

December 28th, 2025
THE HOLY FAMILY

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Minot, North Dakota



THIS WEEK:

Monday, December 29th
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, December 30th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 31st
Vigil Mass, Mary the Holy Mother of God
4:00 p.m. Mass
Parish Office Closed

Thursday, January 1st
Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00 a.m. Mass
Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 2nd
8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, January 3rd
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 4th
Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS: TUES-FRI 8AM
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30PM
SUNDAY MASS: 8:30AM & 10AM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: WEDNESDAYS 8:30AM-4PM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 28, 2025
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and
Joseph
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us?

The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

— Father John Muir

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025

Sunday: The Holy Family
Wednesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Thursday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
Friday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

Special Intention by Lang Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

4:00 p.m.: +Isabell Klein by Aarseth Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST

8:00 a.m.: For the Parishioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND

+Mitchell Watne by Suzanne Watne

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD

+Robert Schempp by Kathy Fettig

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH

8:30 a.m. +Greg Keller by Raymond & Rita Richard

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



January Wedding Anniversaries:

14th: Robert & Katy Schaefer

20th: Shane & Angela Cardinal

THANK YOU!

Thanks to your efforts, 177 rosaries and 190 medals were collected from the four Catholic Churches in Minot. They will be sent by UPS to Riverton, WY.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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With winter weather upon us, now is a great time to download our **FREE** parish app. Any Mass, Adoration, or activity cancellations due to weather will come right to your phone! Simply go to your app store and download the free app. Set Little Flower as your parish and make sure push notifications are ON so you can be alerted to any important messages.



FOOD PANTRIES

Bins are located in gathering space for the Our Lady of Grace and Minot State University food pantries. In this season of giving, please consider donating to those in need with non-perishable food items. The MSU food pantry is for students, so easy to prepare items work best (easy Mac, toaster pastries, etc.).

DIVINE INTIMACY BOOK STUDY 2026

The Divine Intimacy book study at Little Flower with Fr. Phillips will resume January 4 following the 10AM Mass. Class dates: January 4 & 11; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1. All are welcome!

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR DEC 31 & JAN 1

	Dec. 31 st 4:00 p.m.	Jan. 1 st 9:00 a.m.
Rosary	Varden Lang	Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Ron & Korie Huettl	Clarence & Amy Aberle
Altar Servers	Camden Lee	Paul Kalamaha David White
Lector	Wanda Kalamaha	Joshua Snyder
Eucharistic Minister	Paul Kalamaha	Paul Kalamaha

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 3 & 4

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Varden Lang	Marie Keller	Suzanne Watne
Greeters	Bryan & Cindy Obenchain	Bruce & Louise Bogenrief	Bob & Jennifer Feller
Altar Servers	Dan Christen Sara Haarstad	Jeff Murtaugh David White	Julia Young Claire Young
Lector	Wanda Kalamaha	Debby Brothers	Grant Wentz
Eucharistic Minister	Mike Sander	Korie Huettl	Deacon Stephen Young
In-Home Ministry	Bob & Christine Greene		
Scrip Sales	Tracy Christen	Jill Aarseth	Kathy Wentz

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If anyone is preparing for surgery or is hospitalized or wishing to receive the anointing of the sick, please call the parish office (701-838-1520) or rectory (701-837-5943) to set up an appointment. You can receive this sacrament more than once. Please notify Fr. Phillips upon admission of a family member to the hospital.



ONLINE GIVING FUNDS

Christmas: Active 12-14-2025 through 12-28-2025

Solemnity of Mary: Active 12-28-2025 through 1-11-2026

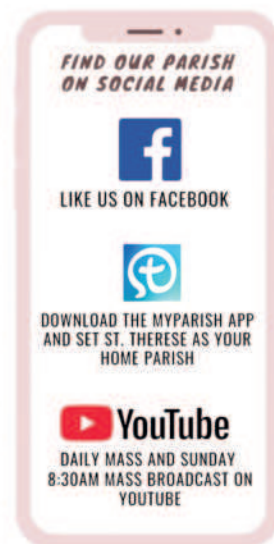
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ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

We have a particular need for altar servers for the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass. This is a great way for children to become more connected to Mass. Children and adults are encouraged to serve in this ministry. Contact the parish office to learn more about server training.



CONFESSION TIMES

TUES-FRI: 7:30AM-7:50AM

SAT: 3:15PM-4:15PM

SUNDAY: 7:30AM-8:15AM; 9:30AM-9:50AM

Confession can be heard anytime outside of listed times by appointment: 837.5943

BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Little Lions Preschool Registration Opening Soon: At Little Lions Preschool, we help children grow with inspired minds, faithful hearts, and lives of virtue. Registration opens soon for our 2-Day Morning, 3-Day Morning, 5-Day Afternoon, and Full-Day Kindergarten Readiness classes. For more information, contact Megan Selk at mselk@brhs.com or 701-833-3355.



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Growing our Flock



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-Sofia Cavaletti

Minot Area Catholic Adults

Spirits and Truth



Stump the Priest: A Live Q & A

Thursday, January 8th, 2026
-Food and Fellowship @6:00pm
-Q & A with Fr. Jady Nelson @6:45pm

Location: Mi Mexico
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters. In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting many families, providing for food, gifts and assistance with utility and rent bills, etc.

St. Vincent de Paul meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. If you would like to attend a meeting, please call Janel at 701-557-3919 for the meeting location.

KC Council 9906



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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR YEAR-END GIVING OPTIONS THAT MAY HELP OUR PARISH?

1. As the year comes to a close, you may be looking for creative ways to make a year-end donation to support the parish. We have provided many attractive options that may also include tax savings for you! Please see our flyer (insert the location of your flyer, i.e. inserted in the bulletin, on the tables by the doors, etc.) or visit our office to discuss other great options.
2. We want to thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish. It is through your support that we can fulfill the mission of the Church. If you are looking for ways to make a year-end donation, please see our informational flyers (insert the location of your flyer, i.e. inserted in the bulletin, on the tables by the doors, etc.) or visit parish staff to learn about more great opportunities.
3. As always, we are grateful for your support and generosity. Your donations and support of our parish are a tremendous testament to your faith. For those looking to make a year-end donation, we have provided materials that highlight great giving opportunities, many of which provide you with tax advantages!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY OVER THE YEARS IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Nellie Dougherty
Daniel Timko
Joseph Robeck
Anna Koffler
Joseph Cote
Catherine Blesene
Mary Savelkoul
Joseph Probst
Eugene Hadley
Mary Moore
Rita Havican
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Fred Murdock
Lyle Weeks
Rose Nowak
Peter Schwan
Anton Heintz
Amelia Sherdian
Leo Flammang
Adele Hess
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Henery Roles
John Scaglione
Albert Rein
George Phillips
Clara Phillips
Joseph Nowak
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Marie Shields
Douglass Karhoff
Grace Bacon
Vesta Bohan
Sharon Vondal
Richard Gerhart
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John Glibota Sr

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Goerge VanEckout
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Candace Kowitz
James Linnertz
Anna Mae Plemel
Deborah Walcker
Eva Straight
Shallah Bunyard
Harold Nathan
Margaret Schoenwald
Murel Hartleib
Francis Heintz
Agnes Slater
Waldo Schoenwal
Patrick Gores
Leona Skudlarek
Natalie Olson
Vernon Eckel
Harold Stroklund
William Bachmeier
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To your parish endowment fund

Attention!!!

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Hello Brother Knights, we are having our January meeting and KC Christmas party Tuesday on the 6th. We will start with adoration in the church at 6:00 then rosary at 6:30 then the meeting to follow in the gathering space at 7:00. We will be discussing upcoming events for the month and how we can help out at the parish and in our catholic community, so if you can make it that would be great! Then after the meeting we will enjoy some delicious food, drinks, and Christmas fun, so come join us for prayer, discussion, and fellowship.



BREAKFAST AT LITTLE FLOWER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2026

SERVING FROM 8:30 A.M. TO NOON

ON THE MENU:

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass 8AM PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	2 Mass 8AM	3 Mass 4:30PM
4 Mass 8:30AM & 10AM Divine Intimacy Book Study 11AM	5	6 Mass 8AM KC Adoration, Rosary & Meeting (Christmas Party) 6:00PM	7 Mass 8AM Adoration 8:30AM-4:00PM CGS 6:00PM	8 Mass 8AM	9 Mass 8AM	10 Serra Club Mass & Meeting 9AM Mass 4:30PM
11 Mass 8:30AM & 10AM KC Breakfast 8:30AM-12PM Divine Intimacy Book Study 11AM	12	13 Mass 8AM Environment Committee 5:30PM	14 Mass 8AM Adoration 8:30AM-4:00PM CGS 6:00PM	15 Mass 8AM	16 Mass 8AM	17 Mass 4:30PM
18 Mass 8:30AM & 10AM	19	20	21 CGS 6:00PM	22	23	24 Mass 4:30PM
FATHER PHILLIPS ON VACATION (No Weekday Mass)						
25 Mass 8:30AM & 10AM	26	27	28 CGS 6:00PM	29	30	31 Mass 4:30PM
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