

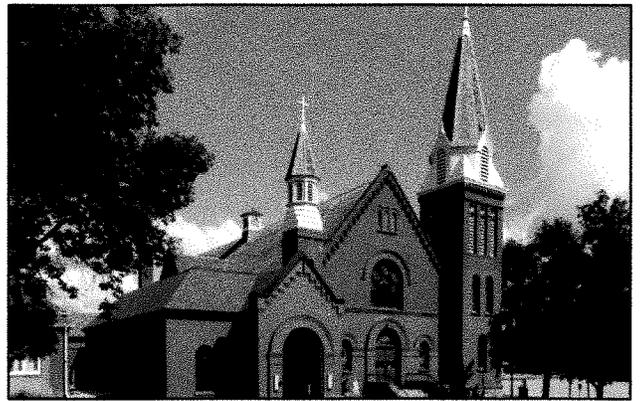
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 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

August Serving Information:

Co-Chairpersons are:

Sheila Larson: 701-840-2881

Tara Glandt: 701-840-0664

No activities planned at this time.

If an event is scheduled, please volunteer.

St. Catherine School



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.

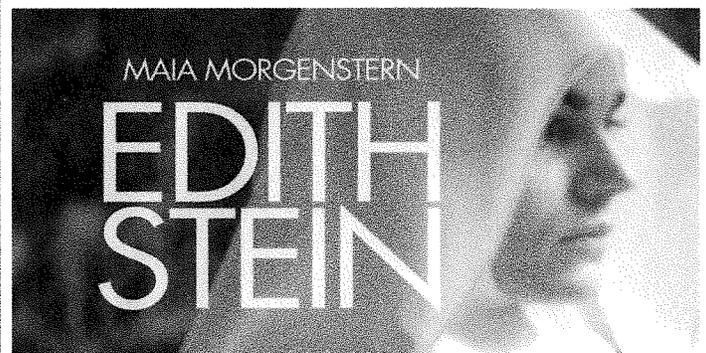
Key Duties: Cleaning and light maintenance of school, gym, and parish buildings.

Start Date: August 10th or sooner.

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

nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us

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Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.

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.



August Calendar of Events

SUN 3	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass
MON 4	NO MASS
TUE 5	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am -10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 6:40pm KC Rosary and Meeting
WED 6	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass
THU 7	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
FRI 8	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 12:00pm Parish Office Closed 2:00pm Mass - St. Raphael
SAT 9	10:00am Mass – Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
SUN 10	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS August 4 - 10

M	8:00am	NO MASS
T	8:00am	† Walt Clement
W	8:00am	† Marilyn Beach
Th	8:00am	Cris and Brian Deaver
F	8:00am	† Joe and Pauline Kunze
	2:00pm	Aarron Deaver
Sa	5:00pm	† Larry Vanorny
Su	8:30am	Carol Jabs
	10:30am	People of the Parish

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23

Second Reading — Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel — Lk 12:13-21

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19, or
11:1-2, 8-12;
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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	Shelly Differding
Lucille Winkler	Mary Elmore
Marlys Koble	Katie Anderson
Donna Hammond	Maryjo Randle
Jerry Sand	Daniel Gonzalez
Krystal Lemer	
Linda Hesch	

Grant Them Eternal Rest

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

!!!!!!SPAM!!!!!!

There are SPAM emails and text messages going around again saying they are from Fr. Paul. **PLEASE KNOW THAT HE WILL NEVER TEXT OR EMAIL YOU ASKING FOR YOU TO PURCHASE ITEMS FOR HIM IMMEDIATELY.**

He doesn't text much at all. Also, if you get an email, please check the email address the only address Fr. uses is the one in the bulletin.

Pastor's Page

THE TONGUE AND HOW TO USE IT

I found this story recently, and think it's fabulous in the lesson it teaches. It seems "familiar" to me in the sense that I believe I've heard it before, but certainly at this reading it struck me as something I would want to share with you. St. Philip Neri was a beloved priest of sixteenth-century Rome, and was sought out by the rich and the poor, the noble and the common people alike, for his ability to look into hearts and minds.

A young lady once went to the good man, St. Philip Neri, to confess her sins. He knew one of her faults only too well. She was not a bad-hearted girl, but she often talked of her neighbors, and spoke idle tales about them. These tales were told again by others, and much harm was done, and no good.

St. Philip said: "My daughter, you do wrong to speak ill of others, and I order you to perform penance. You must buy a fowl in the market. Then walk out of the town, and as you go along the road pull the feathers from the bird and scatter them. Do not stop until you have plucked every feather. When you have done this, come back and tell me."

She said to herself that this was a very singular punishment to suffer. But she made no objection. She bought the fowl, walked out, and plucked the feathers as she had been bidden. Then she went to St. Philip and reported what she had done.

"My daughter," said the Saint, "you have carried out the first part of the penance. Now there is a second part."

"Yes, Father?"

"You must now go back the way you came and pick up all the feathers."

"But, Father, this cannot be done. By this time the wind has blown them all ways. I might pick up some, but I could not possibly gather up all."

"Quite true, my daughter. And is it not so with the unwise words that you let fall? Have you not often dropped idle tales from your lips, and have they not gone this way and that, carried from mouth to mouth until they are quite beyond you? Could you possibly follow them, and recall them if you wanted to do so?"

"No, Father."

"Then, my daughter, when you are inclined to say unkind things about your neighbor, close your lips. Do not scatter these light and evil feathers by the wayside."

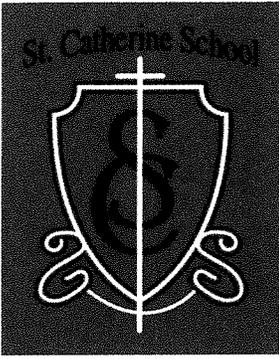
Wow! Good penance - St. Philip has some wisdom! Don't worry - I won't give anyone that penance . . . but it's enough to understand the lesson given there just through this story. Let's be careful with what comes out of our mouths . . .

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I'm in the second week of my summer hiking trip out West - as you are reading this *I should have spent the last four days hiking in Olympic National Park* in Washington state - 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'll be back in the parish on Tuesday morning. I appreciate Fr. Kyle Metzger taking both weekends for me during this time.

Fr Duchschere
Pastor





Principal's Page

Your Child Belongs at St. Catherine School

As we prepare for a new school year, I want to extend a heartfelt invitation to any family considering Catholic education: **we would love to welcome your child to our school.**

Registration begins next week! If you're worried you missed a deadline, please don't hesitate to contact me directly to set up a meeting. Call **701-845-1453** or email **nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us**—if it's within my power, I'll do everything I can to make a small, faith-filled education a reality for your family.

A reminder to all families:

- **Full-Day Registration is Tuesday, August 5 from 8:00 AM–6:00 PM**
- **Registration continues August 6–8 from 8:00 AM–Noon**

Thank You for Visiting Little Saints!

Thank you to all who joined us for the **Little Saints Childcare Open House** on July 31. We're thrilled to open this new ministry to families across our parish and community.

We currently have **room in all age-level classrooms**. To set up an enrollment meeting, contact **Mrs. Beth Nadelin, Childcare Director**, by calling **701-490-3800** or emailing **beth.nadelin@k12.nd.us**. We are flexible with start dates—especially around school schedules.

And don't forget: **Circle of Friends is right in the same building**, making transportation easy! Families enrolled in Circle of Friends' Pre-K or Little League programs are eligible for a **special discount** on Little Saints tuition.

Save the Date – Back to School Night!

We are excited to welcome school families back for **Back to School Night** on **Sunday, August 17th from 5:00–7:00 PM**.

A meal will be provided, and our **Parent Meeting begins at 5:30 PM**. Meet your child's teacher, reconnect with our school community, and hear about exciting things planned for the year ahead. Ask us about our **Large Family Cap** on tuition for the 2025–2026 school year—available to families with children enrolled in both **St. Catherine School and Little Saints Childcare**.

As always, thank you for your prayers, support, and commitment to the mission of Catholic education. It is a privilege to serve our families and walk with you in faith.

Nick Lee
Principal, St. Catherine School

**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 helper for the Religious Education program.

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

"The saints did not all begin well, but they ended well." St. John Vianney

St. John Vianney, pray for us.

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

RE and Youth Group Registration forms can be found on the website to be printed, or they are in the Parish Office ready to be filled out.

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



God Bless Everyone.

**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.

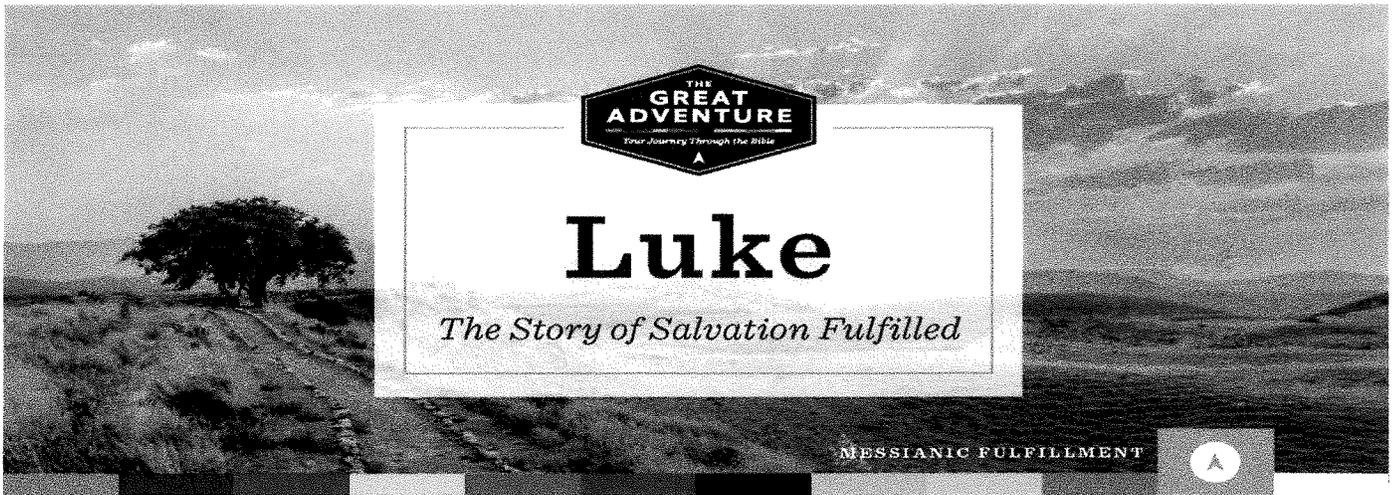
Store hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm

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: "In Persona Christi" the story of the Catholic Priesthood. 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

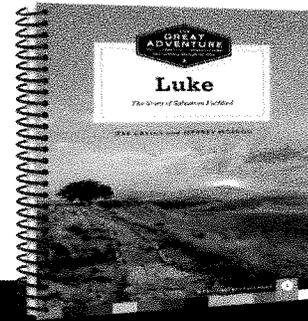
Sophya Rose
 701-490-2024

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

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. 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>.

3. 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>

4. 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>

5. 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>.



6. 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>.



7. Women's Reading Retreat

October 17-19, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center

This weekend-long reading retreat is filled with group and silent reading times, small and large group discussions, prayer time, daily Mass, adoration, evening social, and the building of lasting friendships. Participants will be reading and discussing *God's Bucket List* by Teresa Tomeo. Details and registration available at

<https://maryvalend.org/3-30-25-gods-bucket-list-1>.

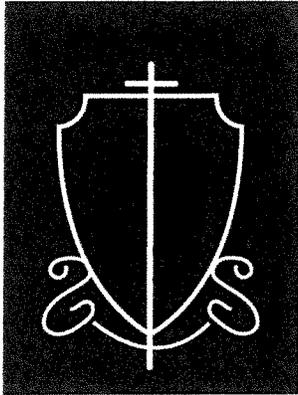


8. Worldwide Marriage Encounter

November 7-9, 2025, Medora, ND

Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage!

For more than 50 years, **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." The Marriage Encounter experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. **Nine in ten couples who attend a Marriage Encounter recognize a long-lasting positive effect on their lives.** Check out more about WWME or apply for the weekend by visiting <https://wwme.org/> or call (507) 227-8229 for Minnesota or (701) 347-1998 for North Dakota for more information.



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.

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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.

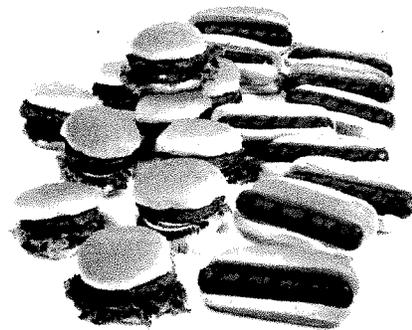
CELEBRATING MARYVALE -FAITH & FUN-DAY- August 16, 2025 10am-5pm



- 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

