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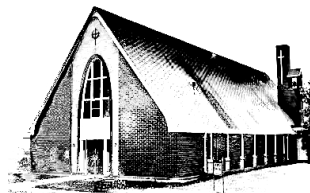


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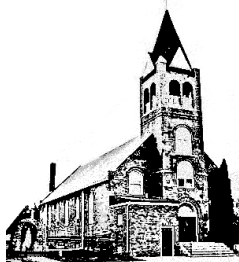
**ST. MARY'S**

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**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL**

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**St. Therese Little Flower Parish**

Rectory: 776-6388  
Parish Office: 776-6388  
www.littleflowerrugby.org

**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**

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Saturday 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday 5:45 p.m. - Midnight  
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 1:00pm; if a funeral is scheduled at 2:00pm adoration will be from 8:00am - noon.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2023 THE HISTORIAN VOL. 46 NO. 50

*Message from our Pastor*

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

A special thank you to Glenda Mack, the teachers, and all, who helped make the Little Flower School Concert last Sunday a celebration of joyfulness. As we prepare for the Lord's birth, whenever the children perform it is always wonderful. It is always impressive to behold their enthusiasm and their various talents.

Everyone is welcome to Holiday Bingo this afternoon at 2:00 pm. There is always delicious food, fellowship, and great prizes. It is a wonderful way to spend a little more than an hour on a Sunday afternoon.

Today is Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. The vestments for today are an optional rose color. It signifies the nearness of our Savior's birth, who will bring immense joy to our hearts. In his presence, our acts of penance and sacrifice during Advent will end and there will be great rejoicing.

"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: 'He must increase, but I must decrease'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 524*).

May you have a blessed Advent week!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Frank Miller  
Pastor



**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 9:00 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.

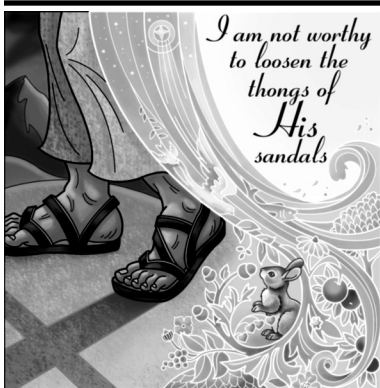
**New Parishioners**  
Please register at the parish office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or contact the parish office.

**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**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

##### Holy Land Collection

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- LF RE Family Christmas Program 9:00 AM
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- LF Holiday Bingo and Popcorn 2:00 PM

#### Monday, December 18

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Adoration 5:45 PM - midnight
- Adult Intercessory Prayer Group 7:00 PM

#### Tuesday, December 19

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Haaland Home Mass 9:00 AM
- No Eucharist; Studying the Mass in the Bible Class

#### Wednesday, December 20

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 9:00 AM
- CYO Christmas Caroling and party 6:00 PM

#### Thursday, December 21

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Adoration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Haaland Home Mass 9:00 AM
- Hospital Mass 10:30 AM

#### Friday, December 22

- Little Flower Mass 7:30 AM
- Little Flower Mass 9:00 AM with a movie and fellowship following in Dorothy's Room

#### Saturday, December 23

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM
- Confession 8:30 - 10:30 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- Little Flower Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

#### Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Little Flower Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- No Little Flower Religious Education
- St. Mary's Mass 8:30 AM
- St. Mary's Christmas decorating after Mass
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass 10:30 AM
- LF Little Flower Christmas Vigil Mass 4 PM

Join us for **Holiday Bingo and Popcorn** on Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy food, fellowship, and maybe win a prize. Everyone is welcome.

**St Mary's Knox will be decorating for Christmas following the Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>. We will also be accepting poinsettias for decorating.**

**Bishop Folda is asking that a second collection be taken up this weekend for humanitarian and parish assistance in the Holy Land.** The funds raised will be sent to the Latin Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Please make checks payable to Little Flower Church.

**Volunteers are needed to serve Little Flower Parish on Christmas - Christmas Eve Children's Mass**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **Volunteers needed**

**Midnight Mass:**

Lector: **Volunteer needed**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **Volunteers needed**

Altar Servers: **Volunteers needed**

**Christmas Day 9:00 AM Mass**

Lector: **Volunteer needed**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **Volunteers needed**

Altar Servers: Carter Teigen, Rhett Teigen, Grant Teigen

**Fifth Saturday Potluck Supper and White Elephant Bingo Party** on

Saturday, December 30 following the 5:00 PM Mass in the Parish Hall.

Bring a potluck food item and a white elephant Bingo prize and join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship with friends. Everyone is welcome!

**The Holy Family Tree!** Advent is the time to place your family picture on the Holy Family tree. Each year families are invited to hang their family Christmas card, a picture, or a handmade Holy Family ornament with your family's name on it on the Holy Family tree. The tree is downstairs in the small dining room until the Feast of the Holy Family on December 31. All names on the tree will be entered into a "Family Date Night" drawing held on February 11 at the Family Bingo Party.

**End of Year Donations:** Thank you for your generosity and monetary contributions to our parishes during the past year. All additional donations and contributions which you would like claimed in the 2023 year **must be received by the December 25 weekend collection** in order to be recorded on our records. Please be sure to include any Special Collection contributions you may have overlooked during the year but want to include.

**Little Flower, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes** extend our condolences to the family of Loretta Lovcik whose prayer service was Saturday, December 16 at Anderson's Funeral Home. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

**The 10,000 Rosary Challenge** continues until December 31, 2023 at Little Flower, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Mary's Parishes. Forms to record the number of rosaries you have prayed are available on the table at the front of the church. Completed forms may be placed in the box at the front entrance of the church or in the collection basket. Thank you to all those who have dedicated their time to praying the rosary. We all need to pray!!

**Poinsettias for Christmas at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.** Anyone interested in purchasing a poinsettia to decorate Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church for Christmas please bring the poinsettia to the church. Please contact Jane Gross at 776-5124 with any questions.

**Poinsettias for Christmas at Little Flower:** Donations are being accepted to adorn our church for Christmas. Donations may be made in memory of loved ones. Please make checks payable to Little Flower Parish with a notation for flowers. Donation envelopes may be found in your envelope packets and may be placed in the weekend collection baskets or brought to the parish office.

**Are you able to spend one hour in Eucharistic Adoration with our Lord?** Come and experience the Hope, Peace, Faith, and Joy of Advent. Imagine the many blessings awaiting you! **We currently need someone for the 11:00 AM - noon hour on Tuesday.** Consider teaming up with a friend or family member to fulfill the commitment. For those who are unable to make a commitment, subs are a great blessing to this devotion. Adoration times are: Monday from 5:45 PM - midnight; Tuesday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM; Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. If you would like to participate in this devotion please contact the parish office at 776-6388.

**Our women and men religious offer gratitude .** A sister shares, “I thank the Lord for all who give. I don’t think we would make it without them.” Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

**Little Flower Choir CDs are still available!** In honor of the legacy of Little Flower Choir and in memory of Robert Graber, a recording was made last spring. It has favorite music from both the mixed and ladies choirs, as well as archived music of Robert. It also has music sung by James Maertens and Lexi Birnbaum. You may purchase them in the church office for a suggested donation of \$10 each. Enjoy!!

Do you need a Christmas present for that young person in your life (or for yourself)? **SEARCH for Christian Maturity** is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16 and 17) along with young adults (ages 18 and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian community. This is a time to experience a loving, supportive community of young people who want to learn and experience a closer relationship with God and with others. We have a peer-led retreat coming up **January 12-14, 2024** at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. More details and the application are at [www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm](http://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm) or call Dori at 952-210-2219 with questions. Applications are due no later than **Tuesday, December 26th.**

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING**

December 9-10, 2023	2023	2022
Little Flower Parish	\$8,833.00	\$16,933.25
December 10, 2023	Week	Year to Date
St. Mary's	\$398.66	\$17,144.98
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	\$	\$1,400.00

**2023 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL CAMPAIGN**

Little Flower Parish	Year to Date
Goal	\$73,325
Pledged	\$45,476
St. Mary's	
Goal	\$4,867
Pledged	\$3,725
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	
Goal	\$9,858
Pledged	\$3,980

**St. Therese the Little Flower**

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**Catholic Daughters**

Dorice Duchscherer, Regent

**Parish Music Ministry**

Glenda Mack - 776-5179

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

Deb Black, President 681-0192



**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

**Religious Education**

Chelbie Bohl  
Kristen Bohl

**Parish Council**

Mark Hoffert

**St. Mary's Ladies Society**

Kristen Bohl

**Parish Music Ministry**

Susan Hoffert



**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

**Religious Education**

Samantha Wentz

**Parish Council**

Pete Burgard

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office at 776-6388.**



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

**Monday, December 18**

7:30 AM (LF)

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

The Church, Sovereign Pontiff, United States of America, and Society of Saint Vincent de Paul by the St. Therese the Little Flower Conference of SSVdP  
† Bertha Schell by Jeff and Deb Bopp  
Adoration

5:15 PM (LF)

5:45 PM (LF)

**Tuesday, December 19**

7:30 AM (LF)

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

† Gladys Grant by Deacon Rick and Denise Lagasse  
Adoration

8:00 AM (LF)

9:00 AM (HE)

† Daniel Koenig by Bruce and Rita Dokken

**Wednesday, December 20**

7:30 AM (LF)

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

† Nick Schall by David and Cindy Migler

9:00 AM (OLMC)

† Leonard Schmaltz by Marlene Wentz

5:15 PM (LF)

† Engelbert Kuntz by Violet Kuntz and family

**Thursday, December 21**

7:30 AM (LF)

Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45 Saint Peter Canisius

† Beau Anderson by Anthony and Angie Deplazes

8:00 AM (LF)

Adoration

9:00 AM (HE)

Families of the Parish by the Christian Mothers

10:30 AM (Hosp)

Young People of the Parish by the Christian Mothers

**Friday, December 22**

7:30 AM (LF)

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

† Deceased relatives of Virgil and Frances Houim by their family

9:00 AM (LF)

† Marie Zimmer by Virginia Koble

**Saturday, December 23**

8:00 AM (LF)

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66 Saint John of Kanty

† Ardith Kraus by Fr. Miller

5:00 PM (LF)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 Fourth Sunday of Advent

† Ann Hager by Rose Selensky

**Sunday, December 24**

8:00 AM (LF)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 Fourth Sunday of Advent

† Joe & Margaret Brossart and deceased family members by Maurus an Sandy Brossart

8:30 AM (SM)

† Larry Knutson by Bob and Diane Fritel

10:30 AM (LF)

Mass for the People

10:30 AM (OLMC)

† Gary Heintz by Darlene Heintz

4:00 PM (LF)

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25 Nativity of the Lord Vigil

Special Intention of the Priest

The broadcast of the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass on 1450 KZZJ AM and 92.1 FM is sponsored by Maurus and Sandy Brossart in memory of Joe and Margaret Brossart and their deceased family members.

**SERVING OUR PARISHES DECEMBER 23-24**

St. Therese	Altar Servers		Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
5:00 PM Saturday	Volunteers Needed		Theone Stevenson	Marge Heilman Deb Millang		
8:00 AM Sunday	Volunteers Needed		Jeremy Wald	Valerie Bachmeier		
10:30 AM Sunday	Pius Wangler Paisley Wangler Penn Wangler		Michael Hurly	Brian Blessum Sue Blessum		
4:00 PM Sunday	Children's Mass		Children's Mass	Volunteers Needed		
St. Mary	Sacristan/Reader	Altar Servers	Ushers	EMHC	Gifts	Church Cleaning
8:30 AM Sunday	Wanda Follman Mark Hoffert	Bria Brossart Braden Brossart	Chris Brossart Jerald Bohl	Chris Brossart Wanda Follman	Ed Volk	Phil Volk Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lector	Altar Servers	EMHC	Church Care		
10:30 AM Sunday	Riley Schaan	Harper Leier Emma Shively	Jennifer Heilman	Scott Filler, Jane Gross, Wes Hall, Joe Haman		