

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Minot, North Dakota



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“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 21st

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, September 22nd

8:00 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Finance Council

Wednesday, September 23rd

8:00 a.m. Mass

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

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CGS

Thursday, September 24th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, September 25th

9:00 a.m. Bishop Ryan All-School Mass

Saturday, September 26th

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 27th

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

12:30 p.m. Catholic Fundamentals

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

September 20, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 20:1-16

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.
— Father John Muir

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Saturday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

+Patrick Blanchard by Suzanne Watne

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Elizabeth Dixon by Elaine Jundt

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

+Alice Leonard's Siblings by Varden Lang

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

+Bob Grasmoen by Bea Grasmoen

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

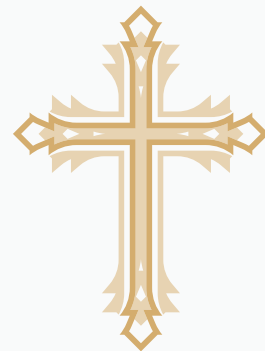
4:30 p.m.: +Cassie Lang by Your Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

8:30 a.m. +Cheryl Miller by Kevin & Cindy Candrian

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



Questions of the Week

1ST READING

Isaiah teaches that while God's thoughts and ways are far beyond our understanding, the Lord is nonetheless near to us. When do you feel closest to God?

2ND READING

As Paul writes to the Philippians from prison, he speaks of his spiritual dilemma of feeling caught between life and death. Who do you turn to for spiritual guidance?

GOSPEL READING

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of Heaven, God's generosity is not always easily understood. Where do you see God's generosity at work among your family or friends?

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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(701) 838.3355; mselek@brhs.com

Welcome to our Newest Parishioners:

Madelaine Roder, and her children
Briggs & Vina



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

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.

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!



Congratulations to Fr. Phillips for being awarded the North Dakota Knights of Columbus Chaplain of the Year!

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 SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Janet Murphy	Carolyn Johnson	Paula Wahl
Greeters	Allen & Deb Haman	Bruce & Louise Bogenrief	Paula Rudser-Stolba Family
Altar Servers	Camden Lee Sammy Lee	Calvin Olson Dexter Olson Frances Olson	Danica Stolba
Lector	Amy Lee	Perry Olson	Paula Rudser-Stolba
Eucharistic Minister	Lou Ann Fleck	Lisa Krogman	Deacon Stephen Young
Scrip Sales	Cindy Larcombe	Melissa Olson	Paula Rudser-Stolba

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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

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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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us a parable to teach us how great God is and how generous, and then he calls us to this same greatness and generosity.

As you make a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are putting your faith into action.

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

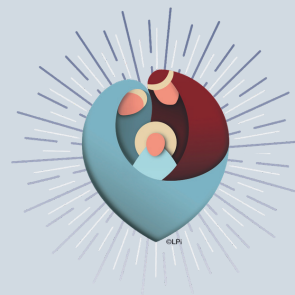
Pray for an End to the Abortion Pill

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.



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.



Thank you to all who attended this month's Knights of Columbus breakfast. See you again on October 11th for another delicious breakfast!

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 johno@hotrnd.com, 701-872-3745, ext. 7114, or apply on-line at hotrnd.com.

CORAZON NEXT WEEKEND!

Are you or someone you know struggling in a marriage? The diocesan program for troubled marriages called Corazon (Spanish for heart) is available the weekend of Sept. 25-27. Couples who may be in a marriage in crisis are encouraged to attend a weekend. All confidences are kept and privacy for anyone inquiring about or attending a Corazon weekend is a priority. For questions, contact Amanda at 701-204-7205. For couple registration or additional information, visit bismarckdiocese.com/corazon.

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.



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