

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

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October 31, 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 Jess: stcatherinesparishoffice@gmail.com

Solemnity of All Saints

We celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Monday, November 1st. "We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always attentive to our prayers" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #962, p. 250). We particularly honor those saints who have been canonized by the Church as models of holiness and intercessors for all of us. We thank God, our Father, for the grace of Christ, His Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit through which we can live as saints. This year the Solemnity of All Saints is not declared by the Church, most of the dioceses in the United States including the Diocese of Fargo, to be a Holy Day of Obligation because it falls on a Monday, a day after Sunday. Nevertheless, All Saints is a Holy Day, and it is a very important part of our Catholic faith; therefore, I encourage you to participate in one of these Masses which are scheduled on Monday, November 1st, at 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 6:30 PM. Reconciliation (Confession) will take place on Monday, November 1st, at 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 6:00 PM. Msgr. Skonseng

St. Catherine School



Hey Everyone it's that time of year again.....



49th Annual Fall Auction- KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

Sponsored by the KC's

Serving Sunday, October 31 from 9-Noon in the church hall, curb-side delivery available

Free will offering; all proceeds to

St. Catherine School

Serving Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, & Sausage

October/November Calendar of Events

TODAYS READINGS

SUN 31	Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:00am Fall Auction Kick-Off Breakfast 9:30am RCIA 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass 2:00pm Hospitality Minister Training 3:00pm Proclaimer Training
MON 1	All Saints Day/First Day of American Indian Heritage Month 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Reconciliation 8:00am Mass 10:00am Reconciliation 10:30am All-School Mass 6:00pm Reconciliation 6:30pm Mass
TUE 2	All Souls Day 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am –10pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Morning Movie Group 5:30pm REACH 6:40pm KC Rosary & Meeting
WED 3	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:45am Cursillo Prayer Group—SHR 6:30pm Family Faith Formation (K-8) 7:00pm Youth Group (9-12)
THU 4	8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass 1-4:30pm Quilters 6:30-9pm Quilters
FRI 5	NO SCHOOL 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 5:00pm St. Catherine School Fall Auction
SAT 6	10:00am Mass at Mercy Hospital 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Mass
Sun 7	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:30am Coffee and Rolls 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass 11:45am Altar Server Training with Pizza 3pm Mass Coordinator and EMHC Training 6:30pm RCIA

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).
Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).
Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).
Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; Halloween
Monday: All Saints
Tuesday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Election Day
Wednesday: St. Martin de Porres
Thursday: St. Charles Borromeo
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

PRAYER NETWORK

Remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who are ill or are in need of our prayers: George Bodnar, Mary Mitzel, Rebecca Radermacher, Bob McGough, Sharon Linnehan, Lisa Puhr, Dietrich Schlichtmann, Brian Ventsch, Rita Beaudry, Louis & Kelly Bohl, Dennis Stangler, David Kurtenbach, Caroline Schumacher, Deb Didier, Glenda Sherman, Joyce Hafner, Pat Schwehr, 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, Darlene Stanford-Adams, Cheryl Kappel, Diane Sherman, Lucille Winkler, Allen Siebert, Terry Calkins, Tony Drake, Mary Ann Anderson, Eliana Mueller, Shirley Starke, Father Dale Kinzler, Jean Riedmann, Anne Wuolu, Mary Jane Huber, Art Milner Sr., Linda Simmons, Hailey Jenson and any others who are in need of prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS November 1-7

Monday 8:00am Catholic Daughters (Spec. Int.)
10:30am † Karen Monson
6:30pm People of the parish
Tuesday 8:00am All Souls
Wednesday 8:00am † Don Johnson
Thursday 9:00am † Jeannie Kohler
Friday 8:00am † Joe & Pauline Kunze
Saturday 5:30pm Colton Beyer (Spec. Int.)
Sunday 8:30am † Deceased CDA Members & CDA family Members
10:30am People of the Parish

World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. If you still want to give a gift to this collection. Please use the envelopes that were attached to the bulletins last weekend, or use an envelope on which you print "World Mission Sunday". Please put your donations into the collection baskets in the church. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday by visiting MISSIO.org.

St. Catherine's Stewardship: "Not to Be Served, But to Serve" (Mark 10:45)

I hope that you have taken time to think about and pray about the gifts that God has given to you and how you want to offer them to God for the good of St. Catherine's Parish. Please fill out the Commitment Card for the Increased Offertory Program and the Time and Talent Survey sheet and place them in one of the collection baskets at the Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday. You may also mail in or bring your Commitment Card and Time and Talent Survey sheet to the Parish Office. Thank you for your gifts! --- Msgr. Skonseng

Thank You to Will Haugen

Will Haugen completed his work as our Custodian and also in maintenance for St. Catherine Parish and School on Friday, October 29th. He will be taking on a new job as Custodian at Barnes County North School. We thank Will for his work for St. Catherine School and Parish. We pray that God may fill him with His abundant blessings, and that he may do well in his new job.
Msgr. Skonseng

All Souls Day

We celebrate All Souls' Day on Tuesday, November 2nd. This day is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. We are urged by the Church to pray for the souls in Purgatory. "Since the faithful departed now being purified are also members of the same communion of saints, one way we can help them is to obtain indulgences for them, so that the temporal punishments due for their sins may be remitted" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1479, pp. 371-372). The current regulations put in force by Pope Benedict XVI are stated here. I. On All Souls' Day a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit any parish church or public oratory and there recite one Our Father and One Creed (I believe in God...). II. On all the days from November 1 through November 8 inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray even if only mentally in one's thoughts for the departed. **Due to the restrictions on attendance during the covid pandemic, the Vatican has extended the period for obtaining both of these indulgences to every day of the month of November.**

The conditions for both indulgences are:

1. Only one plenary indulgence can be granted per day.
2. It is necessary to be in the state of grace, at least by completion of the work.
3. Freedom from attachment to sin, even venial sin, is necessary; otherwise the indulgence is only partial. (By this is meant attachment to a particular sin, not sin in general.)
4. Holy Communion must be received each time the indulgence is sought.
5. Prayer must be recited for the intentions of the Holy Father on each day the indulgence is sought.
6. Sacramental confession must be made within a week of completion of the prescribed work. (One confession made during the week, made with the intention of gaining all the indulgences, suffices.)

St. Catherine's Serving Groups

November Serving Group:

November 7 Coffee and rolls. Margaret Winkler is the contact person: phone 845-0608 or email at mwinkler@bektel.com.

November 25 Solemnity of St. Catherine of Alexandria/Thanksgiving Day: Breakfast items, no rolls, Ina Thomsen is the chairperson.

Letters to November serving members have been sent.

FINANCIAL REPORT: October 24, 2021

Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	6,785.50	9,098.00	(2,312.50)
Year to Date	135,325.07	154,666.00	(19,340.93)

Registered families.....	519		
Adult Envelopes			6,373.00
Plate			273.00
Children			6.50
Energy			2.00
Votive			131.00
Total Collection			6,785.50

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**Thank you for your generous gifts!!**

**Online Giving available @**

**[www.catherineofalexandria.org](http://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 our next prayer meeting is Monday, November 22.** 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

### **RECONCILIATION: 7:30 -7:50am**

**Monday – Wednesday & Friday**

**8:30 - 8:50 Thursday; 4:00 - 5:15pm Saturday**

**7:30 - 8:15am Sunday**



## **IMPORTANT PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE NEW DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1**

We have had a good start on creating our new parish directory. So far 126 households have had their portrait professionally

done at Dutton's Photography. These are great for our directory, and wonderful keepsakes for our families. There is no charge for having this done in studio. Other locations are possible for a small charge. Those who have pictures done will receive a directory at no charge. We hope that all members of our parish community will choose to be included in this, whether you come to Mass in person, or are streaming it. You are all important members of our church community.

We would love to have all parishioners photographed by **December 1**. Appointments can be made by calling **Dutton's at 845-3390**.

Appointments are available Monday-Saturday, morning, afternoon or evening. Dutton's will work to accommodate your schedule. If you have scheduling concerns, something can be worked out.

Thank you to our parishioners who have already participated in this exciting parish project.

## **WELCOME TO JACK AND KATHY MAUS**

Jack and Kathy Maus have recently joined our parish. They moved here from Grafton in August. Jack is a retired school administrator, having served in a few schools in ND, including Grafton for the last 11 years. Kathy is a retired accountant. They have moved to Valley City to be closer to family. Welcome to Jack and Kathy!

## **Prayer Quilts/Shawls Available**

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.

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

**St Catherine's Teen Corner**  
**Grades 9-12**

**November 3:** Class, 7:00 p.m., "Born of the Virgin Mary"

**November 10:** No Class



**Adoration Adorers Needed**

We are in need of Adoration adorers on Tuesdays from 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: "The Creed" a six week series by Bishop Robert Barron. This is week 6 so DVD 6 will be showing All are welcome!!

**Please Contact Msgr. Skonseng or Parish Office for Requests for the Sacraments**

If you are ill or vulnerable in health and not able to leave your homes and you need the sacraments, please contact Msgr. Skonseng or the Parish Office. If you need the sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion, please call Msgr. Skonseng at the Parish Office at 845-0354 or his cell phone at 701-261-4716. If you need Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office at 845-0354 or Darlene Kerzman at 845-4316 or 701-721-1899. --- Msgr. Skonseng

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**Team**



**AT ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL**

**49<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ANNUAL AUCTION**

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021
- VALLEY CITY EAGLES CLUB  
345 12TH AVE. NE, VALLEY CITY, N.D.
- SILENT AUCTION • 5:00 P.M.
- LIVE AUCTION • 6:30 P.M.

## ✝ Family Faith Formation ✝

On Wednesday we will resume face to face instruction starting with Family Faith Formation at 6:30pm! All parents and children will meet in the church, sing a hymn, and pray a decade of the rosary. Before heading to their classrooms, children and catechists will be taking a picture for the new parish directory. Please plan to attend with your children on Wednesday. We miss their smiling faces!

**THANK YOU** to everyone that has donated books and DVDs to our faith formation library. We are overwhelmed with the support of this parish community! Students and catechists cannot wait to dive in to the materials! If you still want to donate, you can go straight to our list by entering the link, or by going to our Facebook page (see below) and clicking the link from there. Thank you for your generosity!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/HGU4FU7U1NQG?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/HGU4FU7U1NQG?ref_=wl_share)

We are back on Facebook on the parish page, so “like” us and follow our journey throughout the year! St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish or @stcatherineff  
Sara Sorby – sara.sorby@k12.nd.us or 763-221-1893

### The Early Church

**Session 3: Nov. 15:** Martyrs and Apologists, covering 100-200AD

Read Session 3 and do Quick Questions.

Contact Anne: 701-845-5242; 840-1648

(PLEASE leave a brief message). God bless you all.

#### Future dates:

**Nov. 29** Early Church 4: The Faith Attacked  
AD 200-300

**Dec. 6** Early Church 5: The Dawn of Christendom  
AD 300-325

**Dec. 20** Early Church 6: The Arian Attack AD  
325-335

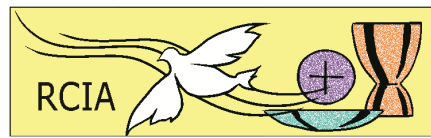
#### 2022

**Jan. 3** Early Church 7: The Bitter Fruit of Heresy  
AD 335-381

**Jan. 17** Early Church 8: Heroes of God  
AD 316-397

**Jan. 31** Early Church 9: Councils and a Great Pope AD 410-461

**Feb. 7** Early Church 10: Splintering of an Empire



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): To Know and to Grow in the Catholic Faith

An opportunity for a personal relationship with Christ and His Church and conversion and growth through prayer and instruction will be offered to people according to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA is for adults who have not been baptized, non-Catholics who have been baptized and are interested in becoming Catholics, adult Catholics who have been baptized but have not received Confirmation and/or Holy Communion, Catholics who are returning to the Church, and Catholics who want to learn more about their Catholic faith. The sessions of the RCIA will take place on **Sunday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM** in the St. Catherine Conference Room in the Parish Office Building. **To register for the RCIA, please contact Msgr. Skonseng at the Parish Office**



# ***SAVE THESE DATES:***

## **2021 Ministry Training Schedule**

Students in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and older who would like to or have been serving the Lord and His people as Altar Servers, there is a training for you on

Sunday, November 7 – 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM

**We will be taking pictures for the new directory at 11:45 AM of all the Altar Servers.**

### **Proclaimers**

Sunday, October 31 – 3 PM

### **Ministers of Hospitality**

Sunday, October 31 – 2 PM

### **Mass Coordinators and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Sunday, November 7 – 3 PM

**The EMHC training will have an emphasis on Homebound.**

**\*\*We will be taking pictures for the new directory of all the people involved in these different ministries on Sunday, November 7.**

**9:40 AM - Hospitality Ministers**

**9:50 AM - Proclaimers**

**10:00 AM - Music Ministers**

**10:10 AM – MC & EMHC**

**We ask that you please be there on time or a little ahead of time so we can get them finished before the Divine Mercy Chaplet starts.**

***Please consider helping with the liturgical ministries and getting involved in your parish family. We are in great need of Mass Coordinators, Altar Servers, Proclaimers, and Hospitality Ministers at this time. If you are interested in helping, please come to one of the training sessions in which you are interested. The training session is mandatory for new people and highly recommended for people already serving. It is a time to learn about any changes taking place, and to get any questions answered. Please pray about the call to serve God and His people.***

**If you cannot attend your training session, please call Sue at 845-0354.**

# Parish Musicians Workshop



*"The beginning of thy words is Truth." - Psalm 119:160*

Nov. 19-20, 2021

Sts. Anne & Joachim,  
Fargo

## What to Expect

- ◆ Choir/schola rehearsals
- ◆ Chanting the Divine Office
- ◆ Talks on choosing music for Mass, how beauty leads us to God, the art of Gregorian Chant, and avoiding burn-out as a small-town musician
- ◆ Formal meal with Bishop Folda
- ◆ Individual voice lessons
- ◆ Silent prayer

Register at

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Office by  
November 10. The Parish will cover the cost  
of the workshop for anyone who attends.

\$50

(includes meals  
& materials)





# THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

## A BRIEF SUMMARY

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The prophetic papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*) was written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995 to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The following is a brief overview of this important document.

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The Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

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Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship with himself, the Creator. The human person bears an indelible imprint of God and is the pinnacle of all creation. The source of our dignity is not only linked to our creation by God, but to our final end and destiny to spend eternity with the Father. By accepting Christ as our Savior through the ministry of the Church, despite our sinfulness, we can begin to share in eternal life even now.

**In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is always good.**

Despite the grave threats to human life in the modern world, we, as the People of God, are called to place our faith in Jesus, the “Word of life” (1 Jn 1:1). As Christians, we have received the full truth about human life as proclaimed by the very person of Jesus. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is *always good*. The true meaning of our lives is found in giving and receiving love. It is only through this understanding of a sincere gift of self that human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance.

God holds the lives of all people in his gentle and loving care, giving meaning and value to any sufferings that we bear. Even within the mystery which surrounds suffering and death, these experiences can become saving events as we unite them with Christ's own sacrifice. By making human life the instrument of our salvation, the Son of God shows us the priceless value of human life.

Although the roots of violence against life are not new—going all the way back to Genesis,

when Cain took the life of his brother Abel—our modern world is now suffering under a culture of death. Scientific and technological advances and an increasingly secularized world have led to an eclipse of the value of human life. However, respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human person and his integral development. We must reject systems of structuralized sin which value efficiency and productivity over human persons.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize these objective truths, everything becomes relative, and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However, the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope.

**To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.**

Christ's gift of himself on the Cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a *culture of life*. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious.



Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Each life is a gift from God and ultimately belongs to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to reverence and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

Having received the gift of the Gospel of life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself.* Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born, and in every person who lives or dies, we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.

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