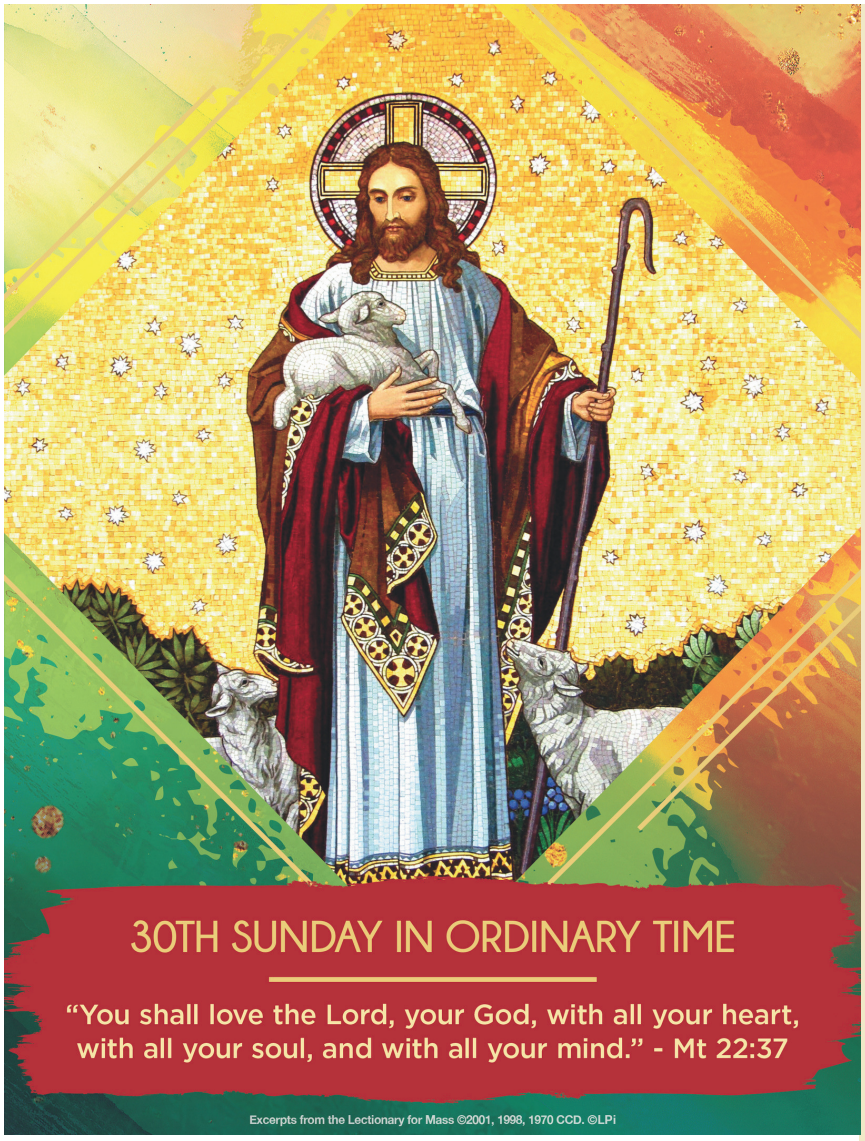


OCTOBER 25TH, 2026
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Minot, North Dakota



THIS WEEK:

Monday, October 26th
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, October 27th
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Finance Council

Wednesday, October 28th
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 29th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, October 30th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, October 31st
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 1st
Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m. Catholic Fundamentals

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

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:34-40

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— Father John Muir

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Saturday: All Hallow's Eve
Next Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
+Mary Wolf by Paula Sidener

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
Elizabeth Dixon by Elaine Jundt

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
+Harold & Kay Stroklund by Your Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
Luke Brusseau by the Bohl Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
4:30 p.m.: +Mitch Watne by Suzanne Watne

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST - ALL SAINTS DAY
8:30 a.m. Tillie & Pete Lorenz by Lou Ann Fleck
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased

Live The Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give him everything and let your life be love.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

1ST READING

At the heart of the Mosaic social laws, we hear God's expectation for compassion, especially to the most vulnerable among us. Is compassion a virtue that comes easily to you?

2ND READING

Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving for the faith of the Thessalonian community members who are seen as role models for believers throughout the regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Is there someone in your life who models the Faith well?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus taught that love of God and love of neighbor are the foundation of the Jewish law and the prophets. How does this two-fold commandment inspire you to live the Christian life?

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Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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SEPTEMBER 2026 OFFERTORY

	Actual	Budget
Adult Collections	$22,992	$20,833
Student Envelopes	$0	$0
Loose Collection	$2,555	$2,708
Holy Day Collection	$55	$0
ACH/Online Giving	$6,428	$5,417
September Totals	**$32,029**	**$28,958**
September Overage	$3,071	

The online giving fund for All Saints Day will be available October 21st-November 8th.





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.

ROSARY DRIVE

Please donate UNBROKEN Rosaries and Miraculous Medals from now until November 22nd. Place them in the box in the main entry of the church. They will be sent to missions around the world. Please donate ONLY unbroken Rosaries and medals. Other items are too costly to ship overseas. Thank you.



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
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40 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck joyfully invites the gathering of diocesan faithful for 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer. This 40 Hours Devotion event will take place at the Cathedral on November 14, 15, and 16 and includes Eucharistic Adoration, Masses, confessions, worship music, and more. Father Jared Johnson, pastor of the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary in Bismarck, will lead a parish mission with a series of homilies. Adoration during this event is open to everyone. For a full schedule and to sign up for an hour of adoration during the 40 Hours Devotion, go to cathedralparish.com/40-hours-devotion.

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR OCT 31 & NOV 1

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Varden Lang	Debby Brothers	Barb Johnson
Greeters	Mike & Mary Sander	Gary Levi Jeff Murtaugh	Steve Bueschel
Altar Servers	Max Stenberg	Dexter Olson Frances Olson	Clare Young Julia Young James Young
Lector	Michelle Wright	Melissa Olson	Grant Wentz
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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

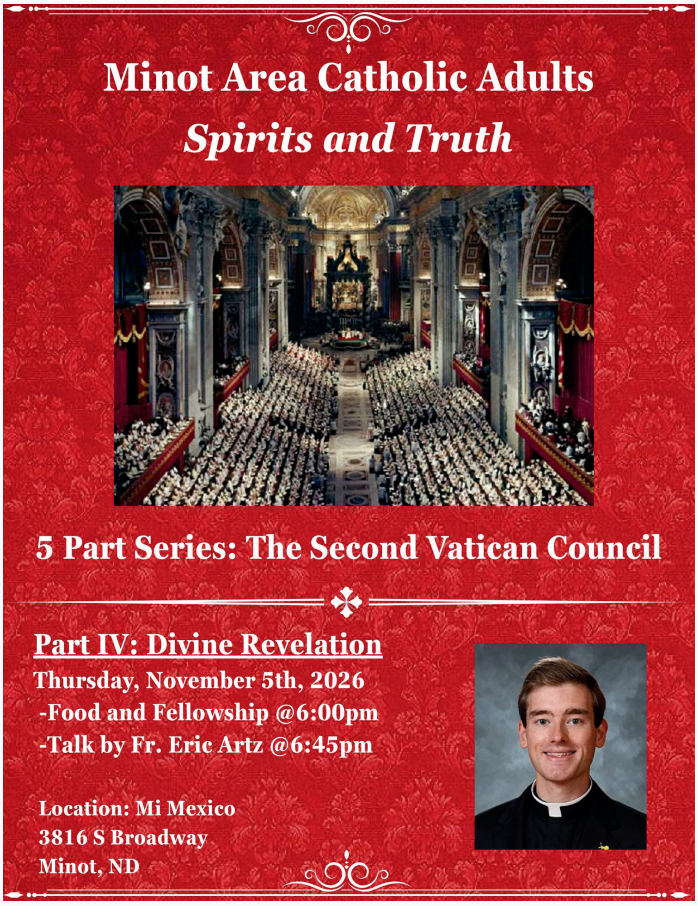
TUES-FRI: 7:30AM-7:50AM
SAT: 3:15PM-4:15PM
SUNDAY: 7:30AM-8:15AM; 9:30AM-9:50AM
Confession can be heard anytime outside of listed times by appointment: 837.5943

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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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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting many families with food, or in assistance with 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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Cash	No minimum	Check, credit card, electronic fund (EFT)	Quick and easily support your Catholic Parish	Send a check, make a secure gift online, or set up an EFT from your bank account	Your gift is tax-deductible
Securities	No minimum	Publicly held stocks, bonds, mutual funds	Avoid capital gains tax	Transfer your securities	Your gift is tax-deductible and allows you to avoid capital gains tax
Real Estate	No minimum	Home, oil and gas interests, vacation or commercial property, land	Improve your cash flow by not paying real estate taxes, maintenance, and insurance	Donate your real estate	Your gift is tax-deductible, allows you to avoid capital gains tax, and removes the burden of property ownership
Give from your IRA	No minimum	Individual Retirement Account (IRA)	Make a tax friendly gift from your IRA	Ask your IRA custodian to distribute your gift directly to your Catholic Parish (you must be 70 1/2 or older)	Your gift reduces your taxable income and may count toward your required minimal distribution

Ways you can benefit both yourself and your parish

What you give	Minimum donation required	How you can fund your gift	Why you might choose the gifting method	What you need to do to make your gift	How the gift benefits you
Charitable Gift Annuity	$10,000	Cash, securities, IRA (contact us for special rules about IRA's)	Make a gift, and, in exchange, receive guaranteed life-time income	Fund a gift annuity with cash or securities and receive fixed payments for life, and then your Parish receives the remainder	Your gift is partially tax - deductible and offers capital gains tax advantages, fixed payments for life (a portion is tax-free), attractive rates, and your gift qualifies for the 40% ND tax credit
Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity	$10,000	Cash, securities	Receive fixed payments for life beginning at a later date determined by you	Fund a deferred gift annuity with cash or securities and receive fixed payments for life, and then your Parish receives the remainder	Your gift is partially tax-deductible and often capital gains tax advantages, fixed payments for life (a portion is tax-free), attractive rates, and your gift qualifies for the 40% ND tax credit
Charitable Remainder Trust	Contact us	Cash, securities, real estate	Make a gift and get an immediate tax deduction, control the investment of assets, and receive income for a number of years or the rest of your life, with your Parish receiving the remainder	Fund a trust by transferring cash, or appreciated property for the trust to sell and receive payments for a set number of years or life, and your Parish receives the ramainder	Your gift is partially tax-deductible and offers estate tax deductions, capital gains tax advantages, payments for a set number of years or life (a portion is tax-free), attractive rates, and your gift qualifies for the 40% ND tax credit
Charitable Lead Trust	Contact us	Cash, securities, real estate	Support our Parish now and provide for your loved ones in the future	Fund the trust with cash or property to make gifts to your Parish for a set number of years, and your family will receive the remainder	Your gift offers income, estate, or gift tax deductions, and it qualifies for the 40% ND tax credit

How you can leave a legacy-to your parish and/or your Parish endowment fund

What you give	Minimum donation required	How you can fund your gift	Why you might choose the gifting method	What you need to do to make your gift	How the gift benefits you
Gift in your will or trust	No minimum	Cash, securities, real estate	Remain in control of your assets during your lifetime	Name your Catholic parish as a beneficiary in your will	Your gift qualifies for an estate tax reduction and is revocable
Retirement Account	No minimum	Retirement assets IRA, 401(K), similar plan	Avoid being taxed twice on retirement assets	Name your Catholic parish as a beneficiary in your retirement account	Your gift offers income and estate tax advantages and is revocable
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