

# St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

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**January 16, 2022**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## Parish Team

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**Monday-Friday 8am-12pm and 12:30pm-4:30pm**

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## **Deacons**

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**Rectory .....845-0725**

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**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

Jess: [stcatherinesparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherinesparishoffice@gmail.com)

## **Peter's Pence Collection**

We will take up the collection for Peter's Pence at the Masses next weekend, January 22-23. The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. "The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects as well as the support of the Holy See" (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). The envelopes for this collection are attached to the bulletins. Please place your gifts in the collection basket at Mass.

## **Msgr. Skonseng Away**

I will be away for a few days of vacation on January 17-19 in Las Vegas. I am going with Msgr. Brian Donahue, pastor of St. Philip's Church, Hankinson, and St. Anthony's Church, Fairmount. We will watch a David Copperfield Magic Show. If you need a priest while I am gone, please call Father Don Leiphon, Chaplain of the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation at Maryvale, at 701-321-3249.

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

On Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, St. Catherine's Parish will host one of the days for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The prayer will take place from 12:10 to 12:30 PM. There will be no lunch afterward. Since Tuesday is a day of Adoration, we will repose the Blessed Sacrament at 11:45 AM and expose the Blessed Sacrament again at 1:00 PM.

## **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

As our country observes Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic Church encourages her members and all citizens of the United States of America to pray and work for racial equality and justice in which all people are valued for their intrinsic dignity as sons and daughters of God.

## January Calendar of Events

<b>SUN 16</b>	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass 6:30pm RCIA
<b>MON 17</b>	<b>NO School - Parish Office Closed - No Mass</b> 8:00am Rosary 2:00pm George Judd Christmas Movie 6:00pm Bible Study
<b>TUE 18</b>	<b>No Mass</b> 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Exposition and Morning Prayer 8:30am –10pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Morning Movie Group 12:10pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
<b>WED 19</b>	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00am Rosary 8:45am Cursillo Prayer Group—SHR 6:30pm Family Faith Formation & Parent Session on Confirmation <b>No Youth Group</b>
<b>THU 20</b>	8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass 1:30pm Quilters 3:30pm Parent-Teacher Conferences 6:30pm Quilters
<b>FRI 21</b>	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass
<b>SAT 22</b>	<b>Day of Prayer and Penance for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b> 10:00am Mass at Mercy Hospital 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Mass 6:30pm - 8:30pm CDA 20 Decade Rosary
<b>Sun 23</b>	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass 1:00pm - 4:00pm Confirmation Retreat 6:30pm RCIA

### MASS INTENTIONS January 17 - 23

**Monday** 8:00am No Mass  
**Tuesday** 8:00am No Mass  
**Wednesday** 8:00am No Mass  
**Thursday** 9:00am † Phyllis Lemer  
**Friday** 8:00am Darlene Kerzman (Spec. Int.)  
**Saturday** 5:30pm † Phyllis Lemer  
**Sunday** 8:30am † Travis Robinson  
 10:30am People of the Parish

\* Mass intentions for the days there is no mass have been moved to a later date.

### 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** — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

**Psalm** — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

**Gospel** — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Tuesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

**Wednesday:** Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

**Thursday:** St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

**Friday:** St. Agnes

**Saturday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

### 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, 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, Anne Wuolu, Linda Simmons, Hayle Jenson, Mary E. Svenningsen, Amy Ertelt and any others who are in need of prayers.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: January 9, 2022****Regular Parish Income**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	12,560.00	9,098.00	3,462.00
Year to Date	270,630.71	254,744.00	15,886.71

Registered families.....492

Adult Envelopes	8,553.00
Plate	206.00
Children	7.00
Energy	125.00
Building Imp.	59.00
Votive	230.00
December Online Giving	3,380.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>12,560.00</b>

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

**Online Giving available @  
www.catherineofalexandria.org**

**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

**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. Starting this week will be season 2 of *The Chosen*, there are eight sessions, session 1) Thunder. All are welcome!!

**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, 840-2580 or Lela, 840-8352.

**MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE**

On January 21, 2022, three of our youth, Tyana Judd, Josephina Spengler and Stephanie Hoffarth, will be participating in the March for Life at Washington DC. First off, thanks to all of the generous parishioners who have been praying for us and for donating financially to the trip. These three girls look forward to fighting for the right to life of the unborn. Please continue to pray for them during their pilgrimage.

**Un-decorating the Church**

Thank you to everyone who helped with taking down all the decorations in the church and down in the church basement. Your help is very appreciated!!! Thank you!

**Save the Date!**

Parish Mission will be March 20-23, 2022. More information coming soon!!!

**St. Catherine's Serving Group**

February Serving Group: February 6: Coffee and Rolls. Volunteer needed to make rolls, set tables, serve, clean up. Margaret Winkler is your contact. Phone 845-0608 or [email:mwinkler@bektel.com](mailto:mwinkler@bektel.com).



*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, January, 24. 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

## St Catherine's Teen Corner

Grades 9-12, 7:00pm

**January 17:** (Note this is a Monday)

Service Project at the Food Pantry in the morning, TBD.

More information to follow.

**January 19:** No Class

**January 26:** "Love", 7:00 p.m.

**February 2:** "Suffering", 7:00 p.m.



### Adoration Adorers Needed

We are in need of Adoration adorers on Tuesdays from 8:30am to 10:00pm. In great need from 1-2pm, 3-4pm, and 8-9pm. 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



There is a Confirmation meeting for parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders this coming Wednesday, January 19 from 6:30-7:30pm in the church proper.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Confirmation Retreat is next Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-4pm. Children should attend with at least one parent. Please plan to meet in the church proper around 12:45pm.

#### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, January 19 – Class & Parent Session on Confirmation

Sunday, January 23 – Confirmation Retreat

Wednesday, January 26 – 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](mailto:sara.sorby@k12.nd.us) or 763-221-1893

### The Early Church

Discover the first 500 years of Church history!

St. Catherine Church Parish Hall

#### **Session 7: Jan. 17, 2022: The Bitter Fruit of Heresy, covering 335-381AD**

Read Session 7 and do Quick Questions p.90. Review Discuss the Story p. 96-97.

Saints to remember: All 12 Apostles, Pope St. Clement I, Ignatius of Antioch, Irenaeus of Lyon, Helena, Catherine of Alexandria, Athanasias of Alexandria.

From the Church Fathers we learn that the Early Church knew and truly believed in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in Eucharist.

Contact: Anne 701-845-5242; text 840-1648 (PLEASE leave a brief message).

God bless you all.

#### Future dates plan for 2022 as follows:

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|---------|------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| 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 |



### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

All Catholics in the United States are observing a day of prayer and penance on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, for the protection of unborn children from abortion. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373 states: "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22, shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." One way in which we can pray for the Protection of Unborn Children is to participate in the 20-decade Mysteries of the Rosary, which is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, on Saturday evening, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, after the 5:30 PM Mass from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

### SEEK22 Conference

Do you want to see your family and our parish ignited with the Catholic faith? Do you want to be able to share the good news more confidently and equip others to do the same? Join us this February 4-6 at the SEEK22 Conference, hosted in our own backyard at the Stikelstad Lodge outside of Fr. Ransom, ND. The Fellowship of Catholic University Students' annual SEEK Conference is being hosted in locations throughout the country both for campus ministries and parishes like our own! Join fellow Catholics from around the area as we dive into God's call to live as missionary disciples. Receive hands-on, Christ-centered ways to bring this vision to life in our parish and community. Contact Father Gregory Haman, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, LaMoure, for more information and the schedule at 701-883-5987 (office) or 701-388-0340 (cell), or check out [SEEK.FOCUS.ORG](http://SEEK.FOCUS.ORG).

### The Real Presence Radio Banquet

**The Real Presence Radio Banquet is coming up on Monday, February 7 from 6:30 - 9 PM.**

The banquet is being held at Delta Hotels by Marriott in Fargo, 1635 42<sup>nd</sup> St SW, Fargo, ND 58103. The doors will open at 5:30. **This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Stacy Trasancos.** Here is her bio: *Stacy Trasancos, scientist and theologian, has a doctorate in chemistry, a master's in dogmatic theology, and is a wife, mother of seven, and grandmother. She worked as a chemist for DuPont before converting to Catholicism and radically restructuring her life. Leaving her career to stay home with her kids, she went on to become a writer and educator. Now a nationally-recognized author, speaker and educator on the intersection of theology and science, Dr. Stacy Trasancos is the Executive Director of the St. Philip Institute of Catechesis and Evangelization in the Diocese of Tyler, TX. She also teaches classes for Seton Hall University and is a Fellow of the Word on Fire Institute. Dr. Trasancos is author of three books on faith and science, has written numerous articles for Catholic journals and magazines, and has appeared across the nation on Catholic radio and television.*

**If you would like to attend the banquet please call the parish office at 845-0354 and sign up. We have 1 table now and will get another if needed. Please call by January 25, if interested in attending. Thank you!!**



### The George Judd Christmas Movie has been scheduled for Monday, January 17, 2022 at 2:00 PM.



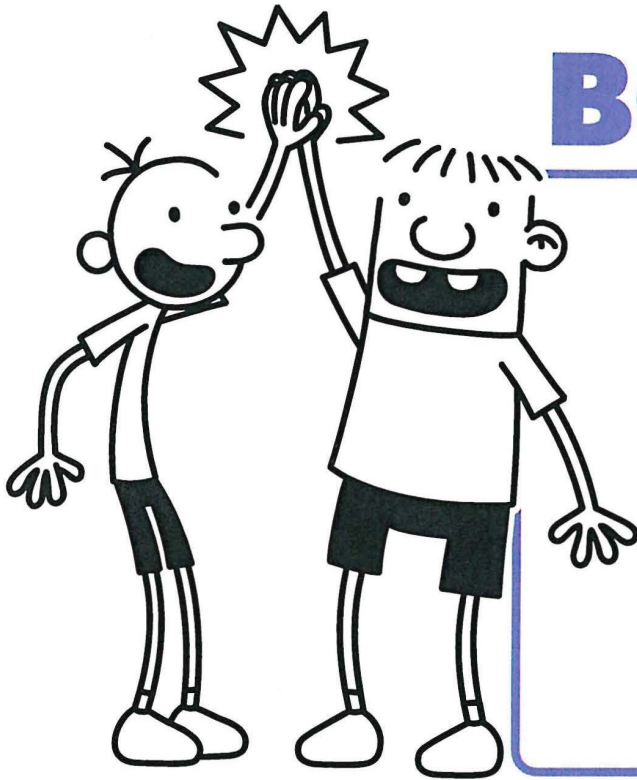
The St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be sponsoring free admission to the Disney movie "Sing 2" at Valley Twin Cinema of Valley City on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 2:00 PM. Admission is free only for this showing. Due to limited space 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](mailto:jhsykora@gmail.com) or by phone at 701-890-7178.

## Catholic Daughters Meeting

The Catholic Daughters of the America's Court St. Gerard # 2518 held their annual Christmas Party/Baby Shower Monday evening. Instead of exchanging gifts within the court, we bring new baby items to donate to the Women's Care Center in Fargo. We also presented Lila Harmsen, one of our members, a spiritual bouquet of 100 Rosaries for all the work she has done, along with her deceased husband, Bill, at the abortion mill in Fargo. She and her husband have gone to pray every Wednesday for many, many years at the abortion mill and work to try and save babies along with our good Lord.



 **SCHOLASTIC**

# BOOK FAIRS

Dates/Times/Place

What: St. Catherine School Book Fair

When: January 18-21, 2022

Where: Room 109 (St. Catherine School)

Dollars earned from the fair are used to purchase books for the library and classrooms.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give.  
Cash donations are greatly appreciated.

**ALL PURCHASES BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL**





### Welcome to St. Catherine's

We welcome Sophya Rose as a new member of our parish. She is originally from Wisconsin, but lived in Valley City in the 90's. She is happy to be back and working at Maryvale. She has adult children living in New York State, and has five grandchildren. Welcome Sophya!!

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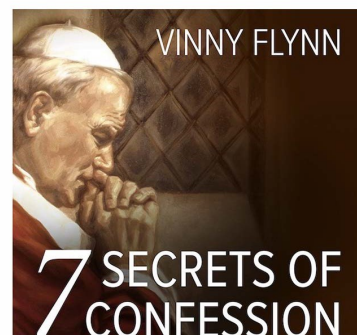
PICK OF THE WEEK

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LISTEN

### 7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION BY VINNY FLYNN

The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



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## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-20



**"We saw the star in the East, and came to worship Him"**

-Matthew 2:2

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was selected by the Middle East Council of Churches and originates from the churches in Lebanon. Present times in Lebanon are extremely difficult and economically disastrous. All this combined with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have made the situation quite stressful. The power of prayer in solidarity with those who suffer is a demonstration of Christian unity and a sign of communion.

The theme, taken from the second chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, is the Epiphany. Each year in January, the Church recalls the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem, highlighting God's invitation to all of humanity to a new covenant in the Incarnation of Christ.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 – ST. CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 – NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 – OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SERVICES AT 12:10-12:30PM

Put on by Barnes County Ministerial Association

## VALLEY CITY RIGHT TO LIFE

Dear Friends of Life,

The North Dakota Right to Life organization has been serving as the voice for unborn children since 1967. Since the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion in January of 1973, more than 60 million lives have been destroyed. We need to use our energy, diligence, and especially prayer to ensure that everyone is made aware that every life is sacred as it comes from God. We believe that God has designed a particular plan and purpose for each life. We reject the idea that a woman has any special right to destroy another human being for her own convenience. This vulnerable and defenseless unborn child is a unique member of humanity.

Right to Life is a local, state, and national organization with chapters across the United States. Our vision is that all vulnerable persons in our society are protected throughout the span of their lives from conception to natural death. Our goal is that all abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia be ended and through education and legislation, every person's attitude and commitment changes to a fervent respect for all human life.

Will you please prayerfully consider joining or renewing your 2021-22 membership today? Our Valley City Chapter meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Free Lutheran Church and we welcome you to attend to unite in our efforts in protecting life. Each passing week, approximately 30,000 unique and precious lives are taken away by abortion.

PLEASE ACT IMMEDIATELY FOR LIFE!!! MANY THANKS AND MAY GOD BLESS!!!

Sincerely in Life,

Darlene Kerzman, VC RTL Treasurer/Membership Chairperson

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### Individual RTL Membership Dues

\$10 - Local RTL

\$25 – ND State RTL

\$35 – Both Local and State

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write checks to **Valley City Right to Life** and mail to:

Darlene Kerzman  
11953 SE 33Y Street  
Valley City, ND 58072-9414