St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2023

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Monthly Adult Catechesis

MARRIAGE



- ⇒ It is sacramental what does that mean?
- ⇒ Why is it indissoluble?
- ⇒ What does it mean to get married "in the church"?
- ⇒ What does it mean to **NOT** get married "in the church"?
- ⇒ Who <u>cannot</u> get married in the church?



When: Sunday, January 15 at 6:30 pm Where: Church Basement / Parish Hall

Presented by: Fr. Paul Duchschere



REACH Chili and Baked Potato Feed

We are having a chili and baked potato feed with all the toppings and dessert on **Saturday, January 21st after the 5:30pm Mass**.

Mark your calendars and please join us!!



BOOK FAIR!!!

Please join us for the St. Catherine School Book Fair Room 109

January 17-20 from 8:00am to 4:00pm Money earned benefits the Library and Classrooms!!





January Calendar of Events				
SUN	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
15	8:00am Rosary			
	8:30am Mass			
	10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet			
	10:30am Mass			
	6:30pm Adult Catechesis Class			
MON	Martin Luther King Jr. Day			
16	NO SCHOOL			
	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED			
	7:30am Rosary			
	8:00am Mass			
	6:00pm Bible Study			
TUE	7:30am Rosary			
17	8:00am Mass			
	8:00am - 4:00pm Book Fair School Room 109			
	8:30am - 10pm Adoration			
	8:30am Tuesday Morning Movie			
	6:00pm Finance Council 7:00pm Parish Council			
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WED	7:30am Rosary			
18	8:00am Mass			
	8:00am - 4:00pm Book Fair School Room 109 8:45am Cursillo Prayer Group			
	6:30pm RE Class			
	7:00pm Youth Group			
THU	7:30am Rosary			
19	8:00am Mass			
19	8:00am - 4:00pm Book Fair School Room 109			
	1:00pm Quilters			
	6:30pm Quilters			
FRI	7:30am Rosary			
20	8:00am Mass			
20	8:00am - 4:00pm Book Fair School Room 109			
SAT	10:00am Mass at Mercy Hospital			
21	5:00pm Rosary			
	5:30pm Mass			
	6:30pm REACH Chili and Baked Potato Feed			
Sun	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
22	8:00am Rosary			
	8:30am Mass			
	10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet			
	10:30am Mass			
	3:00pm - 5:00pm CDA Rosary			

MASS INTENTIONS January 16 - 22

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M	8:00am	Irene Livermore		
Τ	8:00am	Patrick Nelson		
W	8:00am	Mindy Nelson		
Th	8:00am	Luke Nelson		
F	8:00am	Darren Nelson		
	2:00pm ((St. Raphael) † Shannon Seeb		
Sa	5:30pm	Andrea Nelson		
Su	8:30am	People of the Parish		

10:30am † Holy Souls in Purgatory

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40). Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22 Monday: Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6 **Thursday:** Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12 Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19 Friday:

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins **Thursday:** Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Saturday: St. Agnes

Walt & Berta Clement

PRAYER NETWORK

Remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who are ill or are in need of our prayers: I George Bodnar Mary Mitzel Rebecca Radermacher Bob McGough Sharon Linnehan Lisa Puhr Dietrich Schlichtmann Brian Ventsch Louis & Kelly Bohl Ben Roller Caroline Schumacher Pat Schwehr Robin Kinney Sharon Kinney Dale & Virginia Davy Kathy Nelson Larry Zaun James Leadbetter Cheryl Kappel John Baumgartner i Lucille Winkler **Donna Hammond** Shirley Starke Jeff Nelson Mary E. Svenningsen Angie Werner Jeff Differding Linda Hesch Rita Clancy Harriet Dimmer Bob and Peggy Roehrich Sharon Vanorny LJoe Judd Peter Sherman Steve Davidson Jimmie Lemer Darrell & Phyllis Machtell Anora Stavens

and any others who are in need of prayers.

Clara Sims



Pastor's Page

STANDING FIRM



Ever noticed how the first few months of winter go by rather smoothly – and even relatively speaking – enjoyably . . . and then by mid-January we start getting antsy – and even a bit irritable – about the entire winter experience? I suppose part of that has to do with the fact that those first few months also include the Thanksgiving and Christmas "holiday season", and not only are we busy about many things concerning those celebrations, it almost seems fitting that we would be celebrating them during the winter season – we all want a "white Christmas", right? But once mid-January comes around, and the holiday season is over, winter tends to become just a grind until we can see the light (and warmth) of spring coming on and the summer that will surely come.

That kind of scenario happens all the time in life – whatever we begin: a new job, a marriage, a school year, a sports season, etc. – it's easy to start out strong and with enthusiasm . . . but sooner or later a lassitude settles in: the honeymoon always ends, but life continues on. And that's when you see the REAL commitment one has to the job, or the marriage, or to studies, or to sports, etc. It's easy to start – it takes guts, courage, fidelity, and humility to keep going, *no matter what*.

Same thing with our faith life and our relationship to our Father and Jesus Christ. There are fireworks at times, and more than one honeymoon perhaps in the course of a life, but He often pulls back on the fireworks to see the REAL commitment we have to Him and His Church. Stand firm – hold on – don't give up – perhaps you are in the "January/February" of your faith life. Spring will come, and summer . . . it's always just a matter of time and patience.

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You will note in this bulletin that this Sunday evening I am having an Adult Catechesis evening on the sacrament of Marriage. There is more to this sacrament than most people – even some married couples – realize. And the full truth of this sacrament leads to any number of other issues that our Church guides us in.

One of these other issues that is often so misunderstand is annulments. Next month's Adult Catechesis will be about annulments. However, the full and proper understanding of annulments is really only had when one fully understands the sacrament of Marriage. (Which is *exactly* why annulments are so often misunderstood – many people do not understand the *sacrament* of Marriage.) So if you are able, and feel so inclined, consider coming to this catechesis on marriage not only for the understanding of this special sacrament in itself, but also as a prelude to the next month's catechesis on annulments. (However, it is not necessary to come to both – come to one or the other alone if need be or if you so choose – they do stand on their own.)

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In this bulletin you will find the second of the series of inserts on the upcoming Diocesan Synod that Bishop Folda will be holding next year. This year involves preparing for that Synod. (If you missed last week's insert, you can read it online on the bulletin's link on the parish website.) This insert gives some information on what a diocesan synod is and a bit of history on the two synods that our diocese has had in its history.

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As mentioned a while back in one of these pages, our parish in this new year is now mailing out the weekly offering envelopes quarterly. You should have received them by now; if you have not received them please contact Jess in the parish office so she can check the mailing address we have to make sure you do get them.

If you are presently giving online or using bill pay through your bank the envelopes would not have been mailed to you. Thank you for the financial support of our parish family in that way!

New members of our parish will be sent "starter packs" shortly after they have become members. Thank you all for your continued support and help with this transition – and for the continued support of our parish and its many needs!

Fr Duchschere Pastor

CURSILLO

Cursillo (pronounced KER SEE O)

is a three-day learning, sharing, inspirational experience of living in a Christian community. It is an encounter with Christ. The word "Cursillo" is Spanish, meaning "a short course." During the three days of a Cursillo weekend a person not only hears inspiring talks on what it really means to be a Christian, but actually experiences the joy of building and being part of a genuine Christian community.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT OF THE THREE DAYS?

Groups of men or women meet from Thursday evening until Sunday afternoon with a team of priests and laypeople. The "retreat" portion of the Cursillo weekend lasts only from opening night until after breakfast the following morning, during which time silence is to be observed. Thereafter there is informal talk, discussion, singing, joking and laughter, and spontaneous informal prayer.

During the three days short talks are given by laypeople and religious. The talks emphasize the true meaning of grace, the sacraments, the Mass, the nature and need of prayer, living one's daily life in union with God, studying to understand the gift of God, and introducing Christ to others by word and deed. The atmosphere of the three days is one of joy and grace, and it produces wonderful results.

WHEN CAN I ATTEND?

There are two Cursillo weekends being held this winter in our Diocese for all who are interested. The dates and locations are:

Men Cursillo weekend: February 2-5 at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City ND

Women Cursillo weekend: March 9-12 at Sister's of St. Francis Convent, Hankinson, ND

QUESTIONS?

If anyone is interested in attending or have any questions please contact: Deacon Joe Leitner 701-840-1914, Doran Chandler 701-840-1257, Chelsey Wald 701-320-2370, Liz Chandler 701-840-0746

Will and Estate Planning – January 24

For all those who are planning to create a will or simply updating the one you already have, this seminar may be for you. Steve Schons, Dir. of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Fargo, will be on-hand to provide some helpful tips for those who are interested. The seminar will cover the key elements of a will, explanation of terminology, and a booklet to get you started with organizing your information. The seminar will be held at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Valley City, on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 pm.

The Awaken Women's Retreat: March 24-26, 2023 at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City.

What is this ache in our hearts for connection, for relationship, that even the good things of the world can't seem to totally satisfy? This journey begins and ends with the gift and mystery of our creation as male and female and our encounter with God, the world, and other people. Come and awaken the wonder and mystery of being human! With Jen Settle, Director of Ongoing Formation at the Theology of the Body Institute and Fr. Sean Mulligan. Cost will vary depending on accommodations. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now at: https://www.fargodiocese.org/awaken-retreat or contact Jennie Korsmo at 701-356-7901 for more information.

Lenten Sacred Art Retreat: March 27-31, 2023 Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City.

Come and join this unique opportunity for a Lenten sacred art retreat. Participants will create a depiction of the Temptations of Christ in the style of medieval manuscript illuminations. No art experience necessary. There is only space for 12 participants so sign up early. The retreat is open to men and women (must be 18 or older). The retreat will go Monday-Friday and will include Mass and individual prayer time each day. Price: \$585 includes single room/shared bath, meals and all art supplies. For a single room/private bath \$685. For more information and registration: https://www.fargodiocese.org/art-lent-retreat For questions contact Mary Hanbury 701-356-7909.

St. Catherine's Parish Team

Parish Office...... 845-0354

Hours

Monday 8am - 12pm and 12:30pm - 3:00pm Tuesday - Friday 8am - 12pm and 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Pastor: Very Rev. Paul Duchschere

e-mail: paul.duchschere@fargodiocese.org

Deacons

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

Parish Office Administrator: Jessica (Jess) Storhoff e-mail: stcatherinesparishoffice@gmail.com

Liturgy Coordinator:

Director of Religious Education: Sara Sorby

e-mail: sara.sorby@k12.nd.us

Lay Directors: Joe Tykwinski & Rhonda Fairfield

Parish Council:

Micki Isensee James Nelson Steve Jorissen Don Rondestvedt

Jodie Scherr Joe Zubrod

Larissa Musgrave

St. Catherine School.....845-1453

Principal: Nick Lee

Office Assistant: Terra Giesen

Rectory845-0725

Fax845-0556

Nearly Nu Store.....845-1022

Baptisms: Contact the Parish Office.

<u>Marriage</u>: Contact the Pastor at least 7 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

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

<u>Newcomers</u>: WELCOME! Please register at the Parish Office or use the registration form on our

website.

FINANCIAL REPORT: January 8, 2023

Regular Parish Income Actual Budget Di

 Last Week
 8,327.61
 Budget 9,434.62
 Difference (1,107.01)

 Year to Date
 287,378.58
 264,172.36
 23,206.22

Registered families......498

Adult Envelopes4,311.00Children6.61Plate248.00Building Fund90.00December Online Giving3,672.00

Total Collection 8,327.61

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, January 23, 2023. 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, 840-2580 or Lela, 840-8352.

St. Catherine's K - 8 Religious Education, 6:30 pm

Religious Education

Wednesday, January 18 – Class & Mandatory Parent's Meeting for Eucharist (3rd Grade Parents)

Wednesday, January 25 - NO CLASS

Please contact Sara Sorby, DRE with any questions. sara.sorby@k12.nd.us

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 will be "Helena - First Pilgrim to the Holy Land".

All are welcome!!

Adoration Adorers Needed

We are in need of Adoration adorers on Tuesdays from 8:30am to 10:00pm. There is a high need for adorers from 1 - 2pm 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.

Prayer - Fellowship - Quilting Join The Fun!

St. Catherine Quilters make quilts for those in need in our area every

Thursday 1-4:30pm & 6:30-9pm next to the school cafeteria. Everyone is welcome for any length of time. No experience necessary & supplies provided. Questions call: Christine, 840-2580 or Lela, 840-8352.

St Catherine's Teen Corner Grades 9-12, 7:00 pm

January 18: Class - "How Do We Know What God Wants Us To Do With Our Lives"

January 25: NO CLASS

February 1: Class - "Holy Family"

Classes will be from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., unless noted in teen corner. All youth, grades 9-12 are invited to come, have fun and learn about their Catholic faith. If you any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Deacon Tom Vanorny, 701-210-0640.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Gerard #2518 Meet Monthly 2nd Monday

Jan 16 Bible Study 6-8 PM Parish Hall

Jan 22 CDA Leads Rosary for The Protection of the Unborn Child 3-5:00 PM

Jan 29 National Catholic School Week

Jan 30 Bible Study 6-8 PM

Feb 4 Richardton CDA Court is Hosting "Stories of The Bible" Festival of Tables, speaker Irene Shafer; call Ina if interested in going, will leave VC around10:00AM and get home around 7:00PM cost for luncheon is \$10.00

Feb 13 CDA Parish Hall, 5:50 Rosary, 6:20 PM Meeting Remember a small glass or plastic jar and Our Family Bar Codes

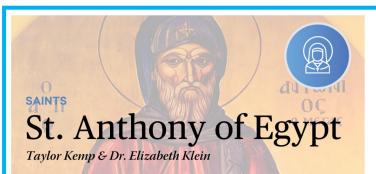
Points to the Good of the Court!!

Thanks to all you sisters that participated by bringing baby gifts to the CDA Party/Meeting Jan 9. We have a beautiful variety of baby gifts many sized and seasons for The Woman's Care Center in Fargo. The party was great fun, well attended, and thank you so much to everyone that helped set up, prepared and clean up.

You are so appreciated by Ina.







FORMED° THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Saint Anthony of Egypt

St. Anthony was a saint whose heroic life of humility and prayer inspired many other great Saints, including St. Athanasius and St. Augustine. Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they explore the life of this great saint.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone



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An offering from the 🛺 Augustine Institute and 🕼 ignation press

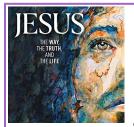


RECONCILIATION:

Monday - Friday - 7:30-7:55 am Tuesday - 8:15-9:30 pm Saturday - 4:00-5:15 pm Sunday - 7:30-8:15 am

Cemetery Announcement:

The Cemetery Gate is now closed till spring. Please contact Mel Klingenberg (sexton) @ 701-840-2262 for any questions.



JESUS: The Way, The Truth and The Life (11-part series)

Holy Land Scripture Study online access available in your home

St. Catherine Parish Hall (6:00-8:00 p.m.) ONGOING SCHEDULE

January 16 Session 6: The True Israel

January 30 Session 7: The Truth About Jesus February 6 Session 8: Road Glory, Path Suffering

February 20 Session 9: New Passover, New Exodus March 20 Session 10: Resurrection and Life

God bless you. Let's appreciate winter's beauty and look forward to Spring



Vaille in Fargo, ND

2023 Weekends Fargo, ND February 3-5 October 6-8

The weekend will begin Friday evening and will conclude late in the afternoon on Sunday.

There is a non-refundable \$200 registration fee to sign up for the weekend.

Registration can be completed online at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

For more information call 1-800-470-2230.

Upcoming weekends in surrounding area:

Minneapolis, MN

Feb 3-5 Aug 4-6 March 31-April 2 Oct 6-8 Dec 1-3 June 2-4

Real Presence Radio Network

presents as keynote speaker at the annual fundraising banquet

Dr. Ralph Martin

President of Renewal Ministries and author of "A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward"

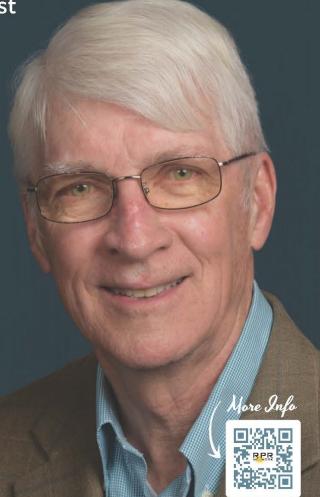
Monday, February 6, 2023 Delta Hotels by Marriott Fargo, ND

Host a table of 10 or come as a guest

Sponsor this event: \$500, \$1,500, \$3,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000 levels

Register online at RealPresenceRadio.com, call 877-795-0122, or email Jessica@RealPresenceRadio.com for more information.





What is a Diocesan Synod?

A diocesan synod is a group of selected priests and other members of the Christian faithful of a particular Church who offer assistance to the diocesan bishop for the good of the whole diocesan community according to the norm of the following canons. (Code of Canon Law 460)

"It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium. What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word 'synod.' Journeying together... is an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice." (Pope Francis)

What is the Process and Purpose of a Diocesan Synod?

During the synodal process, after prayer and listening to the faithful, the bishop consulting with his priests, proposes questions to chosen representatives who are the members of the synod. The members are to freely discuss those questions at the sessions. The members of the synod provide consultation. The diocesan bishop is the only authority competent to make policies and laws as a result of the discussions.

In 1999, Pope John Paul II spoke these words at the close of the Second Plenary Synod in Warsaw, Poland: "from the first, [the Church] has seen synods as an effective means for the reform and renewal of Christian life." The synod is a practice adopted from apostolic times of "joint reflection on important and difficult problems." The Council of Trent gave the practice of synods a new impetus and they became "an important means for deepening the faith and for indicating the way of the Gospel for all generations of the People of God." These synods were called with a view to give new life to the religious life of the faithful, and to unify Church law.

In his homily Pope John Paul II extolls the "praiseworthy practice of convoking synods" for a pastoral purpose. He specifically spoke of past synods and their ability to respond to changes in the social landscape. "Through these synods, successive generations sought for themselves new ways of living the Christian life, making a precious contribution to the development and activity of the Church." In speaking of this synod to the participants the Holy Pontiff had this to offer as an encouragement and thanks:

"Above all you have tried to observe, to identify, to evaluate and to draw conclusions. You bring all of that today and present it as an offering to God, as the reapers do after the harvest, bringing the sheaves of cut grain, trusting fully that what they have reaped will be useful — like bread that is made from grain, in the hope that future generations will be nourished by it."

Synods in the Diocese of Fargo

In 1941, then Bishop Aloisius Muench, convoked the first Synod of the Diocese of Fargo. In his letter to Pope Pius XII he wrote:

"The bishop and the clergy will strategically consult upon the spiritual and temporal needs of the priests and the faithful at the first synod in the Diocese of Fargo on the 29th and 30th of September."

On September 15, 1941 the Holy Father authorized it and Bishop Muench received the following message:

"The Holy Father invokes copious divine assistance and guidance on the occasion of the first Diocesan Synod. His Holiness imparts to the Bishop and clergy his special apostolic benediction."

As the Diocese of Fargo paper "Catholic Action News" reported in September 1941: "The focal point in the solemn session [was] the Solemn Pontifical Mass and the decree of the promulgation of the laws of the diocese." The final documents from the 1941 Synod in the Diocese of Fargo include a variety of directives, a diocesan calendar recommending various special celebrations and spiritual devotion each month. For example, on the Feast of the Holy family a dedication of the family was recommended. On the Feast of the Sacred Heart a prayer of reparation was to be recited. Many topics are covered, but two that stood out as a category of priorities that remain unchanged for these more than 60 years: youth and Catholic education. Here are two examples of texts from the Synodal Documents:

"Youth work is hard work, it requires infinite patience, real vision, and courageous perseverance. If leaders of youth work, priests and lay people find it a long hard pull, let them reflect that there is much at stake. Much to be won or lost for Christ and His Church."

And for Catholic education and parents:

"True education cannot disregard the sublime end for which man has been created. To train youth merely for what it must be here below is to fail of true education."

"Good Catholic parents will take their responsibility seriously in this matter, and will begin even in the early years of childhood with the religious education of their children in the home, they will leave nothing undone to make the home a school of religious education..."

Ten years later, in 1951, the Diocese of Fargo held its second synod. In response to the letter Archbishop Muench sent to the Holy Father announcing the second synod, he received the following:

"His holiness learned with great pleasure that the second diocesan synod is to be celebrated. In more recent times it has been without a doubt painfully evident to all that the wide diffusion of evils of every kind has entangled the preachers of the Gospel in numberless difficulties to the point where it is obviously necessary for them to devote energetic and zealous labor to the discovery of new techniques more suitable to greatly expanded needs of our day."

Again, the Diocese of Fargo newspaper "Catholic Action News" reported in September 1951 that at the two-day Synod: "many interesting facts were pointed out at the noon luncheon. Since the past Synod in 1941, 32 priests who had been present at that time had died, six had retired and four had left ministry." Since that time 41 priests had been ordained into service. Once again we see that some challenges in the Church remain constant.

VALLEY CITY RIGHT TO LIFE

Dear Friends of Life,

Valley City, ND 58072-9414

The North Dakota Right to Life organization has been serving as the voice for unborn children since 1970. 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 2022-23 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

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	NDRL Valley City Chapter and ma	ail to:			
Darlene Kerzman					
11953 SE 33Y Street					

Valley City Right to Life Schedule of Events

Month	Event/Activity
2022	
November	*Monthly Meeting – Nov. 1 st - Membership Drive
December	*Christmas Party — Dec. 6 th , 7:00 pm @ Dacotah Pavilion
2023	
January	*Monthly Meeting — Jan. 3 rd *Movie night –"Unplanned" – Jan. 8th @ Grace Free Lutheran. 3:00 pm movie with Pizza Corner pizza to follow
February	*Monthly Meeting — Feb. 7 th
March	*Monthly Meeting – Mar. 7 th
April	*Monthly Meeting — Apr. 4 th *PALS (Post Abortive Ladies — group of ladies who have had an abortion in the past, talk about their experiences, regret, and healing). Date — Sunday, April 23rd @ 2:00 pm at Grace Free Lutheran Church
May	*Monthly Meeting - May 2 nd ~ Project - Mother's Day Baskets! *NDRL Spring Spectacular with Kirk Cameron @ Bismarck - May 18 th \$ 19 th
June	*Walk for Life — June 6 th *Rally in the Valley Parade (date?)
Joly	*Sanborn Parade – July 4 th
August	*Monthly Meeting — Aug. 1 st
September	*Baby Shower for Perry Center — Sept. 5 th @ 7:00 pm *40 Days for Life — Sept. 28 th — Nov. 6 th *VCSU Parade (date?)
October	*Life Chain Oct. 1 st *Monthly Meeting - Oct. 3 rd

We would like to incorporate some volunteer/ work days at the Perry Center and Christian Adoption Services
in Fargo. Watch for more information on that to come through Facebook!