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St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

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December 24, 25, 26, 2021
Christmas and Holy Family

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Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the wedding.
RCIA: Contact the Parish Office
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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

Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord

On this Saturday, December 25th, the members of the Church throughout the world rejoice in the depths of our being and praise God, our heavenly Father, for the Nativity of the Lord, the Birth of Jesus Christ. We praise God that in the Birth of Jesus, "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14), that Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23), that His name is Jesus, "Because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:22), that He is "Messiah and Lord" (Luke 2:11) who "will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 1:33), and that "the light of the human race" (John 1:4) has appeared, "the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). God brought about the Birth of Jesus, the mystery of the Incarnation, the truth that God became man, a human being like us, because of His great love for us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). Let us celebrate the Birth of Jesus and all that God has done for us in Jesus, His Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit throughout the Christmas season, from December 25th, up to the Baptism of the Lord, January 9th. The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, be with you, your families, those whom you meet during your journey of life, and all people throughout the world. God bless you at Christmas and throughout the New Year of 2022!
--- Msgr. Skonseng

Thank You for You and Your Gifts

I thank God for you and your gifts to me during this Christmas season. Thank you for the cards, the pictures, the Masses that you have offered for me, the prayers, monetary gifts, the baked goods and candy, and other gifts that you have given to me. I pray that the giving and receiving of gifts during this Christmas season and all seasons may bring us closer to Christ and each other. God bless you for your generosity, love, and support! --- Msgr. Skonseng

December/January Calendar of Events

SUN 26	**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass 5:00pm - 8:00pm Rectory Open House
MON 27	**No School** 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass
TUE 28	**No School** 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am –10pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Morning Movie Group 12:00pm Parish Office Closed 1:00pm George Judd Christmas Movie
WED 29	**No School** 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:45am Cursillo Prayer Group—SHR
THU 30	**No School** 8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass
FRI 31	**No School & Parish Office Closed** 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 5:00pm Rosary and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass
SAT 1	**Solemnity of Mary** 8:00am Rosary and Reconciliation 8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Mass
Sun 2	**Epiphany of the Lord** 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:30am Coffee and Rolls 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS December 27 - Jan. 2

Monday 8:00am † John & Rosie Wolf and Family
Tuesday 8:00am † Bernadine Pottra
Wednesday 8:00am † Bernadine Pottra
Thursday 9:00am † Gabreil Genuis
Friday 8:00am † George & Marybelle Judd
5:30pm People of the Parish
Saturday 8:30am † Karen Monson
10:30am † Don Johnson
5:30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 8:30am † Bernadine (Bonnie) Anderson
10:30am Ina & Rob Thomsen Family
(Spec. Int.)

RECONCILIATION:

7:30 -7:50am Monday – Wednesday & Friday
8:30 - 8:50 Thursday; 4:00 - 5:15pm Saturday
7:30 - 8:15am Sunday

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.
Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.
Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].
Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents
Wednesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Thursday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Saturday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year's Day; 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, Glenda Sherman, Joyce Hafner, Pat Schwehr, Sandy Christianson, Andrew & Tiffany Higgins, Robin Kinney, Sharon Kinney, Dale & Virginia Davy, Kathy Nelson, Florence Zaun, Larry Zaun, Karen Leadbetter, James Leadbetter, Matt & Emersyn Vanic, Darlene Stanford-Adams, Cheryl Kappel, Diane Sherman, Lucille Winkler, Allen Siebert, Terry Calkins, Mary Ann Anderson, Shirley Starke, Father Dale Kinzler, Anne Wuolu, Mary Jane Huber, Linda Simmons, Hayle Jenson, Jeff Braunberger, Rick Wert, Jenell (Nelson) Pease, Mary E. Svenningsen and any others who are in need of prayers.

Feast of the Holy Family and Consecration

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, on this Sunday, December 26th. I, as Chaplain of St. Catherine Knights of Columbus #6438, join the Knights of Columbus here and throughout the world in inviting each family of our parish to participate in the Consecration to the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, during Mass. I invite all single people and individuals of our parish, whose families are not physically present, to also join in this consecration to the Holy Family. The purpose of this Consecration is to strengthen families and revitalize our parish. Our families will consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is the model for every father. You are encouraged to prepare by prayer and fasting or another penance before the Consecration. --- Msgr. Skonseng

Consecration to St. Joseph

For those of you who began the 33-day preparation on November 23rd and are making the Act of Consecration to St. Joseph on December 26th, I will receive your Act of Consecration after the prayer after Communion at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, December 25th, or at either the 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 26th. I will ask anyone who is making the Consecration to please come forward, give you the sheet of paper with the Act of Consecration printed on it, and receive your Consecration. I pray that St. Joseph may lead you to a deeper union with Jesus, protect you from evil, and bring you blessings in your work, service, and offering of your life to God. --- Msgr. Skonseng

Return of the Sign of Peace

Bishop Folda has announced that the Sign of Peace may resume during the celebration of Mass. This ritual is not obligatory, and it is at the discretion of the pastor in implementing it. I have decided to implement it at the beginning of this Christmas season. In cooperating with Bishop Folda's instructions, I assure you that if any of you are uncomfortable with a handshake during the Sign of Peace, you may use a suitable word, such as "Peace be with you," or a gesture, such as a bow of the head, as you so choose. --- Msgr. Skonseng

Christmas Rectory Open House

All of you are welcome to St. Catherine's Rectory for a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 26th, from 5:00 TO 8:00 pm. I will host you with refreshments to drink and goodies to eat. We can enjoy visiting with each other as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus our Lord. --- Msgr. Skonseng

A message from our Bishop

To the Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Fargo:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas! The birth of Jesus brings life and hope to a world that is struggling and filled with challenges. He is the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall never overcome it. As we celebrate our Lord's Nativity, let us draw near to Christ who draws near to us, that we may be transformed by his grace and radiate his love to our neighbors.

This Christmas, I hope you and your loved ones will know the closeness of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us. Be assured of a special remembrance in my prayers and especially at the Mass of our Lord's birth. May the joy of Christmas season be yours! May God bless you and keep you in his love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+John T. Folda
Bishop of Fargo

Masses for Christmas and Holy Family

Father Jayson Miller, the Liturgy Director of the Diocese of Fargo, sent this message about Christmas Masses and Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family. Christmas Masses will occur as normal during the day. But on Christmas (Saturday) evening, the Mass and Lectionary of Christmas should be used, not the Mass of Holy Family. We will pray Evening Prayer II of Christmas instead of Evening Prayer I of Holy Family Sunday. The prevailing opinion among canonists is that both Christmas and Sunday (Holy Family) retain their obligations. The obligation may be fulfilled by attending Mass on each liturgical day, meaning from the evening before through the day itself. This applies regardless of which Mass formulary or readings are used. So, one may fulfill their obligation for Christmas by attending Mass at a vigil, or any time on Christmas day. One may fulfill their obligation for Holy Family by attending Mass on Saturday evening (even though the Christmas Mass and readings are used), or any time on Sunday. Therefore, you can fulfill your obligations to attend Mass for Christmas and for the Holy Family by attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and attending Mass on Saturday evening or by attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day including the night of Christmas and attending Mass on Sunday.

FINANCIAL REPORT: December 19, 2021

Regular Parish Income

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week	12,443.70	9,098.00	3,345.70
Year to Date	218,018.57	227,450.00	(9,431.43)

Registered families…….489

Adult Envelopes	12,200.70
Plate	238.00
Children	5.00
Total Collection	**12,443.70**

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Religious Retirement Collection $70.00

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 our next prayer meeting is Monday, December, 27.*** *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

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.

George Judd Christmas Movie

The George Judd Christmas Movie has been scheduled for **Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 1:00 PM.** The St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be sponsoring free admission to the Disney movie "Sing 2" at Valley Twin Cinema of Valley City on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 1:00 pm. **Admission is free only for this showing.** Due to limited space this movie is available for 250 people so do come early!

There will be no admission charge or denomination requirement for this afternoon of fun, thanks to special arrangements with Valley Twin Cinema. The concession stand will be open before and during the movie on a cash basis.

If you have any questions please contact the Knights of Columbus, Joe Sykora at jhsykora@gmail.com or by phone at 701-890-7178.

Happy Birthday!!

There will be a Celebration for Harriet Dimmer's 90th Birthday on December 26 from 2 - 4pm at the Tower City Community Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Quilters

Quilters will **not meet** Thursday Dec. 30. Christmas & New Year Blessings!

The Early Church

Future dates:
2022
Jan. 3 Early Church 6: The Arian Attack AD 325-335
Jan. 17 Early Church 7: The Bitter Fruit of Heresy AD 335-381
Jan. 31 Early Church 8: Heroes of God AD 316-397
Feb. 7 Early Church 9: Councils and a Great Pope AD 410-461
Feb. 21 Early Church 10: Splintering of an Empire AD 461-500

Cemetery Announcement:

The Cemetery Gate will be open from **8am to 5pm** daily through spring. Please contact Mel Klingenberg (sexton) @ 701-840-2262 for any questions.
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St Catherine's Teen Corner
Grades 9-12, 7:00pm

December 29: No Class,
Happy New Years

January 5: "How Many Kings Were There Really???"

January 12: "Stump Deacon Tom?"

Adoration Adorers Needed

We are in need of Adoration adorers on Tuesdays from 8:30am to 10:00pm. In great need from 1-2pm and 3-4pm. If you are unable to make it during your scheduled time, please let your hour coordinator know, so they can find a sub! Please contact the Parish office if you would like to sign up for an adoration hour.

✝ Family Faith Formation ✝

Reminder: Our next class after the New Year will be on January 5. It is the first class of the month, so it is a Family Faith Formation night. Parents and students will meet in the church proper at 6:30pm that evening.
I pray that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year!

The **2nd grade Reconciliation Retreat** has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 9 from 1:00-4:00.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:
Wednesday, Dec. 29 – **NO CLASS** (Happy New Year)
Wednesday, Jan. 5 – Family Faith Formation – Meet in church at 6:30pm
Sunday, Jan. 9 - Reconciliation Retreat & First Reconciliation – 1:00-4:00
Wednesday, Jan. 12 – Regular Class

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

FORMED

Forgiven—Session 1: Where Are You?
https://watch.formed.org/forgiven/season:1/videos/where-are-you
As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!
FORMED Now! Who Is Saint Stephen?
https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-live-who-is-st-stephen
This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.
Marriage and Family: Love Unveiled by Dr. Scott Hahn
https://watch.formed.org/videos/marriage-and-family-love-unveiled-by-dr-scott-hahn
The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

All of this and so much more is available to you for FREE! If you don't have an account set up and have any questions on how to get one set up please contact Jess at the Parish office.

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 is *"Don Bosco" The story of the apostle of youth*. All are welcome!!

WELCOME TO ST. CATHERINES

We welcome Raymond Peltier as a new member to our parish. Raymond joined our church a few months ago through our RCIA Program. He has been in Valley City for three years.
Welcome Raymond!!

St. Catherine's Serving Group

January 2022 Serving Group: January 2: Coffee and Rolls. Cook to make rolls, volunteers to set tables, serve, clean up.

Margaret Winkler is your contact: Phone 845-0608 or Email: mwinkler@bektel.com

REACH

The REACH (Religious Educators Advancing Christian Heritage) club would like to wish all of our parish family a blessed Christmas and a safe and happy new year! As 2021 comes to a close, we would like to thank our generous members and supporters who have kept our mission moving forward, no matter what challenges we have met along the way. The purpose of REACH is to financially support St. Catherine's school. Together, we are making a difference and are working to ensure that the young people of our parish community will continue to have access to a high quality, Catholic education in their critical, formative years. In 2021, REACH provided a stipend to the school as it has done for many years in the past but also began exploring ways to make membership simpler and more accessible for all of those who are interested in our school's continuing viability. As always, we rely 100% on the generous support of our members and donors to achieve our goals. In light of this, we ask members of St. Catherine's parish, whether previously engaged in REACH or brand new to it, to prayerfully consider making a year-end, tax-deductible gift to REACH this Christmas. We are working hard to ensure that every dollar donated will have maximum impact for St Catherine's school and that the priceless gift of a Catholic education can be given to our children for years to come.

2021 Christmas Flower Donations

Thank you to all who donated to help decorate our worship space for the holidays!

In Honor of Family and Friends	Given By
In Memory of living and deceased members of the Coles and Ballweg Families	Larry and Gayle Coles
Fred Gruman	Rosalie Gruman and Cindy Thoreson Family
Lynn Marie and Frank Weis and loved ones	Douglas and Donna Mae Weis
John J. O'Brien	Candy O'Brien and Family
Louis P. Daniels, Al and Ione (Vandrovec) Schuler, Frank B. and Theresa (Maude) Vandrovec, Frank J. and Petronella Vandrovec	Marlene S. Daniells and Daughters
Konrad Riedmann Families, Alfons Eberle Families, Fred Pithey Families, Julia Leist Families	Joanne Pithey
Joe Mitzell, Clayton and Marilyn Sather	Dale and Colleen Sather
Deceased Bjornsrud Family = Dick, Barb, Charles Jeffery Newman	Eileen Bjornsrud
Dave Winkler, Tom Winkler Family, Bernard Moritz Family	Mary Ann Scott & Mark Winkler
Ed Spitzer	Sonny Spitzer
Miller, Kinney, Scully Families	Sharon Kinney
Willie and Bernice Bonham, Blanche Comino, Bettie Halamicek, Ed and Bernice Clement, Richard Clement, Allen Clement	Walt and Berta Clement
Darrel L McKay, Vivian C McKay, Adolph and Laura Puhr, Mary and Julius Langer	Kevin and Kristene Langer
Deceased Winkels Family and Deseased Maresh Family	Bob and Carrie Maresh
Deceased Family and Friends	Pat Johnson
Deceased Family Members	Mary Ann Stack
Westerhausen Family Members, Kunze Family Members, Stroh Family Members, Frappier Family Members	Woody and Chris Westerhausen
Roy and Irene Burchill	Bob and Kathy Mosby
Raymond and Rita Weber, Norman Weber, Raymond and Rozella Hanson	Dick and Bernadette nelson
Jasper and Esther Piatz, Marlene Piatz Dahl, Bonnie Piatz Hare, Mike and Olivia Winkels, Annette Winkles Olauson	George and Shelly Piatz

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Deceased Family and Friends	Ken and Darlene Weshnevski
For Family	Paul and Pat Sherman
John and Kathleen Elsperger, John H. Elsperger, Oliver and Violet Klingenberg	Mel and Erin Klingenberg
Peter and Jude Miller, Otis and Anna Evans, Alex and Julia Miller	George and Andrea Miller
George Judd, Jack and Billie Kunert, George Sr., Marybelle and Debby Judd, Ed and Marie Meath	Sue Judd and Family
Patrick and Eleanor McCurdy, Orville and Aastrid Isensee	Lee and Micki Isensee
Jude Bodnar; Bodnar, Kadrmas, Kormanik, and Fisher Families	Tim and Joanne Kadrmas
In Memory of Lloyd Nelson and Family; In memory of Noxon/Stenzel Families	Donna Nelson and Family
Dennis Horsager	Angie Horsager
George Thilmony, Deceased Thilmony Family; Paul, Bernadette and Larry Parr; Russ and Todd Johnson; Ron and Alan Krant; Deceased Peterson Family; Deceased Kalin Family	Anne, Paul, and Jason Thilmony
Ted and Jo Koch, Kelly Koch, Gene Koch	Lonney and Jodie Scherr
Travis Robinson, Paul Robinson, Dennis Robinson, Melvina and Inez Haugland; Floyd and Denise Robinson; Eulalie Kleiter, Don Haugland, Monte Haugland, Kurt Haugland	Larry and Mary Lee Robinson
Louis and Geraldine Yanish	Donald Yanish
Deacon Carl Orthman, Charles and Mark Dix, Carl and Ruby Orthman	Nancy Orthman
Ed and Cletus Wagner, Lee and Alice Wagner	John Wagner
Marjorie Jorissen	Mary Svenningsen
Willis and Mary Pritchard	Tres and Todd Christiansen
Ken and Jeannie Kohler, Leo and Ruth Langer, Cody Lahr, Teresa Nathan	Mike and Deb Kohler
Lawrence and Rita Petrowitz, Amanda Leininger, Charlie Bowman	Eldon and Shari Maasjo

NORTH DAKOTA *TAX CREDITS* FOR DONATIONS TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The 2021 North Dakota Legislature expanded tax credits for nonpublic schools, which means ND taxpayers who make a donation to Catholic Schools in North Dakota are eligible for a TAX CREDIT.

A North Dakota resident taxpayer, *which includes individuals, corporations, or fiduciaries,* is allowed a non-refundable credit equal to 50% of the amount of contributions, limited to 50% of the taxpayer's total income tax or $2,500, whichever is less. [NDCC 57-38-01.7] There is no carry forward of these credits when filing returns, so taxpayers will likely want to apply these credits before applying other available credits. The credits for nonpublic schools are divided into three buckets, which provides for greater total credits.

Make checks payable to a:
ND non-public University

Gifts to institutions of higher education. [NDCC 57-38-01.7.1]

Make checks payable to a:
ND non-public High School

Gifts to nonprofit private institutions of secondary education. [NDCC 57-38-01.7.2]

Make checks payable to:
St. Catherine School

Gifts to nonprofit private institutions of primary education. [NDCC 57-38-01.7.3]

Each bucket allows for a separate credit of 50% of the contribution, limited to 50% of the taxpayer's income tax or $2,500, whichever is less. A taxpayer with a $10,000 North Dakota income tax liability could donate $15,000 total or $5,000 each to entities represented by each bucket and receive tax credits of $7,500 ($2,500 x 3).

Tax credits also available for endowment contributions:
Gifts of $5,000 or more to one of the many school qualified endowment or scholarship funds are eligible for a tax credit equal to 40% of the charitable gift. The maximum credit is $10,000 for an individual; $20,000 for married individuals filing a joint return; and $10,000 for corporations and passthrough entities. Any unused portion of this credit can be carried forward for up to three taxable years, so this credit will be applied after the nonpublic school credits. [NDCC 57-38-01-21]

Available to assist you:

Jenny Faure
701-845-1453
Jenny.faure@k12.nd.us