

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2023

www.catherineofalexandria.org



MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION:

Monday - Friday - 7:30-7:55 am
Tuesday - 8:15-9:30 pm
Saturday - 4:00-4:45 pm
Sunday - 7:30-8:15 am

Parish Office Summer Hours:

Monday: 7:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00am - 5:30pm
Closed from 12:00 - 12:30pm Everyday
Friday: CLOSED



Congratulations to Larry and Mary Lee Robinson who celebrate 52 years of marriage on August 6, 2023!!

The Pope some Paint and Pinot Noir

Participants

Minimum 12
Maximum 20

SATURDAY · OCTOBER 7 · 1:00 - 3:30 PM
ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Create a beautiful image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

30.00 / person (checks payable to St. Catherine's)

Includes materials, instructions, wine, cheese, & lots of fun!

REGISTER by calling Larissa Musgrave 701.490.2051 or email schmidty421@hotmail.com by October 5



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Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

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August Calendar of Events

SUN 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass
MON 7	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass
TUE 8	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am - 10pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 5:30pm Ed Board Meeting
WED 9	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:45am Cursillo Prayer Group 5:00pm Nearly Nu Meeting
THU 10	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
FRI 11	Parish Office Closed 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 2:00pm Mass at St. Raphael
SAT 12	10:00am Mass at Mercy Hospital 4:30pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
Sun 13	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Reading — 2 Pt 1:16-19

Gospel — Mt 17:1-9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or
15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5;
Mt 14:22-33

PRAYER NETWORK

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

MASS INTENTIONS August 7 - 13

M 8:00am † Joyce Hafner
T 8:00am † Darrell & Phyllis Machtell
W 8:00am † Bob Maresh
Th 8:00am † Kimberly Cook
F 8:00am † Holy Souls in Purgatory
2:00pm (St. Raphael) † Joyce Hafner
Sa 5:00pm † Ann Haverly
Su 8:30am Ralph & Sue Dyrness
10:30am People of the Parish

Cemetery Announcement:

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

August Serving:

No activities are planned for August. Chairperson is
Margaret Doyle, 701-840-0142,
doylemargaretm@yahoo.com

Grant Them Eternal Rest

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

Pastor's Page

CONGRATS TO OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!



St Catherine's Knights of Columbus Council 6438 has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils. Congratulations to our parish's KC Council!

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

Our parish's KC Council is involved in many events and activities, including the Sunday morning breakfasts, the Soccer and Free-Throw Challenge, the RSVP program that supports two of our diocese's seminarians, donations to the Barnes County Food Pantry and Special Olympics, the Mardi-Gras celebration, and others.

If any men in the parish are interested in joining their brothers in the parish as Knights, contact Curt Marshall, our current Grand Knight – (701) 840-2580.

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GIFTS FROM ST. BERNARD'S



With the recent closing of the parish of St. Bernard's in Oriska, they generously donated all of their church's appurtenances to other diocesan parishes, and St. Catherine's was the recipient of some of their gifts.

The bells that are rung by our servers at the consecration at Mass are now from St. Bernard's. We received the statue of St. Bernard and it will be placed somewhere in the church building proper – that will be decided later.

In the main stairwell of the school are two beautiful statues of Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin – the kids will notice them every time they go by . . . And finally there is a beautiful area rug that was in the sanctuary of St Bernard's that is now in the sanctuary of our school's chapel.

I appreciate the generosity of St Bernard's in sharing their gifts with us – there's a little bit of that parish in a lot of other parishes now . . .

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THE "PRAYER NETWORK"

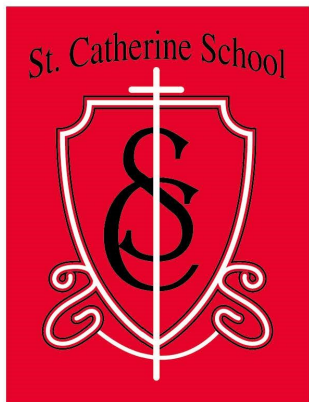


Each week in this bulletin there is a section called "Prayer Network". It lists names of those parishioners who are ill or in need of prayers and have asked that their names be included. I appreciate knowing who those folks are and I encourage all of us to pray for their needs.

However . . . the list is getting to be quite long, and I fear sometimes a name gets put on and then never gets taken off . . . It's not what we no longer want to pray for a particular person, but perhaps sometimes it would be good to make sure all the names are 'current' and applicable at this time. I don't want to take off any names, but on the other hand I don't want names to be on the list "ad perpetuum."

I have decided that once a year we will clear out the names listed on the Prayer Network and start fresh. You'll notice this week that the list is literally blank. So – please contact the parish office if you know of folks in our parish who could use some prayer support. We will start to remake the list and we now know that all the names thus listed are truly those who have (at least within the last year) asked for that support. Thank you!

Fr Duchscher
Pastor



ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL

Registration Beginning

JULY 31st, 8:00am - Noon

Monday - Thursday.

**Full day of registration will be
Monday, August 7 from 8am-6pm.**

**All registration forms can be found at
www.stcatherine.k12.nd.us**

These are the forms that are required: (Parish School)

St. Catherine School Registration Form

Emergency Contact Form

Tuition Agreement Form

Permission to Give Over-the-Counter Medication Form

Permission to Give Prescription Medication form

Child Pick-Up Authorization Form

Photography Use Waiver

Field Trip Permission Form

Counselor Permission Form

Acceptable Use Form

Milk Break Authorization Form (optional for Kindergarten families only)

Families of incoming Parish School Kindergarten students please bring along a copy of your child's Birth Certificate, and current Immunization Record.

Please be prepared to pay 1st tuition payment, breakfast/lunch, and milk break fees (if applicable). Registration is not considered complete until all applicable fees are paid.

***Please return all forms and payments by August 7.
Office hours August 7: 8:00am – 6:00pm.***

Completed registration forms and payments can be dropped off at St. Catherine School. Please use the SE Playground Entrance.

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Forms can be found at the parish website: www.catherineofalexandria.org
- Please drop off completed forms and payment at the School or Parish Office before August 14.

Doran Chandler 701-840-1257
Deacon Jim McAllister 701-840-1473

K-8 Religious Education Registration



It's that time again! It's time to get your kids and teens registered for Religious Education and Youth Group!

Get them registered now before school starts and things get busy!

Religious Education for K-8 is held every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30.

Youth Group for 9-12 is held every Wednesday from 7:00-8:00.

Classes will begin on September 6 with an opening mass and orientation.

Pick up forms in the parish office, or print them off the parish website.

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

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Gerard #2518



Meet Monthly 2nd Monday

We are gathering up ideas, making plans and getting ready for a new calendar year with CDA. Thank you sisters for sharing your ideas.

Please everyone in the parish remember to save your Our Family Bar Codes. You have been collecting them all summer. Stick them in your pocket and bring them along to Adoration or Mass and put them in Yellow box under the stairway to the Choir Loft or in the metal can near the Restrooms in the Church basement.

Happy 85th Birthday Doris Aas, we all hope we can have your beautiful smile and go power when we have our next Birthday!!

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.**



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.

Catechist Retreats:

Catechist Retreats at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26, 2023. Fr. Andrew Jasinski will direct a retreat with a series of talks reflecting on the Eucharistic Saints. These retreats are primarily for those involved in catechesis, however, all are welcome.

The day will begin at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. Please register on-line at www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat. Any questions please contact mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org. 701-356-7909

The Assumption, Tuesday August 15th



**Mass
Times:**

**8:00 am
12:10 pm
6:30 pm**

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: *"Sanctity Within Reach"* (Pier Giorgio Frassatt). All are welcome!!

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August 2023

St. Catherine Church
Very Rev. Paul Duchscherer

One Minute Meditations

A vessel of God's grace

We are each asked to share God's love with others. How much we allow ourselves to be filled with God's grace will determine what we can share with others. We fill up with grace when we frequent the Sacraments, pray, and study our faith. After all, if we don't practice our own faith how can we help someone to become excited about theirs?

Our powerful Lord

In the Gospels, Jesus healed people 20 times. Seven times Jesus expelled demons. Three times He raised people from the dead, and eight other miracles showed His power over nature. With God all things are possible. All we have to do is ask in harmony with His will.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed" (Luke 1:46-48).



Build up the Kingdom of God

As followers of Jesus, we're each called to take our place in the Kingdom of God and help build it up. Consider these suggestions to do your part:

Find your gifts: What special gifts do you possess? In addition to talents and skills, these can include wisdom from life experience or a particularly deep faith. Discern your gifts and ask God where He wants you to use them.

Cultivate gratitude: Write down everything for which you are grateful in a "blessings list." Review it and add to it regularly, especially when tempted to jealousy or discouragement. Praise and thank God daily for whatever is on your list.

Practice humility: St. Thomas Aquinas

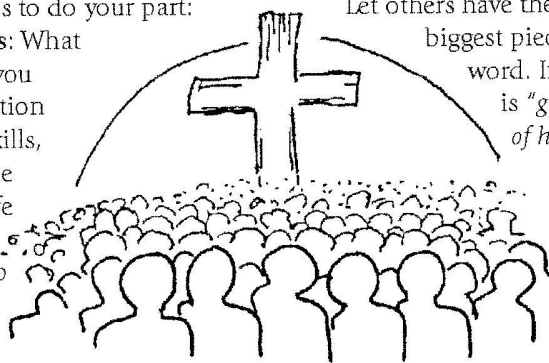
said, "Humility means seeing ourselves as God sees us: knowing every good we have comes from Him as pure gift."

Let others have the best place, the biggest piece of cake, the last word. Imitate Him who is "gentle and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29).

Be ready to serve: Any act of service can build up your parish, neighborhood, or community. Small

or great, everyone can contribute something. Give of yourself.

Strive for the higher gifts: Jesus asked every one of us to love God and each other. Without love, St. Paul said, "I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). If you have true charity, you're on the right track.



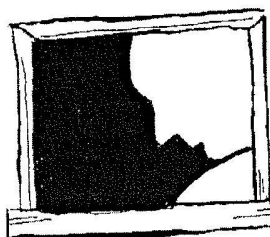
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics confess their sins to a priest?

On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the Upper Room and said, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). He breathed on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose

sins you retain, they are retained" (John 20:22-23).

With that, Jesus established an efficacious way to dispense forgiveness of our sins. He knew we'd need to be assured of His forgiveness by personally hearing the words, "I absolve you of your sins."



"Go and make disciples"

We're all called to spread the Gospel as missionaries (Mark 16:15), but not everyone is required to travel. As a Carmelite nun, St. Thérèse of Lisieux lived out her "second calling" to be a missionary. Here are three ways to spread the Gospel within any vocation:

Go deeper in your faith. You can't share what you don't have. St. Thérèse developed her "Little Way" of holiness after years of prayer and study. Step deeper into your faith daily: read a section of the Catechism, pray over a verse of Scripture, listen to a

Catholic podcast while driving or walking, pray.

Adopt-a-missionary: St. Thérèse was a "spiritual sister" to several missionaries, writing them letters and supporting them in prayer, indirectly helping hundreds of souls. Adopt a missionary – or anyone who shares the Faith. Contact your parish or diocese for suggestions.

"Intercession fueled by charity": St. Thérèse lovingly offered to God the "thorns" she received from others – discomforts, misunderstandings, hurt feelings – to win souls for Christ. Offer your "thorns" as saving graces.



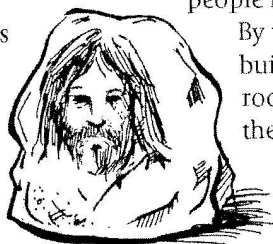
from Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20, The "Rock-solid" foundation

The events in this passage lay the foundations for the Catholic Church. In it, Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" It was a question about Jesus' identity, rather than about the persuasiveness of His teaching or His popularity. The heart of Catholicism centers around the truth of who Jesus is.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Simon answers for the group, identifying Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah (Matthew 16:17). Jesus proclaims this was divinely revealed to Simon and changes his name to Peter

("Rock"). Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom, giving Peter (and his successors) the authority to interpret Scripture, forgive sins, and admit people into the Church.



By this, Jesus signaled He was building His Church on a rock-solid foundation – on the confession of Peter about Jesus' divinity. This truth has been handed down through the ages, from the Apostles to the bishops to us. The Holy Spirit would lead Peter – and his successors, the popes – to continue speaking and acting in truth as the visible head of the Church.

Q & A How can I avoid gossiping?

Chatting with friends can become gossip – unfairly disclosing another's faults or sins without a valid reason, to people who don't know them (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2477). Try these ideas when chatting becomes gossip:

Name it: A gentle reminder between friends is an act of kindness. Try, "I think we're edging into gossip," or "Oh, that's not kind!" It's better to risk speaking up than silently allowing sin.

Redirect the conversation: Highlight good qualities of the person about whom others are gossiping. Refocus on inspiring news, a good book you read – anything else that is "honorable ... just ... pure ... pleasing" (Philippians 4:8).

Leave: If nothing else works, excuse yourself and leave the conversation. You'll avoid becoming complicit to sin and wordlessly communicate that you find gossip unacceptable.

Pray: Sins of the tongue (gossip, slander, calumny, detraction) are serious and require grace to resist. Invoke the Holy Spirit for yourself, for those who engage in gossip, and especially for those harmed by it.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord. Christ appeared in glory in the company of Moses and Elijah, discussing the Passion (Luke 9:30-31), and a voice was heard to say, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5).

August 14 – St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (1941). A Polish Franciscan, St. Maximilian was imprisoned at Auschwitz. When the jailers chose ten people to execute, he substituted himself for a man with a family. He was honored as a "martyr of charity" by

Pope John Paul II.

August 23 – St. Rose of Lima (1617). Born in colonial Peru, Rose worked constantly to help her poverty-stricken family. She became a lay Dominican, and cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick in her house.

August 29 – Passion of St. John the Baptist (1st century). St. John the Baptist courageously spoke the truth to the leaders of his time, making him powerful enemies. He was arrested by Herod and martyred (Mark 6:17-29).



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