

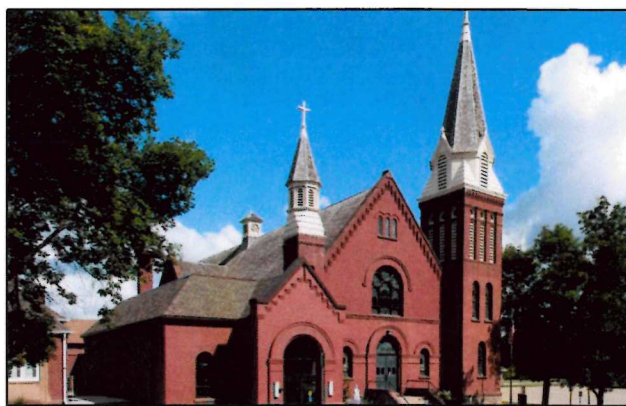
# **St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish**

**540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 25, 2025**

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



## **Memorial Day Mass**

We will celebrate Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM at St. Catherine Cemetery. We will gather for the Mass to be offered at the outdoor altar under the large crucifix. Bring your own chairs. We will remember the soldiers who died in battle and all deceased veterans, the deceased whose bodies and cremains we have buried in St. Catherine Cemetery during this past year, all members of St. Catherine's Parish who have died during this past year, and all the faithful departed. The time period of the past year that we have in mind is the time that has passed since Memorial Day last year. The Veteran Memorial Service is scheduled for 9:15 AM. If the weather is bad, we will celebrate the Mass in the church.



### **Summer Parish Office Hours:**

**Monday: 7:30am - 3:00pm**

**Tuesday - Thursday: 7:30am - 5:00pm**

**Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm**

**Closed from 12:00 - 12:30pm everyday**

### **May Serving Information:**

**Change of Temporary Chairperson:**

**Deb Gulmon: 701-840-0545**

**Funeral May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**

**If an event is scheduled, please volunteer.**

## May/June Calendar of Events

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>SUN<br/>25</b> | <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b><br>7:55am Rosary<br>8:30am Mass<br>10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet<br>10:30am Mass    |
| <b>MON<br/>26</b> | <b>Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed</b><br>9:30am Mass - Cemetery<br>7:00pm Healing Prayer Group              |
| <b>TUE<br/>27</b> | 7:25am Rosary<br>8:00am Mass<br>8:30am - 10:00pm Adoration<br>8:30am Tuesday Movie<br>5:30pm REACH Meeting - SHR |
| <b>WED<br/>28</b> | 7:25am Rosary<br>8:00am Mass   |
| <b>THU<br/>29</b> | 7:25am Rosary<br>8:00am Mass<br>1:00pm Quilters<br>6:30pm Quilters   |
| <b>FRI<br/>30</b> | 7:25am Rosary<br>8:00am Mass<br>12:00pm Parish Office Closed<br>2:00pm Mass – St Raphael                         |
| <b>SAT<br/>31</b> | 10:00am Mass – Mercy Hospital<br>4:25pm Rosary<br>5:00pm Mass  |
| <b>SUN<br/>1</b>  | <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b><br>7:55am Rosary<br>8:30am Mass<br>10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet<br>10:30am Mass |

## TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading** — Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

**Second Reading** — Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

**Gospel** — Jn 14:23-29

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;  
Lk 1:39-56

**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or  
Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:24:46-53

### PRAYER NETWORK

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

Warren Ventch

Audrey Suhr

Larry Doyle

Renita Westerhausen

Lucille Winkler

Tyana Judd

Marlys Koble

Colleen Musgrave

Donna Hammond

Jeff Gross

Jerry Sand

Shelly Differding

Krystal Lemer

Mary Elmore

Linda Hesck

Katie Anderson

## MASS INTENTIONS May 26 – June 1

|           |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| M 8:00am  | John & Carmen Kunert      |
| T 8:00am  | Xion Winchell             |
| W 8:00am  | Joey Mangeon              |
| Th 8:00am | Hunter & Grace Buehler    |
| F 8:00am  | † Betty Moss              |
| 2:00pm    | † TJ McGough              |
| Sa 5:00pm | † Kenneth & Sharon Kinney |
| Su 8:30am | † June Lemer              |
| 10:30am   | People of the Parish      |

## June Serving Information:

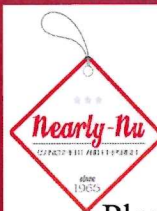
### Chairpersons are:

Dawn Dieterle: 701-490-1187

Kim Eggermont: 701-845-8947

Deb Burchill: 701-840-2354

If an event is scheduled, please volunteer.



## We are Hiring

Store Cashier/Clerk needed

Saturdays, 10:00am to 5:00pm

Please stop in the store to inquire about this position or to apply.

Store hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm

Monday - Saturday

Phone Number 845-1022



# Pastor's Page

## MEMORIAL DAY

The American federal holiday of Memorial Day is a great way to begin the "summer season." It allows a three-day weekend for the folks who have been cooped up for the long winter/spring seasons to get out, get away, and re-charge at the beginning of the summer season. Of course, in late May the weather oftentimes does not feel much like summer, and this past week it certainly hasn't been a summery feeling as we headed towards Memorial Day. No matter - summertime has arrived and we are ready for some of it, aren't we?

But Memorial Day is also much more important for what it as a holiday celebrates - the sacrifice our fellow citizen-soldiers made of their lives for all of us. We certainly hope and pray for America to be blessed, but we have to also admit that WE are blessed in those who have given their lives for all of us. Their sacrifice made all the "fun" that we look forward to on Memorial Day weekend possible - our family time, outdoor time, the toys we have to play with (for both kids and adults . . . ), and everything else that goes into a typical American holiday weekend is there for all of us because of the country we live in and its relative prosperity, and that is due in large part to the sacrifice of those who have gone before us to protect this country and make it the place of freedom that it is.

As All Souls Day on November 2 is the Church's big feast day for those who have passed before us, so Memorial Day is our nation's big commemoration and remembrance of those who have gone before us - and although the holiday itself is directed towards those in the armed forces who have died, it is very often also a national day of visiting cemeteries, placing flowers and tokens at the graves of our loved ones, and bringing that sense of "those who have gone before us" to a place of gratitude in our own hearts.

That being said, the Church has long had a tradition of having Mass at the local Catholic cemetery if that is possible, and that tradition still happens at our parish of St. Catherine's. We will have our annual Memorial Day Mass at our cemetery this Monday morning at 9:30 am - if you come, bring a lawn chair for yourself. Just prior to the Mass at 9:15 am the local Veteran Organizations will conduct military honors in remembrance of those who have died for our country. It's a beautiful way to begin this special day.

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It's been a while since I gave any kind of update on the Capital Campaign we had this past fall to "Repair My House." As of this writing, our pledges are at \$1,813,971, or 95% of our goal of \$1.9 million. And the pledges are coming in - thank you!

We have replaced all the roofs at the parish now: the parish office building/school, the rectory, and the church. The flat section of roof between the church and the gym was also replaced. (The gym roof itself was the only roof that did not need to be replaced.) Sometime this summer the steeples will be done - that will be something to see!

The flooring in the basement level of the parish office building/school was replaced, and now that the school year itself is over, the flooring on the first and second floors will be done. The HVAC system is going in slow but sure for the parish office building/school and the gymnasium. The telephone system has now been completely replaced and updated. The front steps of the church and the sewage line in the parish basement will be done this summer. So we are making progress - **good progress!**

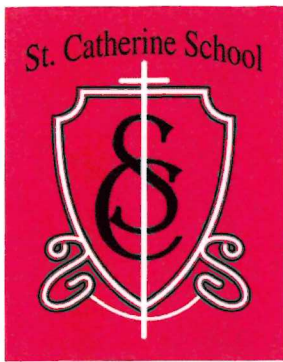
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This past Monday we had the drawing for the BIG TICKET RAFFLE - always a fun event! I want to thank all those who helped make this raffle in support of our school a success. We ended up selling 203 tickets - that will add in over \$20,000 to our school's income line item in the budget!

Finally, we had our annual "Graduation Mass" for our 6th graders on Tuesday. A wonderful day to celebrate them and our parish school - and of course always a bit bittersweet, as we will miss those students as they move on in life to more of what the Lord has in store for them. May they grow to be the men and women our Lord created them to be! And may our school always be available for those who wish to make use of it for their children's faith and academic growth.

Fr Duchscher  
Pastor





# Principal's Page

## Celebrating Our 6th Grade Graduates – A Journey of Faith and Formation

This year's 6<sup>th</sup>-grade graduating class is significant—**ten students and ten families who have been with us since kindergarten**. These families committed from the very beginning, and it has been a privilege to walk alongside them.

I had the opportunity to speak at our Graduation Mass and shared this simple message:

*Be the person God called you to be. Be someone who leads with His Light—every day, into the future.*

Although our school only serves students through **Grade 6**, we pray that the **foundation they've received here**, in faith, learning, and service, will guide them as they continue to grow into the people God created them to be.

To our graduates: **We're proud of you. We love you. We believe in you. And we'll always be praying for you.**

## Support Little Saints Childcare – Amazon Wishlist Now Live!

We're excited to invite you to help us prepare for the opening of **Little Saints Childcare** by donating from our **Amazon Wishlist**! Every item will help us create a joyful, developmentally rich, and faith-filled environment for the children we serve—from infants through preschool and school-age.

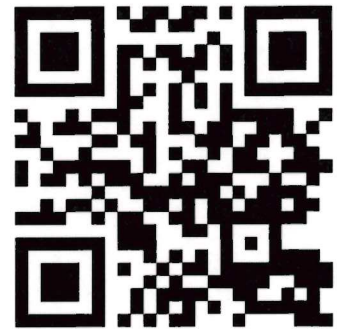
Our list includes:

- **Infant bibs & board books**
- **Montessori toys & sensory materials**
- **Faith-based storybooks & mirrors**
- **Soft play equipment & building sets**

Every donation helps us open our doors with love and readiness on **June 2!**

■ **Scan the QR code below to shop our wish list directly:**

Or visit: <https://a.co/idrLDEt>



Thank you for supporting Little Saints Childcare and helping our youngest learners grow in **faith, wonder, and joy!**

## A Final Word of Thanks – Year 3 Reflections

As I conclude my **third year** as principal, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude **to the entire parish** for your unwavering support throughout this school year. Your generosity, prayers, and encouragement have helped us move forward in faith and mission.

To speak honestly, some projects **needed to be done** and had for quite some time. Now, through your response to the **capital campaign**, many of those long-awaited projects are finally becoming a reality. From the church to the school, this campaign has always been centered on **the needs of the parish**, positioning us to better serve Him for years to come. Your response to this “big ask” has been nothing short of inspiring.

And while we were already engaged in significant efforts, we were also presented with a new question: **What should we do with the daycare space** after TL Childcare moved out?

We stood on the edge of the unknown. And yet—with faith in God's plan—we **said yes**. Yes, to something new. Yes, to expanding our mission for the first time in many years. Yes, to opening **Little Saints Childcare Center**.

Over **40 volunteers** have stepped up to paint, clean, fix, assemble, haul, and even tear out old lockers. It's been a massive undertaking, and families are now enrolling. One day, we hope to serve **many more families** through this new ministry.

I'm often asked: *What's the best part of your job?* That answer shifts depending on the day, but lately, it's been clear.

I've **never had a job** where every call for help is answered with, “How can I serve?” “I've **never had a job** where I could grow in my **faith and professional capacity** at the same time. I've **never had a job** where I've had the opportunity to get to know so many families **so well**. And I've **never had a job** where I don't get the “**Sunday scares**” about going to work on Monday.

This parish is a place of strength. It's a place of service. It's a place of faith. And for me, it's a place of profound gratitude. Thank you for walking with us. May God continue to bless this community we call St. Catherine.

With peace and gratitude,

**Nick Lee**

Principal, St. Catherine School



## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Monday - Friday 7:30 -7:50 am  
Tuesday 8:15 -9:30 pm  
Saturday – 4:00-4:45 pm  
Sunday – 7:30-8:00 am



## **Knights of Columbus Raffle**



The Knights of Columbus raffle is underway! We encourage each family to purchase at least two tickets. Five (5) lucky winners will receive \$500 each. The remaining proceeds are used to support St. Catherine's School, Religious Education, and other Knights of Columbus out-reach programs. The drawing will be held May 21st at the Annual St. Catherine's Appreciation banquet. Return your tickets and monies to the Parish Office, include in the collection basket or mail to 540 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE, Valley City, ND 58072. Thanks for your continued support!

## **St. Catherine Little Saints Childcare Center**



Now Hiring Lead and Assistant Teachers  
(Both Part-Time and Full-Time Positions  
Available)

St. Catherine School & Little Saints  
Childcare

Opening June 2 | Multiple Positions  
Available

■ Competitive Wages • Benefits Packages  
(depending on full-time or part-time)  
■ Faith-Based • Paid Training, Flexible  
Scheduling, Established Curriculum for  
Each Classroom, Supportive Team  
Atmosphere, Spacious Renovated  
Classrooms

Scan the QR  
Code for full  
position  
description



Start Date: May 15th (or sooner depending on needs of facility)

### **How to Apply:**

Submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to:  
■ Beth Nadelin - Childcare Director  
■ beth.nadelin@k12.nd.us  
■ 540 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE, Valley City, ND 58072

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

Earlier this month we had our annual spring cemetery cleanup night. On behalf of the cemetery committee let me extend a huge thank you to all the individuals who shared in giving the cemetery a nice fresh look for Memorial Day. All together over a dozen individuals were kind enough to participate in pruning trees, trimming around monuments, and we were able to wrap up the evening by 8:00pm. It was a very good and productive evening.

FYI, the north half of the cemetery continues to be the main area to be developed. Lots are priced at \$200 each, maybe something to consider. If I can be of assistance, please call 701.840.7429.

Deacon Joe Leitner, Sexton

## **St. Catherine's Parish Team**

**Parish Office** ..... 845-0354

### **Summer Hours:**

**Monday 7:30am - 3:00pm**  
**Tuesday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm**

**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  
**Cemetery Gate Hours:** 7:00am to 9:00pm

**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: May 18, 2025**

### **Regular Parish Income**

|              | <b><u>Actual</u></b> | <b><u>Budget</u></b> | <b><u>Difference</u></b> |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Last Week    | 5,499.94             | 10,265.38            | (4,765.44)               |
| Year to Date | 478,319.95           | 472,207.48           | 6,112.47                 |

Registered families.....469

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Adult Envelopes | 4,814.00 |
| Children        | 5.00     |
| Plate           | 557.94   |
| Votive          | 123.00   |

**Total Collection**                                      **5,499.94**

**Home Mission Collection \$25**

**Thank you for your generous gifts!!**  
**Online Giving available @**  
**[www.catherineofalexandria.org](http://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, May 26, 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**



**No RE classed until Fall.  
Have a wonderful faith filled summer!**

**Congratulation Graduates!**



**Thank you for joining us for our  
Senior Recognition Mass!**

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

*"Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The  
infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting  
for us forever." B1. Carlo Acutis*

*B1. Carlo Acutis, pray for us.*

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

**No Youth Group Class till Fall  
Looking forward to Steubenville!!!**

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**

Big thanks to all the CDA sisters that assisted the  
KC's with the Sr. Graduation Breakfast.

Minutes available downstairs in the CDA corner and  
we will try and have them available to you on the  
internet.

Father's Day breakfast is coming up. Please save a  
small block of time to help Saturday or Sunday.

Thank you again CDA Court for supporting your  
Court officers and Delegates to the State Convention  
in Williston.

Please watch for Rhubarb Run "We Need Help"  
Texts!!

Anyone with Rhubarb to spare please call Ina at  
490-1919. Thank you!!!

**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: "Molokai" The Story of Father  
Damien. 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.**



## CDA Art Contest Awards

Some of the St. Catherine Students participated in the CDA Art Contest. CDA members joined the students after Chaple to congratulate the winners and give them their rewards.



Students that participated in the CDA Art Contest



Anne Wuolu, CDA member, presenting St. Catherine's school children (Master Keller) with a summer Saint to learn about.



Miss Ina, aka Ina Thomsen of CDA presenting Rylee, Riggs, Eva, Sam and Ethan with their prize money for being the State Winners in the CDA Art Contest

# PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS

ELMWOOD PARK  
WEST FARGO  
BRING A LAWN CHAIR

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025  
5:30 PM PICNIC W/ BURGERS  
7 PM SOFTBALL GAME

2025



### **Congratulations to High School Seniors**

Congratulations to the Seniors of St. Catherine's Parish on your graduation from Valley City High School in the Class of 2025! We are proud of you, and we rejoice and thank God with you as we recognized you for this accomplishment at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We pray that God may grant you health in mind, body, and soul as you pursue your dreams regarding your education, profession, and vocation. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help you to live as sons and daughters of God and disciples of Christ in union with your brothers and sisters in the Church. God bless you!

#### **St. Catherine Parish Graduating Seniors**

Adyson Hannig

Aaron Deaver

Cheska Flores

Greta Goven

Amara Judd-Drake

Andy Nelson

Reid Nelson

Rafael Rivera



### **Congratulations to Sixth Grade Graduates of St. Catherine School**

Congratulations to **Rylee Berg, Niklaas Hellinga, Andrew Hoff, Jentz Kunze, Joshua Martin, Bailey Muske, Samuel Praska, Chloe Sayler, Cody Svenningsen, and Ethan Zarbano** upon your graduation from sixth grade at St. Catherine School! We are very thankful to God for you and how you have participated so well in the mission of St. Catherine School "to foster the development of the whole child through exceptional academics, Christian service, and faith-building opportunities." You have developed intellectually through your courses and excellent reading programs. You have grown in charity through service activities. You have developed spiritually through daily prayer in the Chapel, school Masses, and visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration. We pray that you may continue to grow and mature in all aspects of your life and experience peace and unity in your life in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. The Mass celebrating their graduation from St. Catherine School was on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM.



St. Mary's 120th Eucharistic Procession  
for the feast of

# CORPUS CHRISTI

Lead by Bishop John Folda

10:00AM Holy Mass followed by a  
Eucharistic Procession, Outdoor Rosary,  
Free will Offering Meal, Fellowship,  
and Outdoor Kid Games

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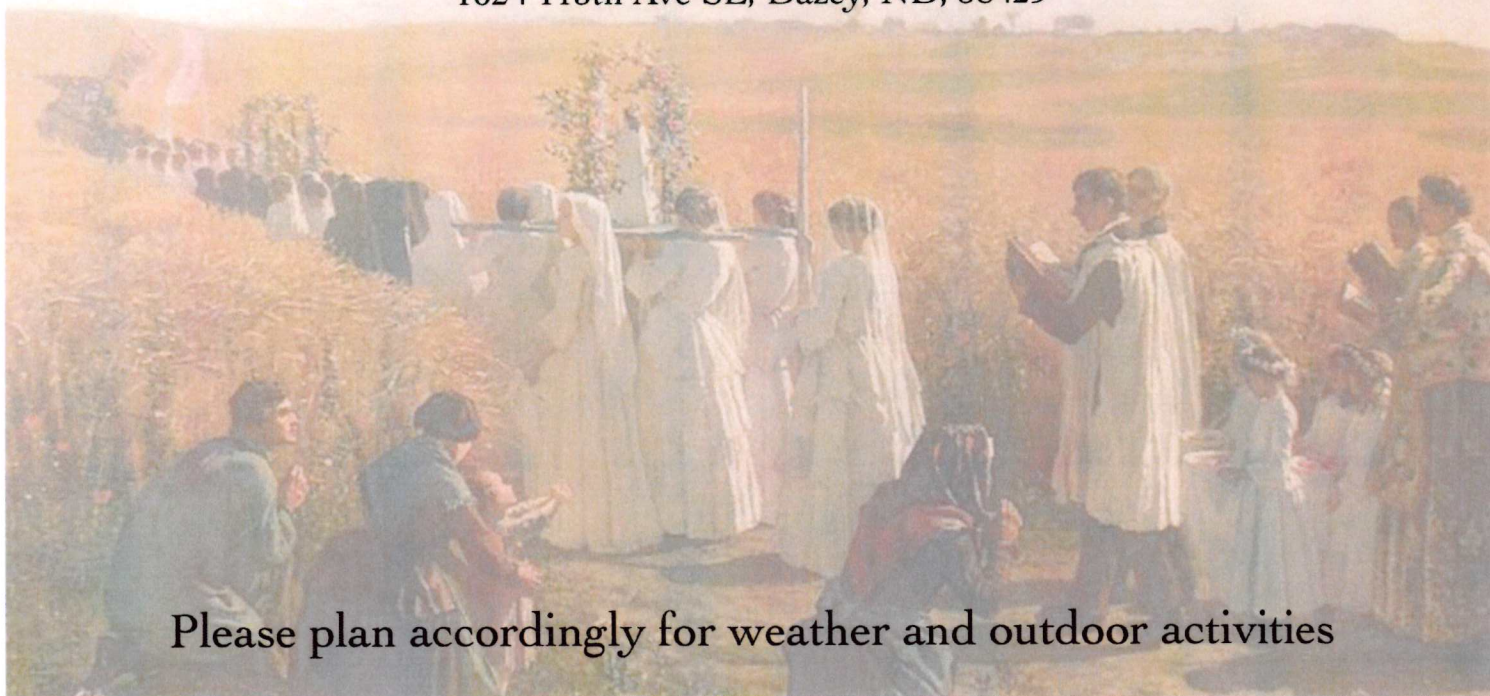
An honor guard of those who made their  
First Communion/Confirmation will  
lead along side Bishop John Folda  
(Wear your special attire, veil and everything)

Saturday, June 21, 2025

at St. Mary's Catholic Church

6 miles East of Dazey, ND  
1624 115th Ave SE, Dazey, ND, 58429

Please plan accordingly for weather and outdoor activities





# 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?

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Fr. Paul Duchscher—Retreat Director

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- † 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](http://www.maryvalend.org)





# ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE

Enjoy a romantic weekend getaway with your spouse while gaining invaluable skills to nurture a happy, healthy, and thriving relationship!

Beginning 5:30pm Friday and ending 1pm Sunday.  
The retreat includes delicious meals, comfortable accommodations, enriching content, and meaningful one-on-one time with your spouse.

**WHEN: JUNE 20-22**

**WHERE: MARYVALE RETREAT CENTER**

**COST: \$325 PER COUPLE**

Learn more and sign up here:

Or at [cathedralofstmary.com](http://cathedralofstmary.com)

