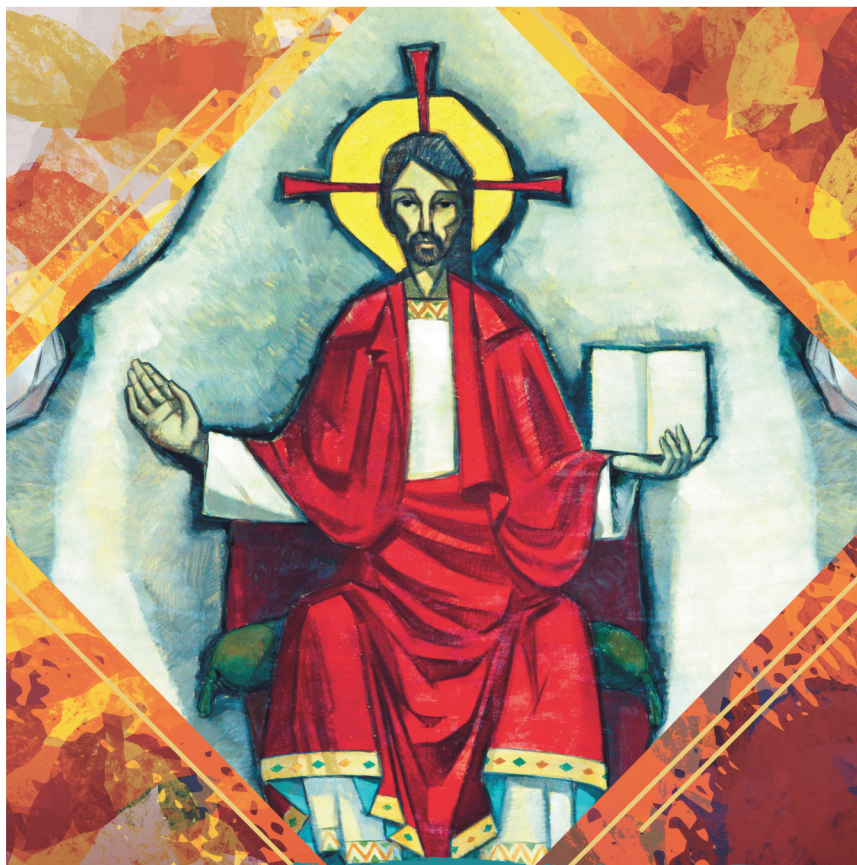


MAY 17TH, 2026  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Minot, North Dakota



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.” - Jn 17:5-6

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## THIS WEEK:

**Monday, May 18th**

No Scheduled Events

**Tuesday, May 19th**

8:00 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, May 20th**

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration

**Thursday, May 21st**

8:00 a.m. Mass

**Friday, May 22nd**

8:00 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, May 23rd**

4:30 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, May 24th**

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

May 17, 2026  
7th Sunday of Easter  
John 17:1-11a

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'"

That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "Consecrate them in the truth." (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— Father John Muir

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2026

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day  
Monday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr  
Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest  
Thursday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
Friday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious  
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

## MASS INTENTIONS

### TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

+David Douglass by Debby Brothers

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH

+Roger & Joyce Sand by Mylan Sand

### THURSDAY, MAY 21ST

+Gerald Solien by Paula Wahl

### FRIDAY, MAY 22ND

+Harvey Wittmayer by Diane Wittmayer

### SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

+Pat Limke by Jackie Limke

### SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

8:30 a.m. +Marlys Piatz by JoAnn & Rick Randall

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



We are looking for more Adorers for Eucharistic Adoration. Please let us know if you would be available for an hour on Wednesdays on a regular basis.

**Current hours are  
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## LITTLE FLOWER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Family, Friends, and Brother Knights,

I pray that you are all doing well and having a blessed spring so far! I want to first thank everyone who came out for our last fundraising breakfast this past month. We were truly blessed with all the donations that came in, and more importantly enjoying fun and fellowship with family and friends.

This past month our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program ended with a great ice cream party, where the parents got to come see their children do their works and enjoy a tasty treat afterwards! We want to thank Dione, Paula, Sam, Lisa, Patty, Kathy, Kelsy, and all the other ladies of our parish who helped make this possible for all the children growing in their faith.

Server of the month: Joseph Minter, who just started serving in our parish and is excited and enthusiastic about his faith and in serving the Mass!

Knight of the month: Bruce Bartholomew, who attended and represented our council at the state KC convention this year. He joined our council just a couple years ago and has been a great addition. He has been a Grand Knight in the past for other councils and brings great wisdom and advice to our group and it is a lot of fun to have around when we are having our KC events and meetings!

Family of the month: Stephen & Rebecca Young, who have been part of our parish family for several years now. Stephen is actually the Deacon of our parish and is a great part of our Knights council. He's always helping out with the mass and around the parish, alongside his loving and supporting wife Rebecca and who is a great mom of six children! You will see a few of their kids still hanging around the parish and serving in the Mass. It is an absolute joy having the young family in our parish and are truly blessed!

Our knights want to thank those for all that they do and are truly blessed that they are part of our Parish family and we will be praying for them. Thank you, God bless!

Luke Audet Grand Knight

## MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR MAY 23 & 24

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
<b>Rosary</b>	Cindy Obenchain	Carolyn Johnson	Paula Wahl
<b>Greeters</b>	Volunteer Needed	Debby Brothers Karen McDonald	Rick & JoAnn Randall
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Camden Lee	Curt Saari Hadley Duchscherer Tucker Duchscherer	Emmie Schaefer Matthew Schaefer
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Wright	Michelle Saari	Barb Johnson
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Volunteer Needed	Perry Olson	Deacon Stephen Young
<b>Scrip Sales</b>	Bob & Christine Greene	Michelle Saari	Katy Schaefer

## 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.

## 31 ROSARY CLUB

*Are you willing to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?* The Serra Club of North Central North Dakota is again coordinating the prayer initiative entitled "31 Rosary Club" in each parish in the Bismarck Dioceses. We are requesting parishioner to sign up to pray the rosary for vocations on a selected day of each month for one year. The parish has a sign-up sheet and prayer cards for those willing to participate. We can only imagine the fruits that may be realized in the Bismarck Diocese with active participation in this prayer initiative. If we persevere, Mary will prevail.

## EASY OFFERTORY GIVING WITH ACH

If your summer plans are taking you out of town, please consider signing up for ACH giving for your offertory donations. You can sign up for monthly or bi-weekly withdrawals. Signing up is easy! Just scan the QR code, go to the Giving page on our website, or contact the parish office for the short form. Your donations are important for our monthly expenses! We appreciate you making your parish giving a priority.



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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

**St. Andrew's Call Scholarships** Do you have a student entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th grade who may be interested in attending Bishop Ryan Catholic School? For the 2026–2027 school year, a limited number of St. Andrew's Call Scholarships will be available for new, accepted families. This two-year scholarship provides each student:

- \$2,000 toward tuition in the first year
- \$1,000 toward tuition in the second year
- For more information about the St. Andrew's Call Scholarship or the application process, please contact Megan Selk at 701-838-3355 or mselk@brhs.com.



**Is God calling your family to Catholic education?** Now enrolling preschool through grade 12 for the 2026–2027 school year. For a tour or more information contact Megan Selk at 838-3355.

**Are You Called to be Part of Something Special in Catholic Education?** There are amazing things going on in our hallways and classrooms, and Bishop Ryan may be the place for you! We are accepting applications for the following faculty positions for the 2026-2027 school year: **Food Services Assistant, Bus Custodian, and After-School Strings Instructor (Part-Time Position)**. For more information or to apply for these positions, please contact Principal Tanya Steckler at (701) 838-3355 or tsteckler@brhs.com.

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Congratulations and blessings to all of the members of our parish who will be graduating in the coming weeks. Your parish family will keep you in our prayers!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SACRAMENT COORDINATOR JOB OPENING

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church is seeking a dedicated and faith-filled individual to serve as our Director of Religious Education & Sacrament Coordinator. This important role leads and supports our parish's faith formation and sacramental preparation programs, working closely with families, volunteers, and parish staff to nurture spiritual growth within our church community. Responsibilities include: Coordinating and overseeing religious education programs for youth; Organizing and managing sacramental preparation (e.g., First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation); Recruiting, training, and supporting catechists and volunteers; Collaborating with parish staff and clergy; Communicating effectively with families and parish members; Maintaining program schedules, records, and materials; Fostering a welcoming, faith-centered environment for children and families.

If you feel called to serve in this role, please submit your resume and cover letter to Erica Brewer at office@stleothegreat.church.

## MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!



All children currently in Grades K-4 are invited to join us for Vacation Bible School at Bishop Ryan Catholic School

**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5<sup>30</sup> PM-8<sup>30</sup> PM EACH EVENING**

Registration: \$50 per child  
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Spots are limited. Registration closes when all spots are reserved or May 8th, whichever comes first.

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.

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.

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## FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 15

The 12th Annual Seminarian Scholarship Golf Tournament hosted by the Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota is Monday, June 15 at the Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan. Check in and lunch begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch and dinner are provided. Cost is \$520 per team or \$130 per person.

Register online at [cfwnd.org/golf](http://cfwnd.org/golf) by June 12. The tournament fills up fast, so you are encouraged to register early. For more information contact Ron Schatz at 701-204-7202 or Mike Bichler at 701-471-0985.

## LISTEN, TEACH, SEND REGIONAL WORKSHOP

All parents, youth ministry leaders, young adult ministry leaders, catechists, directors of religious education, pastors, Catholic scouting leaders, educators, family life directors, and volunteers are invited to join us for a one-day dynamic workshop. The workshop will take place at the University of Mary on Saturday, June 27 from 9:00am-3:00pm. It will include time for prayer, community, and formation with Dominic Lombardi and Maria Parker from the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth at the USCCB.

Registration is free for all to attend. We look forward to collaborating with all of you to better serve our young people and families in the life of the Church. See you there! FMI contact [dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com) or register at [www.bismarckdiocese.com/catechsis-youth](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/catechsis-youth)

# God's Share Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, to date, **pledges have totaled 51% of our parish goal**. Your prayers for the success of the God's Share Appeal and the ministries it supports are still needed, as are pledges and gifts. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese; it takes many people to form the Body of Christ. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please return a pledge envelope with your response today. **Our parish goal is 100% participation.** Together with your support we can accomplish many beautiful works of faith, hope and charity.

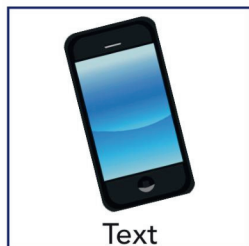
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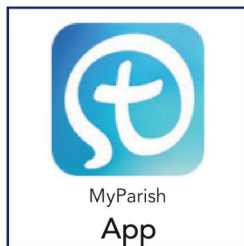
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