St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

NEW WEBSITE:
www.catherineofalexandria.org

July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Team

Parish Office…….. 845-0354
Monday-Thursday 9am-4:00pm
Pastor: Msgr. Dennis Skonseng
cell phone ……701-261-4716
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Deacons

Rev. Mr. Arlie Braunberger Rev. Mr. Ed Didier
Rev. Mr. Ray Grim Rev. Mr. Joe Leitner
Rev. Mr. Tom Vanorny

Parish Office Administrator:
Please note New Parish Office Email Below
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Liturgy Coordinator: Sue Judd
e-mail: st.catherine.liturgy.schedule@gmail.com

Lay Director: Joe Tykwinski

Parish Council:
Micki Isensee
Steve Jorissen Roberta Lemnus
Ken Reid Don Rondestvedt
Jodie Scherr Joe Zubrod

St. Catherine School…….……845-1453
Director of Religious Education:
Office Assistant: Jenny Faure
Rectory ……..……..845-0725
Fax ……..……..845-0556
Nearly Nu Store……..……..845-1022

Baptisms: Contact the Parish Office.
Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the wedding.
RCIA: Contact the Parish Office
Home Bound Eucharist: Darlene Kerzman, 845-4316 or 701-721-1899
Bulletin Deadline: 3 PM on Wednesdays
Newcomers: WELCOME! Please register at the Parish Office or use the registration form on our website.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please email Sue: stcatherinesparishoffice@gmail.com

Msgr. Skonseng Away

I will be away for a couple of days of vacation on July 19-21. I will be going with Msgr. Brian Donahue to Medora. I will also be going with our youth to the Steubenville Conference on July 23-25 in Rochester, MN. Father Bernie Pfau, a retired priest who lives in Devils Lake, will substitute for me in the celebrations of the Masses and the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday evening, July 24th, and Sunday morning, July 25th. Please welcome him and pray for him that God may bless him and his pastoral ministry. There will be no Masses in the morning on July 20, 21, and 23. Exposition and Morning Prayer will take place on Tuesday, July 20th, at 8:00 AM. The Rosary will take place on July 21st and 23rd at 8:00 AM. If there is an emergency, and you need a priest while I am away; please call Fr. Joe Barrett at his cell phone at 701-840-2337. --- Msgr. Skonseng

Pray for Youth Participating in the 2021 Steubenville Conference

The youth who are participating in this year's Steubenville Conference on July 23-25 in Rochester, MN, are: Stephanie Hoffarth, Tyana Judd, Hailey Thoreson, Halley Thoreson, Hadley Thoreson, Brooke Eggermont, Carly Goven, Catherine Deaver, Jacob Pfeifer, Thomas Pfeifer, and Conner Remick. The theme is: "Restored." This is based on Psalm 80:3-4 in which we pray for God to stir up His power, come to save us, restore us, and shine His face upon us. Please pray that the Holy Spirit may guide them and empower them to a deeper union with Christ and His Church and to serve others in our parish, our schools, and in their sports, their social activities, and their work. Please also pray for Deacon Tom Vanorny, Kiersten Baughman, and Msgr. Skonseng who will be supervising and caring for them during this trip and conference.

July Calendar of Events

SUN 18	**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time** 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass
MON 19	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass
TUE 20	7:30am Rosary (No Mass) 8:00am Exposition and Morning Prayer 8:30am –10pm Adoration
WED 21	8:00am Rosary (No Mass) 8:45am Cursillo Prayer Group—SHR
THU 22	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass
FRI 23	**Parish Office Closed** 8:00am Rosary (No Mass) Steubenville North Conference
SAT 24	10:00am Mass at Mercy Hospital 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Mass Steubenville North Conference
Sun 25	**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time** 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass Steubenville North Conference

MASS INTENTIONS July 19-25

Monday	*8am †*	*Ray Wuolu*
Tuesday	*8am*	*No Mass*
Wednesday	*8am*	*No Mass*
Thursday	*8am †*	*Phyllis McDonough*
Friday	*8am*	*No Mass*
Saturday	*5:30pm*	*† George Judd*
Sunday	*8:30am*	*† Mike Kuhry*
	10:30am	*People of the Parish*

Cemetery Announcement: The Cemetery Gate will now be open from **7am to 9pm** daily. Please contact Mel Klingenberg @ 701-840-2262 for any questions.

RECONCILIATION: 7:30-7:50am Monday-Saturday
4:00-5:15pm Saturday 7:30-8:15am Sunday

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).
Psalm— The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
2nd Reading—You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).
Gospel— When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tue: Ex 14:21-15:1; Ex 15:8-10,12,17;Mt 12:46-50
Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;Mt 13:1-9
Thurs: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Fri: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Sat: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sun: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18;Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Mon: Weekday
Tues: St. Apollinaris
Wed: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Thur: St. Mary Magdalene
Fri : St. Bridget
Sat: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Sun: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER NETWORK

Remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who are ill or are in need of our prayers: George and Jude Bodnar, Mary Mitzel, Rebecca Rademacher, Bob McGough, Sharon Linnehan, Dietrich Schlichtmann, Lisa Puhr, Michele Green, Brian Ventsch, Rita Beaudry, Louis & Kelly Bohl, Renee Anderson, Connie Dimmer, Dennis Stangler, Caroline Schumacher, David Kurtenbach, Audrey Suhr, Glenda Sherman, Joyce Hafner, Pat Schwehr, Deb Didier, Sandy Christianson, Andrew & Tiffany Higgins, Robin Kinney, Sharon Kinney, Dale & Virginia Davy, Kathy Nelson, Florence Zaun, Larry Zaun, Carol Legge, Karen Leadbetter, James Leadbetter, Matt & Emersyn Vanic, Garrett McFadgen, Phyllis Lemer, Michelle Black Cloud, Darlene Stanford-Adams, Cheryl Kappel, Diane Sherman, Lucille Winkler, Allen Siebert, Terry Calkins, Robert Mosby, Harriet Dimmer, Doran Chandler, and any others who are in need of prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT: July 11th, 2021

Regular Parish Income

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week	6737.20	8,850.00	(2,112.80)
Year to Date	473,986.18	477,900.00	(3,913.82)

Registered families…….519

Adult Envelopes	6358.00
Plate	308.20
Children	6.00
Total Collection	**6737.20**

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Energy	***65.00***

Thank you for your generous gifts!!

Online Giving available @

www.catherineofalexandria.org

Our Lord wishes for us to be whole, body, mind and soul. To be healed, to be complete. There is a group of individuals from the deanery that are offering to pray with you, for healing. We would be willing to come to pray with you as an individual, at your home or parish church. Confidentiality is assured. ***The St. Catherine's Healing Prayer Group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church, so our next prayer meeting is Monday, July 26.*** *We are also asking for individuals who would like to be involved in this healing ministry from around the deanery to join us. We have gotten permission from the priests in the deanery so please visit with your pastor. If you are interested please contact one of the individuals listed below for more information.*

Doran Chandler 701-840-1257
Deacon Jim McAllister 701-840-1473

Quilting Ministry

Some of our parishioners may be dealing with some very challenging physical, mental, spiritual or emotional situations/needs (a terminal illness, treatments, an accident, severe depression, a miscarriage) To convey the prayers & support of our parish family, Prayer Quilts/Shawls are available for all parishioners who will need them. To request a Prayer Quilt/Shawl, contact: Christine, 845-3815 or Lela, 840-8352.

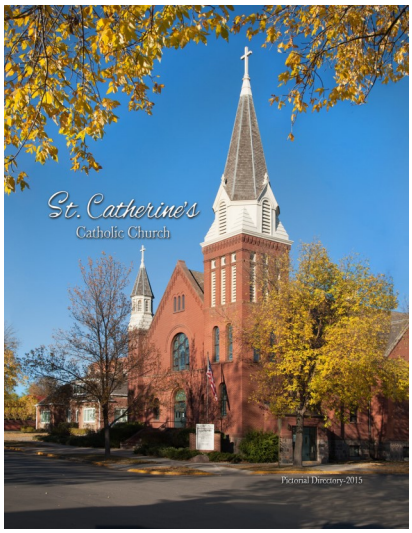
Ministry Help!!

We are in need of Hospitality Ministers and Mass Coordinators for the 5:30 Masses and the 8:30 Masses. If you are willing to help please call Sue at the parish office Tuesday through Thursday to let her know to get you on the schedule and for training. Any EMHC can be a Mass Coordinator. More Altar Servers for the summer would be helpful also. If you can help, please let Sue know. Thank you and may you have a blessed summer!!

Live Streaming of Masses

We are livestreaming one Sunday morning Mass. We will live stream the 8:30 Mass. **If anyone would like to help with Live Streaming the Masses, please contact the parish office.**

New Parish Directory



Are you having a hard time putting a name to the face of your fellow parishioner after our time apart? Now more than ever, the church directory is a wonderful resource to reconnect.

St. Catherine's Parish Council decided last year to pause the creation of the new directory until it was safe to be together. We are pleased to announce that Dutton's Valley Gallery is now taking appointments for members of our Parish to have their photo taken for the new 2021 directory! All in studio photography sessions are completely free. If you have a favorite outdoor location in mind for your family photo, the cost is a nominal $20. Is your family having a reunion this summer? This is an excellent time for a photo. Duttons is willing to take pictures for the directory and additional photos of extended family members as well. Please call Dutton's Valley Gallery at **845-3390** to schedule your day or evening session. We would love to have all parishioners photographed by November 1st. Thanks in advance for your participation in this exciting project!

Save the Date!!
Our Parish Potluck Picnic will be Sunday, August 29, 2021 after the 10:30 Mass.
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St Catherine's Teen Corner
Important Parent Meeting

Parents of youth traveling to Steubenville Conference and their children are requested to attend a brief meeting on Sunday, July 18th at 10 am in the parish hall to finalize preparations. Please contact Deacon Tom or Kiersten if unable to attend.

Please keep our youth and chaperones in your prayers as they join over 100 other Catholics from the Diocese of Fargo July 23-25 to attend the Steubenville Conference in Rochester, MN. Thank you for your support of our parish youth!!

Trinity Youth Camp Summer 2021 Camps

July 21-25 Camp of the Cross Garrison, ND
Jul 28-Aug 1 Pelican Lake Bottineau, ND

Come to Trinity Youth Camp this summer to learn and celebrate the greatness of our God! Together we'll explore this holy mystery of The Holy Trinity—Godhead three in one– Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Let's be moved into action by His greatness as we serve others with a joyful heart and saying:

Putt 4 a Purpose – Golf Event

Bishop John Folda invites you to **Putt 4 a Purpose**, at the 15th Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on **Monday, August 2nd** for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4th player for free! Register online at **www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose**. If you are not a golfer, please consider sponsoring a priest or seminarian or a hole on the golf course. Your contribution will help support the event and defray costs. Register online at: **www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose**. For further information, please contact Steve Schons in the Stewardship and Development Office, at 701-356-7926 or email steve.schons@fargodiocese.org.

Youth Pilgrimage to 2022 March for Life

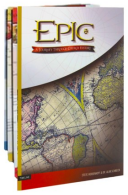
The Respect Life Office will be leading its annual Youth Pilgrimage to the 2022 March for Life in Washington, DC. All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to participate. The pilgrimage will begin in Fargo on January 17 and return January 22. Pilgrims will also participate in the Mass for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and see the sights of Washington, DC, Emmitsburg, MD and Gettysburg, PA. The cost of the pilgrimage is $800. There is a limit of 26 participants. Registrations open this summer.

Adoration Adorers Needed

We are in need of Adoration adorers on Tuesdays from 1-2 PM and 3-4 PM. If you are able to help at those times please call Nancy Orthman at 845-6271. Please leave a message if no one answers.

Tuesday Morning Movies

Please join the Tuesday Morning Movie Group, each Tuesday morning after the 8:00 Mass in the Sacred Heart Room for a movie, muffins and mighty good fellowship. Showing this week: "Season 1: The Chosen: Sessions 5 & 6.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2021-22

Epic: Journey Through Church History—The Early Church (10-part series) Discover the first 500 years of Church history! Begins Monday, September 20, 2021. Watch coming bulletins for details.

Dona Eis Requiem

*Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Leroy Suhr**, husband of Audrey Suhr, **Julie Ann Koenig,** wife of Pastor Les Koenig, and **Jeff Burchill** who recently passed away. ~ May they rest forever in the Father's loving care.*

Job Opening at St. Catherine's

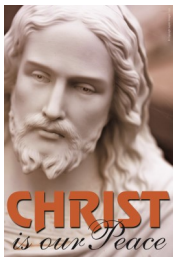
St. Catherine's Parish in Valley City, ND is currently accepting applications for a **Parish Office Administrator**, working 40 hours per week with benefits. This position is responsible for managing day-to-day business operations of the parish, as well as the financials for St. Catherine's Parish School and the Nearly Nu Thrift Store. Job duties include maintaining all financial records and accounts, payroll, and budget. Secretarial duties include but are not limited to responding to people's calls and visitors to the Parish Office; managing sacramental and parish records; publishing bulletins; handling mailing to parishioners; maintaining the parish website; and other duties assigned by the pastor. The successful candidate will have an accounting background with previous work experience, strong communication and organizational skills with attention to detail. Ability to maintain confidentiality and an understanding of the Catholic Faith are essential. Submit cover letter, resume and three references to Msgr. Skonseng at: dennis.skonseng@ fargodiocese.org The position is open until filled.

Job Opening at St. Catherine's

St. Catherine Elementary School and Parish is seeking a dynamic leader to serve as the **Director of Religious Education**. St. Catherine School is beyond its 100th year, currently serving children in kindergarten through grade six. The Director of Religious Education is the administrative leader of the total religious education program of the parish who supervises, observes and evaluates staff as well as the instructional program. The director is responsible for establishing a positive school climate, promoting positive communications between school, parish and community while managing religious education resources and budget. A successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic with knowledge of the Catholic teachings, demonstrate successful communication and public relation skills, have experience with supervisory responsibilities and hold a Bachelor's degree. Preferred qualifications include current teacher license, two-years teaching experience, current principal credential, experience with budget management, school administration, fundraising, and Microsoft suite. Submit a cover letter addressing all qualifications as listed above, resume, and three professional references with contact information to: St. Catherine School, Attention: Jenny Faure, 540 3rd Ave NE Valley City, ND 58072 or via e-mail to jenny.faure@k12.nd.us. Position open until filled.

Elementary Teacher Needed at St. Catherine's

St. Catherine Elementary School in Valley City, ND is seeking a full-time combination classroom elementary school teacher for grades 1 & 2, beginning the 2021-2022 school year. Applicant must hold or be able to obtain a ND Educator's Professional License in elementary education. Applicant is required to submit a cover letter, resume, current transcripts and contact information for three professional references to jenny.faure@k12.nd.us Position will be open until filled.



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis established that a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July. This date was chosen because it is close to the feast day of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year, it will take place on Sunday, July 25th. The theme is: "I am with always!" In explaining the significance of this celebration, The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life of the Vatican states:

> Pope Francis has demonstrated his spir itual closeness to the elderly throughout his pontificate, and this should be read in the light of the ecclesiology that distin guishes him. Like other sectors that have not always received adequate pastoral care, older people have a precise mission to fulfill as holy faithful People of God. Pope Francis identifies their task as being to keep memories alive and to transmit the faith to the younger generations, but, more importantly, he considers them to be a significant component of the Catholic laity. They are not simply 'users' of the Church, but they are also companions on the journey. That is why this World Day is not an occasion to produce a document on old age, but rather there is a message addressed to the elderly in which the Holy Father asks them to share responsibility for the way the Church will go into the future and take part in the construction of the world after the pandemic.

New Members of St. Catherine's Parish Family

Kenton Sandfoss has been in Valley City since August, 2020. He is an instructor at VCSU in the area of Business Management. He is an alumni of Morehead State in Morehead, KY , where he earned an MBA in 2015. Most recently he lived in Michigan for three years, and worked in the food industry as a general manager. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus here at St. Catherine's. One of his interests is competing in bowling tournaments, and has competed in tournaments across the US. Welcome Kenton!!

Kevin Gergen has been in Valley City since November, 2020. He is employed by Eagle Creek Software. He earned a degree in Computer Information Systems from the University of Mary in 2020. He was born and raised in Marshall, MN. Kevin has already volunteered to be a Minister of Hospitality at St. Catherine's. Welcome Kevin!!

The **Derrick and Rachel Bopp family** have been in Valley City for about a year. Derrick is the Director of the Sheyenne Valley Area Career and Technical Center in Valley City.

Rachel is an Administrative Assistant at VCSU in the School of Education. They have twin children: Victory and Brody. They will be in third grade this fall. They enjoy a variety of activities. Brody enjoys swimming, baseball, and football. Victory enjoys tennis, music, and dance.

Welcome to the Bopps!!

Mark Vrchota joined our parish in May. He lives in Jamestown, and has worked at Cavendish Farms for 9 years. Welcome Mark!!