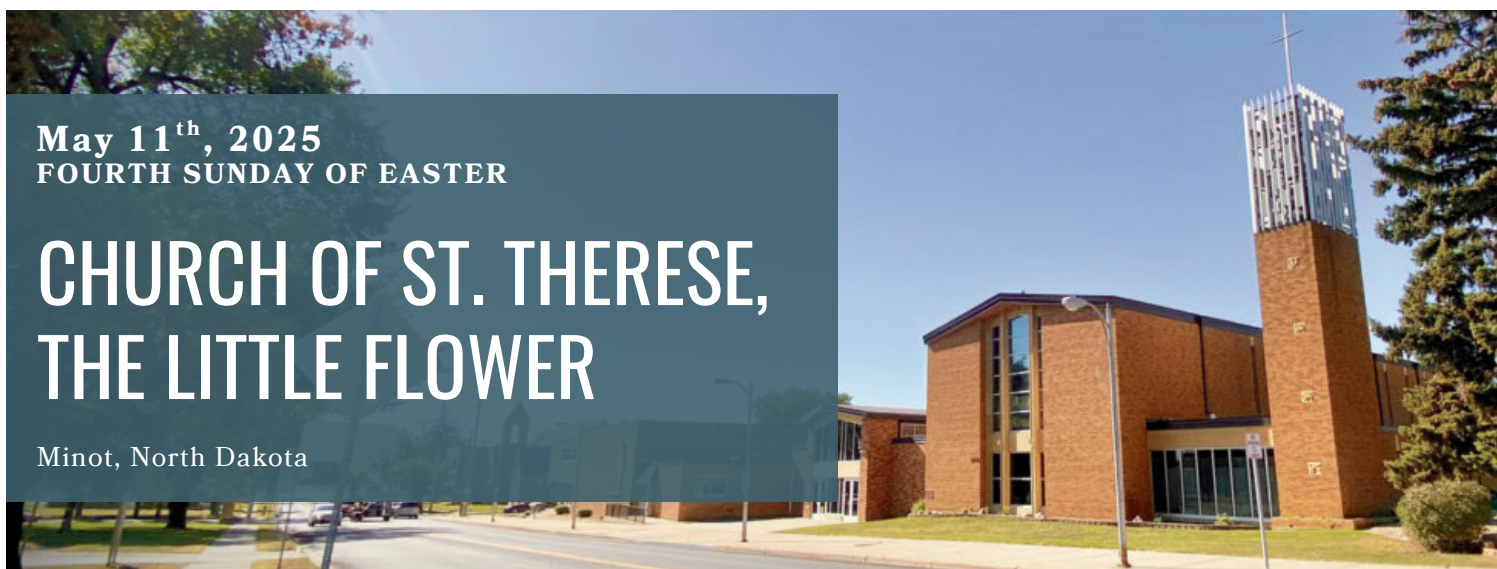


May 11th, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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I KNOW MY SHEEP.

— JOHN 10:27 —



THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 12th

Nothing Scheduled

Tuesday, May 13th

8:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Environment Committee

Wednesday, May 14th

8:00 a.m. Mass

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

Thursday, May 15th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, May 16th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, May 17th

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, May 18th

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 (SUMMER HOURS)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter
John 10:27-30

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— Father John Muir

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11, 2025

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day
Monday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Tuesday: Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday: St. Matthias, Apostle
Thursday: St. Isidore
Saturday: Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH

+Cheryl Miller by Perry & Melissa Olson Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH

+Robert Schempp by Kathy Fettig

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH

+Victor & Marian Axtman by Jim & Jane Jundt

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH

+David Garcia by Suzanne Watne

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

+James Artz by the Artz Family

SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

8:30 a.m. +David Douglass by Debby Brothers

10:00 a.m. For the Parish

+Indicates Deceased

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of **Anton Bartsch**, brother of Diane Wittmayer, who recently passed away.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Tiffany Geer** whose funeral was here at Little Flower recently.

May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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SUMMER EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS



STARTING MAY 7TH:
8:30AM - 4:00PM



OPEN HOUSE FOR FR. FRED HARVEY

You're invited to a celebration honoring the 25th anniversary of Fr. Fred Harvey's 25th priestly ordination.

The open house will take place on Sunday, May 25th from 11AM to 2PM at Church of Christ the King Parish Life Center, 505 10th Ave. NW in Mandan. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETINGS

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul meetings are held in St. Leo's Catholic Church basement on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning with a rosary at 5:10 PM followed by the meeting at 5:30 PM. If you would like to attend a meeting, please call Janel at (701) 557-3919 for assistance in entering the church as the doors of St. Leo's are locked except for Mass times.

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Emma Marie Bohl, daughter of Jacob & Morgan Bohl, little sister to Logan

Wynn Steven Zander, son of Seth & Heather Zander, brother to Sadie & Lily

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

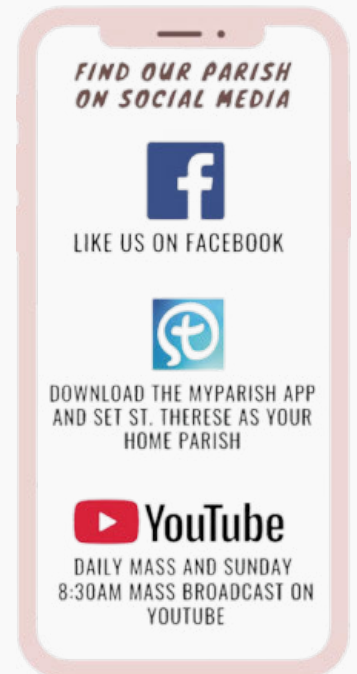
Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church. The month of May is our "baby shower" month and members are asked to bring an item for a baby such as clothing, diapers, blankets, bottles, towels or anything appropriate for a baby. After the meeting the items will be donated to Catholic charities or Dakota Hope Clinic. Mass will follow the meeting at 7:00 PM. Lunch will be served during the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are welcome.

MASS MINISTERS NEEDED

We are always in need of new Mass ministers: rosary leaders, lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and Scrip sellers. This is an excellent way to give back to the parish with your gifts of time and talent. Contact Jill in the parish office if you'd like to volunteer.

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR MAY 17th & 18th

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Volunteer Needed	Dione Bohl	Barb Johnson
Greeters	Bryan & Cindy Obenchain	Carolyn Johnson Diane Wittmayer	Paula Rudser-Stolba Family
Altar Servers	Camden Lee	Volunteer Needed	Dakota Johnson Gregory Sauber
Lector	Wanda Kalamaha	Denize Zahn	Kelsy Audet
Eucharistic Minister	Lou Ann Fleck	Lisa Krogman	-
In-Home Ministry	Deacon Stephen Young		
Scrip Sales	Katy Larcombe	Diane Wittmayer	Paula Rudser-Stolba



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

Now Hiring! Bishop Ryan Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year: High School Mathematics Teacher and Elementary Teacher. For more information on these positions, including how to apply, please visit bishopryan.com/employment.

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Bishop Ryan Catholic School Commencement Exercises is Sunday, May 18th at 12:30pm in the school gym.



CGS LEVEL I TRAINING

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I training will take place this summer and next summer at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Part A is July 14-19, 2025, and Part B is July 13-18, 2026.

For more information, contact Diane Huck at 701-204-7206 or dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com.

PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry is in need of volunteers during our pantry hours which are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:45 pm to 4 pm. There are many different jobs to do such as inputting data into the computer, writing in our ledger and client cards, handing out breads/sweets, or handing out the frozen or items from the cooler. We also need volunteers to bag the groceries. If anyone has a pickup and has access to the MAFB, we need additional volunteers to go and pick the groceries up. Please call me at 701-340-4646. Paulette Streitz, Pantry Coordinator

DAKOTA HOPE CLINIC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

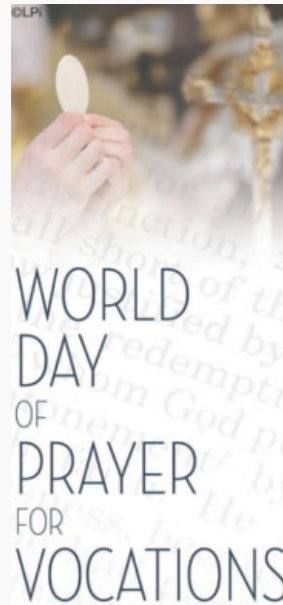
We are proud to announce the kickoff for Little Flower's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign for Dakota Hope Clinic. Women and men in our community who face an unintended pregnancy often experience overwhelming pressure and fear. The education, encouragement and support provided by Dakota Hope Clinic in Minot helps them make a life-affirming choice. In addition, any woman or man who has had an abortion experience, no matter how long ago, is offered help to find forgiveness and healing. Our parish is one of many that hosts a Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds to help pay the rent at the Clinic. It is simple... just take one or more bottles home and begin filling them with loose change, cash, or checks. Each family member from the youngest to the oldest can add their contribution. Remember, a little change ...can change lives. **Bottles will begin to be distributed on Mother's Day, May 11th. Please return the bottles to the church by Father's Day, June 15th.**

GOD'S SHARE APPEAL IS THIS WEEKEND

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.

HEALING SERVICE, MAY 10 AT OLG

On Saturday, May 10, the Encounter School of Ministry Bismarck Campus will host a Healing Service at Our Lady of Grace at 6PM. This is a free and public event. We believe that not only does Jesus still heal today, but that healing is one of the most powerful ministries of evangelization. This event will include a time of worship and praise, proclamation of the Gospel and preaching, corporate prayer for healing, ending with individual prayer teams for healing. Come prepared for breakthrough! Learn more online at www.encounterschool.org/bismarck



Prayer for Vocations

Good and gracious God,
You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.
On this World Day of Prayer for
Vocations,
may each person hear and respond
to the call they have received.
We pray for all discerning
marriage,
the chaste single life, consecrated
life,
or ordained ministries,
that your Holy Spirit would guide,
inspire, and strengthen them.
May your Church and the world
be enriched by the "yes" of your
children.
Amen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Family, Friends, & Brother Knights,

With Lent over and the Easter season upon us

I pray that you all are doing well! As the people are ramping up for summer fun coming around the corner and the relief of our Lenten practices behind us, giving up something or doing something extra, let us not forget that it doesn't end with Easter Sunday, but we should continue to grow in our catholic faith. We do this by continuing to build in our prayer life, with fasting, adoration, taking full advantage of the sacraments. It's endless what you can do for our Lord and the church.

Thank you everyone who came out this past month to our last breakfast for the season. We

had a great crowd show up and enjoy a delicious meal, with great company and fellowship. We were blessed with all the donations that came in, with it benefiting the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program in our parish.

As I said before, we will not be having a breakfast in May, due to it falling on Mother's Day, but that doesn't mean our knights won't be doing anything. Instead of a full breakfast meal, our Little Flower Knights of Columbus will be serving a variety of fresh muffins, coffee and juice. Muffins will be wrapped and ready to go, or you can stay and enjoy at the parish, we will be serving May 11th following the 8:30 Mass until 11:30 a.m. We hope you can come!

We want to recognize and thank everyone for helping out and attending all the masses during Holy Week. It is a lot of work and organizing during that week to make it a truly beautiful and spiritual Holy Week. Thank you to our brother knights Jeff Murtaugh, Dakota Johnson, Dan Christen, and Paul Phillips who helped serve in all the Masses, and our Music Director Paul Nason for providing wonderful music. We especially want to thank Deacon Stephen Young for assisting in celebrating the Masses alongside our pastor Fr. Ken Phillips.

Thank you to Fr. Phillips for all that he has done for our parish, not just during the Easter Season, but for every day of the year.

Our knights want to thank those for all that they do and are truly blessed that they are part of our parish family and will be praying for them.

Thank you and God bless!

Knights of Columbus Council #9839, Grand Knight, Luke Audet



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Mother's Day MUFFINS

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8:30 a.m. Mass until 11:30 a.m.

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Happy Mother's Day

Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.
Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.

Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.

We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.
Amen.

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