

# **St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish**

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

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 16, 2025**

[www.catherineofalexandria.org](http://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 -7:50 am  
Tuesday 8:15 - 9:30 pm  
Saturday – 4:00-4:45 pm  
Sunday – 7:30-8:00 am**

## **Parish Office Hours:**

**Monday: 8:00am - 3:00pm  
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm  
Closed from 12:00 - 12:30pm everyday**



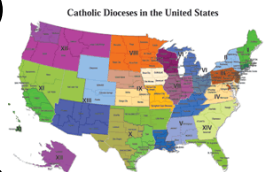
**REACH Chili and  
Baked Potato Feed  
Saturday,  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
After 5pm Mass  
\*Free will offering\***



## **Monthly Adult Catechesis**



# **HOLY ORDERS & The Governance of the Church**



- ⇒Where did Holy Orders come from?
- ⇒Bishop ... Archbishop?
- ⇒Priest ... Monsignor?
- ⇒Cardinal ... Pope?
- ⇒Diocese ... Archdiocese ... Vicariate?

**When: Sunday, February 16 at 6:30 pm**  
**Where: Church Basement/Parish Hall**  
**Presented by: Fr. Paul Duchscher**

## February Calendar of Events

<b>SUN 16</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass 6:30pm Adult Catechesis
<b>MON 17</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/President's Day</b> 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 6:00pm Bible Study
<b>TUE 18</b>	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am – 10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 3:00pm Finance Council Meeting
<b>WED 19</b>	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 6:30pm RE Classes 7:00pm Youth Group
<b>THU 20</b>	<b>10:30am Mass</b> 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
<b>FRI 21</b>	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 2:00pm Mass – St. Raphael
<b>SAT 22</b>	10:00am Mass - Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass <b>6:00pm REACH Chili and Baked Potato Feed</b>
<b>Sun 23</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS February 17 - 23

M 8:00am † Marvin H. Torkelson  
 T 8:00am † Walt Clement  
 W 8:00am † Roxanne Reed  
**Th 10:30am** † Darlene Goven  
 F 8:00am † Travis Robinson  
 2:00pm † Marilyn Beach  
 Sa 5:00pm † Allan Weber  
 Su 8:30am People of the Parish  
 10:30am Jaimie Nottingham

## TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading** — Jer 17:5-8

**Second Reading** — 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

**Gospel** — Lk 6:17, 20-26

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;  
1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

## PRAYER NETWORK

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

Warren Ventch  
 Darlene Miller  
 Andrew Tangen  
 Larry Doyle  
 Baby Boy Sand

I have cleaned up the list again as I forgot this past August, please call the office to add a name to the list, again I try and start fresh at least once a year.  
 Thank you,  
 Jess

## Cemetery Announcement

St. Catherine cemetery will be closing for the winter and will reopen in the spring when the conditions improve, if you need any help, you can call the **Sexton Deacon Joe Leitner 701-840-7429**.

# Pastor's Page

## **SOME HELP FOUND . . . SOME HELP NEEDED**

Our parish has a beautiful cemetery that has been so well-kept for its many years. It is certainly one of the gems of our parish. And our parish - as every parish with a cemetery - has long had a series of "sextons" that have been in charge of taking care of the cemetery, keeping it in good shape, and most importantly providing a loving service to those families who have lost a loved one and are now looking for that special place of rest for the deceased.

For many years Mel Klingenberg in our parish has been that sexton. During his time in that position so many of our parishioners have been in contact with him and can testify to his loving and kind service to them in taking care of the various arrangements for the burial of their loved ones and the upkeep of the cemetery. Now after those many years Mel is looking to retire from that position, and pass it on to another.

After a search of many months, a new sexton has been found. Deacon Joe Leitner is now the sexton of our St. Catherine's Cemetery. I am very happy that Deacon Leitner has agreed to take on this important work of mercy on behalf of those families who will need his service, and also on behalf of Our Lord and His Church. Our cemetery is a special place that is a quiet resting place for those whose bodies are now resting in peace, and for those who go to the cemetery to visit that resting place of their loved ones. (We can only imagine the scene when on the last day, at the end of time when Our Lord comes again, and the bodies of the dead will rise from their graves and be united again - forever - with their souls . . . )

There are so many facets to our parish family and what the Church provides for us - and our cemetery is one of those facets. As it is separated from the main parish "campus" by a few miles, we may sometimes forget it's there - but it's too important for us to forget about it altogether, and too important for us not to take good care of that sacred ground. I want to thank Mel Klingenberg for his great care of our parish cemetery for many years, and I want to thank Deacon Leitner for his willingness to continue this work. We must always be grateful to Our Lord for giving us this special place.

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Lent will be upon us come March. As has been the tradition for many years, on the Fridays of Lent our parish will have Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm, and then followed by a "simple Lenten supper" after the Stations (sans meat, of course). However, the last Friday meal before Good Friday has long been a special Fish Fry dinner (it's no simple supper). I'm not sure how long she has been at it, but Bernie Nelson of our parish has been heading up that special Fish Fry each year with the help of many volunteers. Now Bernie has decided that the time has come for her to step back from that service to our parish. I thank Bernie so much for her faithful service at this dinner.

So - I am now looking for someone (or a small group) to take up the task of continuing the tradition of our parish's Fish Fry. Please contact me if you would be able and willing to do this. This year the Fish Fry will be, as usual, on the Friday before Good Friday, and that is Friday, April 11. This a unique Lenten opportunity to serve as Our Lord would have us do.

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This coming week will be the first of two in which I will have cataract surgery. One eye this week, the second next week . . . I am not expecting this to intrude too much on my daily schedule, but if it does I will let you know. Pray for me! I am looking forward to more clear vision.

Fr Duchscher  
Pastor



# Principal's Page

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Family,

I find myself counting my blessings as the principal of our school. This year has been filled with many miracles—welcoming three outstanding new teachers when great educators are hard to find, hiring a quality custodian mid-year, celebrating a successful auction, and receiving heartwarming notes and calls from alumni and friends. The passion of our board of education and the willingness of parishioners to volunteer remind me daily that the Lord provides and is good. I entered this role with wavering faith, but thanks to your support, I now see blessings where I once saw challenges. Faith, after all, is trusting in His plan while recognizing the good and the bad.

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## Virtues Program Updates

### Justice: Obedience (February 17–28)

- **Focus:** Listening and responding promptly to rightful authority.
- **Saint:** St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- **Scripture:** “Let it be done to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:26–38)
- **Application:** We are encouraging obedience through practicing it in small tasks and through class discussions on respect.

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## Facility Projects Update

I’m pleased to share exciting updates regarding the facility projects in our parish buildings—the school/parish office building and the church/gym building:

- **Phone System:** Our new phone system has been successfully installed, enhancing our communication capabilities throughout our parish facilities.
- **Basement Hallway Flooring:** A special thank you to LaValle Flooring for prioritizing the completion of the hallway flooring in the basement of our school—where the daycare will be housed. Their dedicated work ahead of schedule allows us to move forward with opening our school-owned and operated daycare, ahead of the originally planned summer completion.
- **Ongoing Activity:** With these projects underway, expect a bustling summer at both the school and the parish as we continue our efforts to improve and upgrade our facilities.

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## Ways to Support the School

There are many ways you can help bolster the vital work of our school and support our students and teachers:

- **Consignment to the PTO:**  
Support our school by consigning items under the St. Catherine School PTO. Simply fill out a consignment sheet with the number 912 (St. Catherine School PTO) or arrange a time to bring your belongings to the school office for consignment.
- **PTO Coordination:**  
Our dedicated PTO President, Kaitlen Lee, will gladly accept your items at the school, where they will be gradually consigned to support the work of the PTO. Your contributions help provide essential resources for our students and teachers.

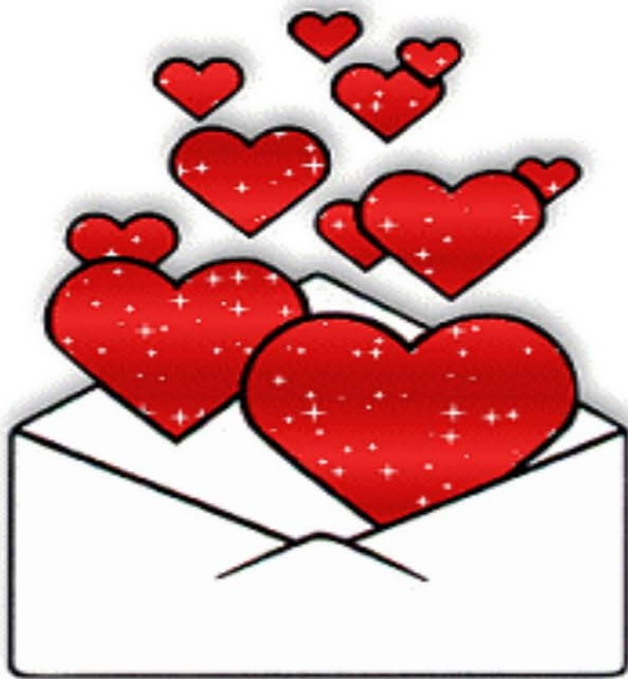
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Thank you for your continued support, your prayers, and your generous hearts. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any of these updates further, please feel free to call or email me.

In His service,

Nick Lee  
Principal, St. Catherine School





# Scholastic Book Fair

## St. Catherine School

# THANK YOU

Our book fair was a big success thanks to the generosity of our families and parishioners. The money will be used to purchase books for the library. Classroom teachers also had their wish lists fulfilled!!

St. Catherine's School 5th and 6th students recently joined CDA Regent, Ina Thomsen, near the Votive Candlelight area of the church. We learned about the history of votive lights. Also, Votive Lights may be a sign of one's prayers of intercession, of thanksgiving, of contrition or of praise. It is a sign of a sacrifice made on behalf of oneself or for another.

The lit candle shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord even though we may depart. "Lord, here am I, I come to do your will."



**Knights of Columbus Council #6438**  
**Invitation to Join**



We welcome Catholic men over the age of 18 who are members of St. Catherine's to consider joining our Council. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.7 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus contact Financial Secretary Joe Sykora at 701-890-7178 ([jhsykora@gmail.com](mailto:jhsykora@gmail.com)).

## **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 Duchscher

e-mail: paul.duchscher@fargodiocese.org

### **Deacons**

Rev. Mr. Joe Leitner

Rev. Mr. Tom Vanorny

**Parish Office Administrator:** Jessica (Jess) Storhoff

e-mail: stcatherinesparishoffice@gmail.com

**Liturgy Coordinator:**

e-mail: st.catherine.liturgy.schedule@gmail.com

**Director of Religious Education:** Carol Jabs

e-mail: stcatherine.dre.vc@gmail.com

**Lay Directors:** Jeff Bopp & Rhonda Fairfield

**Parish Council:**

Steve Jorissen

Doran Chandler

Larissa Musgrave

Mark Oberlander

Joe Zubrod

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

**Principal:** Nick Lee

**Office Assistant:** Terra Giesen

**Sexton:** Deacon Joe Leitner ..... **840-7429**

**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.

**Home Bound Eucharist:** Darlene Kerzman,  
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 9, 2025**

### **Regular Parish Income**

	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Last Week	10,385.25	10,265.38	119.87
Year to Date	349,339.26	328,492.16	20,847.10

Registered families.....473

Adult Envelopes

9,718.00

Children

22.00

Plate

645.25

**Total Collection**

**10,385.25**

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

**Peter's Pence Collection \$356**

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

### **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: Georgia, 840-2737 or Lela, 840-8352.



*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 24, 2025. We are also asking for individuals who would like to be involved in this healing ministry from around the deanery to join us. We have gotten permission from the priests in the deanery so please visit with your pastor. If you are interested, please contact one of the individuals listed below for more information.*

Doran Chandler 701-840-1257

Deacon Jim McAllister 701-840-1473



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

### Dates to Remember:

**February 19:** RE Classes 6:30pm in the school building.

### **Looking ahead:**

March 8, Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Retreat  
March 21, Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist

**Third grade parents, please be thinking about who your child's sponsor will be and help your child find a confirmation name. This information is due on March 8, at the Retreat.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact DRE Carol Jabs at [stcatherine.dre.vc@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherine.dre.vc@gmail.com)

*St. Katherine Drexel, pray for us.*

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

**Wednesday, February 19:** Class, "How to do Petitionary and Intercessory Prayer"

**Wednesday, February 26:** Class, "Mardi Gras"

**Wednesday, March 5:** Ash Wednesday,  
NO CLASS, Attend 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 have 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 8:00am Mass in the Sacred Heart Room for a movie, muffins and mighty good fellowship. Showing this week: "Francesco" a movie about St. Francis of Assisi. All are welcome!

## 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. 15** Celebration of Love Supper, VC Eagles 6:15p

**Feb. 17** Bible Study

**Feb. 24** Mid-Month Meeting

**Mar. 9** 9:00am – Noon KC/CDA Breakfast

## Grant Them Eternal Rest

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Marilyn Pritchert** who recently passed away. May she rest forever in God's Loving care.

## March Serving Information:

March 2: Coffee and Rolls

**Temporary chairperson:** Margaret Doyle  
701-840-0142; email:  
[doylemargaretm@yahoo.com](mailto:doylemargaretm@yahoo.com)



**Looking for the perfect gift for the young adult in your life???**

**SEARCH for Christian Maturity** is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16 and 17) along with young adults (ages 18 and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian community. This is a time to experience a loving, supportive community of young people who want to learn and experience a closer relationship with God and with others. We have a retreat coming up March 7th-9th, 2025 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. More details and the application are at [www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm](http://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm) or call Dori at 952-210-2219 with questions. Applications are due no later than **Monday, February 17th.**

## CURSILLO

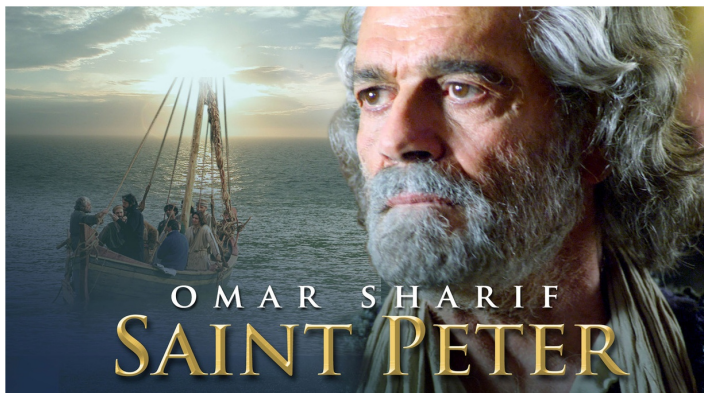


**Looking for a great way to get away and spend some time with the Lord for a weekend?** Come experience a Cursillo (pronounced (KER SEE O) weekend, which means “a short course.”

Cursillo is an encounter with Christ, and a great way to meet and hang out with other faith filled Catholics all while learning more about the Catholic faith.

**The Men's Cursillo will be held on Feb 20th-23rd, 2025 at Maryvale Convent, Valley City.** Contact Doran Chandler 701-840-1257 or Dustin Volochenko 701-626-1188.

**The Women's Cursillo is Feb 27<sup>th</sup>-March 2nd, 2025 at St Frances Retreat Center Hankinson.** Contact Liz Chandler 701-840-0746 or Laurie Weiderrich 701-320-5448.



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### Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.





# Diocese of Fargo Sponsored Upcoming Events



## **Life-Giving Wounds Support Group and Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation**

**Support Group: January 13-March 3, 2025 – Online**

The Life-Giving Wounds peer support group is a unique opportunity for healing for adults (18+) whose parents have divorced, separated, or left broken families. to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown and to heal from them, together with others who know this pain and knowledgeable, compassionate leaders, who are also predominantly adult children of divorce or separation themselves. Register at [www.fargodiocese.org/lgw-sg](http://www.fargodiocese.org/lgw-sg).

### **Retreat: April 4-6, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center**

No matter the circumstances, divorce always represents broken dreams and broken hearts. While much of the attention goes to the men and women trying to navigate the tidal wave of loss and hurt, often left in the wake are the children whose sense of security and identity have also been shattered. This can be true even for those who were already adults when their parents' relationship ended. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parents' relationship, no matter at what age it happened and to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. Find out more information or register for the retreat by visiting [www.fargodiocese.org/lgw](http://www.fargodiocese.org/lgw).



## **Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages**

**February 28-March 2, 2025**

Do you and your spouse have any level of disconnection in your relationship? You don't need to wait until you're in crisis to take time to reconnect and rediscover one another

as you deepen your love and unity. Instead, you can work to build the kind of joyful, connected marriage you envisioned when you walked down the aisle.

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and reclaim the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that more than 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program have healthier marriages than ever before. The Red River Retrouvaille program will be held locally on February 28-March 2, 2025 in Fargo. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at [rrretrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:rrretrouvaille@gmail.com).



## **Men's Silent Directed Ignatian Retreat**

**March 20-23, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center**

This retreat is inspired by the prayer methods and exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola led by

Monsignor Schlesselmann at Maryvale Retreat Center. A silent retreat is a chance to rest, an intentional time to listen to God in a new way, without the busy-ness of life. Visit <https://maryvalend.org/3-23-25-ignatian-1> for all the details or to register.



## Women's Reading Retreat

**[March 28-30, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center](https://maryvalend.org/3-30-25-gods-bucket-list-1)**

This week-long reading retreat is filled with group and silent reading times, small and large group discussions, prayer time, daily Mass, adoration, evening social, and the

building of lasting friendships. Participants will be reading and discussing *God's Bucket List* by Teresa Tomeo. Details and registration available at <https://maryvalend.org/3-30-25-gods-bucket-list-1>



**At the Feet of St. John Paul II.** You are invited to a retreat that opens up St. John Paul II's life-changing teaching called the "Theology of the Body". This teaching on the **total vision of the human person** will then be applied to life and love issues as well as the Eucharist. In addition, there will be Mass, Adoration, Confessions, music and time for personal prayer and reflection. The retreat is **April 11-13 at Maryvale** in Valley City. You can register by going to [Marvalend.org](https://maryvalend.org)



## Praying with the Shroud: A Message of Hope

**[August 22-24, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center](https://maryvalend.org/8-24-25-shroud)**

Come and seek to enhance your prayer life by learning how the Holy Shroud of Turin can provide you with additional options for contemplation and meditation. Retreatants will receive a comprehensive array of Shroud information from speaker Jim Bertrand, M. Ed, who has 10 years of experience of sharing the message across more than 45 dioceses. He will be offering five conference sessions and will be available to answer individual questions. Mass, adoration, and Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Check it out at <https://maryvalend.org/8-24-25-shroud>.



## On Retreat with St. Therese of Lisieux: Women's Silent Retreat

**[September 12-14, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center](https://maryvalend.org/9-12-25-st-therese-of-lisieux)**

In this retreat, Ashley Njaa (wife, mother, DRE, and spiritual disciple of St. Therese of Lisieux) will help women unpack some of key pieces of this French spiritual giant's wisdom on living a life of complete trust, confidence in God, and cultivating a spiritual childhood. The retreat will include conferences, Mass, adoration, confession, and spiritual direction, as well as time to pray, rest, and enjoy the beautiful grounds of Maryvale. All details available at <https://maryvalend.org/9-12-25-st-therese-of-lisieux>.