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St. Therese the Little Flower

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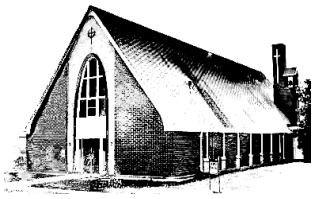

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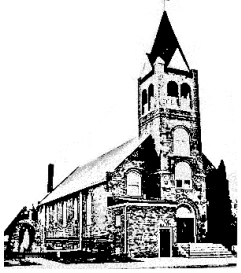

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

301 MAIN STREET N, BALTA ND

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 41 NO. 35

HEED THE WARNING

In answering God's call to be a prophet, Ezekiel took on a serious duty. Just as the watchman sounded a trumpet to warn the citizens of impending danger, so was it the prophet's responsibility to warn the people to repent. If the townsfolk ignored the watchman's trumpet and were taken by the enemy, the watchman was not to blame. Yet in the task of warning the people, the watchman was responsible for the welfare of the entire community. In the same way, the prophet only needed to deliver the message. What the listeners did upon receiving it was their own choice. Nevertheless, the prophet's responsibility to the community was clear. To shirk that duty would be a disservice to all.

In Paul's Letter to the Romans, he tells us to go beyond the letter of God's law to its heart, which is love. What the fourth through tenth commandments really challenge us to do is love our neighbor. As Paul points out and as the Gospel clarifies, we cannot do this passively or by choosing not to get involved.

Love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
Romans 13:8

A RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN

Loving one another is not easy to do. There will always be those whose actions damage and disrupt the community and cause harm to the world at large. It is our responsibility to challenge those actions and shed the light of the gospel on them, but to do so in a loving way. In a culture where public sentiment can run strong, demonstrating such restraint and respect may feel like swimming upstream. Yet today's Gospel invites us not to condemn out of hand, but to engage in a dialogue with the offender that can result in conversion and change. To fail to do so is to shrink from our Christian responsibility. In the light of today's Gospel, what do you think could be the appropriate Christian responses to the many different actions of relatives, friends, fellow citizens, and government authorities in the past year?

Today's Readings: Ezekiel 33:7–9; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9; Romans 13:8–10; Matthew 18:15–20

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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
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. - 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 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish
Eucharistic Liturgy
Sunday 8:30 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.

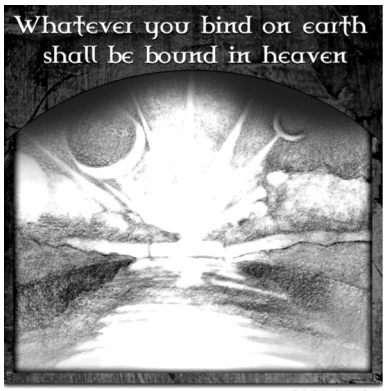
New Parishioners
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, September 6
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 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, September 7
- Little Flower Mass 8:30 AM

Tuesday, September 8
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM
- Little Flower Confessions 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- Little Flower Cemetery Meeting 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 9
- 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, September 10
- Little Flower Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Estates Mass 9:10 AM
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, September 11
- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM with fellowship following in Dorothy's Room
- Rosary and Funeral for Daniel Bishoff 12:00 PM

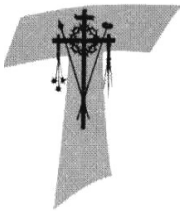
Saturday, September 12
- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM
- Little Flower Confessions 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 13
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 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

World's Finest Chocolate delivery is anticipated for next week. 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.**

The price for the KZZJ Broadcast has increased to $67.

Fellowship and movie following the 9:00 AM School Mass. Join us for fellowship, refreshments, and a faith-filled movie following the 9:00 AM School Mass starting September 11 in the Dorothy room. Everyone is welcome!



Lord, Teach Me to Pray. Are you looking to deepen your prayer life this year? Join Sr. Mary Ruth for a six-month series, "Lord, Teach Me to Pray," based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Participants will meet Monday mornings from 6:00 - 7:15 AM (online or in-person at the St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND). We ask that you commit to both semesters (September 14 - December 7 AND January 11 - April 12) when joining. **If interested, contact Sr. Mary Ruth at (701) 242-7195 or srmaryruth@sfcretreats.org.**

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!

Real Presence Radio Fall Live Drive. Stories of faith. Voices of hope. Your local community brought together by a shared mission. Join us for our fall live drive September 15-17 from 7am-7pm on 1370 AM / 92.5 FM in Grand Forks to be a part of what it takes to keep Catholic radio on the air.

FT Director of Parish Administration needed in Wahpeton. St. John Catholic Church in Wahpeton, ND is seeking a key staff member that supports the parish leadership in carrying out the mission of the Catholic Church. The successful candidate will have proficiency in accounting, payroll, technology, and database systems. Excellent communication skills, attention to detail, confidentiality, and the ability to manage priorities are a must. Interested candidates should send a letter of application and resume to Fr. Greg Haman at greg.haman@fargodiocese.org before Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

Catholic Formation Initiative this Fall!
Come away and learn more about your Faith! Discover Faith and Culture through the Diocese of Fargo's new Catholic Formation Initiative, featuring comprehensive five-hour classes this fall and spring. Coming this fall is the first class! The Human Person- The Foundation of All Rights and Dignity
Course Instructor: Tim Mosser
Dates: September 18-19, 2026
- Place: Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City
- Time: Friday at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (lunch at 12:00 PM)

Online Registration & Class Fee Structure: www.fargodiocese.org/cfi-classes

What is this class about? A correct understanding of the human person is essential for understanding human rights and dignity. This class will simply and clearly address the uniqueness of each person created in the image and likeness of God with infinite dignity and desire but with limited power and freedom.

Annual Walk for Life on September 19th. Our annual Walk for Life will be held Saturday, September 19, following the 8:00 AM Mass. Join us for fellowship, refreshments and good exercise while raising money for an excellent cause. All proceeds will go to further the mission and ministry of the Women's Care Center.

Annual Fall Dinner at 1:30 pm on September 20th. St. Joseph's Church in Devil's Lake invites us to their annual fall dinner. Stuffed pork chops, mashed potatoes, gravy with all the trimmings and homemade pies will be served. **Cost: $12 for adults, $6 for ages 6-12 and preschool and under are free.**

Women's Silent Retreat for Beginners: November 19-22, 2026. Do you have a desire to go deeper with the Lord in prayer and learn the basics of Ignatian prayer? If you have never been on a silent retreat, are curious as to what it is about, or want to deepen your understanding of the Spiritual Exercises, this retreat is for you. Father Andrew Jasinski will be the retreat master for this women's silent retreat going from the evening of Thursday, November 19 through Sunday, November 22. Find all details by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/womens-retreat.

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 Moments

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel…" - EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

August 29-30	2026	2025
Little Flower	$ 8.279.13	$ 3,646.80
August 30, 2026	**Week**	**Year to Date**
St. Mary's	$361.00	$10,822.14
OLMC		$11,670.32

2026 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL

Little Flower	Year to Date
Goal	$62,558
Pledged	$50,187.27
St. Mary's	
Goal	$3,999
Pledged	$4,483.50
OLMC	
Goal	$8,934
Pledged	$6,837

St. Therese the Little Flower

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776-6388 Ext 1
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Christian Mothers
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Catholic Daughters
Valerie Bachmeier, Regent

Parish Music Ministry
Glenda Mack - 776-5179

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Deb Black, President 681-0192

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Lisa Volk

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Joe Bohl

St. Mary's Ladies Society
Kristen Bohl

Parish Music Ministry
Susan Hoffert

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Rugby Eagles

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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, September 7
8:30 AM (LF) † Phillip Degenstein by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse
5:45 PM (LF) No Adoration

Tuesday, September 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 AM (LF) † Ken Schaan by Marlene Schaan
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Curtis Roerick by Family and Friends

Wednesday, September 9 St. Peter Claver
7:30 AM (LF) † For the Canonization of Bl. Frederic Ozanam by SSVdP
9:30 AM (OLMC) † John Bohl and Curtis Bohl by Jim and Shelby Bohl

Thursday, September 10
8:00 AM (LF) Adoration
9:10 AM (HE) † Phillip Wolfe by Kathy Wolfe

Friday, September 11
7:30 AM (LF) † Emily Dufner by Diane Dufner
9:00 AM (LF) Young People of the Parish by Christian Mothers

Saturday, September 12
8:00 AM (LF) † Joe Fritel by Friends of the Family
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM (LF) † Janet Flowers by Chuck and Joyce Teigen

Sunday, September 13 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM (LF) † Living and Deceased Family Members by Angie Busch
8:30 AM (OLMC) † Loretta Heilman by Diane Dodd
10:30 AM (LF) Mass for the People
10:30 AM (SM) † Margie Beck by Bob and Diane Fritel

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

SERVING OUR PARISHES SEPTEMBER 12-13

St. Therese	Altar Servers	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed	Kathleen Heilman	Dorice Duchscherer Marge Heilman
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed	Bria Brossart	Chris Brossart
10:30 AM Sunday	Paxton Wangler Pius Wangler Penn Wangler	Nicholas Schmaltz	Marlene Schaan Jacinta Schmaltz

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care
8:30 AM Sunday	Pete Burgard	Volunteers	Alice Bohl	Wes Hall, Joe Haman, Derrick Klein, Kelly King

St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
10:30 AM Sunday	Charlet Bohl Mark Hoffert	Bently Bohl Brookelynn Bohl	Phil Volk Adam Bohl	Wanda Follman	Jerald Bohl Family	Joe Bohl Family Mary Jo Bohl