

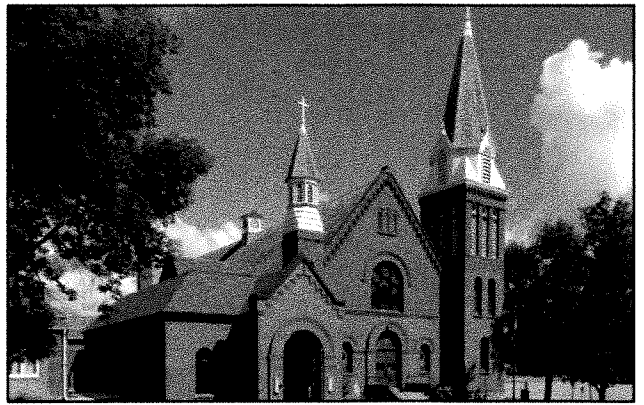
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

www.catherineofalexandria.org



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

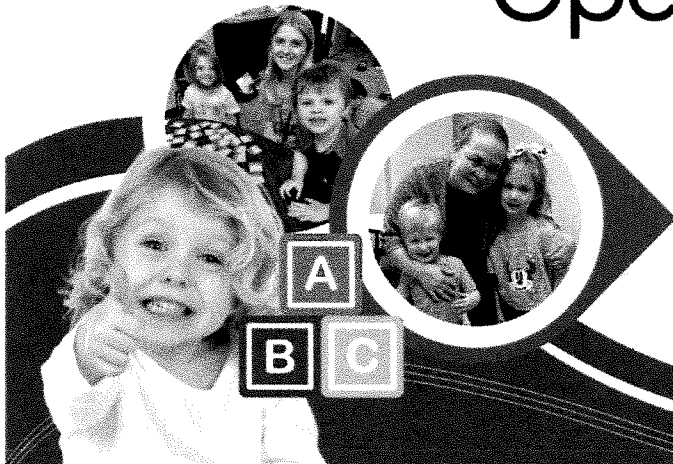
Margaret Doyle: 701-840-0142

If an event is scheduled, please volunteer.

Tours,
Treats,
& more!

You're Invited! Little Saints Open House

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CHILDCARE CENTER



Thursday 7.31.25

5:30 - 7:30 PM



July Calendar of Events

SUN 13	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass
MON 14	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass
TUE 15	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am -10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie
WED 16	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass
THU 17	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
FRI 18	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 12:00pm Parish Office Closed 2:00pm Mass - St. Raphael
SAT 19	10:00am Mass – Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
SUN 20	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS July 14 - 20

M 8:00am	† Phyllis Lemer
T 8:00am	† Walt Clement
W 8:00am	Tom Milner
Th 8:00am	† Mylo Falstad
F 8:00am	† Evelyn & Floyd Westerhauser
2:00pm	Nancy Hermanson
Sa 5:00pm	Mary Margaret Grissom
Su 8:30am	† Phyllis Lemer
10:30am	People of the Parish

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Dt 30:10-14

Second Reading — Col 1:15-20

Gospel — Lk 10:25-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

PRAYER NETWORK

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

Warren Ventch

Larry Doyle

Lucille Winkler

Marlys Koble

Donna Hammond

Jerry Sand

Krystal Lemer

Linda Hesch

Renita Westerhausen

Colleen Musgrave

Shelly Differding

Mary Elmore

Katie Anderson

Maryjo Randle

Daniel Gonzalez

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CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY
An Introduction

Carmelite Spirituality: An Introduction

On July 16, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Learn more about Carmelite Spirituality and how you can live it in this incredible series on Formed.

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Pastor's Page

"GOING OUT TO THE MARGINS"

That quoted statement above was one of the late Pope Francis' calls to the People of God in the Church and the world to look beyond themselves, and to look in particular to those who live "in the margins" - the folks that are often ignored, neglected, and rejected in our societies. As a follower of Jesus Christ, we certainly reject and renounce sin and the life of sin, but we should never reject or renounce the person made in the image and likeness of God, and that of course includes those who live in "the margins."

But "going out to the margins" can also take on another meaning, the kind of meaning that in some ways is just as important for all of us all the time. That meaning involves choosing to get involved/be part of something that I never have before, or something that maybe I'm not all that comfortable with. The "margins" here are those areas of life/experiences in life that I've never taken part in, or am too hesitant or afraid to do so. But if I can - if I do - I might just find that some of those "margins" I have put off to the side for most of my life are actually pretty darn good, once I experienced them and found out that not only did I not have a bad experience there, but perhaps even enjoyed it, and am now glad I chose to try that direction.

Now - considering my perspective as a priest - I tend to see those kinds of "margins" as things relating to my relationship to Jesus Christ and His Church. For many of us, there are all kinds of "religious" experiences that we can easily set aside due to lack of interest, hesitation, or downright fear. And of course, not everyone can (or should) do everything in any area of life, even in our spiritual lives. We all have our path to follow with our God, and that path might not include any number of things. But sometimes our path does include something that at first glance we may want to, as usual, put on the back burner once again, but might turn out to be just the right thing at the right time - one of those "margins" I had never experienced before but am glad I did now.

This all brings me to another great example of this - "going out" for the Lord to try a new experience, one that might have been on the margins before, but now has become a graced experience that will not soon be forgotten. I'm talking about the trip to Steubenville Joliet 2025 that eight of our young parishioners went to, chaperoned by Deacon Tom Vanorny and Sara Sorby. The Steubenville gatherings each summer are Catholic events that thousands of youth attend at various venues across the country. They are sponsored by the Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio), and have been going on for years and are well-attended and fantastic. I have yet to find a returnee from one of these conferences that wished they hadn't gone . . .

Please read the insert in this bulletin - it is a series of simple reflections/testimonials from some of our parish's youth attending this year's Steubenville conference in Joliet, Illinois, as they reflected on those special days. What a "going to the margins" this must have been for some of them! And what a blessing it was to do just that - take a chance on something new with the Lord God, and find out it was, in fact, much better than I probably thought it would be. Our Lord loves doing this kind of thing with us - when we take a chance on Him, He pays back big-time.

Next year Deacon Tom is planning on another pilgrimage to a Steubenville event, perhaps the one held at the University itself in Steubenville, Ohio. I'm hoping that there will be some more of our youth willing to "go to the margins" of their faith experience. They will undoubtedly be glad they did.

And for the rest of us older folks who are beyond going to a Catholic youth event, keep your eyes, ears, and heart open for something else on "the margins" of your Catholic life experience, and perhaps give it a try. As we are invited by Our Lord to help those in need to live "in the margins" so we are also invited by Our Lord to let ourselves be taken to the margins, to see what we will find for ourselves with Him.

Fr Duchscher
Pastor

Steubenville Joliet 2025



Deacon Thomas Vanorny:

We left on Thursday, June 26. We stayed overnight in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, before traveling to Lisle, Illinois, on Friday. After experiencing crazy rush hour Chicago traffic on a Friday afternoon, we were all grateful to have arrived at our destination unscathed. The conference itself was held on the campus of Benedictine University. We had several great speakers, like Fr. Mike Schmitz, who was clearly the crowd favorite. There was various entertainment, including the live band Sonar. Daily and Sunday Masses. Multiple sessions of adoration, one including a procession, adoring the real presence of

Jesus in the monstrance. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, which was encouraged to take part in, was received by 1750 of the 2000 youth in attendance. The highlights include seeing 2000 youth on fire about the Catholic faith, Adoration and Reconciliation.

Katie Burchill:

My experience at the Steubenville Conference was truly impacting. The conference was really touching how God was really present in that atmosphere. The conference was very uplifting and inspiring to be a better Catholic in this world.

Andrew Sykora:

I really enjoyed going this year. I found it to be a very powerful experience that cannot be described and a feeling that will not be forgotten. I am thankful to have been able to go this year and looking forward to next year.

Matthew Holm:

I really enjoyed the experience of being at Steubenville because I feel that going helped me to grow closer to Jesus in my faith. I really enjoyed the experience of adoration since I feel that it was one the of the most powerful things I've ever encountered.

Luke Praska:

Steubenville was an incredible experience. The most inspiring moment was adoration. The monstrance was walked around the gym, and it was clear that all 2,000 attendees could feel the real presence of Jesus. The conference is definitely a great opportunity for youth to grow in their faith and understanding of God.

Marisa Hoffarth:

It was so exciting to see so many Catholics who are the same age as us and to worship the Lord open and freely with thousands of people. My favorite part of the trip was the procession during adoration. It truly felt like Jesus was right there.

Kinslee Glandt:

My experience at the Steubenville conference expanded my knowledge of Jesus and how to make him more of a priority in my life. The presence of God was truly amazing. This conference changed my perspective on the Catholic religion immensely!

Jack Sorby:

I had a great experience. Since last year was my first time going to one of the conferences, that was more of my breakout year. It was great to get some of my friends to go this year and to see so many Catholics my age express their faith at once.

Deacon Thomas Vanorny:

Huge thank you to everyone who financially supported this trip. More importantly, to the parishioners, family members and friends who prayed for a successful conference. Your prayers insured this was a faith filled conference for all of the St. Catherine youth. Also, those special intentions prayed for the youth by their grandparents and special others.

Another attendant was Adrian Rivera. Chaperones were Sara Sorby and Deacon Thomas Vanorny.



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
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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 - End of the Fiscal Year, just added the June online giving to get year end totals.

Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$15,832.50	\$10,265.38	\$5,567.12
Year to Date	\$531,150.47	\$533,799.76	(\$2,649.29)
Registered Families	469	

Adult Envelopes			\$10,060.00
Children			\$10.00
Plate			\$644.50
Votive			\$58.00
June Online Giving			\$5,060.00
Total Collection			\$15,832.50

FINANCIAL REPORT: July 6, 2025

Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$7,590.25	\$10,434.62	(\$2,844.37)
Year to Date	\$7,590.25	\$10,434.62	(\$2,844.37)
Registered Families	464	

Adult Envelopes			\$6,793.00
Children			\$8.00
Plate			\$430.25
Utility Fund			\$359.00
Total Collection			\$7,590.25

Thank you for your generous gifts!!
Online Giving Available @
www.catherineofalexandria.org



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!

Think about becoming a catechist or catechist helper for the Religious Education program.

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

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

St. Mother Teresa, 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: "Fr. Stanley Rother" an American Martyr from Oklahoma. All are welcome!

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

Meet Monthly 2nd Monday



Remember to cut those Our Family Bar Codes and put them in the box under the stairs to the balcony!! Every bar code helps get the school some funding!! Thank you to all those that are and keep cutting bar codes!!!

**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.



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.

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Monday - Saturday

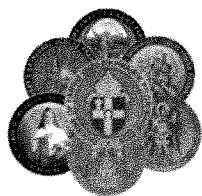
Phone Number 845-1022

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.

Upcoming Retreats

1. Diocese of Fargo Jubilee Collectable Coins & Pilgrim Guide



There are six Jubilee sites in the Diocese of Fargo and the faithful are encouraged to visit these sites and gain the Jubilee Year Indulgence. At each site the faithful are welcome to collect a coin unique to that site as a reminder of their pilgrimage. Make sure to find the Jubilee poster at each site with a QR code for pilgrims to log in their visit. If you visit all six sites, you can receive the Diocese of Fargo coin. There are brochures about the coins at each site. A free will donation is requested for the coins. In addition, there is an on-line pilgrim guide available as a PDF and eBook. <https://www.fargodiocese.org/jubilee-pilgrim-guide>



2. Made for Greatness Winter Men's Retreat – *Personal Prayer: The Way of Receiving the Father's Love*

July 18-20-2025, Maryvale Retreat Center

Men, do you ever feel intimidated by prayer? You know it is important, but it's hard to maintain a regular habit of prayer that actually seems meaningful. Or, perhaps your prayer life is steady, but you also desire to grow in your ability to know the Father's voice more plainly and experience more deeply His love and guidance in your life. Whatever your experience of prayer is, the Made for Greatness Men's Retreat *Personal Prayer: The Way of Receiving the Father's Love* promises to open new avenues of meeting God in truly life-changing ways. One of the most prominent spiritual guides in the Church today, Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB will lead us as sons of God to becoming masters of prayer.

The **Made for Greatness Men's Retreat** will be held on **July 18-20, 2025** at Maryvale Retreat Center. Details are available at www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat.



3. Art of Accompaniment Training with Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB

July 21-25, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center

Has God placed on your heart a desire to help others know Him? Do people in your life (family, friends, coworkers, or even random people you meet) seem to gravitate toward you seeking your thoughts or insights on the complexities of their lives and especially their relationship with God? Perhaps you are a member of the clergy, a religious, or a church worker who is often in a role of leading others in their spiritual lives and you would like to know how you can do this even more effectively.

Then come to the Art of Accompaniment Training at Maryvale Retreat Center on July 21-25, 2025 to be formed by one of the most prominent spiritual formators in the country Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB. Fr. Boniface founded the Institute for Ministry Formation out of his conviction that one of the greatest needs in the Church today is to have many more people skilled in guiding others along the way of perfection. The 5-day Art of Accompaniment Training will equip participants to be able to assist others as they seek to grow in their relationship with God. This can be taken either as a stand-alone course or as the first course within the larger Spiritual Direction certification offered by the Institute for Ministry Formation. Full details are available at www.fargodiocese.org/aoa.

4. Praying with the Shroud: A Message of Hope



August 22-24, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center

Come and seek to enhance your prayer life by learning how the Holy Shroud of Turin can provide you with additional options for contemplation and meditation. Retreatants will receive a comprehensive array of Shroud information from speaker Jim Bertrand, who has 10 years of experience of sharing the message across more than 45 dioceses. He will be offering five conference sessions and will be available to answer individual questions. Mass, adoration, and Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Check it out at <https://maryvalend.org/8-24-25-shroud>.

5. Man of the Shroud Exhibit



August 24-31, 2025, Cathedral of St. Mary

St. Mary's Cathedral will be hosting a traveling exhibit on the Shroud of Turin. The Shroud is believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ. The exhibit will include an exact replica of the Shroud along with panels of historical and scientific information. The exhibit will be in the social hall of St. Mary's Cathedral all week, please check the Cathedral website for open hours. No cost or registration necessary. On Sunday, August 25 and Monday Aug 26, there will be special presentations by Jim Bertrand, an expert on the Shroud. It will be live streamed. More info: <https://www.fargodiocese.org/shroud-exhibit>

6. Diocese of Fargo Prairie Pilgrimage



August 25-26, Maryvale Retreat Center

Come join us on a two-day pilgrimage to the six Jubilee sites in the Diocese of Fargo. We will begin at Maryvale, Vally City, and end back at Maryvale. All meals and overnight lodging included. The cost is \$285 per person, double occupancy; or \$385 for a single room. Overnight stay at the Jasper Hotel downtown Fargo. Includes reserved seating for the Man of the Shroud presentation at Mary's Cathedral on Aug 25. For registration and more information: <https://www.fargodiocese.org/prairie-pilgrimage>

7. Young Men's Retreat with Bishop Folda



September 5-7, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center

This retreat is for men ages 21-38 wanting to deepen and strengthen their faith with the Lord. What is your purpose in life? Can you persevere with all the distractions of the world? Do you feel sometimes you simply do not know what to do? Come...walk with me...to be a follower of Christ! Bishop Folda will lead young men in pursuing the answers to these important questions. Find the full schedule and register at <https://maryvalend.org/young-mens-retreat>.

8. On Retreat with St. Therese of Lisieux: Women's Silent Retreat



September 12-14, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center

In this retreat, Ashley Njaa (wife, mother, DRE, and spiritual disciple of St. Therese of Lisieux) will help women unpack some of key pieces of this French spiritual giant's wisdom on living a life of complete trust, confidence in God, and cultivating a spiritual childhood. The retreat will include conferences, Mass, adoration, confession, and spiritual direction, as well as time to pray, rest, and enjoy the beautiful grounds of Maryvale. All details available at <https://maryvalend.org/9-12-25-st-therese-of-lisieux>.

You can find HEALING

Are you struggling from a past abortion? Whether you were pressured into an abortion, were unable to prevent a family member from having one, or were involved in their getting one, this retreat will help you move beyond the guilt, shame, or anger you may have. Our weekend retreats are a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God.

In a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment, you can grieve your loss while understanding and releasing any deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt you may have. This process is extremely helpful for people who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into hope.

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Fargo Diocese Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

August 8-10, 2025

Contact our team to register or ask questions:

Sherry 701-520-1229 or rvregister@yahoo.com

or Tim 701-799-2051

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

www.rachelsvineyard.org

