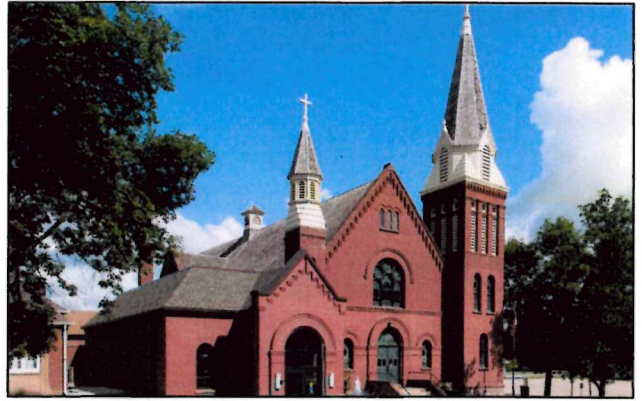


# **St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish**

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 30, 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

## **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

## **Parish Office Hours:**

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



## **Fish Fry**

**Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
After 5:30p Mass and  
Stations of the Cross.  
All are welcome, please join  
us in the social hall!**

## **Apology for Spaghetti Dinner Postponement**

We sincerely apologize for the postponement of our Spaghetti Dinner at the Eagles Club. We understand this may have caused inconvenience or disappointment, and we truly appreciate your patience and support.

Due to a miscommunication on our end, the kitchen manager did not have the necessary supplies available at the time. We deeply regret this oversight and appreciate your understanding. We are working to reschedule the event and will share the new date as soon as possible.

Thank you for your generosity and support—we look forward to seeing you soon!

**VCSU Viking Catholic**

## March/April Calendar of Events

<b>SUN 30</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass
<b>MON 31</b>	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass
<b>TUE 1</b>	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am – 10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 6:40pm KC Rosary and Meeting
<b>WED 2</b>	<b>School Early Dismissal</b> 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 6:30pm RE 7:00pm Youth Group
<b>THU 3</b>	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters <b>6:00pm REACH Banquet at Eagles</b> 6:30pm Quilters
<b>FRI 4</b>	2:00pm Mass – St. Raphael <b>5:30pm Mass, Stations, Simple Supper</b>
<b>SAT 5</b>	10:00am Mass - Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
<b>SUN 6</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass <b>9:30am Coffee and Rolls</b> 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS March 31 – April 6

M 8:00am † Marie Meath  
 T 8:00am † Lawrence & Rita Petrowitz  
 W 8:00am † Kelly Koch  
 Th 8:00am † Diantha Scherr  
 F 2:00pm † Roxanne Reed  
     **5:30pm** † Travis Robinson  
 Sa 5:00pm Christine Marshall  
 Su 8:30am People of the Parish  
     10:30am † John & Lois Linnehan

## TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading** — Jos 5:9a, 10-12  
**Second Reading** — 2 Cor 5:17-21  
**Gospel** — Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

### 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  
 Lucille Winkler  
 Marlys Koble  
 Donna Hammond  
 Jerry Sand  
 Krystal Lemer

Audrey Suhr

## 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.**

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St. Catherine's REACH Clubs' **Annual REACH banquet is Thursday, April 3rd**, at the Valley City Eagles Club. Social begins at 6 pm with meal following at 6:30 pm. The guest Speaker is Karissa Flieth, principal at Trinity Elementary School, Fargo.  
 Roast Beef entrée will be served for \$20 per person. All are welcome.  
 Come out for a fabulous meal and delightful entertainment.



# Pastor's Page

## THE POOR KID

Last October I went to the Sedona/Prescott area in Arizona for my autumn hiking jaunt. As always, the getaway was fun and the area is scenically magnificent. And then . . . there was one incident at poolside at the motel that struck me and I still remember.

It had been hot that day - 95 degrees - and that was unseasonably hot even for Sedona in October. As I get older that kind of heat wears me out even more than the hiking does. And so by early afternoon I decided to head back out of the sun after a great morning hike and take in some relaxing/reading time by the pool.

For a while I had poolside all to myself. But soon enough a mother and two kids entered the pool area. The two kids began playing together in both the pool and the jacuzzi and the mother was engaged, even though she herself was not in the pool. (I remember when I was a kid - going to the motel pool was always one of the trip's highlights.)

Soon after another family group came into the pool area: this time two parents and one child. The young boy immediately jumped in the pool; the parents for their part immediately sat down at a table near the pool and started looking at/scrolling on their smartphones.

I don't think I could say that the parents were "ignoring" the child in terms of that being what they were intending to do, but the effect was the same - they were not paying any attention to the child - their attention was on the screen in their hands. Being the only kid in that group, he had no one to play with in, and as I watched (with my sunglasses on so they couldn't tell I was watching them) the young boy kept looking at the parents for what I assumed was some attention. But the parents were certainly not paying any attention to him. They were intent upon their smartphones, and never looked up to notice their boy looking their way.

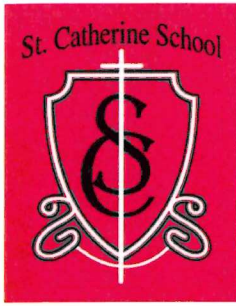
This young boy - now standing still in the pool - started looking at the other family with the mom and two kids laughing and having fun at the other end of the pool, and then looked at his parents who were not engaged with him at all. And . . . to my surprise, he began looking my way. It seemed to me like the poor kid just wanted to have someone to share this time with, and there was no one - he wasn't going to barge in on the other family's fun, and he wasn't going to barge in on the old guy's reading time (me) - and he was not able to get his parent's attention away from their screens.

I felt bad for him. Obviously he had a disadvantage in the fact that he was alone in terms of having other kids his own age to play with at the pool, but his real disadvantage was his parents giving more attention to the screen than to him. (And they weren't relating to each other either - each had their own little world in their hands.) Here they were - a family in Sedona on a beautiful day at the pool, and all three were in fact kind of isolated from each other. The poor kid. And the other family with the mom and two kids were at the other end of the pool having a great time *with each other*.

Of course that was just a small part of one day for this young boy and his two parents. Perhaps they had a great trip and spent some great time *together*. But what I saw was a perfect example of what so often can happen in our techie-world if we're not careful - we get caught up in what's "out there" and miss the human experience that we're in at that very time and place.

I wonder if Our Lord is sometimes looking for our attention and we miss Him because we are gazing at the "screen" of the things of this world? In that case, you and I are the "poor kids."

Fr Duchscher  
Pastor



# Principal's Page

**Dear St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Family,**

We are thrilled to announce the hiring of **Beth Nadelin** as the **Director of St. Catherine Little Saints Child Care**! Beth is deeply committed to **faith-based early childhood education** and has a strong background in providing **quality childcare**. She is eager to help build a nurturing, Christ-centered environment for our youngest learners.

## **A Message from Beth Nadelin:**

"I have been a part of the Valley City community for nearly nine years. Most of that time has been spent providing quality, faith-based childcare. I am excited for a new opportunity as I step into the role of Director at St. Catherine's Little Saints Child Care. A few vital components of Little Saints Child Care will be facilitating child development through curriculum and structured daily routines; intentional collaboration between teachers and parents to encourage communication, trust, and a shared commitment to each child's success; and, most importantly, sharing Jesus in the way we love and teach every child in our center.

"These are just a few reasons why I am honored to be a part of Little Saints Child Care."

Please join us in **welcoming Beth to our school and parish family!**

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## **Wish-List Sponsorship for Little Saints Child Care**

To bring **St. Catherine Little Saints Child Care** to life, we will put out a **wish list for sponsorship opportunities**. Parishioners and supporters can **sponsor cribs, tables, classroom resources, supplies**, and more.

We will also be accepting **gently used donations**, and we will share specific guidelines for those items. **More information will be available soon** in upcoming bulletins and on our **school's Facebook page**.

It truly **takes a village** to make this **mission a reality**, but we are confident in the strength of our **St. Catherine community**. Please pray **for its success**, and know that your support—whether through donations, prayers, or encouragement—will help us **fulfill our school's mission of inspiring excellence through faith, learning, and service**.

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## **Hiring for Lead Teacher Positions – Get Involved!**

We will be **posting Lead Teacher positions next week** for **Little Saints Child Care**, offering even more opportunities for **our parish and school community to be part of this exciting growth**. If you or someone you know feels **called to work in a faith-based childcare setting**, please look for more details in the **next bulletin and online**.

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## **March is Reading Month!**

**Thank you** to our teachers and **Mrs. Gulka** for their **dedication to encouraging reading** this month! Reading is one of the most valuable skills a child can develop, and we are grateful for their **efforts to prioritize literacy**.

We also thank **parents** for helping foster a love of reading at home. **Reading pays dividends**—the time and energy invested in **building strong reading habits now** will benefit students for years to come. Thank you for being partners in this important journey!

Thank you for your continued **prayers, support, and generosity**. 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 23, 2025**

### **Regular Parish Income**

	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Last Week	7,702.00	10,265.38	(2,563.38)
Year to Date	408,184.87	390,084.44	18,100.43
Registered families.....	473		
Adult Envelopes			7,335.00
Children			6.00
Plate			326.00
Utility			35.00

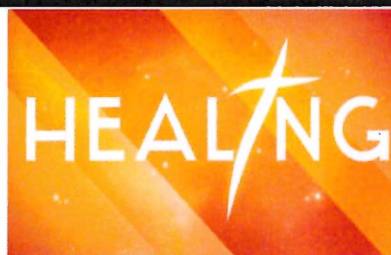
**Total Collection** ..... **7,702.00**

**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, April 28, 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:

**April 2:** RE Classes 6:30 pm in the school building.

Looking ahead: **No Class April 16 – Holy Week**

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

*St. Oscar Romero, pray for us.*

## 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: "The Divine Plan" the story of Pope John Paul II & Ronald Reagan and the dramatic end of the Cold War. 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.**



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

**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

**Wednesday, April 16:** No Class, Holy Week

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.

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Gerard # 2518



Meet Monthly 2nd Monday

**April 4:** 5:30pm Mass, Stations, Simple Supper

**April 6:** 10:10am CDA Leads Divine Mercy Chaplet

**April 11:** 5:30pm Mass, Stations, FISH FRY

**April 13:** Palm Sunday  
9am to Noon Steubenville Youth Breakfast  
6:30pm Adult Catechesis

**April 14:** 6:00pm Prayer and Meeting

Have a blessed Lent. Do something Nice for someone  
for no reason!!

## Spring Dinner



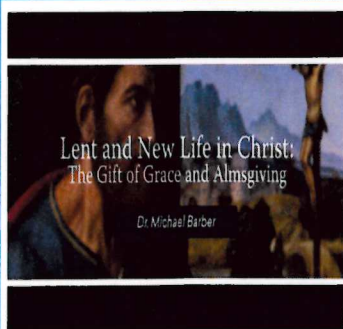
## Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Fingal Spring Dinner and Bake Sale April 13<sup>th</sup>

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



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## Youth Group News

Steubenville Breakfast: Palm Sunday, April 13, 9 a.m. until noon. Two Weeks and counting until the Breakfast Fundraiser for the high school youth attending the Steubenville Conference this upcoming summer. Pancakes, Sausage, Granola & Yogurt, Eggs, Hash Browns, Fruit, Juice, Coffee, Fellowship. Come and join us for breakfast & fellowship and meet the high school youth attending the conference. Free will donation.

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Steubenville donations welcome: First off and most importantly, prayers are welcome for a safe and faith filled conference. This is a great opportunity for you to assist several high school youth attending the Steubenville Conference in Illinois this summer. Small and large donations are welcome and can be designated for a specific purpose, e.g. help with the registration fees, help bring down lodging costs, help with the gas. They can be specific to an individual or to the group as a whole. Steubenville Conference Attendees are: Kinslee Glandt, Katie Burchill, Marisa Hoffarth, Matthew Holm, Jack Sorby, Rafael Rivera, Andrew Sykora, Luke Praska, Adrian Rivera. Donations can be given to Jess Storhoff in the Parish Office or to Deacon Tom Vanorny. Thank you in advance for your prayers and generosity.

### 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.



### Lenten Reconciliation Service

**Monday, April 14th**

**7:00 pm**



Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on March 21<sup>st</sup>! May the Holy Spirit continue to light your way. May you turn to God, always, for comfort, guidance, and wisdom!

Addison Bata, Miles Blunck, Andrew Burchill, Jocelyn Eberle, Michael Gow, Ivy Kramer, Calvin Lagein, Micaiah Lee, Charity Mizan-Oku, Elise Nolte, Olivia Tombarge, Riley Ertelt, Savannah Ertelt



## LET US PREPARE NOW FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### Week 1

Lent is the time to prepare our souls for heaven in a deeper and more intentional way through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is also a time to receive God's mercy in our souls through our daily examination of conscience and regular confession. The healing of our sinfulness deepens our love for God and helps us grow in holiness! This is His Holy will for us.

As we prepare for Easter through our Lenten commitments, we also prepare for one of the greatest graced celebrations in the Church year: Divine Mercy Sunday. It's not too early to talk about it. In the next 4 weeks, there will be information regarding Divine Mercy Sunday to help you better understand the importance of this day in the Church and in our own lives. The Feast of Mercy is at the core of the Divine Mercy message.

Here are Jesus's exact words to St. Faustina about the Feast:

**"My Daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter of all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."** (Diary 699)

The grace of Divine Mercy Sunday wipes away all our sins. Anyone can rise out of the gutter of their sinfulness on Divine Mercy Sunday, thus allowing a new beginning for the most burdened of sinners.



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### 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 14<sup>th</sup>. Please print so I don't spell any names wrong, thank you!

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) being remembered: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Holy Week Worship Schedule

**Chrism Mass - Tuesday, April 15 at 11 a.m.**

**Sts. Anne and Joachim Church, Fargo**

*One of the Church's most joyous celebrations in the liturgical year is the Chrism Mass. At this Mass, the bishop of the diocese blesses all the Holy Oils which will be used throughout the year in the celebration of the sacraments.*

*The priests renew their commitment to priestly service.*

*The Oil of the Sick is used in the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Oil of Catechumens is blessed to strengthen those preparing for Baptism. Sacred Chrism is consecrated for use in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, and in other rites such as the blessing of altars and churches.*

## **St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church - Holy Week Schedule:**

*Daily Masses - 8:00 a.m. on Mon, Tues, Wed.*

*Confessions are thirty minutes before each daily Mass  
and Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 - 9:30 p.m.*

*Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service – Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
(There are no scheduled confession times during the Triduum)*

### **SACRED TRIDUUM**

*HOLY THURSDAY – April 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until midnight*

*GOOD FRIDAY – April 18<sup>th</sup>*

*A day of fasting and abstinence*

*Stations of the Cross at 12 p.m.*

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m.*


*HOLY SATURDAY – April 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection, 8:30 p.m.*

## **EASTER SUNDAY – April 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.*





*Is Jesus calling  
you to be His own?*

*Come join us for the*  
*Miryam*  
*Dinner*

*Tuesday, April 29, 2025  
5:30-7:30 pm at Bishop Folda's Home*

Bishop Folda and Fr. Kyle Metzger, the director of vocations, invite women ages 16-30 who are open to the religious life to an evening of prayer, dinner, and fellowship. They will be joined by consecrated religious women sharing their own vocation stories of discernment. It is typical for women to be accompanied by their pastor, a consecrated religious, or a friend. RSVP by 5 days prior to the dinner.

To reserve your place, contact  
[vocations@fargodiocese.org](mailto:vocations@fargodiocese.org)  
or (701) 356-7956



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