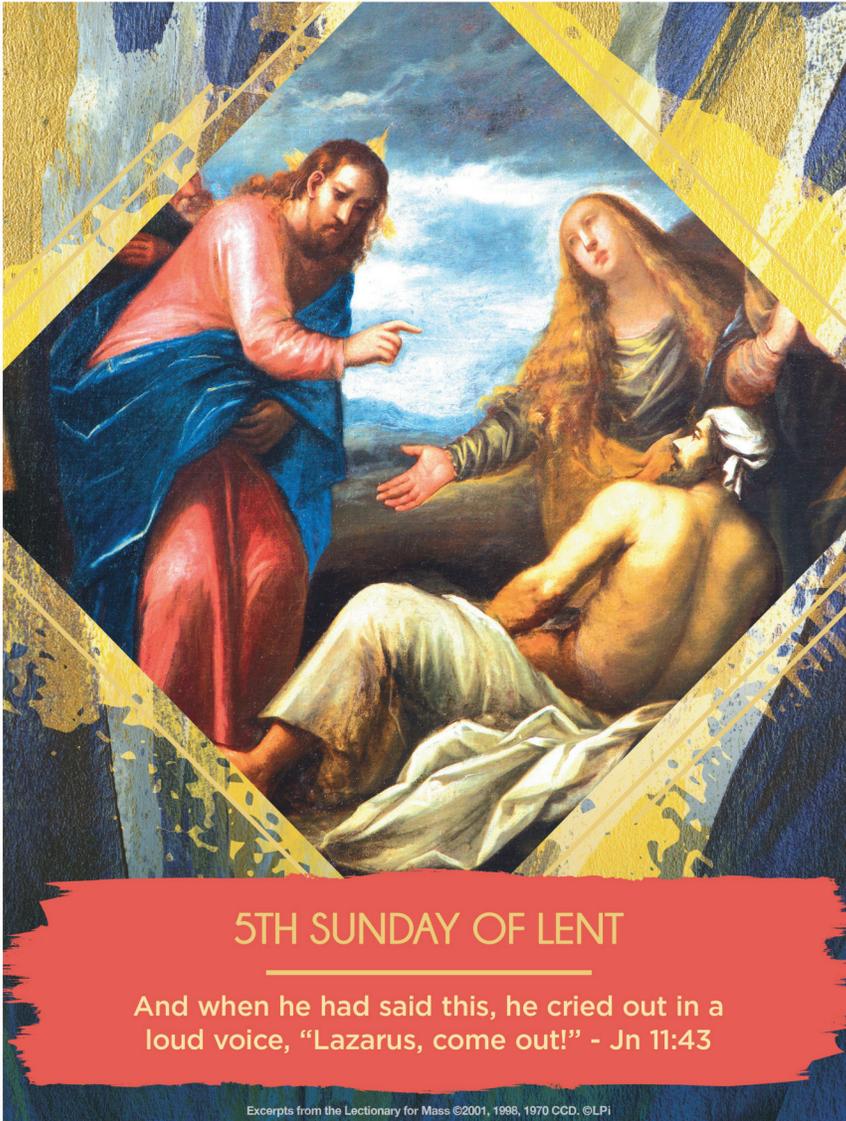


MARCH 22ND, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Minot, North Dakota



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" - Jn 11:43

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THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 23rd
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, March 24th
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Finance Council

Wednesday, March 25th
The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Adoration
6:00 p.m. CGS

Thursday, March 26th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 27th
8:00 a.m. Mass
No Soup & Sandwich Supper and Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28th
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 29th
Palm Sunday
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

March 22, 2026
5th Sunday of Lent
John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense.

Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness.

The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out.

Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— Father John Muir
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2026

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week Begins

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

+LaRae McDonald by Kevin Bohl Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

+Karmen Banks by David & Barb Johnson

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

+LaRae McDonald by Diane Wittmayer

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

+Audrey Collins by Kevin Bohl Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

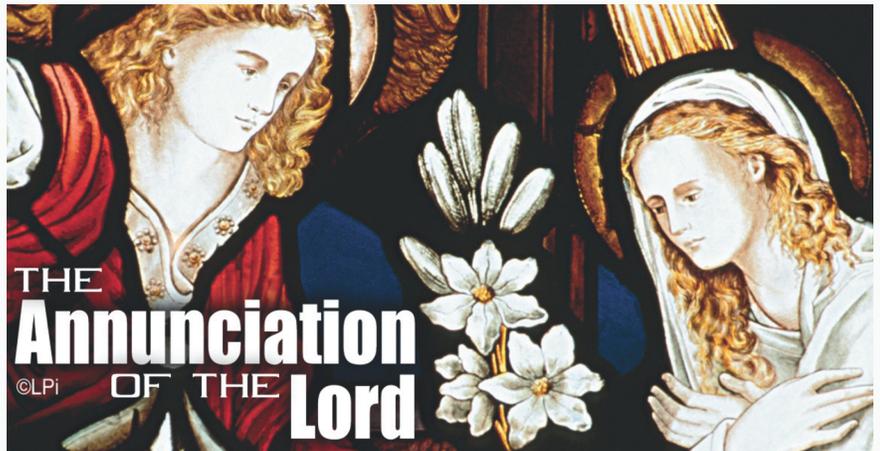
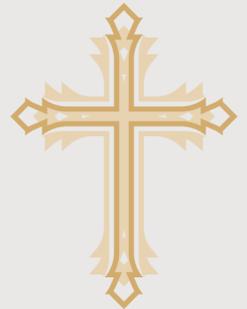
+Dorothea Howey by Veronica Gores

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

8:30 a.m. +Greg Keller by Denise Zahn

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



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Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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FEBRUARY 2026 OFFERTORY

	Actual	Budget
Adult Collections	\$18,980	\$19,167
Student Envelopes	\$0	\$0
Loose Collection	\$2,503	\$2,167
Holy Day Collection	\$1,576	\$0
ACH/Online Giving	\$6,156	\$6,833
February Totals	\$29,214	\$28,167
February Overage	\$1,047	

The online giving fund for Easter flowers is available through April 5th.

All are invited to join the parish Environment Committee to set up for the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4th at 10AM.

JOB OPENING AT OLG

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church is seeking a dedicated Full-Time Lead Maintenance staff member to oversee the cleanliness, functionality and safety of the church buildings and grounds. This position supports the mission of the church by maintaining a welcoming, well-kept environment for all parishioners, staff and visitors. The ideal candidate will be skilled in various trades, responsive to facility needs, and committed to upholding the church's values through service. Flexible hourly position. Full Time. Excellent benefits. For more information or to apply for this position, please contact our Business Manager, Sharon Pearson at the church office 701-839-6834.

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MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR MARCH 28 & 29

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Varden Lang	Marie Keller	Barb Johnson
Greeters	Bryan & Cindy Obenchain	Bruce & Louise Bogenrief	Steve Bueschel
Altar Servers	Camden Lee Max Stenberg	Calvin Olson Dexter Olson Frances Olson	Kirstin Brunner Maizey Brunner Dane Brunner
Lector	Wanda Kalamaha (Lector, Voice) Amy Lee (Narrator)	Joshua Snyder (Lector, Voice) Melissa Olson (Narrator)	Jaimie Brunner (Lector, Voice) Deacon Stephen Young (Narrator)
Eucharistic Minister	Mike Sander	Korie Huettl	Deacon Stephen Young
Scrip Sales	Tracy Christen	Sally Brown	Kathy Wentz

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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.

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

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:

Kindergarten Readiness Instructor, Elementary Music Instructor, Elementary Physical Education Instructor, Middle School Science Instructor, 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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For the Older Child (Ages 6 – 12)

The elementary children see the parts of the Mass – the Liturgy of the Word, the Preparation of the Gifts, the Eucharistic Prayer, and the

Communion – as one unified prayer made of many smaller prayers. Children prepare for the celebration of First Communion (or Solemn Communion) through a series of communion meditations focusing on the relationship with Jesus. It leads to a three-to-four-day retreat prior to the celebration of the First Communion. Preparation of personal missals filled with illustrations and prayers is also part of this preparation which helps to deepen their love and understanding of the Eucharist.

CORAZON WEEKEND

Is your marriage, or the marriage of someone you know, going through a difficult time? The Bismarck Diocese's Corazon weekend for troubled marriages will be held April 24-26. Couples experiencing crisis, struggles or difficulties in their marriage are invited to attend and begin to find hope and healing. For more questions, contact Amanda at 701-204-7205. To register, visit bismarckdiocese.com/corazon. Inquiries and attendance are kept strictly confidential.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing for food, for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parents of students preparing for First Holy Communion: March 25th is First Reconciliation. Students in grades 3-6 will have reconciliation. All students will meet in the atrium.

Please keep in your prayers the First Holy Communion-level sacramental prep students.

Minot Area Catholic Adults *Spirits and Truth*



3 Part Series: Faith, Hope, and Charity

Charity:

Thursday, April 9th, 2026

-Food and Fellowship @6:00pm

-Talk by Fr. Josh Hill @6:45pm

Location: Mi Mexico
3816 S Broadway
Minot, ND



Holy Week Schedule

at Little Flower

Holy Thursday:
6:30 p.m. Mass

Good Friday:
3:00 p.m. Service

Easter Vigil:
8:00 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday:
8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass



PLEASE NOTE: The First Saturday Devotion at St. Leo's in April has been cancelled since it lands on Holy Saturday.



FRIDAY,
MARCH 27TH
4:30 - 7:00 PM

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WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT IN BISMARCK

A Women's Lenten Retreat will be held at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary in Bismarck on Saturday, March 28. Women of all ages are invited to join together for a day of prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, inspiring talks, and fellowship. This year's guest speaker is Father Dominic Bouck. We will also have vendors available throughout the retreat. The retreat begins with check-in at 8:00 am and will conclude around 2:00 pm. Cost to attend is \$25, and registration is required. You can register at the parish website, www.stmarysbismarck.org/womens-retreat. Any questions about the retreat can be directed to the St. Mary's parish office at 701-223-5562.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Seventh grade students, assisted by older students and adults, will perform the Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 25th and Palm Sunday, March 29th. Performance starts both days at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. During this moving enactment of the passion and death of Jesus, students act out a still scene for each of the 14 Stations of the Cross, while the story is told through songs and narration. There is no cost to attend. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served in the dining room following both performances.



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Friday, March 27

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Take-Out Meals Available

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your generous contributions to our 37th Annual African Mission Appeal which was held in our parishes on March 7th and 8th.

Your generous donation helped make this year's appeal a tremendous success. Because of your remarkable generosity, we will be able to continue our expanded programs and services that are making an incredible impact on the lives of the orphans and vulnerable children we are assisting.

The money collected for the African Mission Appeal supports our missionary activity in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa. You can be very proud of all the missionary work that we are able to accomplish because of your generosity. On behalf of our poor brothers and sisters and all the orphaned children you will be helping this year, I offer my heartfelt thank you.

I hope you get a chance to read the Dakota Catholic Action magazine about the exciting ministry that Fr. David Morman and the many others who play a necessary role in the Bismarck African Mission are accomplishing because of your support. The moving articles describe the wonderful work and ministry made possible by your contributions and offers an excellent introduction to these individuals as well. More information can also be found on our diocesan website and Fr. Morman's blog.

Once again, I thank each and every one of you who supported our African Mission Appeal. You are faithful and generous stewards.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend David D. Kagan
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