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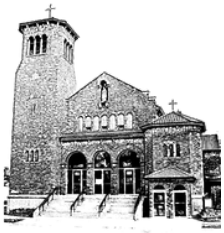

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 4TH, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 39

THE VINEYARD OF BEAUTY AND LIFE

The first sentence of today's Gospel parable can be easily overlooked: "There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower" (Matthew 21:33). It is difficult for us to imagine the enormous amount of time, money, and effort it must have taken for a construction project of this kind. Once completed, the vineyard must have been a beautiful place, not unlike the vineyards one can find in places like the Napa Valley in California. Vineyards are, by their very nature, places of beauty and life. The vineyard in today's Gospel, however, becomes the setting for treachery and murder. All too often the vineyard that is this fragile planet of ours likewise becomes a setting for treachery and murder.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
Matthew 21:42

STEWARDS OF THE VINEYARD

Isaiah's marvelous description of the vineyard reminds us of the creation passages from the book of Genesis. That description generates faint echoes of the often-repeated line from Genesis: "and God saw how good it was" (Genesis 1:25). The sad reality is that we who are called to be good stewards of this vineyard sometimes make bad choices. Sometimes in our arrogance we fail to care for the vineyard of creation. Like the wicked tenants, we care more for our own personal gain than for the virtues of goodness and righteousness. Pope John Paul II used the term "the culture of death" to describe this kind of behavior. The parables we hear are meant to cut right to our hearts and force us to look squarely at our behaviors and attitudes. May this week's parable open our eyes to those times when we stray away from the goodness and beauty of God's vineyard and make decisions that support the culture of death. May we be strengthened in our efforts to become good stewards whose actions bring forth the fruits of life and love.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 5:1–7; Psalm 80:9, 12–16, 19–20; Philippians 4:6–9; Matthew 21:33–43
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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, October 4
Twenty-Seventh 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 5th
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Adoration 5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, October 6th
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 7th
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:30 AM
- Little Flower Prayer for Life 3:00 PM
- Little Way Religious Ed Class 5:30 PM
- CYO Meeting 6:30 PM
- Religious Education Class 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 8th
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM
- Little Flower Mass 5:15 PM
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 PM
- Little Flower Confessions 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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

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

Sunday, October 11th
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

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.**

First Knights of Columbus Meeting for the Fall. The first meeting of the fall for Knights of Columbus members will be held on **October 6th at 7:00 pm in the Dorothy's Room.** Come share fellowship and strengthen your faith with other K of C members. **If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus or have additional questions regarding the meeting, please contact the Grand Knight, Brian Blessum.**

The 10,000 Rosary Challenge is starting next week, October 7. 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 next weekend.**

More Than Happiness Middle-School Youth Day Conference. The Diocese of Fargo is hosting a Middle School (Grade 6-8) Youth Day Conference on **October 10 at the Jamestown Highschool.** This event will include music, games, adoration, talks and so much more! **Tickets are free through the parish. Meals included. Transportation will be provided. To register a student, please contact Casandra Zwingel or Lisa Volk.** Come enjoy fellowship, food and music while growing in your relationship with the Lord!

Annual Dine and Bid Event 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!

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!

Full-Time Facilities Manager/Maintenance Position at Holy Cross in Fargo. Holy Cross parish in West Fargo, ND is seeking a full-time facilities manager/maintenance worker to oversee the care and upkeep of our church facilities and grounds. Responsibilities include general facility maintenance, repairs, and upkeep for the church, social hall, bus barn, rectory, etc.; janitorial duties; lawn care; sidewalk snow removal; and other duties to maintain facilities. A successful candidate will be able to coordinate the assistance of volunteers and any paid staff to fulfill the mission. Possessing or willing to learn basic elements of computer managed access and HVAC controls a plus. **To apply please submit a resume to Penne Soucy at psoucy@holycrosswestfargo.com. You may also contact the parish office at 701-282-7217.**

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. The example below, illustrates 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!**

Stewardship Moment

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."
Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some.But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

September 26-27,	2026	2025
Little Flower	$4,122.00	$5,495.00
September 27, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$366.25	$12,319.39
OLMC		$11,670.32

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	$62,558.00
Pledged	$50,512.27
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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Mass Schedule

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

Monday, October 5 Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37 Saint Faustina Kowalska
7:30 AM (LF) † Beatrice Schmaltz by Mary and Angela Kitzman
5:45 PM (LF) Adoration

Tuesday, October 6 Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42 Saint Bruno
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Ken Schaan by Marlene Schaan

Wednesday, October 7 Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4 Our Lady of the Rosary
7:30 AM (LF) † Denise Lagasse by Marlene Schaan
9:30 AM (OLMC) † Albert and Alice Leier by LeeAllen and Rebecca Leier

Thursday, October 8 Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Fred Fritel by Marge Heilman and family
5:15 PM (LF) † Bernie Volk by Rita Graber

Friday, October 9 Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26 Saint Denis
9:00 AM (LF) † Alice Brossart by Family
10:30 AM (HOSP) † Kira Lemar by Chuck and Dorothy Hooker

Saturday, October 10 Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
8:00 AM (LF) † Frank and Elizabeth Brossart by Isabel Brossart and family
Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM (LF) † Clemence and Katherine Haman by Family

Sunday, October 11 Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM (LF) † Deceased Family Members of Bob and Diane Fritel
8:30 AM (SM) Birthday Blessings for Brookelynn Bohl, Barrett Bohl, Tosten Bohl by St. Mary's Parish Community
10:30 AM (LF) Mass for the People
10:30 AM (OLMC) † Pete and Katherine Hoffart by Family

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Bob and Diane Fritel for their deceased family members.

SERVING OUR PARISHES OCTOBER 10-11

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Vernice Brossart	Marge Heilman Deb Millang
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Jeremy Wald	Rita Graber
10:30 AM Sunday	Levi Selensky Grant Teigen Rhett Teigen	Michael Hurly	Brian Blessum Sue Blessum

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	Darrel Hoffart	Adam Lyn Bohl

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care
10:30 AM Sunday	Pete Burgard	Volunteers	Jennifer Heilman	Eric Kremer, Ron Kremer, Lee Allen Kremer, Wayne Leier