

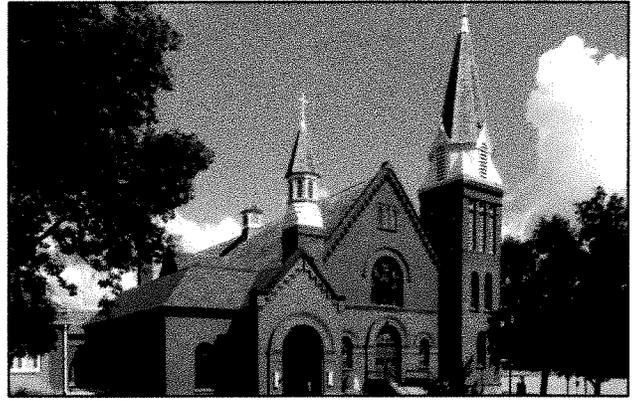
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025

www.catherineofalexandria.org



MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday - NO MASS

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION:

Monday - Friday - NONE THIS WEEK

Tuesday - NONE THIS WEEK

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 pm

Sunday - 7:30-8:00 am

August Serving Information:

Co-Chairpersons are:

Sheila Larson: 701-840-2881

Tara Glandt: 701-840-0664

No activities are planned at this time.

If an event is scheduled, please volunteer.



Custodian and Maintenance

We're Hiring!

Full-Time Custodian & Maintenance Professional
St. Catherine School & Parish - Valley City, ND

Pay: \$17.00-\$22.00/hour DOE

Schedule: 40 hours/week (Year-Round)

Benefits: Health insurance, retirement contribution, paid leave, and tuition discount for K-6 dependents.

Key Duties: Cleaning and light maintenance of school, gym, and parish buildings.

Start Date: August 10th or sooner.

Apply Now: Submit a cover letter, resume, and 3 references to:

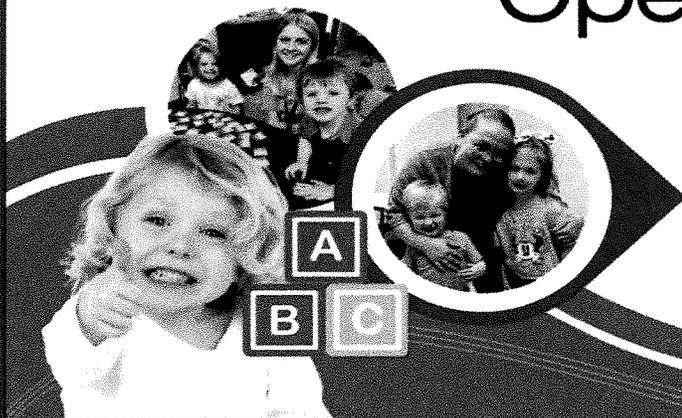
nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us

Tours,
Treats,
& more!

You're Invited! Little Saints Open House



Thursday 7.31.25
5:30 - 7:30 PM



July/August Calendar of Events

SUN 27	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass
MON 28	NO MASS 7:00pm Healing Prayer Group
TUE 29	NO MASS 8:30am -10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 5:30pm REACH Meeting
WED 30	NO MASS
THU 31	NO MASS 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
FRI 1	NO MASS 12:00pm Parish Office Closed 2:00pm Mass - St. Raphael
SAT 2	10:00am Mass – Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
SUN 3	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS July 28 - August 3

M	8:00am	NO MASS
T	8:00am	NO MASS
W	8:00am	NO MASS
Th	8:00am	NO MASS
F	8:00am	NO MASS
	2:00pm	† Jeff Differding
Sa	5:00pm	Myron Jabs
Su	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Christine Strigenz

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Gn 18:20-32

Second Reading — Col 2:12-14

Gospel — Lk 11:1-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

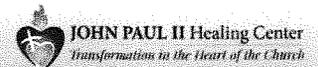
Sunday: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11;
Lk 12:13-21

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
Shelly Differding
Mary Elmore
Katie Anderson
Maryjo Randle
Daniel Gonzalez



Undone Women's Retreat

Thursday, November 20th, 6:30pm - 10pm

Friday, November 21st, 6:30 - 10pm

Saturday, November 22nd, 9am - 3:30pm

In person or via livestream

For more info, visit fargodiocese.net/undone or use the QR code.



Grant Them Eternal Rest

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Russell Eberle**, grandson of Joanne Pithey, who recently passed away. May he rest forever in God's Loving care.

Pastor's Page

THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGE

A while back I reprinted an excerpt from a book by Peter Kreeft, a wonderful theologian who has the gift of making theological points easy to understand. The other day, in my continued reading of the book, I found another wonderful passage that I want to put before you here now. It is on the importance of knowledge, and in particular on the importance of knowledge as it pertains to our relationship with the Lord God and destiny for eternal life. Here we go:

*If we don't **know** the road, we cannot attain the goal, no matter how much we desire it. The way to perfect happiness is Christ, Who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." And the "acts" by which we attain Him and happiness are faith, hope, and love.*

St. Augustine imagined God speaking to him while he was vainly searching for happiness in sin: "Seek what you seek, but it is not where you seek it."

Reason, discernment, discrimination between the real good and the apparent good, between objective reality and subjective feeling - this is essential for happiness, and for salvation.

*Pascal explains the nobility of **reason**: "Man is only a reed, the weakest in nature, but he is a **thinking** reed. There is no need for the whole universe to take up arms to crush him: a vapor, a drop of water is enough to kill him. But even if the universe were to crush him, man would still be nobler than his slayer, because he **knows** that he is dying and the advantage the universe has over him. The universe knows nothing of this. Thus all our dignity consists in **thought**. It is on **thought** that we must depend on our recovery, not on space and time, which we could never fill. Let us then strive to **think** well; that is the basic principle of morality."*

This "thinking well" has very little to do with IQ. It requires simplicity, not complexity. Simplicity or singleness of mind comes from simplicity or singleness or purity of heart: "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" (Mt 5:5). The heart (the will that moves by love) leads the mind here. "If your will were to do the will of my Father, you would understand my teaching" (Jn 7:17). St. Mother Teresa rarely used words of more than one syllable, but she understood life and love and God far better than any mere theologian.

*St. Thomas Aquinas is great because he is not a mere theologian, he is also a saint. His answer to Christ when He asked St. Thomas what he wanted as his reward for writing the Summa, was "only Yourself, Lord." That's true **intelligence**.*

Karl Barth was asked this question after his final lecture: "Professor Barth, we all believe you are the greatest theologian of the 20th century. Tell us, please, what is the profoundest idea you have ever had." His answer came instantly: "Jesus loves me."

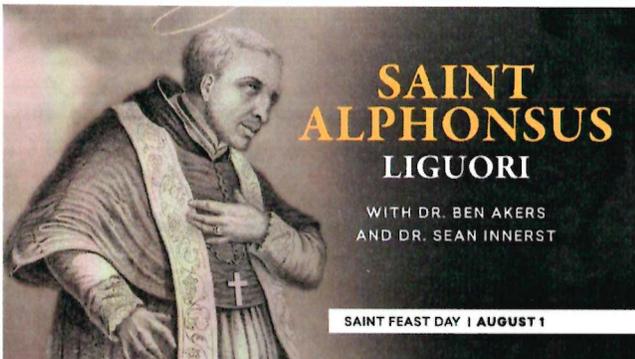
That kind of wisdom is the apex of reason and the secret of happiness. It's hard only because it's so simple.

Catechesis - the learning of the faith - is so important, because the catechized follower of Jesus Christ has the ability to **think** with the mind of Christ, and that shows us the way to the happiness we all desire. For the Catholic follower of Christ, we receive sacraments and grace through them to help us grow in the Christ-life we are to live, and we also are to receive His Word that feeds our intellect with truth so that we know how to think as He does. The baptismal font that brings us to birth is followed by two other "fonts" in the life of the Church: the Word of God as it comes to us in the Sacred Scriptures, and the Body of Christ in the Eucharist on which we feed and are nourished.

* * *

I'm a week into my summer hiking trip out West - as you are reading this *I should have spent the last four days hiking in Mt Rainier National Park* - and it should have been awesome. I say "should have" because I am obviously writing this in advance and so I'm hoping that in fact will be the case. In any event, I have one more week - and you will have one more weekend of Fr Metzger to fill in for me.

Fr Duchschere
Pastor



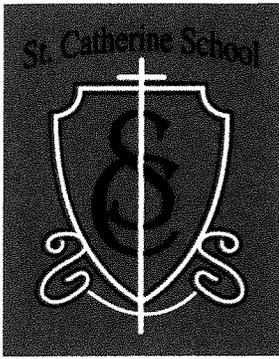
formed[™]
Forming Catholics for Life.

St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.





Principal's Page

Come Celebrate With Us – Little Saints Open House

Join us **Thursday, July 31, from 5:30–7:30 PM** for an open house of **Little Saints Childcare**, the newest extension of our parish and school mission. Enjoy treats and take a tour of the newly-renovated spaces. Our building stands as a testament to the long-standing stewardship and faithfulness of our parish family. With this new ministry, we continue that tradition—serving children and families year-round, rooted in the light of

Christ.

School Registration Opens Soon

Registration begins Monday, August 4 from 8:00 AM–Noon (Monday–Thursday).

Full Day Registration is Tuesday, August 5 from 8:00 AM–6:00 PM.

Whether you're a returning family or enrolling for the first time, we would love to welcome you into our faith-filled, academically strong school community. Questions? Call the school office at **701-845-1453**.

A Summer of Growth and Gratitude

I recently completed my second residency as part of the **University of Mary's Rural School Leadership Institute**, working toward my **Master's in School Administration**. With just three classes and a portfolio left, I'm incredibly grateful for the growth this program has inspired in my leadership and vision for the future of St. Catherine School. It's a gift to serve this community, and I thank you for your continued prayers and support.

We're Hiring: Custodian & Maintenance

With **Mr. Alex Benner** moving closer to family, we're hiring a full-time **Custodian & Maintenance Professional**:

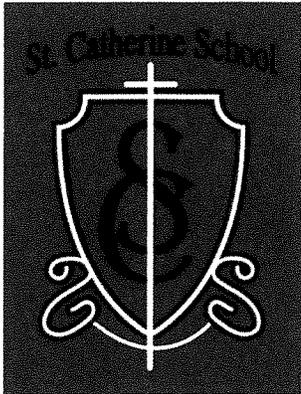
- **40 hrs/week | \$17–\$22/hr DOE**
- **Health Insurance | 6% Retirement Match**
- **Full K–6 Tuition Discount**
- Daily cleaning, light maintenance, summer projects

Apply by sending resume, cover letter, and 3 references to **nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us**. Preferred start date: **August 10, 2025** (or earlier).

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we build up the Church through Catholic education. Every family who walks through our doors is welcomed into a community centered in Christ. We are blessed beyond measure—and ready to begin another joyful, mission-filled year.

Nick Lee

Principal, St. Catherine School



ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL

Registration Beginning

August 4, 8:00am - Noon

Monday - Thursday. Full day of registration will be Tuesday, August 5 from 8am-6pm.

All registration forms can be found at www.stcatherine.k12.nd.us

These are the forms that are required: (Parish School)

- St. Catherine School Registration Form
- Emergency Contact Form
- Tuition Agreement Form
- Permission to Give Over-the-Counter Medication Form
- Permission to Give Prescription Medication form
- Child Pick-Up Authorization Form
- Photography Use Waiver
- Field Trip Permission Form
- Counselor Permission Form
- Acceptable Use Form
- Milk Break Authorization Form (optional for Kindergarten families only)

Families of incoming Parish School Kindergarten students please bring along a copy of your child's Birth Certificate, and current Immunization Record.

Please be prepared to pay 1st tuition payment, breakfast/lunch, and Milk Break fees (if applicable). Registration is not considered complete until all applicable fees are paid.

***Please return all forms and payments by August 5.
Office hours August 5: 8:00am – 6:00pm.***

Completed registration forms and payments can be dropped off at St. Catherine School. Please use the SE Playground Entrance.

* * * * *
* * * * *

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Forms can be found at the parish website: www.catherineofalexandria.org
- Please drop off completed forms and payment at the School or Parish Office before August 15.



St. Catherine RE & Youth Group Registration 2025-2026

If you are new to St. Catherine's, please stop by the parish office and fill out a new family registration as well.

Family Last Name

Home Phone Number

Street Address

City

Zip

Father's Email

Mother's Email

Father's Name	Cell #
_____	_____

Mother's Name	Cell #
_____	_____

First & Last Name	Birthdate	Gender		Grade	Sacraments Received (circle)				Registration (Circle One)	
		M	F		Baptism	Reconciliation	Confirmation	Eucharist	RE	Youth Group
_____	_____	M	F	_____	Baptism	Reconciliation	Confirmation	Eucharist	RE	Youth Group
_____	_____	M	F	_____	Baptism	Reconciliation	Confirmation	Eucharist	RE	Youth Group
_____	_____	M	F	_____	Baptism	Reconciliation	Confirmation	Eucharist	RE	Youth Group
_____	_____	M	F	_____	Baptism	Reconciliation	Confirmation	Eucharist	RE	Youth Group
_____	_____	M	F	_____	Baptism	Reconciliation	Confirmation	Eucharist	RE	Youth Group
_____	_____	M	F	_____	Baptism	Reconciliation	Confirmation	Eucharist	RE	Youth Group

Please indicate if your child has any special needs, allergies, or illnesses: _____

All **Kindergarten - 8th Grade** students will meet weekly on **Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm.**

2nd grade students will be preparing for their First Reconciliation. **Parent meetings will be required.**

3rd grade students will be preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. **Parent meetings will be required.**

Youth Group (Grades 9-12) will meet weekly on **Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm** in the parish social hall.

<p>Fees</p> <p>1 student = \$50 each</p> <p>2 or more students = \$100 total</p> <p>Total: \$ _____</p> <p>Please make checks payable to:</p> <p>"St. Catherine Parish".</p>

<p>For Office Use Only</p> <p>Date Registered: _____</p> <p>Date Paid: _____</p> <p>Amount Paid: _____</p> <p>Check/Cash Check #:</p>

(Over)

Photo/Video Release Form for 2025-2026 School Year

I hereby give permission for my child(ren), stated below, to be photographed and/or videotaped during St. Catherine's Religious Education and Youth Group classes. The photos and/or videos may be used for educational or informational purposes regarding the programs or curriculum at St. Catherine's.

Name _____	Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Preferred Contact

Throughout the year, there will be contact made with parents/guardians regarding calendar updates and important meetings. Most of that contact will be made through email. In the case of a class cancellation, would you prefer to be contacted through email or text? Please circle ONE.

EMAIL Email: _____

OR

TEXT Phone Number: _____

Texting Permission Form

My child has permission to correspond with their catechist or the DRE through text messages about religious education and youth group related activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Cell Number _____

Student Name: _____ Cell Number _____

Student Name: _____ Cell Number _____

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 Duchschere
e-mail: paul.duchschere@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: July 20, 2025

Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$5,442.50	\$10,434.62	(\$4,992.12)
Year to Date	\$18,400.50	\$31,303.86	(\$12,903.36)
Registered Families	464		

Adult Envelopes	\$4,792.00		
Children	\$3.00		
Plate	\$529.50		
Votive	\$118.00		

Total Collection **\$5,442.50**

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, 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**



It is time to register students for the 2025-2026 Religious Education Program. The opening Mass will be Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30 in the church. Please register by August 20.

Think about becoming a catechist or catechist helper for the Religious Education program. We are in need of a catechist for our 4th graders.

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

"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." St. John Paul II

St. John Paul II, 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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Gerard # 2518

Meet Monthly 2nd Monday



CDA thanks everyone for their continued support of our mission and hopes everyone is having a blessed summer!!

Keep clipping those Our Family bar codes, everyone makes a small difference and together a big difference! Every little bit helps!!!

**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.

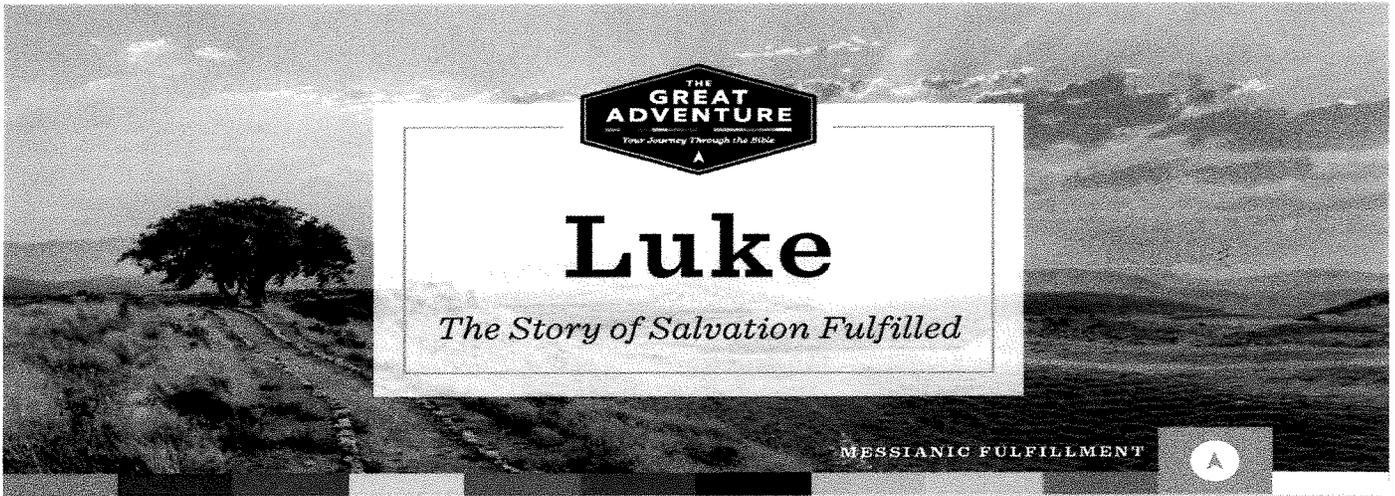
Store hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm

Monday - Saturday

Phone Number 845-1022

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: "Miracle from Heaven" A true story of an extraordinary healing of a 10-year old from a rare disease. All are welcome!



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

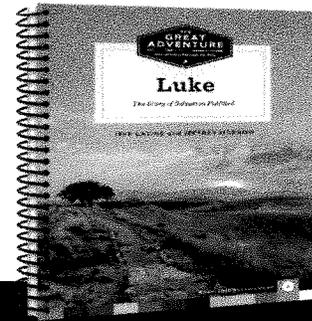
Sophya Rose
 701-490-2024

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: _____

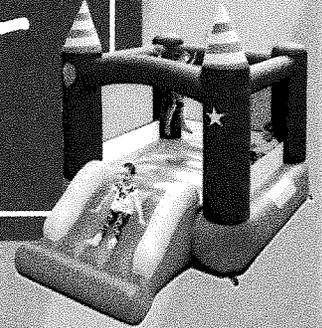
Email: _____

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

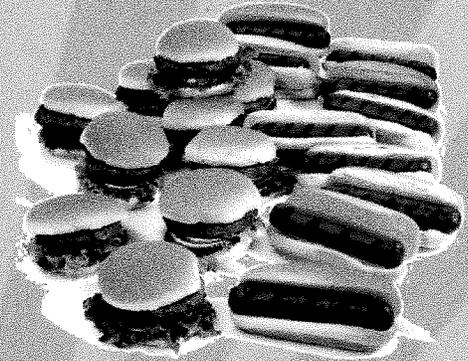
CELEBRATING MARYVALE -FAITH & FUN-DAY- August 16, 2025 10am-5pm



- 5K/1M Trail Run (free t-shirt)
- Yard Games
- Dunk Tank
- Bouncy Houses for Kids
- Outdoor Live Music
- Bake Sale/Silent Auction
- Food
- Vigil Mass with Bishop Folda



Hamburgers, Brats,
Hotdogs, Chips, Potato
Salad & Coleslaw



Bring your own
lawn chair!

5K Trail Run: \$30 registration
1M Trail Run: \$15 registration
Bouncy House Wrist Bands: \$5 per child
Dunk Tank: \$10 (3 Balls)

Register online at www.maryvalend.org

