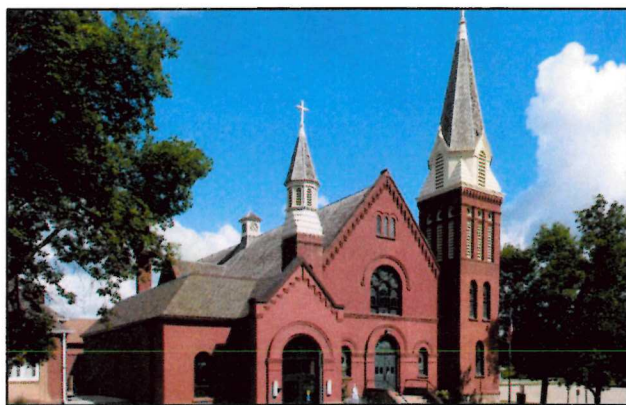


St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 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



Fish Fry

Friday, April 11th

After 5:30p Mass and Stations of the Cross.

All are welcome, please join us in the social hall!



**Coffee and Rolls
Sunday between Masses
All are welcome!!!**



Steubenville Breakfast:

Palm Sunday, April 13, 9 a.m. until noon.

This Breakfast Fundraiser is 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.



Lenten Reconciliation Service

**Monday, April 14th
7:00 pm**

April Calendar of Events

SUN 6	Fifth Sunday of Lent 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:30am Coffee and Rolls 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass
MON 7	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass
TUE 8	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am – 10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 5:30pm Ed Board Meeting
WED 9	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 5:00pm Nearly Nu Meeting 6:30pm RE 7:00pm Youth Group
THU 10	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
FRI 11	2:00pm Mass – St. Raphael 5:30pm Mass, Stations, FISH FRY
SAT 12	10:00am Mass - Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
SUN 13	Palm Sunday 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:00am to Noon Steubenville Youth Breakfast 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass 6:30pm Adult Catechesis

MASS INTENTIONS April 7 – 13

M 8:00am	Bernadette Nelson
T 8:00am	Kayla Jones
W 8:00am	† Francis (FG) Potter
Th 8:00am	Joanne Pithey
F 2:00pm	† Lois Marshall
5:30pm	† Jeff Differding
Sa 5:00pm	† Kenneth and Sharon Kinney
Su 8:30am	Liza Steele
10:30am	People of the Parish

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Is 43:16-21
Second Reading — Phil 3:8-14
Gospel — Jn 8:1-11

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13: 41c-62; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
LK 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

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.**

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



Pastor's Page

ST PAUL ALWAYS HAS THE WISDOM

This past week in my reading of Scripture I read this passage from St. Paul. I had run across it countless times in the past but this time it struck me in a new way.

"Work with anxious concern to achieve your salvation. It is God who, in His good will toward you, begets in you any measure of desire or achievement. In everything you do, act without grumbling or arguing; prove yourselves innocent and straightforward, children of God without reproach." (Phil 2:12-14)

It struck me that those three sentences offer a real succinct compendium of how this "salvation thing" really involves both parties: myself and the Lord. Let's take a look at what those three sentences are saying.

"Work with anxious concern to achieve your salvation."

This is a far cry from "Jesus Christ is my personal Lord and Savior - I am saved!" There are folks out there who believe so much in salvation *from* Christ that there is really nothing for them to have "to do": Jesus did everything and we just reap the fruits of the salvation He attained for us. That's not what St. Paul is saying here.

Now of course Jesus Christ did win salvation through His own sacrificial death and resurrection, but it is stated quite clearly here that there is still a part for each of us to play concerning our own salvation *in* Christ. We are to "work" and with "anxious concern" to "achieve" that salvation. What *we* do in this life determines whether the salvation He won for us will actually be ours. Without Him, we could do nothing; without our cooperation, He can do nothing for us.

"It is God who, in His good will toward you, begets in you any measure of desire or achievement."

At the same time, even the "desire" or any "achievement" that we do manage to procure concerning our salvation comes to us in and through the grace of God. We are absolutely dependent on Him - and Him alone - for the grace of salvation that His Son gained for us.

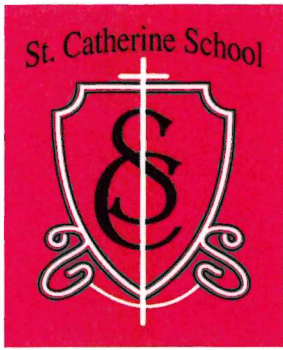
If this is so - and it is - what will happen to someone who simply does not turn to God in faith and sincerely try to live in this world the life that He has called us to live? If the Lord God is not part of the life we are living here and now, how could we then possibly "work with anxious concern to achieve [our] salvation"? The second sentence of St Paul is the absolute necessary precondition for making the first sentence a reality.

"In everything you do, act without grumbling or arguing; prove yourselves innocent and straightforward, children of God without reproach."

And how do we know that we are in fact living such a life that gives us confidence in God's presence and grace in it? Here's where St. Paul moves from the doctrinal truths of the first two sentences to the pastoral truth of the third sentence. We can see as to whether or not our way is God's way in how we act and live - "in everything you do". St. Paul gives us a few foundational principles that can guide our daily lives - "act without grumbling or arguing; prove yourselves innocent and straightforward . . ." What a change in our own life and in society could occur if just those simple things were lived!

The Word of God is full and overflowing for us who read and ponder it. It will teach us all we need to know to live well. But we have to cooperate with His grace to do that living ourselves.

Fr Duchscher
Pastor



Principal's Page

Dear St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Family,

As we move into the heart of spring, I'm grateful that God continues to bless our school and parish community. The joy of Easter reminds us that Christ's resurrection is a source of hope and a call to action—to live our faith boldly and joyfully in our daily lives.

At St. Catherine School, we've been doing just that. From classroom learning rooted in Catholic virtues to joyful school Masses and community outreach, our students are learning to live out the Gospel message in word and deed. I continue to be inspired by the faith, kindness, and curiosity they bring into the building each day.

Daycare Updates – Little Saints Childcare

One of the biggest blessings this year has been the launch of **St. Catherine Little Saints Childcare**. This new ministry allows us to serve even more families by offering faith-filled, quality care to the youngest members of our community. We are currently preparing to hire lead teachers for our daycare classrooms. Please watch our school's **social media and website** for these job postings.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining this meaningful ministry, please contact our Childcare Director, **Beth Nadelin**, at beth.nadelin@k12.nd.us or contact me directly at nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us. We are excited to continue building a nurturing and Christ-centered environment for our littlest learners.

Reflection on the REACH Banquet

This past Thursday, I had the privilege of attending the **REACH Banquet (Religious Educators Advancing Christian Heritage)**. I was surrounded by a part of our broader community that has uplifted and supported St. Catherine School in countless ways.

Mrs. Karissa Flieth, Principal at Trinity Elementary in West Fargo, gave a moving keynote address reflecting on where Catholic education has been—and where it is going. She shared powerful insights into the strategies and initiatives used within the JPPI Catholic Schools Network. However, what resonated most was her reflection on the **deep sense of community and love** that defines Catholic schools.

I have witnessed this love and support grow at St. Catherine remarkably. I'm so thankful for each person in this faith-filled community. Your prayers, presence, and generosity help sustain the mission we live every day.

Support from the Catholic Daughters

A straightforward way to support our school is collecting **Our Family Labels**. The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** continue to help support St. Catherine School through this initiative. Clip the UPC barcodes from Our Family products and drop them off at the **CDA corner in the church basement** or at the school office.

Thank you to the **Catholic Daughters in our parish** for their faithful support of this ministry—it truly makes a difference in the life of our school.

As always, thank you for the many ways you lift us up—through your time, donations, prayers, and presence. We are building a future grounded in faith, learning, and service.

With gratitude and blessings,
Nick 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 30, 2025

Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	6,018.75	10,265.38	(4,246.63)
Year to Date	414,203.62	400,349.82	13,853.80
Registered families.....	473		
Adult Envelopes			5,505.00
Children			5.00
Plate			256.75
Utility			125.00
Votive			127.00

Total Collection 6,018.75

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

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

April 23: RE Classes 6:30pm in the School building.

April 30: Closing Mass and Ice Cream Social

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

St. Stanislaus, 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: "Solanus Casey" Priest, Prophet, & Porter. 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.



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

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

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

Wednesday, April 23: Class, "OGNIB"

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 6: 10:10am CDA Leads Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

April 13: Palm Sunday, Return Food Pantry Bags
9am to Noon Steubenville Youth Breakfast
6:30pm Adult Catechesis

April 14: 6:00pm Prayer and Meeting
7:00pm Lenten Reconciliation Service

April 17: Holy Thursday,
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 18: Good Friday
12:00pm Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the Passion

April 19: Holy Saturday
8:30pm Easter Vigil

April 20: Easter Sunday
Masses at 8:30am and 10:30am

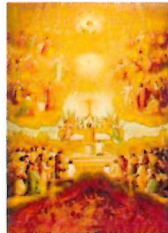
April 28: Mid-Month Meeting 1:30pm
Mother's Day Item

Youth Group News

Steubenville donations welcome: Please pray for the youth attending the Steubenville Conference this June of 2025. Financial contributions to offset the cost are being accepted at this time. No amount is too small and donations would be greatly appreciated. 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.

Monthly Adult Catechesis

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD – why?



and the



Communion of Saints – what?

When: **Sunday, April 13, at 6:30 pm**
Where: **Church Basement/Parish Hall**
Presented by: **Fr. Paul Duchscher**

Invitation to the 40th Anniversary of Priesthood



Dear St. Catherine's Parishioners,

With a heart full of gratitude to our Father in heaven, I warmly invite you to join me in commemorating the Fortieth Anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. It brought joy to my heart to serve the community of St. Catherine's for seven grace filled years as God guided me through your prayers and loving support. I hope many of you will be able to celebrate my anniversary with me.

- Date: Sunday June 8
- Location: Sts. Ann and Joachim
- Holy Mass of Thanksgiving: 4:00 p.m.
- Reception: A banquet meal will be served in St. Ann & Joachim's social hall. [Please](#)

[RSVP](#)



I would be honored by your presence and ask your prayers for God's gracious blessing for the path ahead.

[Please RSVP](#) by Monday May 26th to Deidra Lies at deidra@stanthonyfargo.org, or call 701-237-6063.

In Christ's love and service,

Fr. Gerard Braun

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me trustworthy, appointing me to His service." 1 Timothy 1:12



LET US PREPARE NOW FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Week 2

What is the 'Special Grace' we receive on Divine Mercy Sunday?

It is a complete forgiveness of our sins and the punishment of past sins. Jesus wants the whole world to know of His great mercy. **"Whoever approaches the Fount of Life (to receive Holy Communion) on this day will be granted complete omissions of sins and punishment."** (Diary 300)

And besides the grace we receive for ourselves on Divine Mercy Sunday we can also obtain the plenary indulgence for the sake of souls in purgatory. It is a tremendous opportunity to receive a special outpouring of God's mercy, both for oneself and for others, all on the same day.

"Today bring Me the souls who are detained in purgatory, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to my justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice." (Diary 1226)



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. Please print so I don't spell any names wrong, thank you!

Given by: _____ Amount: _____

Person(s) being remembered: _____

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 15th from 8:15 - 9:30 p.m.*

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

SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY – April 17th

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – April 18th

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 19th

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

EASTER SUNDAY – April 20th

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

Twelve Women of the Bible

Women's Retreat † June 23-25, 2025

Maryvale Retreat Center



We invite you to this mid-week retreat to have
a closer look at twelve specific women—
What can they teach us today?

Fr. Paul Duchscher—Retreat Director

- † Retreat begins on Monday, June 23 at 12:00pm
and concludes on Wednesday, June 25 at 3:00pm
- † Bring a Bible
- † Series of talks throughout each day
- † Daily Mass
- † Holy Hour-Adoration (Monday & Tuesday)

Suggested Donation

\$50— daily rate with meals —or—
\$250—seven meals with two nights lodging

Register online at www.maryvalend.org

Maryvale Retreat Center—3150 116A Ave SE—Valley City, ND 58042