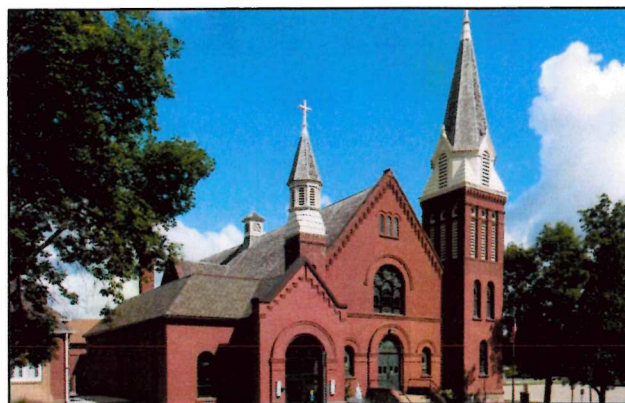


St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

**Palm Sunday
April 13, 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



Steubenville Breakfast:

Palm Sunday, April 13, 9 a.m. until noon.
This Breakfast Fundraiser is for Steubenville.
Free will donation.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

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

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**

April Calendar of Events

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
MON 14	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 6:00pm CDA Prayer & Meeting 7:00pm Lenten Reconciliation Service
TUE 15	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am – 10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 11:00am Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
WED 16	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass
THU 17	HOLY THURSDAY NO SCHOOL 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
FRI 18	GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL/PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 12:00pm Stations of the Cross 2:30pm CDA Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
SAT 19	HOLY SATURDAY 8:00pm CDA Divine Mercy Novena 8:30pm Easter Vigil
SUN 20	EASTER SUNDAY 8:00am CDA Divine Mercy Novena 8:30am Mass 10:00am CDA Divine Mercy Novena 10:30am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS April 14 – 20

M 8:00am † Marilyn Beach
 T 8:00am Spencer and Ruth Schultz
 W 8:00am Libby Steele
 Th 7:00pm † Mary Ellen Beumer
 F 3:00pm (No intention)
 Sa 8:30pm Roxanne Reed
 Su 8:30am † Phyllis Lemer
 10:30am † People of the Parish

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Is 50:4-7

Second Reading — Phil 2:6-11

Gospel — LK 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Holy Saturday, lots of readings

Sunday: Easter Sunday, lots of readings

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

Renita Westerhausen

Andrew Tangen

Linda Kosse

Larry Doyle

Lucille Winkler

Marlys Koble

Donna Hammond

Jerry Sand

Krystal Lemer

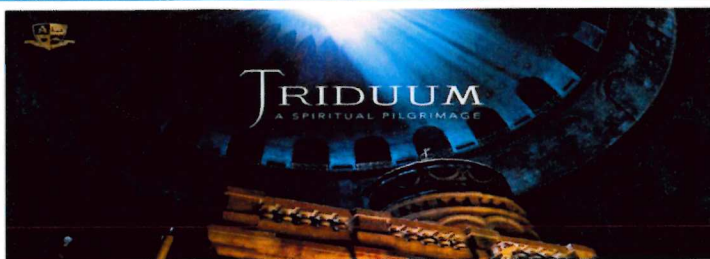
Cemetery Announcement

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



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Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Pastor's Page

HOLY WEEK

There's no getting around it: it's Holy Week. This is THE holiest week of the year. All because of what HE did: He entered Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday, He taught his last sermons in the days to follow; He ate the Last Supper on Thursday evening with His apostles and there gave the Church the Eucharist; He suffered terribly, was crucified, and died on Friday; His body lay in the tomb on Saturday; and He rose from the dead sometime in the night of Easter Sunday.

The Lord Our God came to live amongst His people as a man, and did many things in His short life on earth - too many to be fully noted (John 21:25). But this week was the apex, and it has been fully remembered by the Church ever since and will be until the end of time - and it will be celebrated forever in the next life within the entire Family of God.

Have you ever been to Mass on Holy Thursday evening? If not, I hope you come this week. A beautiful beginning to the Sacred Triduum (the three holiest days of the Church year, from Thursday evening until Sunday evening).

Most people, I believe, have been to the Good Friday service. If you haven't, I hope you come this week. A solemn day, as it should be.

Have you ever been to the Mass of the Easter Vigil? If not, I hope you come this week. One of the most special and beautiful Masses of the year; Our Lord speaks to us in the light of the Easter candle, His Word, the sacraments of grace given to the candidates who will be joining the Church, and in the sacrifice of the Mass itself as we celebrate and worship the Risen Son of God.

And of course the Easter celebration at the Vigil and on Easter Sunday ushers in fifty days of celebration of the Easter Season. Forty days for Lent; fifty for Easter. Makes sense that we celebrate (Easter) even more than we prepare (Lent).

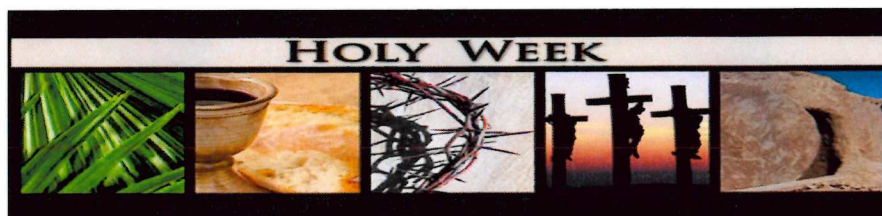
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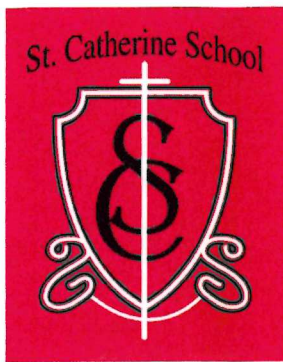
All these liturgies and celebrations of Our Lord's life and death and resurrection for us, are what give us the grace and wherewithal to live and die and rise to a new life with and for Him. Holy Week is a historical memorial - it happened once for all, and the Church will never forget. But Holy Week memorializes something that lives to this day - HIM. And "through Him and with Him and in Him" we live our day-to-day lives on our journey through this life and through that passage we call death to the Father's very home for us with Him and His Son and the Spirit: we call that place "heaven". And that living day-to-day is in the midst of all our brothers and sisters in the Lord - our "neighbor" as Christ would say. As someone once said, "We love people because we are Catholic, not because they are Catholic." Holy Week was the start of something new for all of us that will never end.

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It has been a Good Friday tradition for decades that the Church takes up its collection that day for the support of the Christians in the Holy Land. At this time Christians make up less than 2% of the population there, and this collection helps the Church there to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. It also goes to help preserve the sacred shrines that commemorate Our Lord's life, in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, and others. I encourage you to give to that collection this Friday in supporting your brothers and sisters in Christ in that special part of the world.

Fr Duchscher
Pastor





Principal's Page

This Easter season, I'm especially thankful for those entering the Catholic Church through **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**. Witnessing others come into full communion with the Church is a powerful reminder of the grace and richness of our faith. I think back to how God's love and the sacraments transformed my life, and I rejoice knowing that the beauty of our Catholic tradition will equally bless those newly welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this lifelong faith journey.

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.

Little Saints Childcare – Wishlist and Sponsorship Opportunities

As we prepare to welcome our first group of children into **St. Catherine Little Saints Childcare**, we seek parish and community support to help equip our rooms with the tools needed to provide high-quality care—especially for our **smallest future saints**.

We will be licensed to care for up to **10 infants**, and we need eight **commercial-grade cribs**. Each crib costs approximately **\$250**, and if you feel called to **sponsor a crib or contribute toward one**, please know that your generosity directly supports young families in our parish and community. What a **beautiful way to support life and family** right from the very start.

In the coming days, we will also release our **Amazon Wishlist** with needed items and **opportunities to sponsor entire rooms or specific supplies**. Your support—whether large or small—will make a lasting impact.

If you are interested in helping or have questions, feel free to contact me at **nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us**.

Daycare Hiring – Join Our Team!

We are **hiring for Lead Teachers, Assistant Teachers, and Float Staff**, with both **part-time and full-time positions available**. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please email our Childcare Director, **Beth Nadelin**, at **beth.nadelin@k12.nd.us**. Applicants should prepare a **resume, cover letter, and a list of three professional references**.

Please also follow our **school's website and social media** for job postings and classroom readiness updates!

Exploring Summer Tutoring Opportunities

We are exploring offering **summer tutoring for students entering grades K–6** next school year. This would be available to children who may benefit from extra support in **reading or math**, whether due to **significant summer regression** or a desire for **enrichment and challenge**.

Rates are still being determined, but this offering would be **open to all families**, not just those enrolled at St. Catherine School or members of the parish. If there is enough interest, we will release full details and scheduling options.

If this is something you would be interested in for your child, please email me at **nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us** to let us know.

Support for Our School

- **Our Family Labels** – 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. These help fund vital school programs. Thank you to the **Catholic Daughters** for coordinating this support!
- **Box Tops for Education** – Earn money for our school by downloading the **Box Tops for Education app** and scanning your receipts! Visit www.bboxtops4education.com/s/how-to-earn to learn how to get started.
- **Aluminum Can Donations** – Drop off cans at the **white building on the south side of the gym**. Special thanks to the parishioner who has taken over this ministry—**what a blessing you are to our school!**
- **Casey's Rewards** – You can donate your Casey's Rewards points to support St. Catherine School! Log in to your account and select us as your cause.
- **Nearly Nu PTO Consignments**—To benefit the school, you can consign items using **PTO Consignor Number 912** at Nearly Nu. All standard consignment rules still apply.

Thank you for your continued generosity, support, and prayers. Together, we build something beautiful rooted in faith, service, and love.

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
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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: April 6, 2025

Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	18,930.23	10,265.38	8,664.85
Year to Date	433,133.85	410,615.20	22,518.65
Registered families.....	469		

Adult Envelopes	12,268.00
Children	2.98
Plate	604.25
Utility	1,385.00
March Online giving	4,670.00

Total Collection **18,930.23**

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:

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 labs@stcatherine.dre.vc@gmail.com

St. Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

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

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, "Universality of the Catholic Church"

Wednesday, April 30: Closing Mass, **6:30pm**
(Note Time)

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: "Monsenor: the Last Journey of Oscar Romero". 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.



Grant Them Eternal Rest

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **George Kerzman**, husband of Darlene Kerzman, who recently passed away. May he rest forever in God's Loving care.

Youth Group Thank You!!

Thank you to Becky Goven and Dawn Dieterle for helping out in the high school youth group Plagues of Egypt class last Wednesday evening. Also, to all the youth and parents who donated food items to make the evening a visual as well as instructional time. All of this was much appreciated!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Gerard # 2518



Meet Monthly 2nd Monday

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

April 14: 5:00pm Prayer and Meeting, PLEASE
NOTE TIME CHANGE!! Fr. Paul has
Reconciliation scheduled MONDAY
PM. Prayer at 5pm No Lunch, swift
meeting, out in time for reconciliation
service, thanks!

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

Please continue to save the Our Family Bar Codes!!
We love free money!!



LET US PREPARE NOW FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Week 3

We will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on April 27th this year. Let us further our preparation by knowing what it is we have to do to acquire the graces we need to obtain complete pardon of our sins.

1. GO TO CONFESSION (before or on Divine Mercy weekend) being truly sorry for them and doing your penance. All your sins are forgiven and all punishment due to your sin is gone. Your soul will be as on the day of your baptism.
2. RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION ON DIVINE MERCY WEEKEND

Faustina records in her Diary our Lord's promises of the specific, extraordinary graces on Divine Mercy Sunday:

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." (Diary 1109)

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 300)

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699)



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: _____

Exciting news: A new saint will be canonized by Pope Francis on April 27th: Carlo Acutis. “Roadmap to Reality: Carlo Acutis and Our Digital Age” is a new documentary film exploring the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis and the lessons he offers young people regarding the challenges of the digital world. This movie will be coming to our local Bison 6 Cinema for 3 days only: Sunday April 27- Tues April 29th. Be sure to make plans to see this inspiring story with your family!



In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond our social media-addicted society and offered an answer – if we’re willing to listen. Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality explores the life of the first millennial saint while following teens on a phone-free pilgrimage to his tomb. Immersing them in his story, his passion for Christ, and a search for meaning in a digital age. Added value includes experiencing the excitement and energy of the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress on the big screen, featuring powerful clips from inspiring talks and stunning visuals from this once in a generation event. The movie includes ND groups from the University of Mary and Shanley High School!

BIG TICKET RAFFLE!



(Prize money already gifted)
All proceeds go to St. Catherine's School

ONLY 300 TICKETS SOLD!
— \$100 per ticket —

All-cash prizes: Grand Prize - \$5,000

- 2nd - \$1,000
- 3rd - \$1,000
- 4th - \$1,000
- 5th - \$1,000
- 6th - \$1,000

**Sales begin after Masses on April 26-27
and May 3-4**

*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@fargodocese.org
or (701) 356-7956

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VOCATION OFFICE**

TRIDUUM

THREE DAYS OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD

THE BREAD THAT MAKES US ONE

*Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many,
are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.*

—1 Corinthians 10:17

As we partake of the one loaf, we become one body. Such is the communion that Holy Thursday invites us to embrace. This is a bold commitment, for God's people remain severely fragmented by dualistic political, religious, and economic ideologies, as if truth and right were by-products of division rather than communion. Christ invites us, not to ignore differences or compromise convictions, but to focus on our common faith, common hopes, and common Spirit in the Lord. If we do, we may yet help to answer Christ's heartfelt prayer for unity at the Last Supper: *Father, may they be one, as we are one* (John 17:22).

THE CROSS OF DISCIPLESHIP

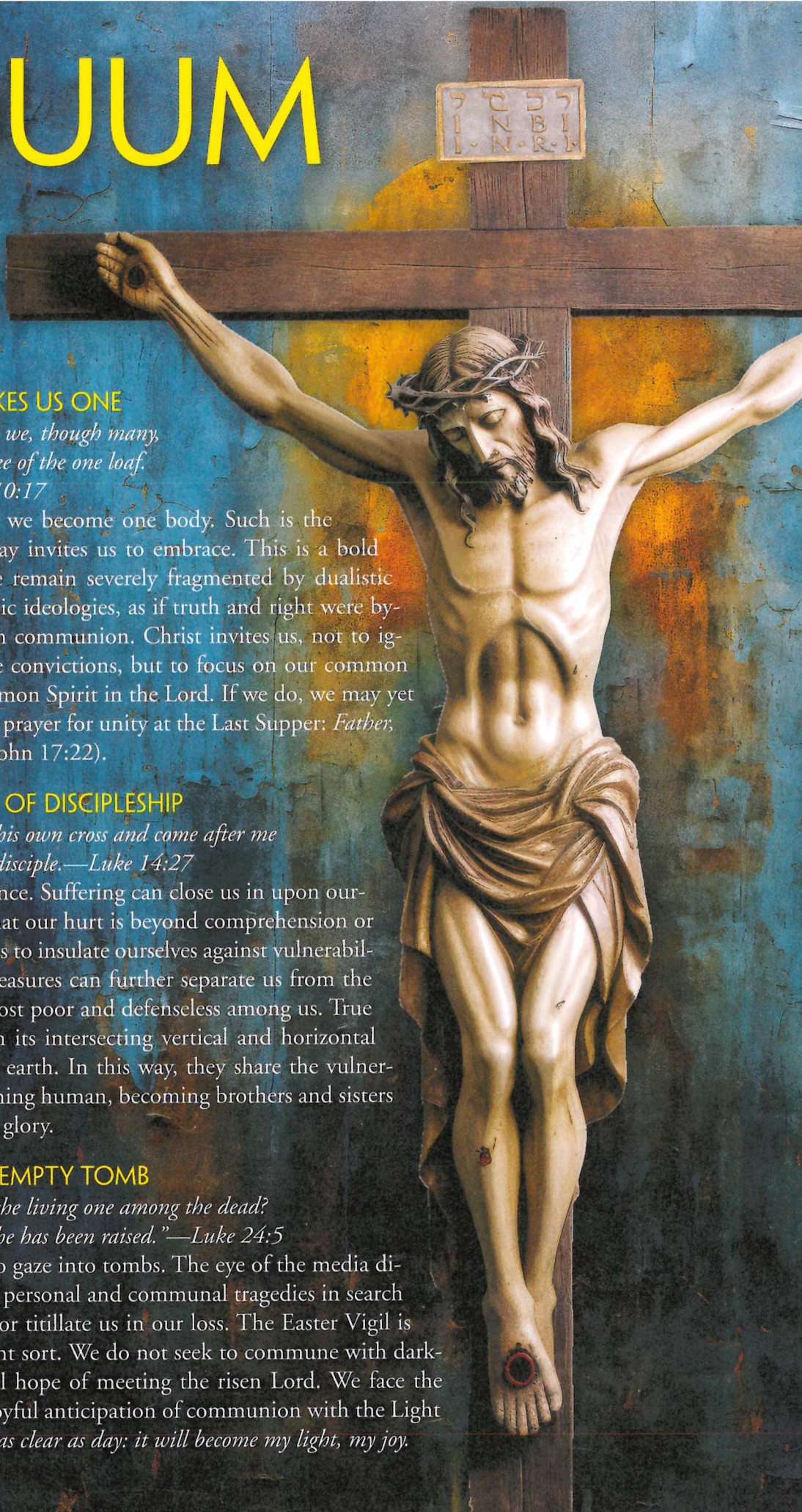
*Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.*—Luke 14:27

Pain can be an isolating experience. Suffering can close us in upon ourselves and cause us to assume that our hurt is beyond comprehension or empathy. Pain may also tempt us to insulate ourselves against vulnerability in life and in love. These measures can further separate us from the Lord who identifies with the most poor and defenseless among us. True disciples take up the cross with its intersecting vertical and horizontal beams that reconcile heaven to earth. In this way, they share the vulnerability Jesus embraced by becoming human, becoming brothers and sisters in Christ and co-heirs to Easter glory.

THE EMPTY TOMB

*"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?
He is not here, but he has been raised."*—Luke 24:5

We live in a culture that loves to gaze into tombs. The eye of the media directs us to stare into the void of personal and communal tragedies in search of details to fascinate, distract, or titillate us in our loss. The Easter Vigil is a time for watching of a different sort. We do not seek to commune with darkness, but to keep vigil with full hope of meeting the risen Lord. We face the horizon singing the *Exultet* in joyful anticipation of communion with the Light of the World: *The night will be as clear as day: it will become my light, my joy.*



TRIDUUM FACTS

Most Important Liturgical Season: The Triduum is considered the most solemn and significant part of the Catholic liturgical year, spanning from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday, commemorating the core events of Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

A Single Continuous Liturgy: The Triduum is celebrated as one unified liturgy. That's why there is no final blessing or dismissal on Holy Thursday and Good Friday until the Easter Vigil is completed.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thursday's Mass includes the *Mandatum*, the washing of feet, which recalls Jesus' act of service to his apostles and highlights his commandment to "love one another as I have loved you."

Veneration of the Cross: Good Friday is the only day in the liturgical calendar when Catholics do not celebrate Mass. Instead, a solemn liturgy includes the reading of the Passion and the veneration of the cross, where members can come forward to reverently kiss or touch a crucifix.

Silence and Solemnity: After the Good Friday service, the Church enters a period of silence and solemnity. The altar is stripped bare, and no sacraments are celebrated until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

The Easter Vigil is the Longest Mass: The Easter Vigil, celebrated on Saturday evening, is typically the longest liturgical celebration of the year. It includes multiple Old Testament readings, the blessing of fire and water, and often baptisms and confirmations for new Catholics.

Blessing of Fire and the Paschal Candle: The Vigil begins with the *Lucernarium*, where a fire is lit outside the church and used to light the Paschal candle, representing the Light of Christ, who dispels the darkness of sin and death.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises: During the Easter Vigil, members renew their baptismal promises, reaffirming their faith and commitment to Christ.



COMMEMORATING THE TRIDUUM

Many parishes have Eucharistic Adoration as part of their **Holy Thursday** celebration. Spend some extra time in silent prayer before the Eucharist.

Stations of the Cross are particularly appropriate on **Good Friday**. By calling to mind the steps in our Savior's journey to Calvary, we can better appreciate what he did for us.

Holy Saturday features no morning liturgy but some parishes might gather on Holy Saturday morning for Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. This is a good day to schedule at least one period of prayer in silence.

The Easter Vigil is a richly symbolic celebration of our belief in the Resurrection and the history of our salvation. Many parishes schedule baptisms for the Easter Vigil liturgy as a concrete representation of salvation through Christ.

Easter Sunday is the preeminent Sunday, reminding us of why we celebrate Mass and worship the Lord throughout the year. "Alleluia" is the word for the day. Sing or repeat it to yourself often as you go through the day's festivities.

THE HISTORY OF THE TRIDUUM

The origins of the Triduum can be traced back to the early Christian communities in the 2nd and 3rd centuries. Initially, Christians celebrated the entire Paschal Mystery—the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ—in a single day, known as *Pascha*. This observance, centered on the Resurrection, began on Holy Saturday evening and concluded on Easter Sunday morning, reflecting the vigil tradition of waiting in prayer for Christ's victory over death.

By the 4th century, with the legalization of Christianity under Emperor Constantine and the growing influence of liturgical practices in Jerusalem, the commemoration began to expand. Early Christian documents, like the writings of Egeria, a 4th-century pilgrim, describe distinct liturgies in Jerusalem that separated the events of the Last Supper, Christ's crucifixion, and His resurrection into different days. This separation gradually became widespread throughout the Church.

The structure of the Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—evolved further in the Middle Ages as the Church sought to highlight each key moment of Christ's passion and resurrection. By then, the liturgical ceremonies became more defined, with specific prayers, readings, and rituals associated with each day, forming the three-day observance that Catholics recognize today.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

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

Cathedral of St. Mary, Fargo Note location Change

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.

The Divine Mercy Devotion

The Divine Mercy Devotion is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we too must show mercy and forgiveness. The Divine Mercy Devotion calls us to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone.

The message and devotion to Jesus as **The Divine Mercy** is based on the writings of **Saint Faustina Kowalska**, an uneducated Polish nun, who in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of mercy is that God loves us - all of us - no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Devotion to The Divine Mercy involves a total commitment to God as Mercy. It is a decision to trust completely in Him, to accept His mercy with thanksgiving, and to be merciful as He is merciful. Properly understood and implemented, this devotion will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

† Beginning on Good Friday the Catholic Daughters will be leading us in prayer as we all pray together the nine days of the Divine Mercy Novena in the Church at the following times:

Good Friday – April 18	2:30 pm
Holy Saturday – April 19	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday – April 20	8:00 am & 10:00 am
Easter Monday - April 21	7:40 am
Easter Tuesday – April 22	7:40 am
Easter Wednesday – April 23	7:40 am
Easter Thursday – April 24	7:40 am
Easter Friday - April 25	7:40 am
Easter Saturday - April 26	4:40 pm
Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27	8:10 am & 10:10 am

† At 2 pm there will be Reconciliation and a Holy Hour.
At 3pm a Divine Mercy Sunday Hour of Mercy.



Copies of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other Divine Mercy pamphlets will be in the entries of the Church. Please help yourself.