

AUGUST 23RD, 2026
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Minot, North Dakota



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 24th

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, August 25th

8:00 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Finance Council

Wednesday, August 26th

8:00 a.m. Mass

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

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Parish Picnic
(Parish Activity Center)

Thursday, August 27th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 28th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 29th

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 30th

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

August 23, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 16:13-20

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **"Who do you say that I am?"** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2026

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Thursday: St. Monica
Friday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH

+Mike Brunner by Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

Victor A. Gonda by Sally Brown

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH

+Greg Sauber by JoAnn & Rick Randall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH

+John Henry Landsiedel V by Dan & Tracy Christen

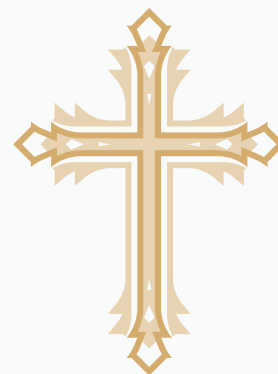
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

4:30 p.m.: +Steve Sidener by Dan & Tracy Christen

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

8:30 a.m. +John Coughlin by Lisa Krogman
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



Questions of the Week

1ST READING

For disobeying the Lord, Shebna, the master of King Hezekiah's palace, is stripped of his authority and honor, and it is given to Eliakim. Are there people in your life or family that you honor and revere?

2ND READING

Reflecting on the unimaginable depth of God's wisdom and knowledge, Paul asks, "Who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" What question do you have for the Lord?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus establishes Peter as the rock upon whom he will build his church. In what ways do you help build your church community?

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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Welcome to our Newest Parishioners:

Joshua & Kimberly Hardy & Family

LITTLE FLOWER LIBRARY

Grow in your Faith! Explore a wide selection of Catholic books, biographies, lives of Saints and spiritual growth materials for all ages. Library is located in the Parish Conference Room and is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30am until 3:00pm. Simple checkout procedure available on clipboard next to the shelves. Come in, find a good book (we have a few CDs and DVDs too) and deepen your walk with the Lord.

ADORERS NEEDED

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

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR PARISH?

Being a part of our parish shouldn't be just attending Sunday Mass. We need your help! Whether it's Mass ministries, spending an hour with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, or working behind the scenes volunteering your time and talent, there are so many ways to contribute. How could God be calling you to support our parish? Contact our parish office for more information!

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5 Part Series: The Second Vatican Council

Part II: The Sacred Liturgy

Thursday, September 3rd, 2026

-Food and Fellowship @6:00pm

-Talk by Fr. Gregory Luger @6:45pm

Location: Mi Mexico
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ATTENTION MASS MINISTERS:

Our parish office is putting together the ministry schedule for **October-December**. Please contact the office if there are any dates you are not available to serve. Once the schedule has been finalized, you will be responsible for finding substitutes for any dates.

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST 29 & 30

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Alice Leonard	Marie Keller	Paula Wahl
Greeters	Varden Lang Bea Grasmoe	Bruce & Louise Bogenrief	Rick & JoAnn Randall
Altar Servers	Dan Christen Sara Haarstad	Mick Minter Joseph Minter	Christoph Schach
Lector	Cathy Haarstad	Joshua Snyder	Barb Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Chase Lee	Korie Huettl	Deacon Stephen Young
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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

Would you like to share your love of Chess or stringed instruments? Bishop Ryan Catholic School is looking for mentors to work with our Lion students who are interested in learning more about the game of Chess or playing stringed instruments including violins, violas, and cellos. If you're interested in learning more about these opportunities (from a paid or volunteer standpoint), please contact principal Tanya Steckler at (701) 838-3355 or tsteckler@brhs.com.



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UPCOMING SEARCH WEEKENDS

Search for Christian Maturity is a weekend retreat experience which provides youth an opportunity to think, talk, question and dive deeper into their faith. The weekends are for any high school or college age person at least 15 years old. The program is both rooted in the Catholic faith and open to young people of any denomination or creed. Search weekends are held five times throughout the year at the Badlands Ministries Camp just south of Medora. Cost for the weekend is \$75. Partial scholarships are available. Weekends for the 2026-27 season are Oct. 8-11, Nov. 12-15, Jan. 14-17, Mar. 4-7 and Apr. 15-18. Find more information at bismarckdiocese.com/search1.

MINOT CHAMBER CHORALE

The Minot Chamber Chorale invites you to join our ranks for the 2026-27 season! Rehearsals resume in September on Sundays from 1-3pm with 4-5 performances each year. There are openings in the tenor and bass sections. Prior choral experience is preferred but not required.

BISMARCK DIOCESE JOB OPENING

The Bismarck Diocese is seeking a dynamic and mission-driven Director of Communications and Media Services to lead and coordinate the communication efforts of the Diocese. The Director serves as the official spokesperson for the Bishop of Bismarck and is responsible for overseeing all diocesan communications, media relations, branding, and public messaging. The position provides a competitive wage and generous benefits package. For further information on the position and how to apply, please visit the Bismarck Diocese website Job Openings | Bismarck Diocese | Bismarck, ND. Application deadline is August 30th.

FALL DINNER

St. Hildegard Church Fall Dinner – Sept. 13

St. Hildegard's Church in Menoken, ND will be hosting their annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, Sept 13 from 11AM -2PM. The homemade dinner will feature their traditional sausage, roast beef, pies, buns and all the trimmings! There will be fun for all ages including games, bingo, home baked goods and fresh garden produce for sale. Meal is \$17.50 for adults; \$8 for children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and under. Raffle tickets are available for \$10 each or 3 for \$20, (with over \$15,000 in prizes!) Winners will be drawn at 4PM. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun for all ages! Sunday Mass will be at 10AM. St. Hildegard's church is located at 17200 Highway 10, Menoken, ND (10 miles east of Bismarck).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? We meet 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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*Wednesday, August 26th
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

Parish Activity Center

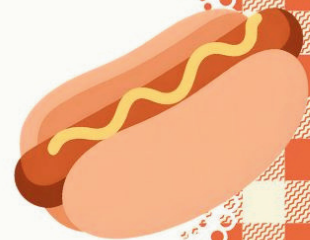
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