

November 30th, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

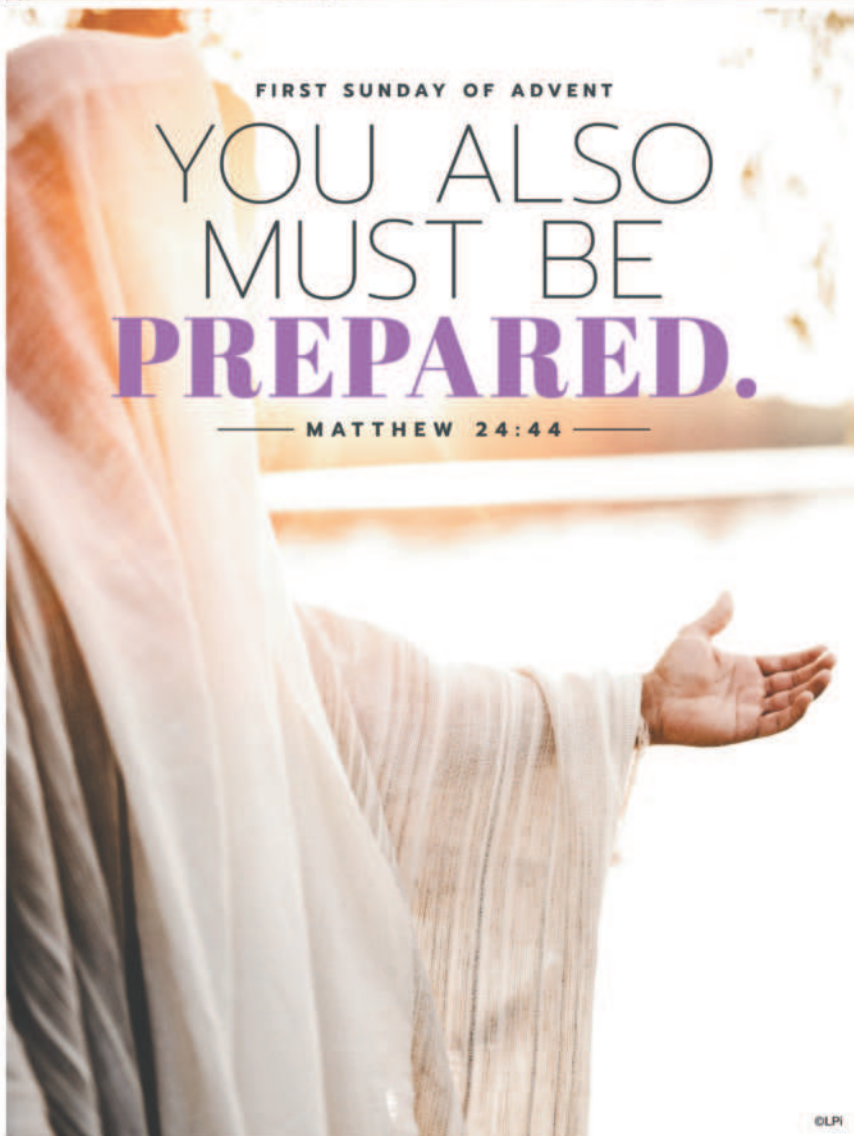
Minot, North Dakota



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YOU ALSO
MUST BE
PREPARED.

— MATTHEW 24:44 —



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THIS WEEK:

Monday, December 1st
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, December 2nd
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus
Rosary & Meeting

Wednesday, December 3rd
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Adoration
6:00 p.m. CGS

Thursday, December 4th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 5th
No Daily Mass

Saturday, December 6th
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 7th
Second Sunday of Advent
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

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent
Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared.

Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent.

He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation. Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John Muir
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 30, 2025

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

Geer & Phillips Families by John & Mary Russell

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

+Greg Keller by Suzanne Watne

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

+Pat Limke by William Christen

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

NO DAILY MASS - Intention Said Privately

+Joseph Volk by Jerome & Karen Hager

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

+James Haberlack by Karen Haberlack

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

8:30 a.m. For the Parish

10:00 a.m. +Art & Lorraine Wolter by Brunner Famil

+Indicates Deceased



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Liam & Mackenzie
Hanavan

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6th: Robert & Jennifer Feller

18th: Keith & Varden Lang

21st: Ralph & Sue Willson

21st: Paul & Wanda Kalamaha

27th: Marlin & Donna Norstegaard

DO YOU HAVE OUR PARISH APP?

With winter weather upon us, now is a great time to download our **FREE** parish app. Any Mass, Adoration, or activity cancellations due to weather will come right to your phone! Simply go to your app store and download the free app. Set Little Flower as your parish and make sure push notifications are ON so you can be alerted to any important messages.



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Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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OCTOBER 2025 OFFERTORY

	Actual	Budget
Adult Collections	\$17,144	\$19,167
Student Envelopes	\$0	\$0
Loose Collection	\$2,543	\$2,167
Holy Day Collection	\$15	\$0
ACH/Online Giving	\$6,701	\$6,833
October Totals	\$26,402	\$28,167
October Shortage	(\$1,765)	

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Christmas Flowers
Active 12-1-2025 through 12-21-2025

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR YEAR-END GIVING OPTIONS THAT MAY HELP OUR PARISH?

1. As the year comes to a close, you may be looking for creative ways to make a year-end donation to support the parish. We have provided many attractive options that may also include tax savings for you! Please see our flyer (insert the location of your flyer, i.e. inserted in the bulletin, on the tables by the doors, etc.) or visit our office to discuss other great options.
2. We want to thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish. It is through your support that we can fulfill the mission of the Church. If you are looking for ways to make a year-end donation, please see our informational flyers (insert the location of your flyer, i.e. inserted in the bulletin, on the tables by the doors, etc.) or visit parish staff to learn about more great opportunities.
3. As always, we are grateful for your support and generosity. Your donations and support of our parish are a tremendous testament to your faith. For those looking to make a year-end donation, we have provided materials that highlight great giving opportunities, many of which provide you with tax advantages! **Please see our informational flyers in each bulletin through the end of the year for more information or contact our parish staff to learn more.**



ATTENTION MASS MINISTERS!

The Office is looking at January/February Mass Ministry schedule. Please call the office for any upcoming conflicts in your schedule for those months. We appreciate your time and effort with your stewardship. Thank you.

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 6 & 7

	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	Bob & Jennifer Feller
Altar Servers	Dan Christen	Jeff Murtaugh David White	Julia Young Clare Young
Lector	Wanda Kalamaha	Debby Brothers	Grant Wentz
Eucharistic Minister	Paul Kalamaha	Korie Huettl	Deacon Young
In-Home Ministry	Bob & Christine Greene		
Scrip Sales	Tracy Christen	Jill Aarseth	Kathy Wentz

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DAILY MASS AND SUNDAY
8:30AM MASS BROADCAST ON
YOUTUBE

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

Job Opportunity: Bishop Ryan Catholic School has a Custodial position available. For more information and to apply, visit our website: www.bishopryan.com click on Contact and Employment.



Please help us fill our Santa Shop: this week Dec. 1st - 5th, we are accepting new & gently used gift items for our Santa Shop where students can shop for gifts for their moms & dads and siblings. We especially need items for dads and teenagers, along with gift bags, bows and name tags. We will not accept wrapping paper, clothes, blankets, and stuffed animals. Items can be dropped off at the office at Bishop Ryan from 8am - 3:30pm this week.

What is Scrip? – it's gift cards you can spend like cash to shop with, or to give as gifts. Using Scrip supports Bishop Ryan Catholic School, which is a mission to our church. When you purchase Scrip, the businesses give back to Bishop Ryan a percent of your purchase, which supports the school and helps families with their tuition. It's a way to share Jesus – by supporting Catholic education. We have cards for groceries, gas, household items, coffee, dining out, Amazon, home building & repair, vehicles & car care, just a lot of choices of cards. We sell those cards in the gathering space after Mass and in the parish office during the week and of course at Bishop Ryan. So do your Christmas shopping right here with gift cards.

NEW Scrip: The Station Coffee has joined the Scrip Program! We have \$10 and \$25 cards available and they offer 8% rebates. Thank you to The Station Coffee for your support of the Scrip Program, which supports our Bishop Ryan Catholic School and families with their tuition.

Another Christmas Gift Idea: Make a payment toward a Bishop Ryan's student's tuition account, choosing your grandchild, neighbor, friend or stranger.

ADVENT NOTES

Advent Retreat

"The Word Became Flesh"

John 1:14



A Four-Part Series on the Incarnation

During the Four Saturdays of Advent

Nov 29th: Who Came?
Dec 6th: Why Did Jesus Come?
Dec 13th: How Did Jesus Come?
Dec 20th: What Was Accomplished?

Schedule Each Saturday Evening

6:30pm: Eucharistic Exposition
and Evening Prayer
6:45pm: Talk by Fr. Eric Artz
7:15pm - 8:00pm: Time for Adoration
and Confession

Our Lady of Grace
707 16th Ave SW
Minot, ND 58701

*Need not stay for the entire program.
All ages welcome - child friendly activities
available in the gathering space.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY DECEMBER 8TH - Mass at 8AM & 5:30PM

	8AM	5:30PM
Rosary	Debby Brothers	Paula Wahl
Altar Server	Paul Kalamaha	Dakota Johnson
Lector	Carolyn Johnson	Wanda Kalamaha
Altar Server	Gary Levi	Kathy Wentz
Eucharistic Minister	Karen McDonald	Deacon Young

ADVENT RETREAT AT ST. JOHN'S

Will you spend a morning with Jesus during Advent this year? Serra Club is hosting a retreat on Saturday, December 6 from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm, The location is St. John's Church in Minot. The retreat will be led by Fr. Josh Hill and will include a talk, adoration with confessions available, and Mass. Lunch will follow. Call or text Beth Ruelle at 701-340-2904 to register. The cost is \$20 with lunch or \$15 without.

SOCKS FOR INMATES

Baskets are at the entrances to the church for Socks for Inmates. We will be collecting new white crew socks through December and we will then distribute them to the Ward County Jail for distribution to inmates. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRIES

Bins are located in gathering space for the Our Lady of Grace and Minot State University food pantries. In this season of giving, please consider donating to those in need with non-perishable food items. The MSU food pantry is for students, so easy to prepare items work best (easy Mac, toaster pastries, etc.).



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Growing our Flock

"If we want to help the child grow near to God, we should, with patience and courage...seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things. This requires study and prayer. The child himself will be our teacher if we know how to observe him."

- Sofia Cavalletti

ROSARY & MEDAL DONATIONS NEEDED

Please donate your spare rosaries and medals. They can be new or used, but must be unbroken. Place them in the basket in the main entry of the church between now & Dec. 14th. They will be sent to Riverton, Wyoming, and from there, distributed to missions around the world by Beads of Peace Rosary Makers. Please donate only Rosaries and medals because other items are too costly to send overseas. Thank you!

Minot Area Catholic Adults *Spirits and Truth*



Presents: Seminary Formation

Thursday, December 4th, 2025

-Food and Fellowship @6:00pm

-Talk by Fr. Steven Vetter @6:45pm

(Director of Vocations - Bismarck Diocese)

Location: Mi Mexico

3816 S Broadway

Minot, ND



**Thank you to all who
donated blankets for the
blanket drive. Over 25
blankets were donated!
Children who are being
adopted from foster care
will be covered in love.**

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY'S REQUEST FOR THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Please join us at St. Leo the Great on December 6, 2025. 9:30 - 10:30: Adoration, Rosary, and Confessions; 10:30 - 11:30: Mass; 11:30: Potluck; please bring a salad or dessert.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you make a gift to the St. Vincent de Paul, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord. 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY OVER THE YEARS OF DECEMBER

Mary Oliver
Eugene Murphy
Katherine Fuchs
Fabian Hertel
Louis Flammang
Carl Schlag
Barbara Klein
John McGinley
Orvis Johnson
Lillian Bohn
Irene Probst
Clarence Swanson
Henry Roswick
Rose Trudell
Christopher Schumacher
Cecilia Naegeli
Genevieve Hoellinger
Michael Hutchison
John Stammen
Ann Jean Votava
Johanna Welk
John Grimes
John Meyer
Leo Brannan
Ella Van Verkom Holmen
Norma Russell
Lucille Decker
Emma Murrey
Viola Eckert
Dorothy Ommen

Edmond Leonard
James Beyer
Irene Feist
Ronald Meschke
Herbert Knopfle
Philip Schmidt
Laurence Larson
Patrick Aftem
Jackie Meyer
Eleanor Bahl
James Keyes
Ilene Wolf
Darlene Hendershot
Cassi Lang
Laverna Strokland
Robert (Bob) McDonald
Jerry Fuchs
Dorothy Rostad
Stephen J. Dallolio
Bea Rieder
Peter Jundt
Jean Irmen
Cynthia Galka-McCarthy
Rosemary Jundt
Michael (Mike) Brunner
Connie Syverson
LuVerne Caroline
Harvey Wittmayer
Isabell Klein

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH

If you regularly attend Little Flower, but haven't formally registered with the parish, we invite you to do so! Scan the QR code for a printable registration form or stop by the parish office to fill one out.



2025

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Mass: 8AM KC Rosary & Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3 Mass: 8AM Adoration 8:30AM - 4PM CGS 6PM	4 Mass: 8AM	5 NO DAILY MASS	6 1st Saturday Devotion at St. Leo's 9:30AM Mass: 4:30PM
7 2nd Sunday of Advent Mass: 8:30AM & 10AM	8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass: 8AM & 5:30PM 	9 Mass: 8AM Environment Committee 5PM	10 Mass: 8AM Adoration 8:30AM - 4PM CGS 6PM	11 Mass: 8AM	12 Mass: 8AM	13 Serra Club Mass & Meeting 9AM Mass: 4:30PM
14 3rd Sunday of Advent Mass: 8:30AM & 10AM KC Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - Noon	15	16 Mass: 8AM Finance Council 6PM	17 Mass: 8AM Adoration 8:30AM - 4PM CGS 6PM	18 Mass: 8AM	19 Mass: 8AM	20 Mass: 4:30PM
21 4th Sunday of Advent Mass: 8:30AM & 10AM	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Mass: 4PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Mass: 9AM 	26 NO DAILY MASS	27 Mass: 4:30PM
28 Mass: 8:30AM & 10AM	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE  Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.			

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Gifts of Appreciated Assets

Put your money where your faith is - first



**Church of St. Therese,
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Donating any appreciated assets, such as vehicles, property, or other tangible assets can make a great donation to your parish or your parish's endowment fund.

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1

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the sale.

2

You may receive
a charitable
income tax
deduction based
on the value of
the gift.

3

You will
make a lasting
legacy to your
parish.

Depending on what asset you are donating will determine what document will need to be executed and signed to transfer ownership. Your gift will generally be based on the property's fair market value.

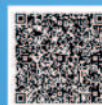


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