugby ND,** you can access a vast library of Catholic media including everything from deep theological studies to playful children's shows. We are re-evaluating providing this subscription as a parish but will continue to provide it for the next year. **Don't miss out on everything FORMED has to offer!**

Did you know you can donate to Little Flower Church electronically? Simply visit www.littleflowerrugby.org, click on 'Parishioner Info,' and select 'Online Giving' to reach our donation portal. Support the Church, School, Special Projects, or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with ease. Prefer a quicker way? Just scan the QR code. Your generosity makes a difference!

Stewardship Moment

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

October 3-4	2026	2025
Little Flower	$6,797.15	$9,785.12
October 4, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$300.00	$12,619.39
OLMC		$11,670.32

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	$62,558.00
Pledged	$50,612.27
St. Mary's	
Goal	$3,999.00
Pledged	$4,483.50
OLMC	
Goal	$8,934.00
Pledged	$6,837.00

St. Therese the Little Flower

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Christian Mothers
Theone Stevenson, President

Catholic Daughters
Valerie Bachmeier, Regent

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Lisa Volk

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Parish Music Ministry
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Anderson Funeral Homes, Inc. Rugby & Towner

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First United Bank

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Mack Law Offices, P.C.

Main Street Boutique Martinson

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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)

Monday, October 12 Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32
7:30 AM (LF) † Andy and Rose Hager by Ray and Diane Leier
5:45 PM (LF) Adoration

Tuesday, October 13 Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Benno and Teresa Lauinger by Mary Duchscher

Wednesday, October 14 Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46 Saint Callistus I
7:30 AM (LF) † Elaine Kraft by Marian Schmaltz
9:30 AM (OLMC) † Deceased Members of the Ben and Barb Selensky Family by Kenny Heilman

Thursday, October 15 Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54 Saint Teresa of Jesus
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) Communion Service
5:15 PM (LF) Families of the Parish by Christian Mothers

Friday, October 16 Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7 Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
9:00 AM (LF) † Hudson Bryantt by Nick and Jacinta Schmaltz
10:30 AM (HOSP) Communion Service

Saturday, October 17 Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12 Saint Ignatius of Antioch
8:00 AM (LF) No Mass
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM (LF) † Walter Busch by Angie Busch

Sunday, October 18 Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM (LF) † Deceased Blessum Family Members by Kathy Blessum
8:30 AM (SM) Mass for the People
10:30 AM (LF) † Clem Schmaltz by Marian Schmaltz and Family
10:30 AM (OLMC) † Leonard Wangler by Theresa Wangler

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Kathy Blessum for her deceased family members.

SERVING OUR PARISHES OCTOBER 17-18

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Kathleen Heilman	Dorice Duchscherer Diane Dufner
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Rita Graber	Chris Brossart
10:30 AM Sunday	Natalie Blessum Chelsea Blessum Clare Livedalen	Royanne Livedalen	Joe Schmaltz Mary Schmaltz

St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Diane Fritel Phillip Volk	Titus Volk Barrett Bohl	Tim Sattler Kenny Bohl	Bob Fritel	Adam Lynn Bohl Family	Adam Lynn Bohl

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care
10:30 AM Sunday	Riley Schaan	Volunteers	Alice Bohl	Eric Kremer, Ron Kremer, Lee Allen Kremer, Wayne Leier