St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

www.catherineofalexandria.org

Retirement Open House

Please join us as we wish
Sandi Mielke
a blessed retirement and thank her for all the years she has dedicated to St. Catherine's School as the Food Service Director

Sandi's last day will be May 26th and we are so happy for her to start this new chapter of her life.

Please join us on:
Wednesday, May 17th from 9:30 - 10:15 am in the Parish Hall for cake and fellowship.
Everyone is Welcome!

THANK YOU!!!!

The high school youth group had the year end picnic recently. They wish to thank Amber Muske for setting up and serving the potluck. They also wish to thank Grant Goven and Chris Hoffarth for grilling fresh hamburgers and brats for us. It was great to have you volunteer and the food was delicious.

Grant Them Eternal Rest

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Angie Werner,** who recently passed away. May she rest forever in God's loving care.

Coffee and Rolls Between Masses Sunday

May 7 coffee and rolls

Knights of Columbus Raffle

The Knights of Columbus raffle is underway! We encourage each family to purchase at least two tickets. Five (5) lucky winners will receive $500 each. The remaining proceeds are used to support St. Catherine's School, Religious Education, and other Knights of Columbus out-reach programs. The drawing will be held May 24th at the Annual St. Catherine's Appreciation banquet. Return your tickets and monies to the Parish Office, include in the collection basket or mail to 540 3rd Ave NE, Valley City, ND 58072. Thanks for your continued support!

St. Catherine's Parish Appreciation Banquet

St. Catherine's Parish Appreciation Banquet will be at the VC Eagles on Wednesday, May 24. The social begins at 5:30 pm, and the banquet begins at 6:00 pm. This event is for all members of St. Catherine's Parish, who serve the parish in any way or who work at the Nearly Nu Store, to show appreciation for those who volunteer their time and talent in serving others in and beyond the parish. **Please RSVP to the Parish Office, 845-0354, by May 18.**

Graduating Senior Recognition Mass

Graduating Seniors should have received a letter from Fr. Duchschere inviting you to the Senior Recognition Mass on Sunday, May 14th at 10:30am. Everyone is invited to enjoy the breakfast served by the KC's for Mother's Day after the Mass. Please RSVP so we have a count of those attending the Mass so Fr. knows how many Seniors will be joining him. Thank you to those who have already RSVP'd!! RSVP to the Parish Office 845-0354.

May Calendar of Events

SUN 7	**Fifth Sunday of Easter** 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:30am Coffee and Rolls 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass
MON 8	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 6:00pm CDA Rosary 6:30pm CDA Meeting
TUE 9	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am - 10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Morning Movie 5:30pm Ed Board
WED 10	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:45am Cursillo Prayer Group 5:00pm Nearly Nu
THU 11	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
FRI 12	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 2:00pm Mass at St. Raphael
SAT 13	10:00am Mass at Mercy Hospital 5:30pm Mass
Sun 14	**Sixth Sunday of Easter** **Mother's Day** 8:00am CDA Candle Light Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:00am - Noon KC Mother's Day Brunch 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass - Graduating Seniors Recog.

MASS INTENTIONS May 8 - 14

M 8:00am † Florence Retterath
T 8:00am † George Judd
W 8:00am † Veronica Olson
Th 8:00am † Marybelle Judd
F 8:00am † Don Johnson
2:00pm (St. Raphael) † Florence Retterath
Sa 5:30pm † Dave Winkler
Su 8:30am People of the Parish
10:30am Ralph and Sue Dyrness

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 **open from 7am - 9pm.**
Please contact Mel Klingenberg (sexton)
@ 701-840-2262 for any questions.

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).
Psalm — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).
Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).
Gospel — "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

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
James Leadbetter
Terrance Berg
Lucille Winkler
Shirley Starke
Mary E. Svenningsen
Jeff Differding
Rita Clancy
Bob and Peggy Roehrich
Joe Judd
Steve Davidson
Walt & Berta Clement
Tyler Simmons & Family
Pius and Delphine Scherr
Larry Coles
Krystal Lemer
Mary Kurtenbach
Naomi Kreidlcamp
Mary Mitzel
Bob McGough
Lisa Puhr
Brian Ventsch
Ben Roller
Pat Schwehr
Sharon Kinney
Kathy Nelson
Cheryl Kappel
John Baumgartner
Donna Hammond
Jeff Nelson
Linda Hesch
Harriet Dimmer
Sharon Vanorny
Peter Sherman
Jimmie Lemer
Clara Sims
Terrance Berg
Philip Weshnevski
Kevin Coles
Clarence Lemer
Allen Siebert
Shana Schwere

and any others who are in need of prayers.

Pastor's Page

MARY'S MONTH

We finally seem to have put the winter months behind us – and we should have – it's May. Any day now the trees will start to bud out, and already we've had a number of summer-like days to revel in our long hours of sunlight and mild temperatures. School will be finishing up in a few weeks, and graduation season (and open-house season) is upon us.

This past week was our last session for RCIA this year – and we'll start that up again come September. Keep that in mind – if there are folks out there that you know who have considered joining us in our Catholic Church family, but who have never taken the step to make that happen, or folks who you think would be open to that, let them know about our parish's RCIA program and to keep an eye on when it will start up again come September.

Our parish also finished up its Religious Education year this past week with a final Mass and ice cream social. And I've already heard from a few of our catechists who are already planning on being with us again for our RE program in the fall – they love their chance to help pass on our Church's faith to the young 'uns.

And now Mary's month has come upon us – the month of May. It's always been a special month to honor our Blessed Mother. This past week we crowned an image of her at our last "All-School Mass" for the year. It's a good thing to love her and honor her – we'll never be able to do either as much as her Son does, but we can sure do our best to try. She's the best mother of us all. It's only fitting we set aside a month in the Church year to honor her in a special way.

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THE SMP'S AND THEIR CAMEROON MISSION

The Sisters of Mary of the Presentation have long had a mission to serve the very poor in Cameroon, Africa. They teach the faith to them, run hospitals, feed and clothe them, and also help to pay for the education of children. At this time there is a student in Cameroon, Frank Maboukel, who would like to attend the seminary and become a priest but needs financial assistance to do so. The Sisters are asking our parish family to help donate to this important mission cause.

Sr. Suzanne Stahl was here at our Masses this weekend taking donations after each of our Masses. If you were not able to give this weekend but would like to, please send a check to: Sisters of Mary of the Presentation, 3150 116A Ave SE, Valley City, ND 58072. (This donation is tax deductible.)

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CHANGE OF MASS TIME ! !

I have been here now at St Catherine's for almost one year. I don't think I have ever changed a Mass time at the parishes I've been at in the past 33 years. However, I've decided to do just that with the time of our Saturday evening Mass. The 5:30 pm Mass time seems awkward to me, and I can't discern any particular reason why it should be that late. With that later start, by the time it has ended and people have been able to either go home or go out, it gets to be close to 7:00 pm. Beginning with the first Sunday of June, and from then on, our Saturday evening Mass will be at **5:00 pm**. Our confessions will begin as usual at 4:00 pm on Saturdays, and finish up at 4:45 pm so I can be ready for Mass to begin at 5:00 pm.

I want to reiterate this is not just a "summer" schedule thing – this will be the permanent time for Saturday evening Masses throughout the year from now on. I appreciate your understanding with this change – I'm quite confident that most will find this even more convenient for Saturday evening plans if they do need to attend the vigil Mass for the weekend.

Fr Paul 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

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e-mail: stcatherinesparishoffice@gmail.com

Liturgy Coordinator:

Director of Religious Education: Sara Sorby
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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: April 30, 2023

Regular Parish Income

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week	9,800.50	9,434.62	365.88
Year to Date	448,310.48	415,126.28	33,184.20

Registered families…….493

Adult Envelopes	9,258.00
Children	22.50
Plate	420.00
Utility	100.00
Total Collection	**9,800.50**

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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, May 22, 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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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 10:00 - 11:00am, 11:00am - 12:00pm, 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.

Tuesday Morning Movies

Please join the Tuesday Morning Movie Group, each Tuesday morning after the 8:00am Mass in the Sacred Heart Room for a movie, muffins and mighty good fellowship. Showing this week will be: *"Guadalupe Mysteries"*. All are welcome!!

Troubadours Concert Series

The Valley Troubadours cordially invite you to their Spring **2023 Concert Series**:

Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 7pm VCSU Center for the Arts

Thursday, May 11, 2023 @ 6pm Nome Schoolhouse

All facilities are handicapped accessible and freewill offering will be taken.

Real Presence Radio

Mark your calendars! ***Real Presence Radio's*** *annual Spring Live Drive is coming your way* ***May 10-12th.*** *Join us as we broadcast throughout our five-state listening area and bring you inspiring stories of faith and hope. RPR is 100% listener supported and our mission continues only because of you!!*

Live Drive phone lines will be open daily from ***7:00 AM – 7:00 PM CT****! Donate and you will be entered into a drawing for one of the many great prizes awarded throughout the drive. Call in with your support to* ***877-795-0122*** *or donate online at* ***RealPresenceRadio.com/donate****.*

KCs are serving a Mother's Day Breakfast!!

Please join us on Sunday, May 14th from 9:00am to Noon.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Gerard #2518

Meet Monthly 2nd Monday

May 5-7 State Convention in Belfield, ND

May 6-7-8 Rosary for the Unborn

May 7 CDA leads Divine Mercy Chaplet between masses 10:15 AM

May 8 6:00pm Chaplet, snack, 6:30 pm meeting

May 14 8:00am Mothers Day Candle Light Rosary

Spring has sprung and we are on the Run!!
Be sure to take a time to Thank God for all His Blessings!!
Our court will soon be Celebrating its 20th Anniversary. Watch for more information!!!

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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Fall of 2024

Join Bishop Folda for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Oct 21-31-2024.
For more information and registration please visit https://www.fargodiocese.org/events/holy-land
This pilgrimage is organized by LP Pilgrimages. www.lpjp.org
Call Mary Hanbury for questions: 701-356-7909.
Limited spots available

CNA/PCA Opening!!

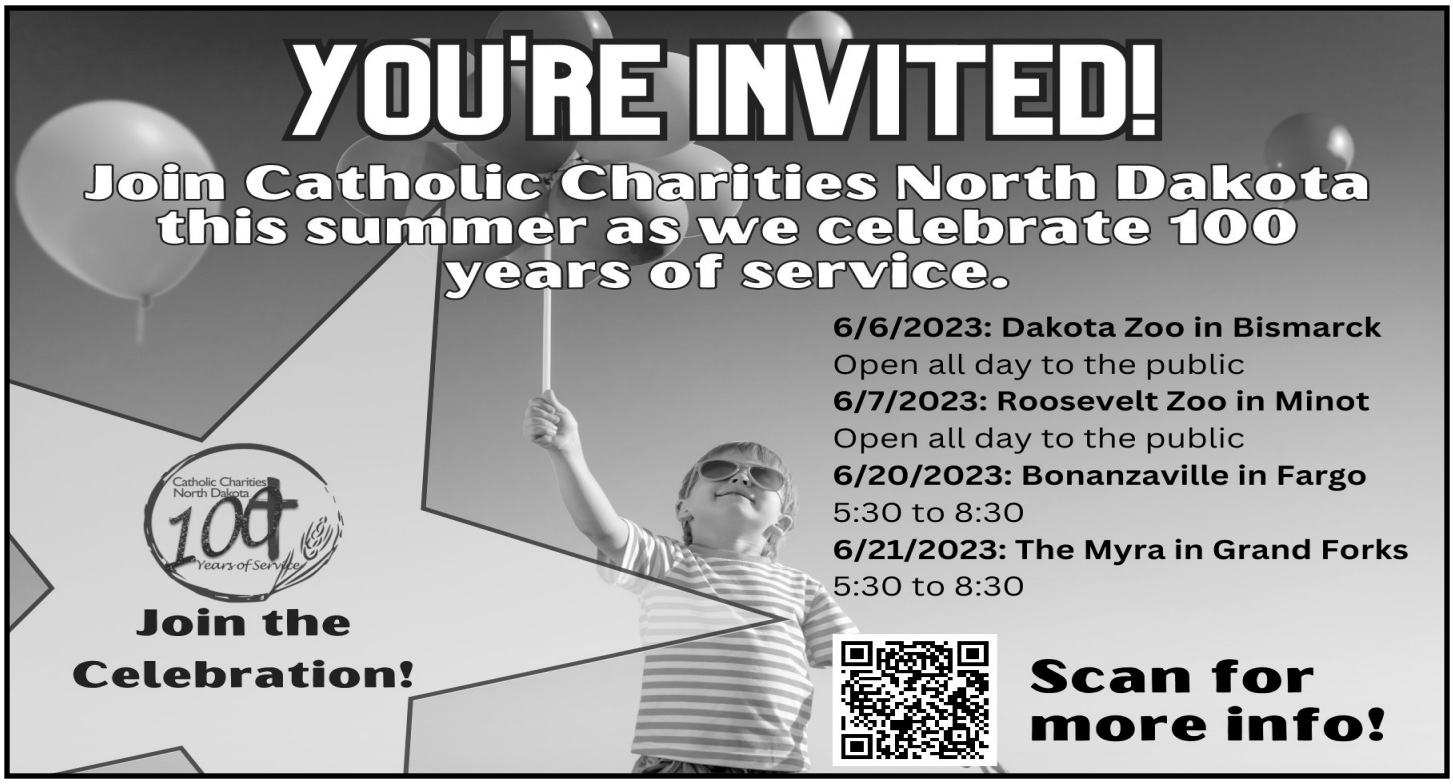
Sisters of Mary of the Presentation is seeking a Casual CNA/PCA who is able to work a variety of shifts (7-3p, 3-11p, 11-7a). Faith-filled, home like atmosphere, flexible scheduling with competitive wage. Please call 845-2864 for more information or apply online at www.sistersofmaryofthepresentation.org

MADE FOR GREATNESS

"My flesh for the life of the world." -John 6:51

For the first time ever in the Diocese of Fargo, Bishop Folda will be presenting the Made for Greatness Men's Retreat on July 14-16 at Stiklestad Lodge near Fort Ransom, ND. Made for Greatness retreats are known for their invigorating brotherhood, great food, and profound spiritual insights, all within a fully masculine context.

Situated in the midst of the National Eucharistic Revival, the theme for the retreat will be "My flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51). Come and be formed by the spiritual father of our diocese, and encounter our Eucharistic Lord in a way you never have before. You can find out more information or register atwww.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat. We expect this retreat to fill up quickly, so be sure to secure your spot today.



St. Catherine Elementary School in Valley City, ND is seeking a full time kitchen supervisor/cook beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Applicant must possess a high school diploma and have a working knowledge of food service for a large setting. Preference given to those with prior experience in a school or daycare setting. Applicant is required to submit a cover letter, resume, current contact information for three professional references to St. Catherine School, Attention: Nick Lee (Principal, 540 3rd Ave NE Valley City, ND 58072 or via email to nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us Position open until filled.

Questions or to apply call principal Nick Lee at 701-845-1453 or email materials to nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us

St. Catherine School

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May 2023

St. Catherine Church
Very Rev. Paul Duchschere

One Minute Meditations

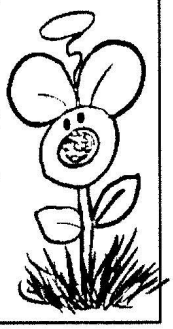
Act in confidence

Jesus does not want us to be troubled by worldly concerns. *"My peace I give you"* (John 14:27). When you feel yourself starting to worry or stew about a difficult situation (or person), act out your belief that your prayer for resolution will be answered. Substitute positive, cheerful thoughts for negative ones. God is in control.

Your Lenten change

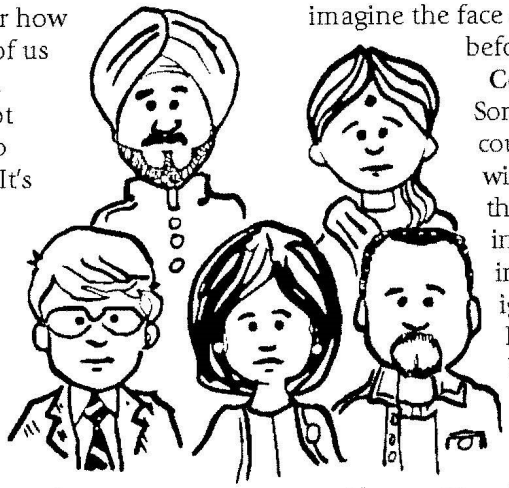
Lent is a time when we make changes that bring us closer to God. During Lent, many of us fast from our favorite food or drink, and approach Easter a little lighter in spirit and in body. Don't forget that a Lenten change can continue beyond Easter. Consider continuing your Lenten fast on Fridays throughout the year, or for a week each month, for example. Find ways to make your Lenten change permanent.

Rest and relax



God expects us to be sure to rest. *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28).

Welcome all God's children



God loves each of us uniquely and fiercely no matter where we come from or how we look. Those of us who follow Him know that it's not just important to love each other. It's God's law.

Celebrate diversity. Invite foreigners or people who are different from you to your home or church. Jesus was once a foreigner in a strange land and was grateful for the hospitality He received. There is great diversity in the Communion of Saints.

Practice patience. It can be tough to listen to someone with a speech impediment or a heavy accent. Imagine, though, how grateful that person will be when you offer your attention. Perhaps it would help to imagine the face of Christ in the face before you.

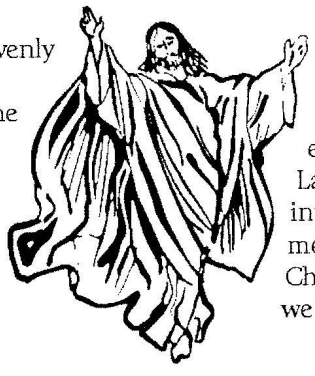
Counsel the ignorant. Someone from another country, background, or with different abilities than yours might behave in what looks like an inconsiderate way out of ignorance or limitations. He might appreciate being informed.

Speak up. Don't stay quiet when you witness prejudice, and be positive about diversity if friends or relatives start criticizing others' faith, cultures or abilities.

Act with love. The God of love gave of Himself so we could be reunited with Him. We share that love when we assume the best of others and look for the good in all God's children.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate the Ascension?



Jesus' Ascension into heavenly glory is good news. Sacred Scripture explains that in the Ascension, Jesus, the High Priest, entered the heavenly temple to pray for us with the Father (Hebrews 9:24). Secondly, from his throne in heaven, Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected to Him, especially in the Eucharist. Lastly, since Christ entered into eternal glory, we as the members of His Body, the Church, may hope to follow if we remain faithful to Him.

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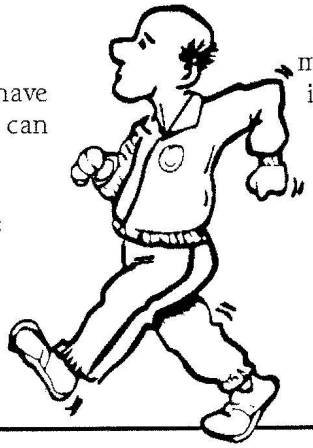
Take good care of yourself. You belong to God.

Taking care of ourselves can become a low priority in the midst of other obligations. Yet caring for our bodies and minds is a duty we have to God. He needs us strong and healthy so we can help build up His kingdom.

Body: What you put into your body is even more important than what you put on it. Take steps to make your diet healthier and more nourishing. Avoid drugs or excessive alcohol. Doctors urge daily exercise and eight hours of sleep each night.



Mind: Become picky about what you feed your mind, too. What you watch, read, and listen to influences the way you look at the world. Evidence shows that it's hard to regularly watch violent shows or movies and still be a calm and happy person. Programs or movies that portray infidelity or promiscuity as acceptable behaviors eventually dull our sense of sin. Feed your mind positive, Gospel-centered images that will build you up and inspire you. Surround yourself with people who do the same.

from Scripture

John 20:19-23, "Receive the Holy Spirit"

This Gospel passage gives us a glimpse of how the apostles spent their first Easter Sunday – hiding in a locked room. They were terrified the Romans would find them and execute them. To their surprise and great relief, Jesus appeared to them in glory and spoke words of peace. He showed them His glorious wounds as "living proof" of His Resurrection.

Then Jesus gave them a mission: *"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained"* establishing the Sacrament of Penance (John 20:23). He gave them the Holy Spirit, anticipating the feast of Pentecost. Now, having authority to forgive sins, the apostles and their successors could continue Jesus' work after He returned to heaven.

Jesus' appearance to His apostles reveals the fullness of God's mercy. He also sent the Holy Spirit to them. He descended powerfully on Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. That same Spirit is gifted to us in Baptism and dwells in our souls. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's love to you and help you become more like Christ each day.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 3 – Sts. Philip and James (1st Century). St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

May 10 - St. John of Ávila (1569). Born to wealthy, pious parents, St. John left a budding career as a lawyer to become a priest. At the request of his bishop, he worked and preached to renew the faith of Catholics in Andalusia.

May 18 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 25 – St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (1607). Born to a distinguished Florentine family, Catherine de' Pazzi became a Carmelite nun. Upon making vows, she experienced ecstasies, and became a mystic and a healer.

Q & A What is the meaning of the Miraculous Medal?

The Miraculous Medal, given to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830, was designed by the Blessed Mother to teach us three things:

Mary prays for us: The medal's front reads: *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.* We don't pray to her; she prays for us! Of course, we can go directly to Jesus anytime. In fact, Mary's role is to bring us to Jesus as swiftly and safely as possible.

Evil can be defeated: Mary is shown crushing Satan's head, recalling the prophecy of his defeat (Genesis 3:15). Mary's humble "yes" to God paved the way for Christ's victory over death, sin, and evil. When we give God our "yes," then Christ's victory bears fruit in our lives.

Grace is always available: St. Catherine asked why only some of the gemstones in Mary's rings radiated light. Her answer? The dim gems symbolize "the graces for which souls forget to ask." God's grace is always available to us. All we have to do is ask.

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