# St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

**540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072**

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***February 12, 2023***

***www.catherineofalexandria.org***

WHO is coming to the St. Catherine School KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP?

Friday, 2/24/2023 • 8:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

**PLEASE COME VISIT US AND CHECK OUT WHAT OUR SCHOOL HAS TO OFFER!**

Children will visit the classroom and meet the teacher and their schoolmates!
*(Must already be 5 or turning 5 before August 1, 2023)*

Parents/Guardians will receive information about our school, tuition assistance program, and much more!

www.stcatherine.k12.nd.us

St. Catherine School

**Please RSVP to the office or call to schedule another time for a visit!**
**701-845-1453**

**540 3rd Ave. NE**
**Valley City, ND 58072**

## Monthly Adult Catechesis

# ANNULMENTS

⇒ How can a marriage be annulled?
⇒ How can this work?
⇒ Is this a “Catholic Divorce”?
⇒ You’re saying I’m not married?
⇒ What if there are kids?
⇒ How much does it cost?

**When:** ~~***Sunday, February 12***~~ ***at 6:30 pm***
***Where:*** ***Church Basement / Parish Hall***
***Presented by:*** ***Fr. Paul Duchschere***

**NEW DATE!!!!**
**Sunday, February 19th**

# February Calendar of Events

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| **SUN 12** | **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**<br>8:00am Rosary<br>8:30am Mass<br>9:00am - Noon KC Breakfast<br>10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet<br>10:30am Mass |
| **MON 13** | 7:30am Rosary<br>8:00am Mass<br>5:50pm CDA Rosary<br>6:30pm CDA Meeting |
| **TUE 14** | 7:30am Rosary<br>8:00am Mass<br>8:30am - 10pm Adoration<br>8:30am Tuesday Morning Movie<br>5:30pm ED Board Meeting |
| **WED 15** | 7:30am Rosary<br>8:00am Mass<br>8:45am Cursillo Prayer Group<br>6:30pm RE Class<br>7:00pm Youth Group |
| **THU 16** | 7:30am Rosary<br>8:00am Mass<br>1:00pm Quilters<br>6:30pm Quilters |
| **FRI 17** | **NO SCHOOL**<br>7:30am Rosary<br>8:00am Mass |
| **SAT 18** | 10:00am Mass at Mercy Hospital<br>5:00pm Rosary<br>5:30pm Mass<br>6:30 pm CDA Celebrate LOVE Supper<br>Dutch Treat Eagles Club |
| **Sun 19** | **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**<br>8:00am Rosary<br>8:30am Mass<br>10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet<br>10:30am Mass<br>2:00pm - 4:00pm KC Mardi Gras - School Gym<br>6:30pm Adult Catechesis |

## MASS INTENTIONS February 13 - 19

M 8:00am † Melodie Peahl
T 8:00am † Don Johnson
W 8:00am Leah Steele
Th 8:00am Angie Milner
F 8:00am † Richard Riedmann and Randy Eberle
2:00pm (St. Raphael) † Rob Ingstad
Sa 5:30pm † Karen Leadbetter
Su 8:30am People of the Parish
10:30am † John Linnehan

**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**

## TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).
**Psalm** — Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).
**Second Reading** — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).
**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
**Tuesday:** Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
**Friday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

## PRAYER NETWORK

Remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who are ill or are in need of our prayers:

George Bodnar
Rebecca Radermacher
Sharon Linnehan
Dietrich Schlichtmann
Louis & Kelly Bohl
Caroline Schumacher
Robin Kinney
Dale & Virginia Davy
Larry Zaun
Cheryl Kappel
Lucille Winkler
Shirley Starke
Mary E. Svenningsen
Jeff Differding
Rita Clancy
Bob and Peggy Roehrich
Joe Judd
Steve Davidson
Darrell & Phyllis Machtell
Walt & Berta Clement
Tyler Simmons & Family
Mary Mitzel
Bob McGough
Lisa Puhr
Brian Ventsch
Ben Roller
Pat Schwehr
Sharon Kinney
Kathy Nelson
James Leadbetter
John Baumgartner
Donna Hammond
Jeff Nelson
Angie Werner
Linda Hesch
Harriet Dimmer
Sharon Vanorny
Peter Sherman
Jimmie Lemer
Anora Stavens
Clara Sims

and any others who are in need of prayers.

# Pastor's Page

## THANK GOD FOR THE WICKED

Did that title get your attention? It's not my idea – it's St. John Chrysostom's idea. St. John is one of the great Fathers of the Church, the Bishop of Constantinople back in the 4th century. "Chrysostom" is not his last name – it's a title. It means "Golden-Mouth." St. John was one of the greatest (i.e., most effective) preachers in the history of the Church. Below is an excerpt from one of his sermons that I recently ran across and thought I would share with you. As always when I present excerpts from the saints, read it once . . . and then read it again. Chew it over a bit . . . and then read it again. He has a point to be made here that most of us would never consider but which is incredibly true when one comes to fully understand what he is saying.

Our Lord knows there is plenty of evil – and more than enough of the wicked – in this world. We don't want to be part of that group. But there is a reason Our Lord often leaves them among us – it's not that He doesn't care for us, but exactly the opposite: He cares incredibly for us. And the presence of the wicked is often an occasion for holiness – both for us and for them. Take a read:

> *This is why God has left the wicked in the world: so that the good may shine the brighter. Do you see how great the gain is? But the gain is not owing to the wicked, but to the courage of the good. Trees tossed about by contrary winds grow stronger.*
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> *And the wicked gain, too, by mixing with the good. They feel confused; they are ashamed; they blush in the presence of the good. Even if they do not keep from evil, nevertheless they dare what they dare in secret. And this is no small thing, not to have sins publicly committed.*
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> *For the life of the good becomes the accuser of their wickedness. "It hurts ever to see him," they say of the righteous man – and it is no small beginning of amendment to be tormented by his presence. For if the sight of the righteous man did not torment them, they wouldn't have said that. But to be stung and pricked in the conscience when he is present would be a considerable hindrance to enjoying wickedness.*
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> *So do you see how much the good gain from the wicked, and the wicked from the good? This is why God has not set them apart, but allowed them to be mixed together.*

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Well . . . my bad. You may have noticed in last week's bulletin that my next Monthly Adult Catechesis on "Annulments" was scheduled for . . . this Sunday – Superbowl Sunday. Never crossed my mind when I looked at the calendar . . . but I want to watch the Superbowl myself. So you will see in this bulletin that I rescheduled it for next Sunday, February 19. I'm hoping it will be a better turnout than if I did it this Sunday evening . . .

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Our St. Catherine School will hold its annual "Kindergarten Round-Up" on Friday, February 24, from 8:45-10:00 am. Prospective parents and students will have a chance to see the school and what it has to offer. Children entering kindergarten next year will have the opportunity to visit their future classroom and meet the teacher and classmates. Parents and Guardians will receive information about our school, tuition assistance program, and much more. Prospective students for Kindergarten must already be 5 or turning 5 before August 1st to enroll in the 2023. Please RSVP to the school office by calling 701-845-1453. If you can't attend during that date and time, please call the school office, set up an alternate time for a tour and visit of the school. I am very proud of our parish school and encourage parents to consider it for their children.

Fr Duchschere
Pastor

## 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

**Rectory ……..……..……..845-0725**

**Fax ……..……..……845-0556**

**Nearly Nu Store……..……..……..845-1022**

**Baptisms:** Contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** 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

**Newcomers:** WELCOME! Please register at the Parish Office or use the registration form on our website.

## FINANCIAL REPORT: February 5, 2023

**Regular Parish Income**

| | Actual | Budget | Difference |
|---|---|---|---|
| Last Week | 11,303.50 | 9,434.62 | 1,868.88 |
| Year to Date | 327,608.80 | 301,910.84 | 25,697.96 |

Registered families…….493

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| Adult Envelopes | 7,049.00 |
| Children | 17.50 |
| Plate | 498.00 |
| Utility/Energy | 50.00 |
| Votive | 74.00 |
| January On-Line Giving | 3,615.00 |
| **Total Collection** | **11,303.50** |

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***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, February 27, 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.
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## St. Catherine's K - 8 Religious Education, 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, February 15** – Class

**Wednesday, February 22** – **NO CLASS** – Ash Wednesday Mass

**Wednesday, March 1** – Class

**Wednesday, March 8** - Class

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

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

**February 15:** Class - "St. Valentine's Day"

**February 22: NO CLASS** - Ash Wednesday

**March 1:** Class - "Do Heaven and Earth Unite in the Mass?

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.

## 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 *"Serra - Ever Forward Never Back (part 2)".* 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.**

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

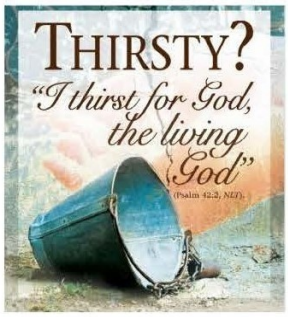
**Feb 13** CDA Meeting, Parish Hall,
5:50 Rosary, 6:30 pm Meeting;
Snacks by Unit 3, Char D. Leader
Bring Rhubarb recipes 2 or 3
Remember a small glass
or plastic jar, scissors to cut paper and
Our Family Bar Codes

**Feb 18** 6:30 pm CDA Celebrate LOVE
Supper Dutch Treat Eagles Club

**Feb 20** 6:00 pm Bible Study

**Feb 22** Ash Wednesday
8:00 am Mass
12:10 pm All School Mass
6:30 pm Mass

**Feb 24** 5:00 pm Rosary
5:30 pm Mass
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Soup & Bread




The Sisters of Mary of the Presentation will be sponsoring an ***"I Thirst,"*** Women's Retreat at Maryvale in Valley City. Come for the weekend and enter the spirit of St. Teresa of Calcutta through prayer, dialogue, adoration and input session led by Sr. Anne Germaine Picard, SMP and Sharon Eversvik, SMP Associate.

Retreat Dates: March 17-19 or July 7-9, 2023; Cost: $130.00

To register, please call Amanda at (701) 845-2864 or email maryvalesmp@gmail.com

*"God is thirsting for you. Are you thirsting for God?"*

*-St. Teresa of Calcutta-*

# 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.

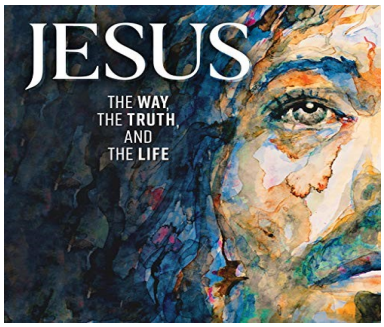
**WHEN CAN I ATTEND?**

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

**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:
Chelsey Wald 701-320-2370, Liz Chandler 701-840-0746




**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.)**

**February 20** Session 8: Road Glory, Path Suffering
**February 27** Session 9: New Passover, New Exodus
**March 20** Session 10: Resurrection and Life

Know God better; love Him more. God bless you.

**Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 12**

9:00 AM - Noon in the Parish Hall sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Proceeds benefiting VCSU's service trip to Argentina this May.
The menu is pancakes, ham, eggs, biscuits and gravy, water, coffee, and orange juice.
Questions about the trip can be directed to me at kierstenbaughman7@gmail.com

## Welcome to Jacob Goeden

Jacob Goeden grew up in Wadena, MN. He moved to Valley City a few years ago to take the position of agronomist at CHS Dakota Plains Ag. He met his fiancé, Shelby Baker, at NDSU. She is a counselor at The Kids Therapy Center in Valley City. They will be married in August in MN. Welcome to Jacob and Shelby!!

## Invitation for men to join the Knights of Columbus!

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is for practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See, who are at least 18 years old. A practicing Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the precepts of the Church.
Join us during the Knights of Columbus Mardi Gras event at the St. Catherine's gymnasium on Sunday, February 19, 2023, between 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

For new members that sign up, your name will be put in for a drawing for a 55" flat screen television and your membership fee is waived for the first year.

For more information contact Grand Knight Michael Baughman at 606-280-6400.

## Grief Support

There will be a grief support meeting on Thursday, February 23 at 6:30pm at Alley Beans.

Refreshments will be served.

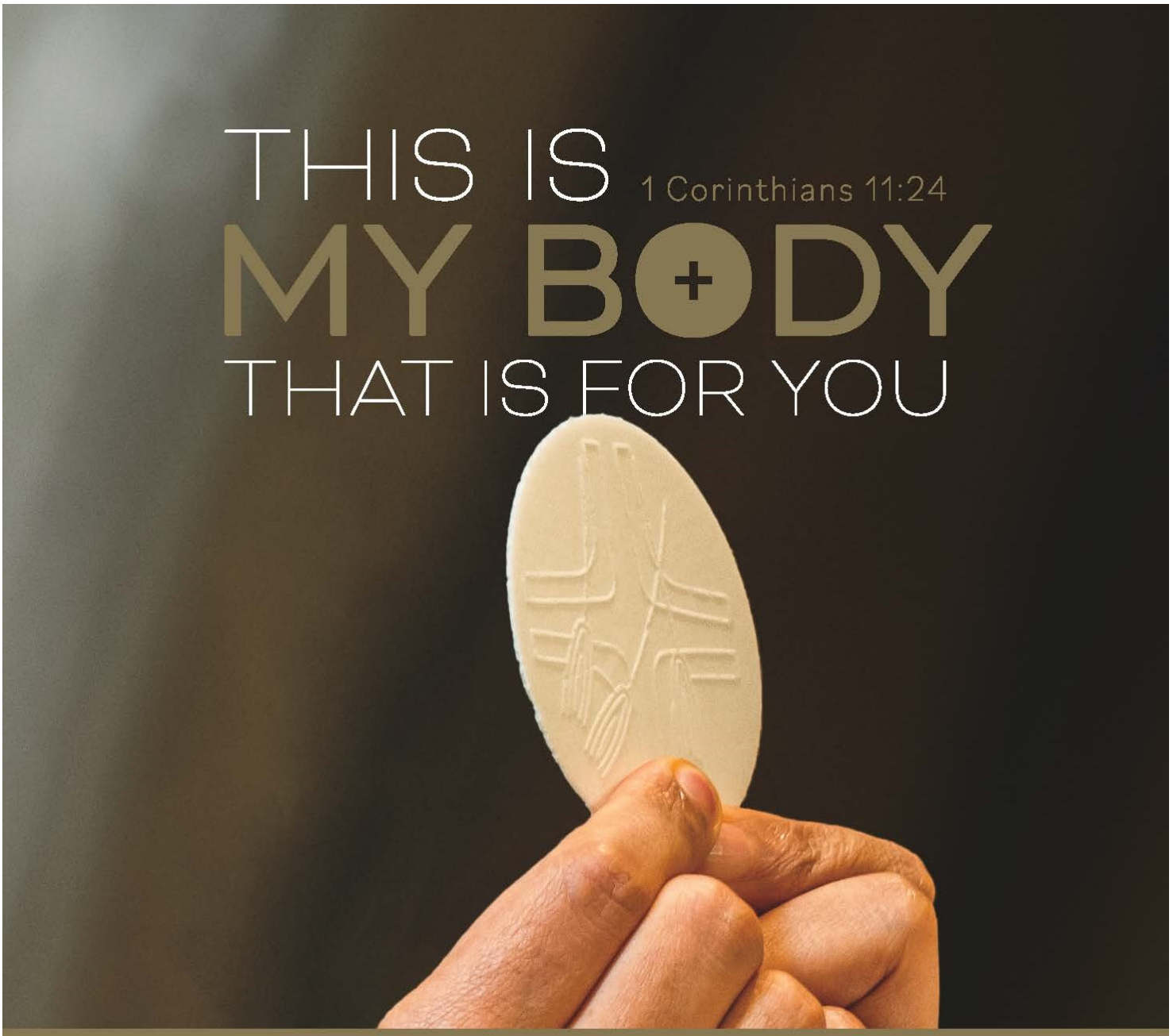
If you have any questions call:
Nancy Orthman at 701-840-3408.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

**2023 REACH Banquet will be Thursday, April 20th**

## BODY & BLOOD, SOUL & DIVINITY

ON MARCH 17-19 at Franciscan Retreat Center in Hankinson ND, men are invited to a retreat called
**BODY & BLOOD, SOUL & DIVINITY.**
There will be Rosary, engaging large group talks, small group discussions, Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, private priest/deacon spiritual direction, a Eucharistic Miracles exhibit and more. Room & all meals provided, cost $300. Register at www.ecclesiadomestica.net/registration or call St. Boniface, Lidgerwood 701.538.4604

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God's Gift Appeal 2023

**COMMITMENT WEEKEND + FEBRUARY 25-26, 2023**

Office of the Bishop
5201 Bishops Blvd. S, Suite A | Fargo, North Dakota 58104-7605
701.356.7900 | fargodiocese.org

St. Catherine of Alexandria

# PARISH MISSION

**Sunday, March 5 through Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

## "CALLED TO A LIFE OF GRACE"

### Fr. Kyle Metzger

**Principal - Shanley High**
**Vocation Director**

**Potluck Supper**
**Sunday, March 5**
**beginning at 5:15pm**

**Sunday, Mar 5 - 7:00 pm**

- **Baptism** - all are called to holiness
- in all our states of life

**Monday, Mar 6 - 7:00 pm**

- **Matrimony** - Relationships and Dating
- Family Life

**Tuesday, Mar 7 - 7:00 pm**

- **Eucharist** - Devotion/Belief/Theology
- in this year of Eucharistic Revival

# Mardi Gras

Sunday February 19th

2 pm to 4 pm

St. Kates School Gym

Knights of Columbus Council 6438 presents Carnival 2023. We will have games for the kids including bingo, face painting, cake walk, fish pond, mini-golf, plinko, and corn hole. Concessions will be available (hot dogs and water). Information about the Knights of Columbus will be available.

Free Will Offering
One hot dog and water included.

## Boy Scouting

*is available to boys who are 11 through 17 years old. The program achieves the BSA's objectives and goals of responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and, at older age levels, career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations. For younger members, the Scout method is part of the program to inculcate typical Scouting values such as trustworthiness, good citizenship, and outdoors skills, through a variety of activities such as camping, aquatics, and hiking.*

## 2023 Valley City Troop 560 Mentorship

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| PARENTS COMMITTEE CHAIR | Dave Hochhalter |
| SECRETARY/FUNDRAISING | JoAnn Trader |
| TREASURER | Valerie Holm |
| ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Westman |
| SCOUTMASTER | James Nelson |
| ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS | Chris Redfearn |
| | JoAnn Trader |

## BOY SCOUTS

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| Levi Trader* | Andy Nelson* |
| Levi Christianson | Joshua Redfearn |
| Matthew Holm | Kellen Westman |
| August Hochhalter | Grady Samuelson |

* Eagle Scout

The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

# Boy Scouts of America

# SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday this year recognizes the 113th anniversary of the **Boy Scouts of America**, which began on February 8, 1910, and the 12th point of the **Scout** Law — A **Scout** is Reverent. Core values of faith in God, personal integrity, and patriotism are conveyed to the youth. Boy Scouts pledge to uphold the Scout Oath and Law, which explicitly state the values to which members aspire.

The majority of Scouts agree that Scouting –

- Strengthens their relationship with God
- Encourages pride in America
- Helps them become leaders, knowing the difference between right and wrong