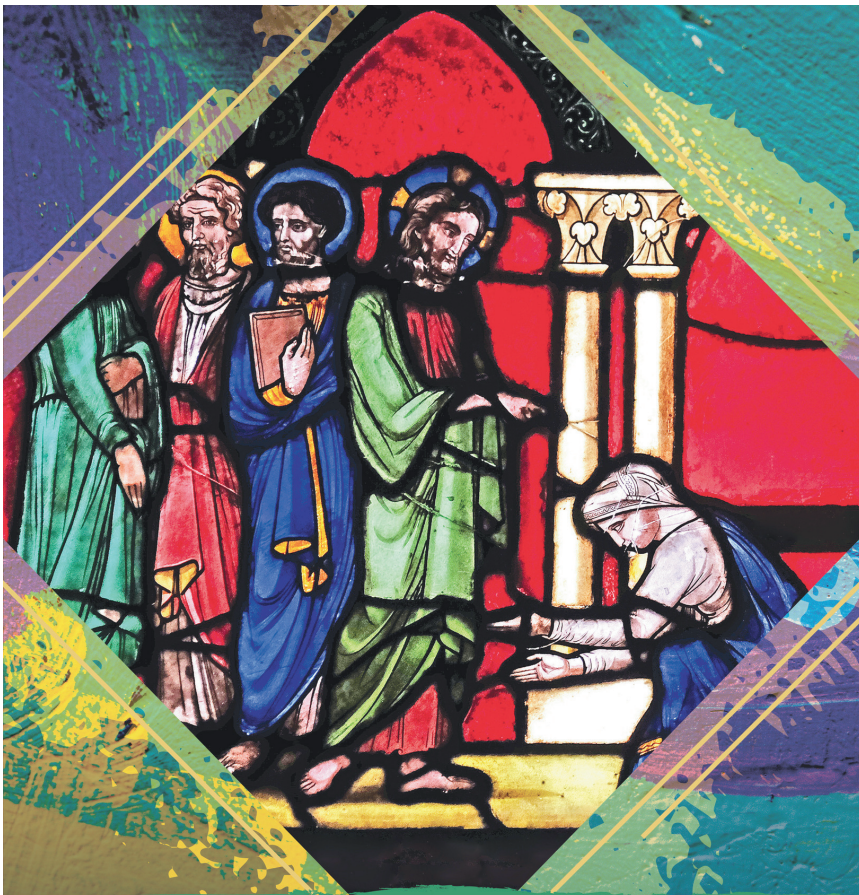


AUGUST 16TH, 2026
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Minot, North Dakota



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
"Lord, help me." - Mt 15:25

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THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 17th

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, August 18th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 19th

8:00 a.m. Mass

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

Thursday, August 20th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 21st

8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 22nd

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 23rd

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 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 15:21-28

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David."** At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. **"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."** But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **"Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."** Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, **"O woman, great is your faith,"** it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH

+Jeanette Montelone by Marie Keller

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

+Duane Tessier by Marie Keller

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH

Howard Wahl by Anonymous

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST

+Harvey Wittmayer by Anonymous

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND

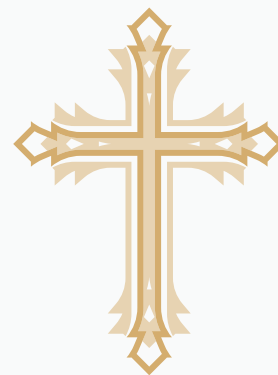
4:30 p.m.: Giles and Kyla Snyder by Joshua Snyder

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

8:30 a.m. +LaRae McDonald by the Aarseth Family

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



ONLINE GIVING FUND

The Feast of the Assumption online giving fund will be active through August 23, 2026.



Questions of the Week

1ST READING

The Lord reveals to Isaiah that He desires a house of prayer for all peoples. Do you see your faith community being open to outsiders?

2ND READING

Paul sees how God used Israel's unbelief in Jesus as an opportunity to extend His mercy to the Gentiles. Have you ever shown mercy to someone in an unexpected way?

GOSPEL READING

The Canaanite woman is persistent with Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter, and so he does. When have you felt heard by Jesus?

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Welcome to our Newest Parishioners:

McKinlee Harmon

Mike Gartner

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. 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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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 22 & 23

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Cindy Obenchain	Carolyn Johnson	Suzanne Watne
Greeters	Bob & Christine Greene	Karen McDonald	Paula Rudser-Stolba Family
Altar Servers	Camden Lee Sammy Lee	Harper Miller Stella Miller Crosby Miller	Danica Stolba
Lector	Amy Lee	Steve Miller	Paula Rudser-Stolba
Eucharistic Minister	Mike Sander	Perry Olson	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
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BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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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.

DAKOTA HOPE CLINIC "CHOSEN" BANQUET

The countdown is on... just over a month until our Annual Fundraising Banquet! On Sunday, September 20, we invite you to join us for an evening of inspiration, encouragement, and hope. We're honored to welcome award-winning Christian artist and speaker Mark Schultz, who will share his powerful story alongside the incredible impact God is making through Dakota Hope Clinic. Come celebrate lives changed, hear the vision for the future, and be part of an evening that makes a lasting difference. Admission is free, but seats fill quickly. Register today to reserve yours! Questions? 701-852-4675

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UPCOMING FALL DINNERS

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).

Sacred Heart Octoberfest – October 4

Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Wilton, ND will be hosting their annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 4, at the Wilton City Hall. The homemade dinner of roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn, salads, buns and pies will be served from 11AM-1PM. Meal is \$14 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and under. There will be kid's games, an auction and bingo. All are welcome!



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*Wednesday, August 26th
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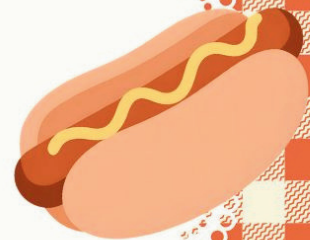
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