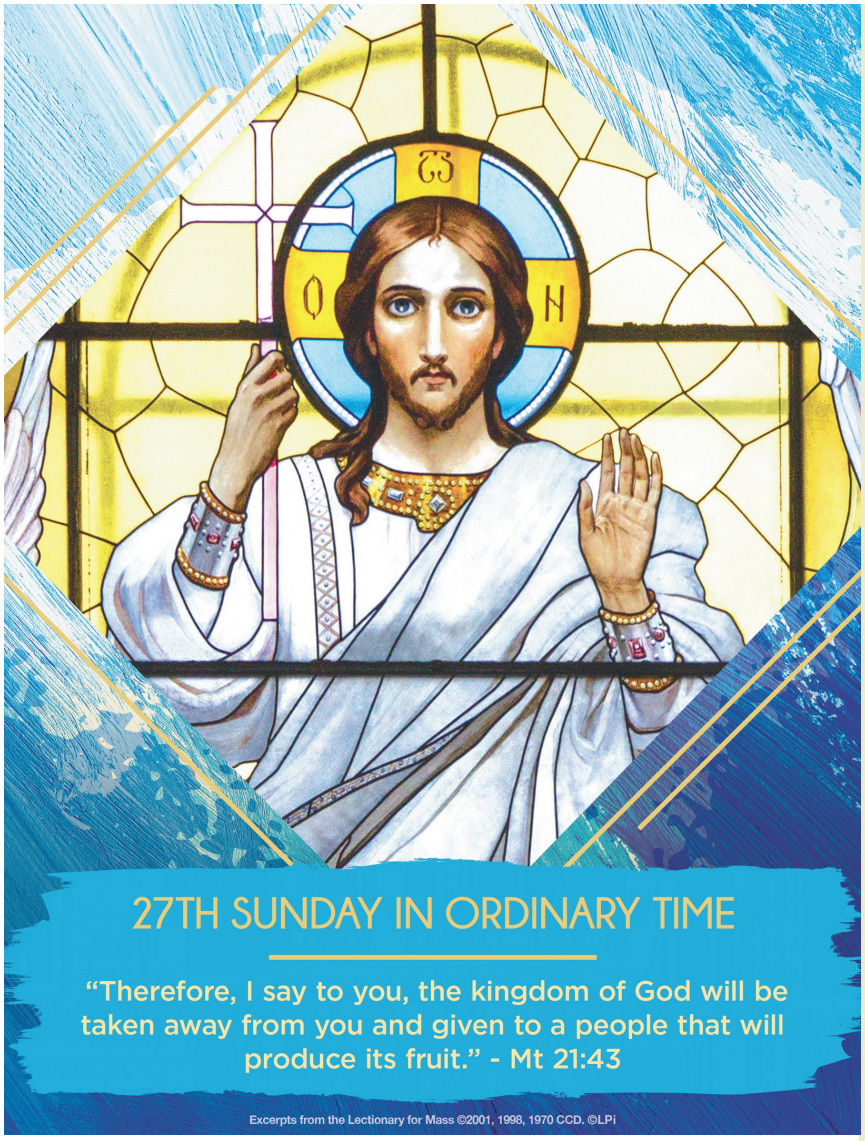


OCTOBER 4TH, 2026
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Minot, North Dakota



THIS WEEK:

Monday, October 5th
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, October 6th
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. KC Adoration, Rosary & Meeting

Wednesday, October 7th
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CGS

Thursday, October 8th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, October 9th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, October 10th
9:00 a.m. Serra Club Mass & Meeting
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, October 11th
Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m. - Noon KC Breakfast
12:30 p.m. Catholic Fundamentals

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

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 4, 2026
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:33-43

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2026

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life
Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
+Sr.Cecilia Vandal by Lorraine Wilcox

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
+Cecilia Gerhart by Brian Gerhart

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
+Rebecca Aversa by Beatrice Petersen

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
+David Bickler by Shirley Bickler & Sons

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
4:30 p.m.: +James Haberlack by Karen Haberlack

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
8:30 a.m. +Lester and +Ruth McDonald by Carolyn Johnson
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased

Questions of the Week

1ST READING
Isaiah speaks of God's frustration over the people of Judah (the Lord's "cherished plant") who have not yielded a good crop. How do you encourage family or friends to live up to their potential?

2ND READING
Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and positive thoughts are key to avoiding anxiety and experiencing the peace of God. What are some positive thoughts you focus on when you are stressed or anxious?

GOSPEL READING
Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests and Pharisees in the Parable of the Tenants. How do you deliver legitimate criticism to someone you care about?

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Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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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!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest. Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.

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.



ATTENTION MASS MINISTERS:

Our parish office is putting together the ministry schedule for **November and 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 OCTOBER 10 & 11

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Alice Leonard	Karen McDonald	Brenda Artz
Greeters	Sue Peterson Paula Sidener	Clarence & Amy Aberle	Bonnie Brunner
Altar Servers	Camden Lee Sammy Lee	Jeff Murtaugh David White	Maizey Brunner Dane Brunner
Lector	Diane Zander	Joshua Snyder	Jaimie Brunner
Eucharistic Minister	Chase Lee	Melissa Olson	Deacon Stephen Young
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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

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Pray for an End to the Abortion Pill

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

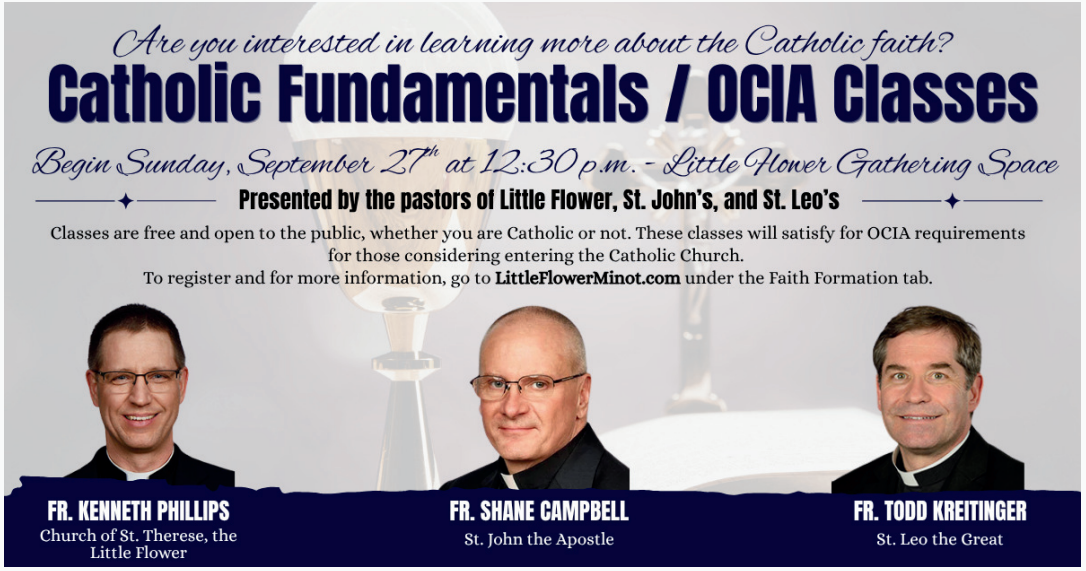
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the Week

Some build their lives on a foundation of wealth, some on a foundation of power. What do we choose for our cornerstone? What supports the weight of our souls? For the Christian life, there is only one foundation strong enough to hold. Choose wisely.

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Dakota Johnson of Little Flower is in his Propaedeutic Year at Kenrick Glennon Seminary. If you'd like to send him cards/ letters while he is there, the address is below:

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