

APRIL 12TH, 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

# CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Minot, North Dakota



**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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## THIS WEEK:

**Monday, April 13th**  
No Scheduled Events

**Tuesday, April 14th**  
8:00 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, April 15th**  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00 p.m. CGS

**Thursday, April 16th**  
NO PUBLIC MASS

**Friday, April 17th**  
8:00 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, April 18th**  
4:30 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, April 19th**  
Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. KC Breakfast

**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

April 12, 2026  
2nd Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
John 20:19-31

*"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" (John 20:27)*

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist. Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

— **Father John Muir**  
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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2026

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
Monday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr  
Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## MASS INTENTIONS

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH

+Norman Vandal by Dorothy Lukach

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH

+LaRae McDonald by Marie Keller

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH - NO PUBLIC MASS

Rintoul Family by Molly Koble

### FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

+Julian Degenstein by David & Barb Johnson

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

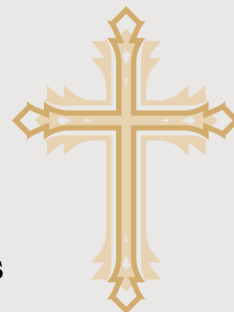
+Pat V. Gores by Veronica Gores

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

8:30 a.m. +Ilene Wolf by Kim Magandy

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY

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### 2PM-3PM: ADORATION & CONFESSION 3PM: DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The faithful have the opportunity to obtain plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday (the removal of all temporal punishment due to sin). The usual conditions to obtain a plenary indulgence are as follows:  
Sacramental Confession (within 20 days before or after); Eucharistic Communion (preferably on the day); Prayer for the Intentions of the Pope.

#### ***The specific conditions to obtain the plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday:***

- In any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy  
OR
- In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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Thank you to our Environment Committee and to our Knights of Columbus for a very blessed and beautiful Easter Season here at Little Flower!

## First Communion

First Communion will take place during the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 12th (Divine Mercy Sunday). Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for this special day in their lives!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact the office if you would like to help with beautifying our east flowerbed including the planters by the St. Therese statue in the SE corner of the church property. This will require planting, weeding and watering. **Hint: Shared work is God's work.** We also need a volunteer for beautification of the area under the evergreen on the NE corner of the property.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" During Mass we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you!" As you make your gift to St. Vincent de Paul, you say, "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry. *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.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

**Date: Tuesday, April 14th**

**Time: 1:00 - 6:00**

Vitalant Blood Mobile  
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Donating is a chance to pay it forward for the kindness you've received in your own life. Contact Jim at 701-837-6200 or scan the QR code to schedule your lifesaving appointment.

This is Emily and Bowen's story. ✨



Emily & Bowen

Every year around the time of his birthday, Bowen's Mom, Emily, hosts a blood drive in his honor. Bowen was born with multiple heart defects and in the first days of his life Bowen received his first blood transfusion. He has since needed more during two subsequent open-heart surgeries to date. Emily is grateful for those who selflessly donate blood.

"The obstacles Bowen has overcome and continues to overcome would not be possible without blood donors who selflessly give to put smiles on the faces of Bowen and countless others," she said.

Donate April 6-30 and you'll be entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards! That's enough to buy groceries for a year! Book your appointment today. Must opt in for rewards in the Donor Portal. Enough bonus points will be added to the referring donor's AND NEW donor's account via the Donor Rewards program to redeem for a \$10 gift card in the online Donor Rewards store. We will not limit the number of \$10 gift cards the referring donor can earn, if all the donors they bring in are NEW donors. Type O-negative donors who refer a NEW donor will earn a BONUS \$5 gift card, for a total of \$15 in gift cards. The NEW donor(s) the type O-negative donor refers will also receive a total of \$15 in gift cards.



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### ATTENTION MASS MINISTERS:

Summer is a busy time for families. The office is currently putting together Mass ministry schedules for June, July, and August and would greatly appreciate advance notice of dates you will not be available. Please be safe out there and enjoy God's beautiful creation!

## MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR APRIL 18 & 19

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
<b>Rosary</b>	Janet Murphy	Dione Bohl	Brenda Artz
<b>Greeters</b>	Varden Lang	Ron & Korie Huettl	Arlene Fiedler Bonnie Brunner
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Max Stenberg Paul Kalamaha	Dakota Johnson Mick Minter Joseph Minter	Kirstin Brunner Dane Brunner Maizey Brunner
<b>Lector</b>	Dan Christen	Steve Miller	Jaimie Brunner
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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

**Don't Forget to Turn in Those Raffle Tickets!** The big Bishop Ryan Fund Raffle drawing is coming up on April 17th, so if you still have tickets, please turn those in to the Bishop Ryan Administration Office **by Thursday!** The office is open weekdays, 7:30am-3:30pm.



**Is God calling your family to Catholic education?** Now enrolling preschool through grade 12 for the 2026–2027 school year. For a tour or more information contact Megan Selk at 838-3355.

**Are You Called to be Part of Something Special in Catholic Education?** There are amazing things going on in our hallways and classrooms, and Bishop Ryan may be the place for you! We are accepting applications for the following faculty positions for the 2026-2027 school year: Kindergarten Readiness Instructor, Elementary Music Instructor, Elementary Physical Education Instructor, Middle School Science Instructor, High School Mathematics Instructor, Food Services Assistant, and After-School Strings Instructor (Part-Time Position). For more information or to apply for these positions, please contact Principal Tanya Steckler at (701) 838-3355 or tsteckler@brhs.com.

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## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

*Growing our Flock*

### **For the Older Child (Ages 6 – 12)**

The imagination of the older child and his or her agility with the concept of time are powerful stimuli to explore the past and the future. The first timeline, a ribbon fifty meters long, focuses on the unity and vastness of the History of the Kingdom of God. It illustrates the highpoints in the history of salvation from creation to redemption to parousia. Another presentation focuses on the many gifts we receive from God – rocks, minerals, flowers, fruit, friends, family – culminating in God's gift of His own divine life in the person of Jesus, a gift which will pervade the whole universe at the completion of history.

## **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING**

Catholic Daughters will meet on April 14, 2026 at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcome. Lunch will be served during the meeting. The meeting will conclude about 6:30 PM. Mass is available at 7:00 PM, for anyone that would like to attend. Members who are due for an anniversary pin that were unable to attend the anniversary dinner, will receive their anniversary pins at this meeting.

## **CORAZON WEEKEND**

Is your marriage, or the marriage of someone you know, going through a difficult time? The Bismarck Diocese's Corazon weekend for troubled marriages will be held April 24-26. Couples experiencing crisis, struggles or difficulties in their marriage are invited to attend and begin to find hope and healing. For more questions, contact Amanda at 701-204-7205. To register, visit bismarckdiocese.com/corazon. Inquiries and attendance are kept strictly confidential.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT K-4 STUDENTS OPENS SOON...**

## LITTLE FLOWER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

### *Family, Friends, & Brother Knights:*

I pray that you all have had a prayerful and blessed Lenten season, giving up certain things or habits or even doing a little bit extra, we can celebrate the Easter season with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But let's just not stop there and go back to our old ways and habits. Lent and Easter is meant to change our spiritual lives and grow closer to Christ in faith and love.

This past month, our KC group was very busy and we want to thank all our knights for all their hard work on serving soup & sandwiches every Friday before stations, to having the Sacred Heart prayer icon in our church and praying, making fresh donuts for a morning treat, and putting on a fundraiser breakfast. We also want to say a special thank you to all the parishioners who came to show their support. We were truly blessed and really appreciate all that everyone has done!

Thank you to everyone who showed up to our past breakfast that supported Home on the Range, and we hope that you are able to join us at our last breakfast of the season on April 19th from 8:30 to noon.

This month we want to recognize and thank everyone for helping out and attending all the Masses during Holy Week. It is a lot of work and organizing during that week to make it a truly beautiful and spiritual Holy Week. Thank you to our brother Knights: Jeff Murtaugh, Dakota Johnson, Dan Christian, and Paul Phillips, who helped serve in all the Masses, and our music director, Paul Nason, for providing wonderful music. We especially want to thank Deacon Stephen Young for assisting in celebrating the Masses. Most importantly we thank our pastor, Father Ken Phillips, for all that he does for our parish, not just during the Easter season, but for every day of the year.

Our knights want to thank those for all that they do. We are truly blessed that they are part of our parish family and we will be praying for them. Thank you, God bless & Happy Easter!

Luke Audet  
Grand Knight



# Breakfast at LITTLE FLOWER

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH  
8:30 A.M. - NOON

*Menu: French  
toast, scrambled  
eggs, muffins,  
biscuits & gravy,  
sausage, muffins,  
coffee & orange  
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## JOB OPENINGS AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

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## FULL TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant for the parish office. Candidates must have strong telephone, interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills. They must be proficient with Microsoft Office and able to learn how to work effectively with our ParishSoft database. Responsibilities include greeting visitors and parishioners and caring for a multitude of needs/requests related to parish operations and ministries, both in person and on the telephone, maintaining multiple calendars, and composing documents. The qualified candidate must have a strong Catholic faith and be willing to embrace our parish family. Full Time position. Excellent benefits. For more information or to apply for this position, please contact the Business Manager, Sharon Pearson at 701-839-6834.



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