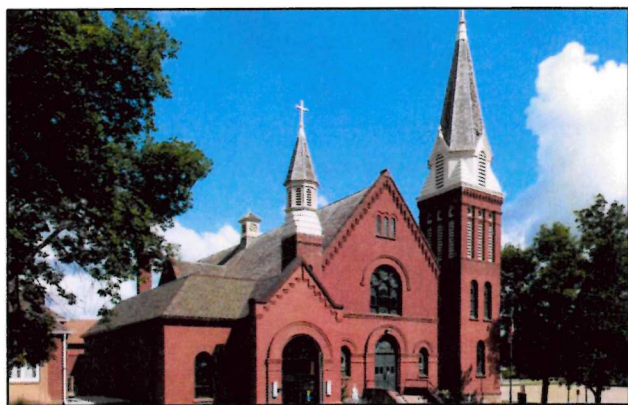


St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025**

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





College Catholic Group Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!



Join us for a delicious Spaghetti Dinner at the Eagles Club in Valley City to support the Catholic student group at Valley City State University! Enjoy a great meal while helping us raise funds for our ministry and activities on campus.

 **Date:** Monday, March 24th

 **Time:** 5 pm

 **Location:** Eagles Club, Valley City (345 12th Ave NE)

Your support helps us grow in faith, serve our community, and provide opportunities for students to stay connected to their Catholic faith. We'd love to see you there—bring your family and friends!



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 Thank You!!!

Thanks to all the Quilters here at St. Catherine's. They allowed the high school youth to tie quilts this past week. Christine Marshall, Georgia Olstad and Margaret Doyle were present to help with the quilt tying. The Quilters do such a great service to the church and the extended community. It was greatly appreciated by all the youth.

March Calendar of Events

SUN 23	Third Sunday of Lent 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass
MON 24	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 7:00pm Healing Prayer Group
TUE 25	The Annunciation of the Lord 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am – 10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 3:00pm Finance Council Meeting 5:30pm REACH Meeting
WED 26	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 6:30pm RE 7:00pm Youth Group
THU 27	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 2:00pm Parish Office Closed for the Day 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
FRI 28	2:00pm Mass – St. Raphael 5:30pm Mass, Stations, Simple Supper
SAT 29	10:00am Mass - Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
SUN 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS March 24 - 30

M 8:00am	† Roxanne Reed
T 8:00am	Steve and Karla Robinet
W 8:00am	† Helen Differding
Th 8:00am	† Jeff Differding
F 2:00pm	† Mylo Falstad
5:30pm	† Travis Robinson
Sa 5:00pm	† Kenneth and Sharon Kinney
Su 8:30am	People of the Parish
10:30am	Linda Simmons

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

Second Reading — 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel — Lk 13:1-9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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 is closed 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 **Adlai Donohue**, brother of Paul (Charlene) Donohue, who recently passed away. May he rest forever in God's Loving care.



Pastor's Page



THERE'S A DIFFERENCE ...

I've run across sayings in the past that went something like: "Don't just see - observe"; "Don't just hear - listen"; "Don't just read - comprehend"; and others along the same line. I think it's pretty obvious what is trying to be taught in those kinds of sayings: that in any number of activities, it's not enough to do them in a shallow, superficial way, but they should be done methodically, with some effort put in to allow the fullness of the activity be soaked in/understood and not just simply experienced.

And so let me give you a couple of other sayings along the same line, but concerned with things which are - or should be - at the very top of one's life-list of activities:

*"You may look lightly upon Scripture and see nothing;
meditate often upon it and there you shall see a light
like the light of the sun."*

That is completely and utterly true. Sacred Scripture is unlike any other literature that has ever been produced. It is the **Word of God**, and although I suppose most everybody would agree with that intellectual description of it, many (and perhaps most) look upon it 'lightly' - if they look upon it at all - and with that kind of approach very little will capture one's mind or heart. But give Scripture consistent attention, and time in pondering it, and it will reveal things to you from the very mind of God that will not leave you unchanged. And the Gospels themselves are the peak moments in the Scripture - the words of the God-man Himself, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I've been aware of this saying for many years, but this past year it dawned on me that pretty much the same dynamic and pattern could be used in terms of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, with a twist. How about this:

*"You may look lightly upon the Eucharist and see nothing;
look upon it often and there you shall see a light who is the Son."*

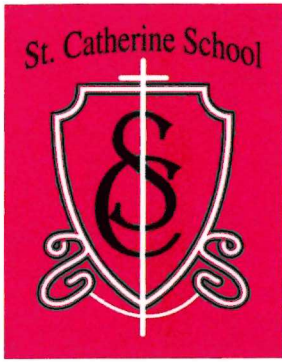
That is also completely and utterly true. The Eucharist is unlike any other thing you will run across in your entire life. It is the **Word of God, the Son of God, in His Real Presence**, and although many Catholics would agree with that intellectual description, many (too many) look upon it 'lightly' - if they look upon it at all - and with that kind of approach very little of Our Lord's Real Presence will capture the mind or heart. But give the Eucharist consistent attention, and time in its Presence, and He will reveal Himself in a way that will not leave you unchanged.

And that is the beauty of Eucharistic Adoration: spending time with Our Lord in His Real Presence in the Eucharist. Every Tuesday when our parish has Eucharistic Adoration is the perfect opportunity to stop in for a consistent, weekly time with Christ Himself hidden under the appearance of the bread. As the weeks, months, and years go by, He will become more and more important to you, and His very Person in your life will be the motivation to become a deeper and more faithful disciple of Him.

What about the other six days of the week? Well, we only have Adoration on Tuesdays, but the Lord Jesus is present in our tabernacle 24/7. You can't see the exposed Eucharist as you do at Adoration, but He is Really Present nonetheless - come anytime during the week and spend time with Him as you wish. Living next door to the church is one of the greatest perks I have as a priest - it's so easy and convenient for me to spend time with Him there in the tabernacle that in fact I do just that.

I'm not even going to bring up Holy Communion at this time - that's a whole 'nother topic. This is just about "looking upon Him often" - and the result of such a zealous pursuit. Observing is better than just seeing; listening is better than just hearing; comprehending is better than just reading; and seeing the Light of God in both Scripture and the Eucharist is better than just noticing them in passing.

Fr Duchscher
Pastor



Principal's Page

Dear St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Family,

This past week, some of our **St. Catherine students** had the opportunity to **read to residents at St. Raphael (Sheyenne Care Center)**. What an incredible act of **service and connection**! It was a joy to see our students engaging with community members and sharing their love of reading.

Daycare Director Position – Help Us Find the Right Fit!

We still seek a **Daycare Director** for **St. Catherine Little Saints Child Care**. If you know someone who might be an excellent fit for this position, please **encourage them to apply**. There are **several pathways to licensure**, and we are happy to discuss options with interested candidates. This role is critical in helping us provide **faith-filled, high-quality early childhood education** to families in our community.

Virtue of the Month – Fortitude: Perseverance

From **March 17-28**, our school focuses on the virtue of **Fortitude: Perseverance**, which means **completing tasks despite difficulties**.

- **Virtue Focus:** Encouraging students to **push through challenges** and track progress on **long-term goals**.
- **Saint Model:** **St. Monica**, whose perseverance in prayer and faith is an excellent example.
- **Scripture Reflection:** *“Daughter, your faith has saved you.”* (Mark 5:25–34)

We encourage families to **discuss perseverance at home**, helping students learn the importance of **commitment, effort, and trust in God’s plan**.

Planning for Growth – A Great Challenge to Have!

For the **first time in my three years** as principal, I strategically plan **for space** in our school! More families will walk **through our school doors** next year because of **St. Catherine Little Saints Child Care, Circle of Friends, and our evolving school needs**.

We are working to **ensure our space is used effectively** to continue serving **students and families in the best way possible**. Please keep us in your **prayers** as we navigate this exciting growth!

Congratulations to Our 3rd Grade Students!

Congratulations to our **3rd-grade students** who received the **sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation** with **Bishop Folda on Friday**!

Please **pray for them** as they continue their **faith journey**, walking with Jesus and growing in their relationship with the Church.

Spring Program – Mark Your Calendars!

Our **Spring Program** is coming up on **Thursday, May 8th, at 6:30 PM** in the school gym. We warmly invite **parishioners** to attend!

We **could not have a school without your support**, and we love having **parishioners** join us at school events. Your presence means so much to our students and staff, and we hope you will come celebrate their hard work and talents.

Thank you for your continued **prayers, support, and generosity**. Together, we are building a faith-filled community where our students can grow, learn, and thrive.

Blessings,

Nicholas Lee

Principal, St. Catherine School

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 16, 2025

Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	4,843.00	10,265.38	(5,422.38)
Year to Date	400,482.87	379,819.06	20,663.81

Registered families.....473

Adult Envelopes 4,368.00

Children 7.00

Plate 382.00

Votive 86.00

Total Collection **4,843.00**

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 26: RE Classes 6:30 pm in the school building.

Congratulations to all the young people confirmed and who received 1st Holy Communion at St. Catherine's on Friday, March 21.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact DRE Carol labs@stcatherine.dre.vc@gmail.com

St. Margaret Clithrow, pray for us.

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

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

Wednesday, April 2: Class, "Lectio Divina"

Wednesday, April 9: Class, "Tasting the 10 Plagues of Egypt!"

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 5: "Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life" and Episode 6: "One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic". All are welcome!



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Gerard # 2518

Meet Monthly 2nd Monday

March 28: 5:30pm Mass, Stations, Simple Supper Ina is making Corn Chowder Soup. CDA Members please plan to help serve after Stations and help clean up. Thank you for all you do for others!

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.



Lenten Reconciliation Service

Monday, April 14th

7:00 pm

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).

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
✉ 540 3rd Ave NE, Valley City, ND 58072

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



Home on The Range Thank you



Shamrock Fundraiser



The Knights of Columbus Council #6438 conducted a fundraiser March 15th and 16th for the "Home On The Range" at Sentinel Butte, ND. As a result of your generous support of this worthy cause our parish has donated \$1,255 to "Home On The Range"! Every free will donation entitled the giver to proudly wear a beautiful green shamrock (just in time for St. Patrick's Day)! If we missed you, drop your donation in the collection basket at Mass or at the parish office in an envelope marked HOTR-KC. If you would like to contribute directly, mail to: Home On The Range 16351 I-94 Sentinel Butte, ND 58654

If you would like more information about Home on the Range go to www.hotrnd.com.



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The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

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



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



Fish Fry
Friday, April 11th
After 5:30p Mass and
Stations of the Cross.
All are welcome, please join
us in the social hall!



Spring Dinner



Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Fingal
Spring Dinner and Bake Sale April 13th
Serving from 11am – 1:30pm
Adults \$15, Grade K-6 \$7, Pre-K Free
Menu: Pork Loin, Mashed Potato & Gravy,
Baby Carrots, Salads, Buns & Homemade
desserts
Rada Cutlery Available

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 Maryvalend.org. **Many more retreats at Maryvale, check out their FB page or their website!!**

Did you know about the REACH scholarship?

REACH awards up to \$500 each year to a current college, high school, or preparatory school student, who is a resident of Barnes County, to be used for tuition during the following academic year. Scholarships are awarded based upon academic excellence, service, evidence of leadership, work ethic, and character, demonstration of Christian values, and demonstration of a commitment to Catholic/ Christian education. It's not too late to apply! Applications postmarked on or before **March 31, 2025** will be considered. Please contact Jess at the parish office at **845-0354**, if you would like more information or would like an application.



EASTER FLOWERS

Help fill our Church with the beauty of Easter with a gift for a family member, living or deceased. Names of those remembered will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Donations are used for Easter flowers and decorations. Please complete the following information and return to the Parish Office by April 14th.

Given by: _____

Amount: _____

Person(s) being remembered:

March 20, 2025

Dear Friend of St. Catherine's School,

This letter comes as an invitation to you to attend the annual REACH meeting/banquet. The date of this year's banquet is Thursday, April 3, 2025, at the Valley City Eagles Club. The social begins at 6pm with the meal following at 6:30. The guest speaker is Karissa Flieth, principal at Trinity Elementary School, Fargo.

A roast beef entree will be served at a cost of \$20 per person. Come on out for a fabulous meal and delightful entertainment. Please R.S.V.P. by calling 845-0354 or return the bottom of this letter by Friday, March 28th, to the parish office, the address is listed below.

REACH has done a lot to assist St. Catherine's continued efforts at providing the best possible religious and academic experiences for the students. Much of what continues to be a part of St. Catherine's would not be if it were not for your unselfish dedication. We encourage you to continue to REACH out and we thank you for your support. If you are not yet a member, we ask you to consider a donation or membership. Regardless, we invite each of you to attend this fun event and see how this organization has truly been instrumental in "Advancing our Christian Heritage".

A short meeting and presentation will follow the meal. We hope to see you on Thursday, April 3rd, at 6pm at the Eagles Club.

In Christ, Kids, & Community,

Darlene Kerzman 721-1899

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____ Money Enclosed \$ _____

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 28th

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