

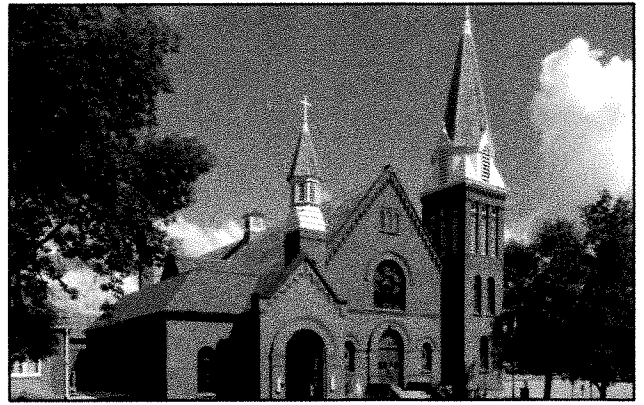
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025

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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

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

July Serving Information:

Chairpersons are:

Deb Gulmon: 701-840-0545

Margaret Doyle: 701-840-0142

If an event is scheduled, please volunteer.



July Calendar of Events

SUN 6	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 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
WED 9	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 5:00pm Nearly Nu Meeting
THU 10	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
FRI 11	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 12:00pm Parish Office Closed 2:00pm Mass - St. Raphael
SAT 12	10:00am Mass – Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
SUN 13	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS July 7 - 13

M 8:00am	† Herman & Lue Kunze
T 8:00am	† Jeff Differding
W 8:00am	† Allan Kunze
Th 8:00am	† Marilyn Beach
F 8:00am	† George Judd
2:00pm	Les Lauer
Sa 5:00pm	John & Rose Wolf and Family
Su 8:30am	People of the Parish
10:30am	† Rev. Patrick Duffy

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Is 66:10-14c

Second Reading — Gal 6:14-18

Gospel — Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a;
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5;
Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 29:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

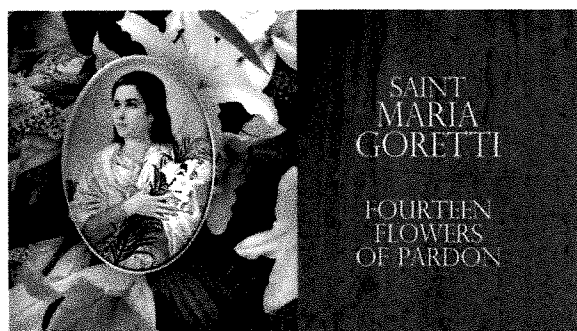
Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

PRAYER NETWORK

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

Warren Ventch	Renita Westerhausen
Larry Doyle	Colleen Musgrave
Lucille Winkler	Shelly Differding
Marlys Koble	Mary Elmore
Donna Hammond	Katie Anderson
Jerry Sand	Maryjo Randle
Krystal Lemer	Daniel Gonzalez
Linda Hesch	

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Pastor's Page

OUR NATION'S 250th YEAR

Our nation just celebrated its 249 Independence Day - hope you all had a nice holiday! And of course next year, on July 4, 2026, we will be celebrating our 250th. (I remember the Bicentennial very clearly - and that was fifty years ago now! I was 13 years old that summer . . .) However, this means that of this past 4th our nation has entered upon its 250th year. And that must be why our country has already started its celebrations in observance of that milestone in our history.

Our nation's 250 years have seen a lot of ups and downs. That should not surprise us at all. *Our families* have lots of ups and downs; *our own individual lives* have many ups and downs. And so it only makes sense that a country of over 330 million folks would have its shares of ups and downs. But it's a wonderful country. Our Lord blesses all of us as his children, and Our Lord blesses our families, our communities, and our homeland.

The world had never seen anything like America when it burst upon the scene in 1776. And I'm not sure it's ever seen anything like it since. I am "proud to be an American", just as I am proud to be a Catholic follower of Jesus Christ. I offer a simple prayer each day for our country, and I encourage you to do the same. May God bless America!

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This past week our **St. Catherine's Cemetery** got a cleaning. We did not have as many trees down there as some other places did, but there were enough - and they were big enough - that a "crew" was needed with some heavier-than-usual equipment. And we got both this past Wednesday. I want to thank those who came and worked hard on a hot, sunny day to get our cemetery back to its usual beautiful self. A number of dump-trailers, chainsaws, and even a payloader showed up and made much quicker work of it than it would have been without them. My oh my - how much there are to evergreen trees when one needs to haul them away!

And a big thank-you to Hillside Cemetery and its Board of Directors who allowed us to dump our down trees in their own pile that they made with their cleanup efforts. How handy that was to have that available so close to our own place.

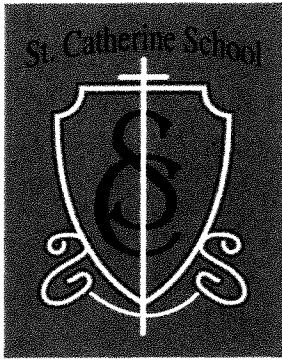
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With this weekend comes the end of **Dalton Booth's** time with us. Dalton will now spend some weeks with family, at Catholic camps, and with the other diocesan seminarians before he returns to St Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, Nebraska, in August.

Dalton and Anthony Wanner (who had to leave a couple of weeks ago) did a lot of wonderful work for our parish this summer - a lot of hard work in helping our parish clean up and clean out during this summer of many projects all going on at the same time at St. Catherine's. I appreciated their presence in our parish, and it's nice to see some of these young men each summer who - God willing - may be serving us as priests in years to come.

And I thank all in this parish who made Dalton and Anthony feel so welcome during their time with us. They have had a good experience of parish life in the Diocese of Fargo during their stay in Valley City.

Fr Duchscher
Pastor



Principal's Page

Growing in Leadership and Faith: A Note from Mr. Lee

This July, I will begin the second summer residency for a program that has already been deeply meaningful to me. Last year, I started a journey with a group of current and aspiring school leaders from across the state as part of the **Rural School Leadership Institute** at the **University of Mary**.

This hybrid program combines in-person learning with online collaboration, designed to support **school leaders serving rural communities**, where the principal's role often requires wearing multiple hats, particularly in instructional leadership.

While I already hold my **North Dakota principal's credential**, I am excited that, upon completing this program, I will also earn a second graduate degree: a **Master of Education in School Administration**. I currently hold a **Bachelor of Science in Health Science** and a **Master of Arts in Teaching**, both from **Valley City State University**.

This opportunity is made possible through generous **scholarship and grant support** from the **Burgum Foundation** and the University of Mary. I am grateful beyond words for their investment in rural school leadership and my continued growth.

As part of the program, I've been conducting **action research** focused on **sustainable and effective instructional coaching practices** for small, rural schools—like St. Catherine—where the principal often serves as the instructional leader. I believe deeply that **high-impact instruction and data-driven decision-making** don't just happen—they are **built intentionally**.

This experience is already shaping how we support our teachers and strengthen instruction at St. Catherine School. I'm excited to bring this learning back to our community and continue building a culture of purpose, reflection, and academic excellence.

I will be away from school from **July 6–18** for the residency. During this time, I won't be as accessible as usual, but you can always:

- Call the school office and **leave a voicemail**, which I receive via email
- Please email me at **nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us** (response time may be delayed)

A Joyful Mission: Little Saints Childcare

This summer also marks a **joyful new beginning**: the official opening of **Little Saints Childcare** within our school building!

This new ministry extends our mission of **faith, learning, and service** by offering care for children from infancy through school age—**year-round**. Our goal is simple and bold: that **every family who walks through our doors experiences the light of Jesus Christ** and the beauty of this parish community.

The school—and now, by extension, the childcare center—is the **mission of this parish**. I am so thankful for the prayer, financial, and hands-on support we've received. We couldn't do this without you, and we appreciate your partnership.

Please continue to:

- **Pray for our students and staff**
- **Pray for the families we serve**
- And this July, please **pray for my residency experience**—that I may continue to grow in wisdom and servant leadership.

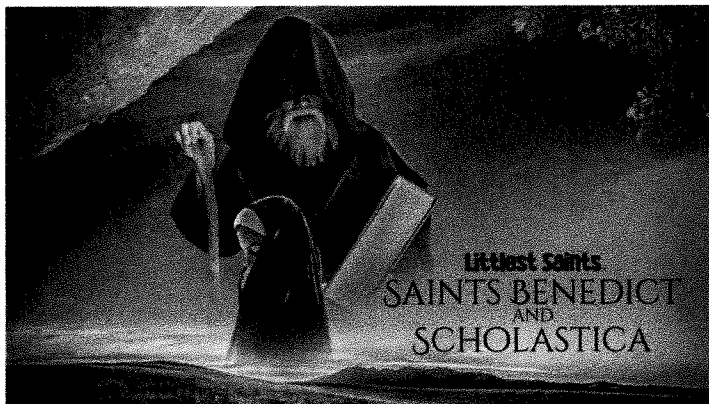
All for the Glory of God. All to serve.

I am blessed. I am grateful. And I am overjoyed by the opportunities that have been afforded to me—and to this school.

With peace and gratitude,

Nick Lee

Principal, St. Catherine School



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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

Little Saints Childcare **490-3800**
Director: Beth Nadelin

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: June 29, 2025

Regular Parish Income

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week	\$10,772.50	\$10,265.38	\$507.12
Year to Date	\$526,090.47	\$533,799.76	(\$7,709.29)
Registered Families	469		
Adult Envelopes			\$10,060.00
Children			\$10.00
Plate			\$644.50
Votive			\$58.00
Total Collection			\$10,772.50

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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, July 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**



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

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

*"All blessings come to us through our Lord.."
- Teresa of Avila*

St. Teresa of Avila, pray for us.

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

No Youth Group Class till Fall

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: "Called and Chosen" the story of Fr. Vincent Capodanno. 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.**

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Meet Monthly 2nd Monday

Hope everyone had a great 4th of July!! God Bless America and everyone!!



We are Hiring

Store Cashier/Clerk needed

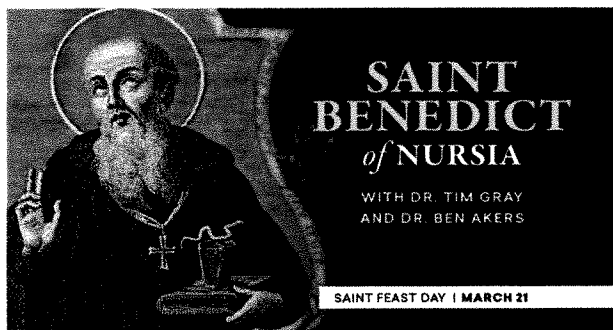
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Monday - Saturday

Phone Number 845-1022



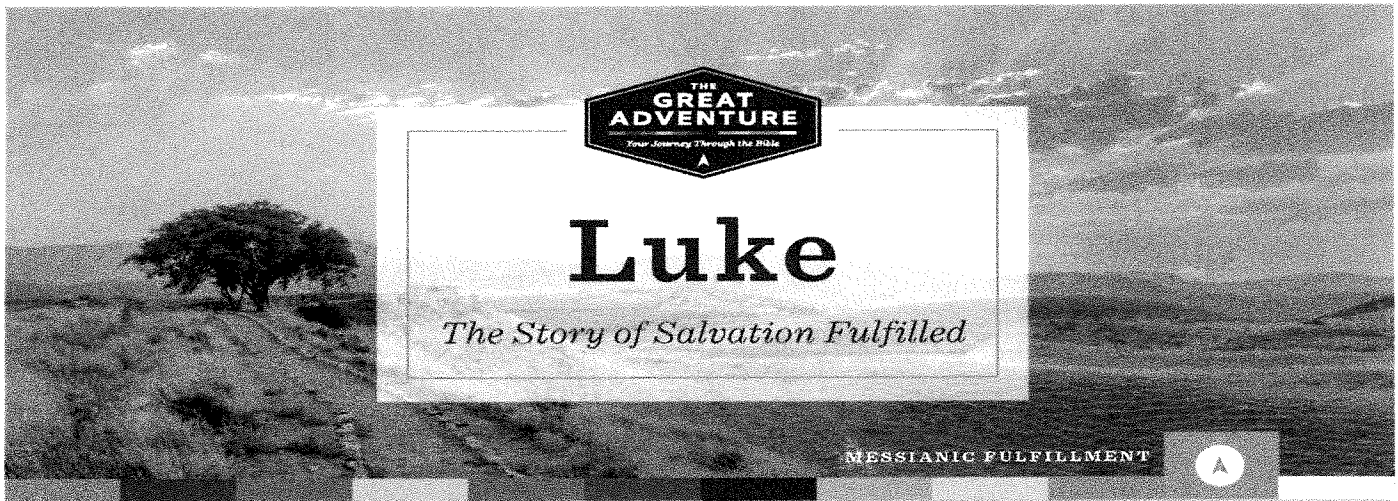
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Dates – Time – Location

St. Catherine Church - Social Hall

8 Sessions (all Mondays)

September 15 and 29

October 6 and 20

November 3 and 17

December 1 and 15

Meeting Times:

1:30-3:30 pm or 6:00-8:00 pm

For More Information

Please call or text

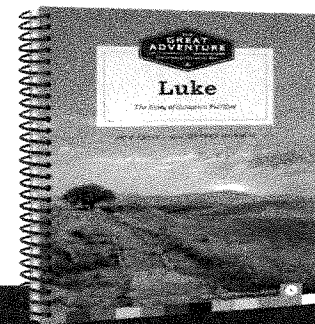
Sophya Rose
701-490-2024

or

Marian Hoffarth
701-370-9859

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in the Ascension of Jesus. Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation; the Nativity; Jesus' baptism; his public ministry; the Last Supper; and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. The Gospel's powerful prose and beautiful details will deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by his teachings.

The Gospel of Luke continually reveals how Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. With *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled*, you will experience a new joy as you see how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how God's promise can guide you in your everyday lives.



Visit AscensionPress.com/lukestudy for more details.

I wish to join: Ascension Press: Luke, The Story of Salvation Fulfilled.

Cost is \$30 (workbook and online access), deadline to register is Friday, August 15th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Text: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Comments: _____

Bring this form and payment for materials to the church office or use an envelope to put it in the offertory plate at mass.
(If you write a check, make it out to St. Catherine Parish)

If you have any questions, please call or text: Sophya Rose 701-490-2024 or Marian Hoffarth 701-370-9859



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July 2025

St. Catherine Church
Very Rev. Paul Duchscherer

One Minute Meditations

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

St. Elizabeth followed the footsteps of her great-aunt and namesake, St. Elizabeth of Hungary: she was born to royal parents, practiced fervent spirituality, great generosity and penances. She married King Denis of Portugal. Despite a difficult marriage and family conflicts, she remained patient and charitable. She is known for her care for the poor and sick, and for resolving political conflicts peacefully. After her husband's death, St. Elizabeth entered the Third Order of St. Francis.

Prayer is a response to Love

God wants a relationship with us. This is a central truth of our faith. "The living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2567). So, next time you feel called to pray, say, like Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

"By mercy you have washed us in the Blood, and by mercy you desire to converse with your creatures... Loving Madman! ...Your mercy constrains you to give even more to mortals, namely, to leave yourself to them in food."

St. Catherine of Siena

Step out and let Christ meet you where you are

"Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water" (Matthew 14:28). St. Peter showed remarkable courage when he stepped out of the boat in the middle of a storm. While God may sometimes call us to follow Him in dramatic or difficult moments, more often He invites us in the quiet, ordinary circumstances of daily life — to step out of what's comfortable and meet Him in our prayer, our relationships, and our service.

Prayer: The greatest challenge in deepening your prayer life is often just beginning. Start with a Gospel passage, read slowly, reflect, respond, and rest in God's presence. Light a candle. Sit in front of an icon. Play sacred music. Let beauty draw your heart to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your desire, focus, and love for God. Step out of the boat — and you'll find Christ waiting.

Relationships: The virtues — patience, self-control, fidelity, honesty — aren't just about personal growth; they're about

loving others well. Show kindness to someone who frustrates you. Have a real conversation with someone with whom you disagree. Forgive, even if it's undeserved. These small choices shape us into Christ's likeness.

Service: "...the Son of Man came ... to

"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

serve" (Matthew 20:28). Loving service doesn't require grand gestures. True holiness is forged in everyday acts: give away a piece of clothing you love but don't need. Help with the dishes, even when it's not your turn. Offer a break to a tired parent by watching their children. When service flows from love, it transforms both the giver and the receiver — and conforms our hearts to Christ's.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Church teaches that many souls, though destined for Heaven, undergo purification after death, a process called Purgatory. Purgatory prepares us to see God clearly.

Scripture supports this: Judas Maccabee offered prayers for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:43-46), and Jesus mentioned sins forgiven in the next life (Matthew 12:32). St. Paul described a

Why Do Catholics Believe in Purgatory?

judgment in which a person is saved, but their works are tested by fire. This fire isn't Hell (since they are saved), but a purifying fire, which aligns with the idea of Purgatory (1 Corinthians 3:13-15).

Purgatory is mercy. The souls there benefit from our prayers — and they pray for us in return. It's part of God's loving plan to make us truly ready for His presence.

Outsmart temptation with grace in action

When temptation strikes, the first line of defense is often simple: say “no” or avoid the situation entirely. But when that’s not enough, there are deeper, proven strategies that can help us respond with grace and strength.

First, think of temptation as an opportunity for holiness. God always gives us a choice, and when we say “yes” to Him and “no” to sin, He responds with even more grace. If another person is involved, pray for him or her. That small act of charity not only pleases God but disarms the enemy. As Scripture says, “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

Second, don’t just resist temptation—replace it. Trying

not to think about sin often leads us right back to it. Instead, follow the advice of Philippians 4:8: focus on what is true, honorable, and good. For example, swap out gossip for words that build others up, or replace a bad habit with a holy one.

Finally, don’t overlook small victories. Faithfulness in little things strengthens us for bigger battles. Telling the truth in a pressure situation, showing patience in traffic, or keeping a promise all train the soul for harder moments. “Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities” (Matthew 25:23). Grace builds on effort. Use every moment well.

from Scripture

Luke 11:1-13, The Our Father is a school of prayer

If you’ve ever found yourself thinking, “I want to pray better,” this Scripture reading is for you. In it, Jesus teaches His disciples the Our Father — a masterclass in prayer, compact and profound. It’s not just one prayer, but four in one.

First, it’s a prayer of praise and thanksgiving, placing God above all. Second, it’s a petition, where we ask for our daily needs — spiritual and material. Third, it’s a plea for mercy, as we ask for forgiveness and the grace to forgive others. And finally, it’s a declaration of trust in God’s providence, a surrender of our will to His.

Praying the Our Father well means acknowledging that God knows what’s best for us — even when His will challenges ours. It’s an invitation to deeper faith.

God always answers prayer — but not always how or when we expect. Sometimes the answer is “Yes.” Other times, it’s “No” or “Wait — I have something better.” Jesus also makes it clear that persistence matters. Like the neighbor in the parable who keeps knocking at the door, we’re called to ask, seek, and knock with confidence. Prayer isn’t just about getting what we want — it’s about drawing closer to the One who loves us most.

Q & A Can we console Jesus?

If you saw a close friend in deep pain, you wouldn’t walk by thinking, “She will get over it — I’m busy.” You’d drop everything, run to her, and ask, “What can I do?” This is the logic — and the love — behind consoling the Heart of Jesus. It’s not just a pious tradition; it reaches into the very core of our faith.

Jesus is fully human. He felt real emotions — joy, grief, betrayal, and sorrow. He understands our pain, and we can share in His, since He is also fully God, He stands outside of time. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He saw not only every sin but also every act of love, repentance, and faith. That means your love today can truly console His Heart in His Passion.

Words like “consolation” or “reparation” might sound outdated, but they mean something simple and powerful: to love Jesus where He has been wounded, to bring gratitude where there was ingratitude, and to respond with compassion where He was abandoned. Even small acts of love — a kind word, a prayer, a moment of sincere repentance — touch Him deeply.

Feasts & Celebrations

July 9 – St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions (1648-1930). This feast honors St. Augustine Zhao Rong, a soldier-turned-Catholic priest, and his martyred companions, forming a group of 120 Chinese Christians and Catholic missionaries. They were canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000.

July 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (1251). The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock in England, carrying the brown scapular, a sign of her favor of the Carmelite Order, and promised whoever wore the scapular until death would avoid the fires of Hell.

July 18 – St. Camillus de Lellis (1614). Born in Italy, St. Camillus aimed for holiness despite battling a gambling addiction and a hot temper. After gambling away his possessions, including his shirt, Franciscan brothers gave him a job. He was ordained a priest, and later founded the Order of the Camellians, caring for the grievously sick, prisoners, and the plague victims.

July 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola (1556). Ignatius spent several years defending Spain and suffered serious injuries. While recovering, he began a religious conversion and a lifelong dedication to education. He wrote spiritual exercises and started a community of priests now known as the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

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