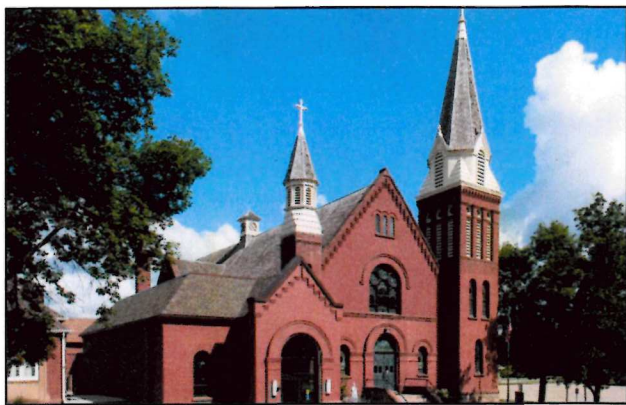


# **St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish**

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

**Second Sunday of Lent  
March 16, 2025**

[www.catherineofalexandria.org](http://www.catherineofalexandria.org)



## **MASS SCHEDULE: (For Lent)**

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

## **RECONCILIATION: (For Lent)**

Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 7:50 am  
Tuesday 8:15 - 9:30 pm  
Friday 4:45 - 5:15 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

## **April Serving Information:**

### **Co-Chairs:**

Wayne and Carol Denault: 701-840-2444 and  
Joe and Linda McKenna: 701-490-4974

**Events:** April 6, Coffee and Rolls  
April 10, 10:30 Funeral

## **Monthly Adult Catechesis**

# **THE FIVE BEST THINGS...**

- about being a faithful follower of Jesus Christ
- about being a Catholic follower of Jesus Christ

# **FIVE THINGS A CATHOLIC...**

- should do
- should not do

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

## March Calendar of Events

<b>SUN 16</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</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</b> 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass
<b>TUE 18</b>	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am – 10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting
<b>WED 19</b>	<b>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 6:30pm RE 7:00pm Youth Group
<b>THU 20</b>	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
<b>FRI 21</b>	7:45am Rosary 8:00am Mass 2:00pm Mass – St. Raphael <b>5:00pm Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Mass</b>
<b>SAT 22</b>	10:00am Mass - Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
<b>SUN 23</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS March 17 - 23

M 8:00am	† Allan Weber
T 8:00am	† Francis (FG) Potter
W 8:00am	Paul and Charlene Donahue
Th 8:00am	Hunter Peterson
F 8:00am	People of the Parish
2:00pm	Teresa Beumer
<b>5:00pm</b>	† Joe Judd
Sa 5:00pm	Nancy Noeske, Diane Nolte, Diane Sherman, Carrie Maresh, Shelly Differding, Marlys Koble, Rayma Fiegen
Su 8:30am	† John and Lois Linnehan
10:30am	People of the Parish

## TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading** — Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

**Second Reading** — Phil 3:17-4:1  
or 3:20-4:1

**Gospel** — Lk 9:28b-36

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13,  
16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;  
Lk 13:1-9

## PRAYER NETWORK

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

Warren Ventch

Audrey Suhr

Darlene Miller

Andrew Tangen

Larry Doyle

Lucille Winkler

Marlys Koble

Donna Hammond

Jerry Sand

Krystal Lemer

## 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.**

## Grant Them Eternal Rest

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **JoAnn (Lorenz) Pederson**, mother of Christine (Curt) Marshall and Maurine (Ron) Tolstad, sister of Marilyn Kosse and aunt to Kent Kosse, who recently passed away. May she rest forever in God's Loving care.



# Pastor's Page



## OUR NEARLY NU STORE

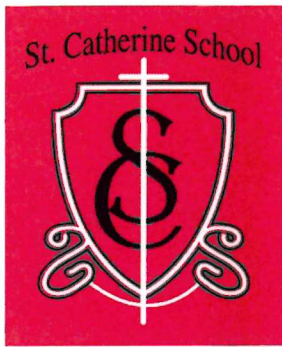
Perhaps most of us are just used to the Nearly Nu store. And perhaps we might not fully realize all that the store does for our parish and for the folks of Valley City and the surrounding area. It's easy to take something like the Nearly Nu store for granted as it's been around for so long and so much a part of the life of this city. But how about this for some news: in 2024 the Nearly Nu store brought in just over \$400,000 in income. Out of those earnings were given \$17,000 to our church, \$12,000 to the Religious Education program, and \$35,000 to the school! That's \$64,000 to our parish's budget, and we would be hard-pressed to make that up if it weren't for the store and its annual gifts. We can all be very proud of the Nearly Nu store - and we can be proud of how it serves the local community. What a blessing our store has brought to our parish, and how Our Lord must be appreciative of what it is doing for all His own brothers and sisters who shop there, work there, volunteer there, and donate and consign items.

However . . . and isn't there always a "however"? And there is one here, too. However, the expenses for the year of 2024 were \$6,780 more than our income, and anyone can see that we dare not take the Nearly Nu store for granted as if it can operate indefinitely without some additional help. At this time about 1/3 of our income goes to payroll. It is good to provide jobs and to provide the wages as best we can for them. But it also good - and needed - to encourage those who can to volunteer their time and efforts in keeping that store open. We certainly want the Nearly Nu to continue financially supporting our parish and school as much as possible but we need some more volunteers. The store takes in hundreds of items daily which need to be sorted, entered into computer (if consigned), tagged, put on the sales floor, etc. ***If you are interested in volunteering or applying for a paid position, please contact Amanda Kunze at 701-490-1724 or by e-mail at [kunzeamanda@gmail.com](mailto:kunzeamanda@gmail.com).***

- The store is currently looking for volunteers and/or hiring for Wednesdays.
- The store needs a custodian: 6 hours per week (3 days of 2 hours) at \$30/hr. This can be done before or after store hours.
- The store needs a clerk to work an occasional 1/2 day or a full day on Saturday. This could be a volunteer or paid position.
- The store is looking for a Consignment/Donation Greeter: to volunteer one's time by greeting and assisting consigners/donors with a smile.
- The store is looking for a volunteer with the time and talent to create a new and functional website for the Nearly Nu.

I truly hope that we do get some volunteers from our parish to give a few hours of their time and talent to this very unique ministry. Pass this information on to anyone - parishioner or no - who might be interested. The Nearly Nu store is for everyone who can make use of it - and that includes those who volunteer and work to help it operate.

Fr Duchscher  
Pastor



# Principal's Page

Dear St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Family,

As we enter the season of **Lent**, we are reminded of the beauty of reflection, sacrifice, and renewal in our faith. This is a time of prayer, gratitude, and spiritual growth, and we are blessed to share this journey with our parish and school community.

## Daycare Update – St. Catherine Little Saints Child Care

We are excited about the progress of **St. Catherine Little Saints Child Care**, our faith-based daycare dedicated to nurturing children in a Christ-centered environment. Here are three ways to get involved:

### 1. Childcare Interest List – Reserve Your Spot

We are now **taking names of families interested in childcare**. Official enrollment has not yet begun, but those on our **interest list will be the first contacted** when we start.

We anticipate having **eight infant spots available**, and those will be the **first to fill up**. If you or someone you know needs childcare, please contact me at [nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us](mailto:nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us) or call the school at **701-845-1453**.

### 2. Hiring a Daycare Director

We are actively seeking a **Daycare Director** to lead this program. We encourage you to apply if you or someone you know is interested. This **full-time position** includes a **competitive salary and benefits package**, including health insurance, tuition benefits for school-age dependents, paid time off, and a retirement contribution.

### 3. Ways to Support the Daycare

If you feel **called to donate your time, energy, or prayers**, all are deeply appreciated as we prepare to open.

- **Financial donations** can be made by check to **St. Catherine School**, with "**Daycare**" written in the memo line.
- We are accepting **gently used toys and books**, but **please call before donating**, as we must **ensure all items meet sanitization requirements**.

## Supporting St. Catherine School – Nearly Nu Thrift Store

One of the easiest ways to support **St. Catherine School** is by consigning or donating items to the **Nearly Nu Thrift Store**.

- If you are **consigning items**, please use **St. Catherine School PTO Consignor Number 912**. You must follow all consignment rules.
- If you have items you want to consign under the PTO but **don't want to fill out the forms**, please call the school office or contact **PTO President Kaitlen Lee**. Someone from the school can **assist with pickup**.
- Items can also be **dropped off at the school** (gently used).
- **All Nearly Nu sales**—whether donated or consigned—**support both the school and parish**, so however you choose to give, your generosity makes a difference!

## Aluminum Can Ministry – Volunteer Needed

We are still looking for **someone to take over the aluminum can ministry**. This is a simple but impactful way to support the school and parish. If you are interested in helping, please call the **school or parish office**.

## Virtue of the Month – Moderation (Temperance)

As we enter **Lent**, we focus on the virtue of **Moderation (Temperance): Balancing habits and avoiding excess**.

- **Virtue Focus (March 3-14):** Moderation in daily life, practicing gratitude, and limiting excess screen time.
- **Saint Model: Blessed Carlo Acutis**
- **Scripture Reflection:** *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1-7)

Moderation is a **perfect virtue to practice as we enter Lent**, helping us reflect on balance, simplicity, and self-discipline in our daily lives.

Thank you for your continued **prayers, support, and generosity**. Together, we are building a future filled with **faith, love, and service**.

Blessings,  
**Nicholas Lee**

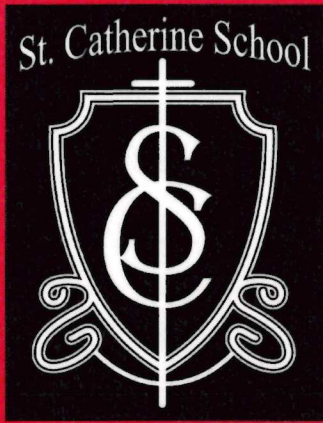
Principal, St. Catherine School



**SHAMROCKS****SHAMROCKS****SHAMROCKS**


The Knights of Columbus Council #6438 will be conducting a fundraiser March 15 and 16 for the "Home on the Range" at Sentinel Butte, ND. Please consider giving generously to this worthy cause. Every free will donation will entitle the giver to proudly wear a beautiful green shamrock (just in time for St. Patrick's Day)! Our brother Knights will be collecting donations and handing out Shamrocks after all Masses that weekend. If we miss your donation March 15 and 16 you can drop it off at the parish office in an envelope marked HOTR KofC. Remember what Jesus said as recounted by Luke 6:38 "Give and it shall be given to you... For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." If you would like more information about the Home on the Range, go to [www.hotrnd.com](http://www.hotrnd.com).

## St. Catherine Little Saints Childcare



St. Catherine School

Scan the QR Code for full position description



St. Catherine School is seeking a full-time Daycare Director to lead our new faith-based Little Saints Childcare facility. Pay is commensurate with experience (22-25 per hour with full benefit package).

Start Date: April 1, 2025

How to Apply:  
Submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to:  
 ■ Nicholas Lee, Principal  
 ■ [nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us](mailto:nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us)  
 ■ 540 3rd Ave NE, Valley City, ND 58072

<https://www.stcatherine.k12.nd.us/>



## Knights of Columbus Supporting Vocations Program



The Knights of Columbus #6438 contributed \$500 each to Garrett Aberle and Taylor Ternes to support their seminarian expenses as they pursue becoming a priest. Both are attending Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg Maryland. If you recall, they were both with us last spring/summer at St. Catherine's. Keep them and all seminarians in your prayers as they prepare for what the Lord is calling them to do.

## Youth Group News

Remember the Date: There will be a Palm Sunday Brunch, serving from **9 a.m. until noon, Sunday, April 13**, in the social hall. This will be served by the high school youth attending the Steubenville Conference in June as a fundraiser to offset the costs of the trip. Menu forthcoming. Free will donation.

Steubenville Conference Attendees are: Kinslee Glandt, Katie Burchill, Marisa Hoffarth, Matthew Holm, Jack Sorby, Rafael Rivera, Andrew Sykora, Luke Praska, Adrian Rivera. Chaperones will be Deacon Thomas Vanorny and a female chaperone yet to be decided.

The Steubenville Conference is scheduled for June 26-30 in Lisle, Illinois. It is packed with speakers (including Fr. Mike Schmitz), reconciliation, games, activities, Masses, interaction with other youth from around the Midwest and Adoration.

Details on how to help financially with the trip to follow in the next few weeks. Spiritually, you can begin to pray for a great weekend at Steubenville for the youth, that they are touched by the Lord in a special way.

## 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: March 9, 2025**

### **Regular Parish Income**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Last Week	13,189.25	10,265.38	2,923.87
Year to Date	395,639.87	369,553.68	26,086.19
Registered families.....	473		
Adult Envelopes			7,502.00
Children			6.00
Plate			676.25
Votive			88.00
Energy/Utility			50.00
Ash Wednesday			872.00
February Online Giving			3,995.00
<b>Total Collection</b>			<b>13,189.25</b>

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

***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, March 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:

**March 19:** RE classes 6:30 pm in the school building.

**Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Rehearsal** at 6:30 in the Church.

**March 21,** 5:00 pm Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist with Bishop Folda. Candidates and sponsors gather in the Social Hall at 4:30 in dress clothes and ready to go.

**Prayer cards for those being confirmed and receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist are on a table at the entrance to the church.**

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

*St. Patrick, pray for us.*

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

**Wednesday, March 19:** Class, "All Tied Up?"

**Wednesday, March 26:** Class, "Confirmation-What is it Actually?"

**Wednesday, April 2:** Class, "Lectio Divina"

**Sunday, April 13:** Palm Sunday Brunch, 9a to Noon, Steubenville High School Conference Fundraiser

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: "Understanding the Creed" with Bishop Robert Barron; Episode 3: "Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son" and Episode 4: "He Suffered Death". 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

**March 16:** 6:30pm Fr. Paul Adult Catechesis #7

**March 17:** 1:30pm Mid-Month Meeting

**March 19:** Feast of St. Joseph

**March 21:** 5:30pm Mass, Stations, and Simple Supper

A huge thank you to the Catholic Daughters, St. Catherine's 5th and 6th graders, parish volunteers and Knights of Columbus for their extraordinary efforts this past weekend. TJ McGough's prayer service, the rosary leaders, proclaimers, reception assistants, funeral meal preparers, servers, and wonderful clean-up crew.

Followed up with the soup on Friday night supper after mass and the stations crew, making, serving the amazing Tomato Basil soup and clean up.

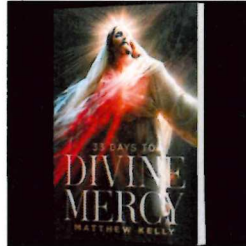
In marched Sunday mornings KC and CDA Breakfast. Everything turned out just as planned. It takes a parish-based family to pull off last weekend's many activities.

Thank you to everyone that helped make them happen!! You are each a Blessing to those you assisted and served.

## 33 DAYS to DIVINE MERCY

Our God is a God of second chances, fresh starts and new beginnings. Throughout His life on earth Jesus was constantly offering second chances and new beginnings. There is nothing you have done that cannot be forgiven. His message was clear: Everyone deserves a new beginning.

The Divine Mercy group will meet at 4:30 each Wednesday during Lent in the Sacred Heart room in the basement of the church to discuss the book *33 Days to Divine Mercy*. If you are interested in joining us this Lent, you can order your copy of the book called 33 Days to Divine Mercy by going to [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com). or call to order at (859) 980 7900. ALL ARE WELCOME.



**Helping to send Veteran's on the trip of a lifetime!**

**Veteran's Honor Flight  
Quarter Million Challenge  
Breakfast / Bake Sale Fundraiser**

**Sunday March 23, 2025 8:30am - Noon**

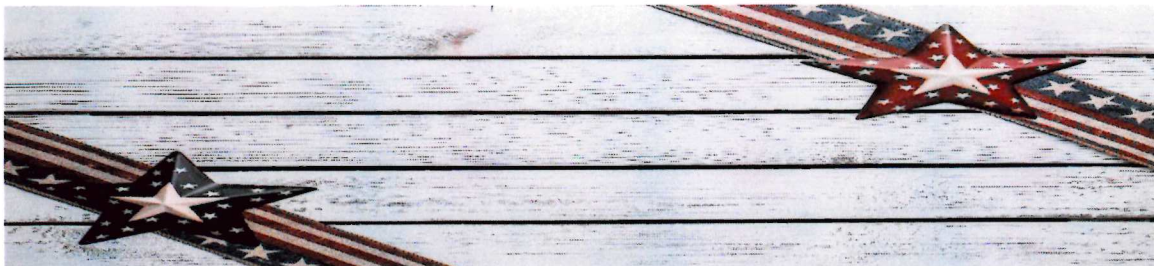
**Club 1883**

**519 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, S.**

**Jamestown, ND**

**Bake sale donations appreciated and accepted at time of event. Free will offering.**

**FMI: 701-269-1388 (Kurt) or 701-252-4020 (Diane)**







# Carlo Acutis

## THE FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT

Carlo Acutis, born in 1991 in Milan, Italy, is celebrated as the first millennial to be sainted, highlighting his faith and influence on modern Catholicism. From a young age, Carlo displayed a unique spirituality. Raised in a family with limited religious practice, he developed a personal devotion to the Eucharist, attending daily Mass and spending hours in adoration. His spiritual maturity was evident in his frequent prayers, especially the Rosary, and his dedication to helping others.

Carlo's love for technology became central to his mission. Recognizing the potential of the internet as a tool for evangelization, he created a website cataloging eucharistic miracles worldwide. Through this, he sought to inspire others to deepen their faith in the *Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*. Carlo's integration of modern tools with ancient truths earned him the title "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist."

Beyond technology, Carlo's virtues shone in daily life. Known for humility, kindness, he frequently helped the poor and defended peers. His mantra, "We are all born originals, but many die as photocopies," encouraged others to embrace their unique paths to holiness.

In 2006, Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia. Even amid suffering, he maintained deep trust in God, offering his pain for the Church and the Pope. He faced death with serene acceptance, passing away at 15. Following his beatification in 2020 by Pope Francis, Carlo is to be canonized on April 27, 2025, in recognition of miracles attributed to his intercession in 2013 and 2022, as acknowledged by the Vatican.

Carlo's legacy inspires youth worldwide, showing that sainthood is attainable today. His life offers a blueprint for using technology to spread love and truth. Carlo reminds us that holiness is not bound by age or circumstance but found in living for God and others. His story inspires generations to seek God's presence and live authentically as "originals."



# STEPS TO SAINTHOOD

The process of canonization in the Catholic Church is a rigorous journey that declares a person to be a saint. It involves several stages overseen by the Church to ensure that the candidate's life reflects exceptional holiness and fidelity to God. Here are the main steps:

## 1. Servant of God

The process begins after the candidate has passed away and a minimum of five years has elapsed (though this can be waived by the Pope, as in the case of John Paul II and Mother Teresa).

The local bishop investigates the candidate's life, virtues, and reputation for holiness, collecting testimonies and documents. If the investigation is deemed satisfactory, the bishop sends the results to the *Dicastery for the Causes of Saints* in Rome (previously named the Congregation for the Causes of Saints), and the candidate is titled Servant of God.

## 2. Venerable

The Dicastery for the Causes of Saints examines the candidate's life and writings to determine whether they demonstrated heroic virtue—a life of extraordinary goodness and closeness to God. If approved, the Pope declares the candidate Venerable.

## 3. Beatification

For a martyr, no miracle is required; their death must be verified as a direct witness to the faith.

For a confessor (someone who lived a holy life but did not die as a martyr), one miracle attributed to their intercession must be verified. This typically involves a medically unexplained healing approved by a team of doctors, theologians, and ultimately the Pope.

Once the miracle is confirmed, the candidate is declared Blessed in a special ceremony. Beatification allows for limited public veneration, often in the candidate's diocese or region.

## 4. Canonization

A second miracle, occurring after beatification, must be verified for both martyrs and confessors.

Following a thorough investigation, the Pope officially declares the candidate a Saint in a canonization ceremony, making them universally venerated in the Church. The new saint is assigned a feast day and becomes a model for the faithful.

Canonization is not about perfection but recognizes a person who has cooperated fully with God's grace and can inspire others in their journey of faith.

# EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Carlo Acutis undertook a remarkable project to catalog Eucharistic miracles from around the world, using his skills in technology to create a website that made these miracles widely accessible.

A Eucharistic miracle is an extraordinary event where the bread and wine consecrated during Mass visibly manifest as Christ's body and blood, or where other phenomena affirm the *Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*. These miracles are seen as divine signs to strengthen faith in the mystery of the Eucharist.

Carlo's website featured descriptions, photographs, and historical information about each miracle, organized in an accessible way. His goal was to help others grow in faith and deepen their devotion to the Eucharist, especially at a time when belief in the Real Presence was waning.

This project is significant because it bridges faith traditions with modern tools, showing how technology can inspire and educate. Carlo's work continues to rekindle love for the Eucharist and remind people of God's tangible presence in their lives.

# TWO MIRACLES

## Healing a Brazilian child

In 2013, a Brazilian boy named Matheus Viana was healed from a rare pancreatic condition after praying to Acutis and touching one of his relics. Matheus's pancreas was completely healed and he was able to eat normally without restriction.

## Healing a University Student

In 2022, a Costa Rican woman named Valeria suffered a serious head trauma after falling from her bicycle in Florence. Her doctors said she had a very low chance of survival. Valeria's mother prayed to Acutis at his tomb in Assisi, and Valeria began to breathe on her own the same day. She made a full recovery and was discharged from intensive care after 10 days.