

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2026
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Minot, North Dakota



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” - Mt 21:31

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DAILY MASS: TUES-FRI 8AM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30PM

SUNDAY MASS: 8:30AM & 10AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: WEDNESDAYS 8:30AM-4PM



THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 28th

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, September 29th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, September 30th

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 1st

St. Therese Feast Day

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, October 2nd

8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, October 3rd

9:00 a.m. First Saturday Devotion at
Little Flower

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, October 3rd

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

12:30 p.m. Catholic Fundamentals

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 27, 2026
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:28-32

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
 Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
 Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
 Wednesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels
 Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

+Mitch Watne by Suzanne Watne

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

+Gerald Burckhard by Marie Keller

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

+Bob & Diane Schempp by Kathleen Fettig

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

+Timothy Schmidt by Anonymous

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

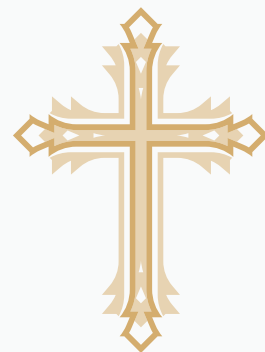
4:30 p.m.: +Cecilia Gerhart by Deb Mellum

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

8:30 a.m. +Donald Wald by Clarence and Amy Aberle

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



Questions of the Week

1ST READING

Ezekiel challenges people who complain, "the Lord's way is not fair." Can you think of a time you felt the need to defend God?

2ND READING

Paul urges believers to be humble and look out for one another's needs. How might you help build up a friend or co-worker this week?

GOSPEL READING

In the parable of the two sons, Jesus warns the chief priests and elders to be open-minded and willing to change. What are you hoping will change in your life?

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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AUGUST 2026 OFFERTORY

	Actual	Budget
Adult Collections	\$19,522	\$20,833
Student Envelopes	\$0	\$0
Loose Collection	\$3,583	\$2,708
Holy Day Collection	\$1,187	\$4,000
ACH/Online Giving	\$6,251	\$5,417
August Totals	\$30,543	\$32,958
August Shortage	(\$2,416)	



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:

Dakota Johnson
c/o Kenrick Glennon Seminary
5200 Glennon Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119

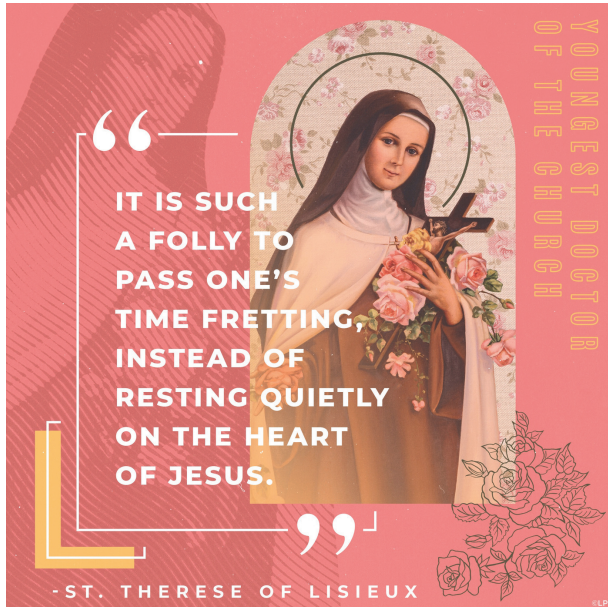
LITTLE FLOWER LIBRARY

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October Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Randy & Jamie Brunner
2nd Shirley Bickler
6th Ken & Cathy Haarstad
7th Paul & Carol Phillips
10th Clarence & Amy Aberle
19th Tim & Bridgette Minter
19th Luke & Kelsy Audet

21st David & Brenda Feller
21st Christopher & Michelle Wright
23rd Robert & Christine Greene
28th Tim & Diane Zander
28th Jacob & Jessica Erdmann
30th Roger & Barbara Axness



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 3 & 4

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Varden Lang	Debby Brothers	Suzanne Watne
Greeters	Mike & Mary Sander	Gary Levi Jeff Murtaugh	David & Brenda Feller
Altar Servers	Max Stenberg	Curt Saari Hadley Duchscherer Tucker Duchscherer	Clare Young Julia Young James Young
Lector	Wanda Kalamaha	Michelle Saari	Grant Wentz
Eucharistic Minister	Mike Sander	Karen McDonald	Deacon Stephen Young
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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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NORTH DAKOTA MARCH FOR LIFE



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:30 P.M. HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

LED BY BISHOP DAVID D. KAGAN
AT CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
519 RAYMOND ST, BISMARCK



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

10:30 A.M. MASS WITH BISHOP KAGAN

AT BISMARCK EVENT CENTER

11:30 A.M. LUNCH (FOR REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY)

12:30 P.M. RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE

RALLY AT BISMARCK EVENT CENTER

MARCH TO ND STATE CAPITOL

ND Pro-Life Committee
#NDMarchforLife

BISMARCK DIOCESE JOB OPENING

The Bismarck Diocese is hiring a Director of Communications and Media Services. This person serves as the official spokesperson for the bishop and oversees the communication needs of the diocese and resources required. Primary duties include: planning, developing and implementing media strategies to transmit diocesan news and information to the people throughout the diocese using assorted media platforms such as print, website, social media, video and photos; seeking, writing and editing material for the Dakota Catholic Action (DCA) diocesan monthly magazine and other digital platforms; managing the content and updates of the diocesan website and internal communications to clergy and parishes; maintaining effective working relationships with parishes, schools and other entities affiliated with the diocese; fielding calls from the external news media and facilitating interview requests.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in the field of communications, journalism or visual arts is preferred. In lieu of a bachelor's degree, equivalent education and experience pertaining to the position will be considered. Two to five years of experience in the field of multi-media communications is preferred. Applicant must be able to work from the Bismarck office full-time.

Compensation will be competitive and commensurate with the experience of the candidate. A generous benefits package is included. All offers of employment are pending a clear background check and reference check. If interested in applying for this position, submit a cover letter, resume, an application for employment, and at least three professional references to djordan@bismarckdiocese.com or Denise Jordan, PO Box 1575, Bismarck, ND 58502.

Minot Area Catholic Adults *Spirits and Truth*



5 Part Series: The Second Vatican Council

Part III: The Church

Thursday, October 1st, 2026

-Food and Fellowship @6:00pm

-Talk by Fr. Ben Wanner @6:45pm

Location: Mi Mexico

3816 S Broadway

Minot, ND



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.

HOME ON THE RANGE JOB OPENING

Home On The Range is seeking an enthusiastic and compassionate faith leader to work with youth who have experienced trauma. The Youth Minister supports the Catholic mission of Home On The Range while respecting the diverse religious backgrounds of the youth we serve. Full-time position, starting salary \$47,760 DODE, full benefits including fully paid family health insurance and 7% retirement plus more! Contact John at johnno@hotrnd.com, 701-872-3745, ext. 7114, or apply on-line at hotrnd.com.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Catholic Fundamentals / OCIA Classes

Begin Sunday, September 27th at 12:30 p.m. - Little Flower Gathering Space

Presented by the pastors of Little Flower, St. John's, and St. Leo's

Classes are free and open to the public, whether you are Catholic or not. These classes will satisfy for OCIA requirements for those considering entering the Catholic Church.

To register and for more information, go to LittleFlowerMinot.com under the Faith Formation tab.



FR. KENNETH PHILLIPS

Church of St. Therese, the
Little Flower



FR. SHANE CAMPBELL

St. John the Apostle



FR. TODD KREITINGER

St. Leo the Great

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY OVER THE YEARS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Frank Nash	Vincent McCauley	Rochus Ell
Katherine Lefebvre	Vincent Schwan	Ella Schwartzberg
Matthew Gaetz	Lois Mahoney	Clementine Freidt
Esther Peterson	Susan Schlimgen	Regina Artz
David Smith	Ruben Schumaier	Shawn Roderick
John Hoellinger	Gordon Pfau	Catherine Kay
Fay Greenwood	Dorothy Weinberger	McCreery
Lupalph Ruge	Shirley Flogberg	Evelyn Hollarn
Helena Hertel	Pius Wentz	Beverly Collins
Francis Hull	Mary Ell	Michael Hemphill
Richard Lipp	Martin Ziegler	Alfred Heintz
Benedict Kloepfer	James Perrigo	Evelyn Knopfle
Clarence Fennwald	Thomas Wolf	Gabriel Jude Lee
Sebastian Klein	Aelred Fleck	Kathleen Kondos
Letitia King	Bernard Murrey	James P. Haberlack
Otto Lochthowe	Lucille Burgard	Audrey Rydberg
Paul Hess	Berchmans Rioux	VeeAnn Cisneros
Maybell Lawson	James McDonald	Pat Limke
Bertha Dale	Douglas Williams, Jr.	Adeline Vannatta
Nick Krick	Rosemary Lee	Charles Schreiber
Harold Connors	Albert Vandal	Mitchell Watne
Daniel McCarthy	Louise Kerzmann	James Koetter
Christopher Kraft	Marjorie Hemmesch	

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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. JOHN VIANNEY

“THE PRIESTHOOD IS THE
LOVE OF THE HEART OF
JESUS. WHEN YOU SEE A
PRIEST, THINK OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST.”



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the Week

The owner of the vineyard gave both his sons the same opportunity. Only one took it, even though he had rejected it at first. Always remember: it is never too late to do the will of God. He waits for you. ©LPi

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “bring good news to the poor,” by assisting 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.

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October 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 St. Therese Feast Day 8 AM Mass 	2 8 AM Mass	3 9 AM First Saturday Devotion at Little Flower 4:30 PM Mass
4 8:30 AM & 10 AM Mass 12:30 PM Catholic Fundamentals / OCIA	5	6 8 AM Mass 6:00 PM KC Adoration, Rosary & Meeting	7 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM - 4 PM Adoration 6PM CGS	8 8 AM Mass	9 8 AM Mass	10 9 AM Serra Club Mass & Meeting 4:30 PM Mass
11 8:30 AM & 10 AM Mass 8:30 AM - 12 PM KC Breakfast 12:30 PM Catholic Fundamentals / OCIA	12 	13 8 AM Mass 5:30 PM Environment Committee	14 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM - 4 PM Adoration 6PM CGS	15 8 AM Mass 2PM Trinity Nursing Home Mass	16 8 AM Mass	17 4:30 PM Mass
18 8:30 AM & 10 AM Mass 12:30 PM Catholic Fundamentals / OCIA	19	20 8 AM Mass	21 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM - 4 PM Adoration NO CGS	22 8 AM Mass	23 8 AM Mass	24 4:30 PM Mass
25 8:30 AM & 10 AM Mass 12:30 PM Catholic Fundamentals / OCIA	26	27 8 AM Mass 6 PM Finance Council	28 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM - 4 PM Adoration 6PM CGS	29 8 AM Mass	30 8 AM Mass	31 4:30 PM Mass

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