

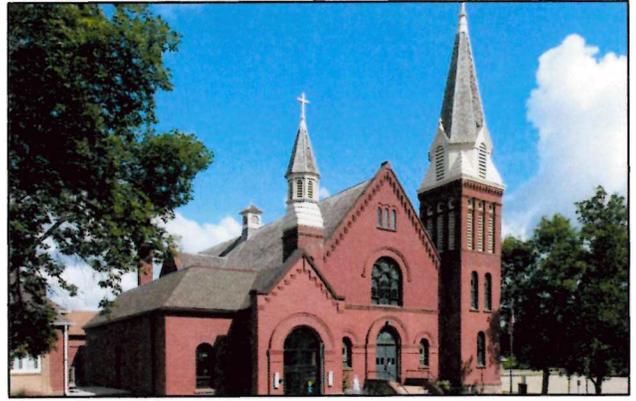
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 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

Parish Office Hours:

Monday: 8:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm
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.



We are Hiring

Store Cashier/Clerk needed

Mondays, Tuesdays, and 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

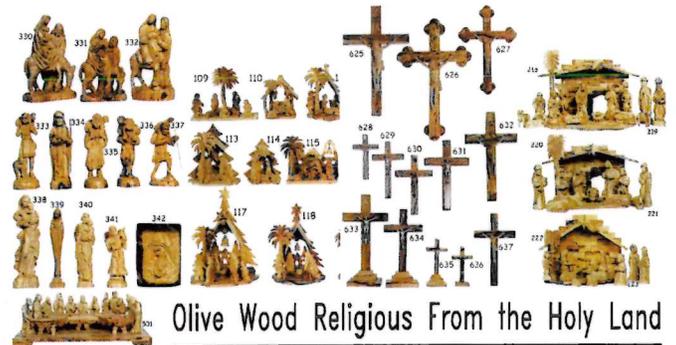
EXTRA GARDEN PRODUCE???

St. Catherine School cafeteria would love to take any extra produce you may have, please NO tomatoes.

Please **rinse** and **date** your donation when you drop it off.

Mrs. Kennedy, our students and staff

Thank You for your donations!!



Olive Wood Religious From the Holy Land

Not only you purchase a beautiful piece of the Holy Land for Christmas, hand-carved from Olive wood in Bethlehem by Christian families, but also you help support the Christian community in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.



Imad Qarnieh: 7514 N. 107 Ave
Cell: (402) 671-1958 Omaha, NE 68122
E-mail: qimad2002@yahoo.com

Save the Date: Imad will be here next weekend
August 23 and 24!!

August Calendar of Events

SUN 17	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass 5:00pm Back to School Night
	MON 18 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass
TUE 19	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am -10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 3:00pm Finance Council Meeting 6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting
	WED 20 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass
THU 21	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
	FRI 22 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 2:00pm Mass - St. Raphael
SAT 23	10:00am Mass – Mercy Hospital 4:00pm Olive Wood Religious Artifacts 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
	SUN 24 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:00am Olive Wood Religious Artifacts 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading — Heb 12:1-4

Gospel — Lk 12:49-53

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22: 1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

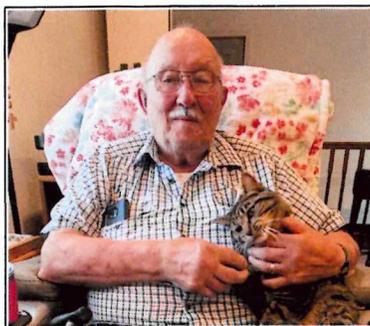
PRAYER NETWORK

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	Allen Kunze
Linda Hesch	

MASS INTENTIONS August 18 - 24

M 8:00am Marlys Dickmeyer
T 8:00am Olivia Milner & Rita Clancy
W 8:00am † Mylo Falstad
Th 8:00am Harlie Storhoff
F 8:00am Karla Robinet
2:00pm † Lynne Jacobson
Sa 5:00pm † Dave Winkler
Su 8:30am People of the Parish
10:30am Christine Strigenz



Welcome!!

We welcome Pete Keaveny to St. Catherine's Parish. Pete recently moved here from Wishek, North Dakota to be closer to family. Pete previously lived in Valley City years ago. Pete retired from full time National Guard and then was a Veteran Service Officer and also a Locksmith. A hobby of his is making wooden toys. Welcome Pete!!

Pastor's Page



OUR CEMETERY ROSARY WALK

This past winter Matt Holm, one of our parishioners, the son of Chris and Valerie Holm, approached our Cemetery Board with a proposal for his Eagle Scout project: he put before us the idea of putting a "rosary walk" in the cemetery . . . and it sounded like a good idea to us.

Most of you probably know what a "rosary walk" is - set into the ground, it has stones to mark the beads of the rosary, and a person is able to move from stone to stone as they offer that ancient and venerable prayer the Lord, His Mother, and the Church has given to us.

So Matt put together some plans, the Cemetery Board began to arrange for the various things needed to make this happen, and this past July Matt and his chosen co-workers (family and fellow Boy Scouts) put in some days of manual labor in making that Rosary Walk a reality. I invite you to visit it the next time you go to our St. Catherine's Cemetery - it's right near the front gate, in the "Clancy Grove" of trees. And use it for prayer if you are able! - that's what it's there for.

There are certain additions that can be made to this Rosary Walk - for example, someday it would be nice to add a statue of the Blessed Mother herself there, and I would like to have a sign made for it, pointing the way. But Matt Holm's Eagle Scout project is a great start to just another fine Catholic addition to the sacred ground that we call our cemetery.

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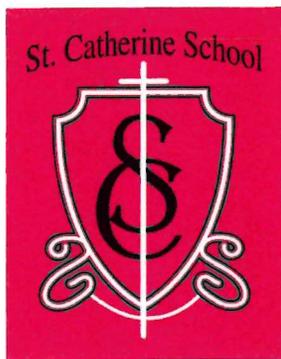
I'm sure most of you have noticed the last couple of weeks that the front steps of our church were off limits while re-construction work was being done. Well, now it's done. That re-construction work was one of those projects that our capital campaign, "Repair My House", was held for.

And thank goodness we had that capital campaign that allowed us to do these projects. It might just be that we will have all ten completed by this autumn. But I want to highlight the work done on these front steps.

Of all the projects done, this one perhaps brought the most surprises to us. It became much more of a project than just simply shoring up what was there - which is what I at first thought it solely needed. But once the work began other things began to show up: e.g., the crumbling mortar behind the bricks, and the improper drainage coming off the steps that was the source of some of the water issues we are having in the basement of the church. (Those two huge rainstorms were a plus for us - they brought more water into the basement, but they also made known what was going on around those steps, and so remedies could be undertaken.)

Re-mortared, re-bricked in many places, shored up below and inside, and concrete slabs poured in underneath the rocks to provide proper drainage - all a part of the now much-more complex work that was done on our steps. You won't see anything different about them with your eyes - the re-construction all had to do with the hidden details that you don't see. But thank goodness we did it - and thank goodness your capital campaign contributions made it happen. What a delight it has been to see - and to know if it can't be seen - that so many weaknesses and re-builds that needed to be done to our beautiful parish facility have either been done now or are in the process!

Fr Duchschere
Pastor



Principal's Page

Beginning a New School Year in His Hands

We start school next week on **Tuesday**—and while it feels a little earlier than it should (and like summer was far too short), our staff has been hard at work preparing for another great year.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this past week, our instructional staff participated in trainings focused on both our **Catholic identity** and academic excellence. In discussing what makes our school *our* St. Catherine School, teachers consistently arrived at the same words: **faith-filled, service, virtuous, whole-child**. But really, these qualities don't make it *our* school—they make it **His** school. God is present in our conversations, in our decision-making, and in the way we teach. I pray constantly that more families will open their hearts to the possibility of Catholic education.

We also spent a full day rolling out our **new reading curriculum**. After a year-long vetting process, we selected a program that provides robust online teacher resources, high-quality strategies for struggling readers, engaging materials, and a cross-curricular approach that connects reading to other subjects. I am proud of our staff's dedication to academic excellence and to giving students the very best tools to succeed.

Throughout this week, I've been sharing my **focus areas** for the year:

- **Academic Excellence** – Ensuring every child is challenged and supported.
- **Stewardship & Fundraising** – Strengthening the resources entrusted to us.
- **Enrollment Growth** – In both Little Saints Childcare and the school.
- **Building Leadership Capacity** – Empowering our staff for the future.

As we prepare to welcome students back on Tuesday, I can't help but see God's hand in our progress—the completion of capital campaign projects, the opening of Little Saints Childcare, and the enrollment of new families. Without Him, this school and this parish would not exist.

Reminder to current school families:

Back-to-School Night is **this Sunday, 5–7 PM**. The PTO is sponsoring a meal from Bill's Eats and Catering, and we'll have bouncy houses from Jamestown Inflatables. It's a wonderful time to reconnect and celebrate our close-knit community!

In Christ,
Nick Lee
Principal, St. Catherine School

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: August 10, 2025

Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$6,163.75	\$10,434.62	(\$4,270.87)
Year to Date	\$43,954.35	\$62,607.72	(\$18,653.37)

Registered Families 464

Adult Envelopes \$5,483.00

Children \$5.00

Plate \$480.75

Votive \$145.00

Utility \$50.00

Total Collection \$6,163.75

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, August 25, 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.

We are looking for catechist helpers for the Religious Education program.

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

*"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him.
That is all the doing you have to worry about."
St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, 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. Registration Deadline is August 20th!!

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

SAVE THE DATE:

CDA is hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, September 11th from 12:00pm to 6:00pm in the Church Social Hall

**Prayer - Fellowship - Quilting
Join the Fun!**

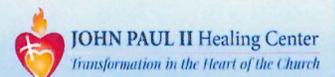


St. Catherine Quilters make quilts for those in need in our area every



**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.**



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.



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: "Footprints" (The Path of your life). All are welcome!

Man of the Shroud Traveling Exhibit at St. Mary's Cathedral August 23-31.

For the first time in the Diocese of Fargo, we will have an exact replica of the burial cloth of Christ, known as the Shroud of Turin, along with an exhibit of the fascinating details and history of this most precious holy cloth.

The Shroud of Turin is a linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front and back of a man who died of crucifixion wounds. It has been venerated for centuries as the actual burial shroud used to wrap the body of Jesus in after his crucifixion, and upon which Jesus's bodily image is miraculously imprinted. There have been countless studies through the ages that cannot explain the image by human knowledge. The real cloth is in Turin, Italy and is currently not on display. The exhibit, Man of the Shroud, will be at St. Mary's Cathedral in the social hall for one week, August 23-31. Check the Diocese website for daily open hours of the exhibit. <https://www.fargodiocese.org/shroud-exhibit>

The Special Presentation on the Shroud of Turin by expert, Jim Bertrand, will be on Sunday, Aug 24 and then repeated again on Monday, Aug 25 both starting at 7pm in the church. The presentation on Monday, Aug 25 will be live streamed through the Diocese of Fargo Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@dioceseoffargo4555>

Questions email Mary Hanbury mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org

Catechist Retreat: Friday, September 5 at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City.

Come away for a day of retreat at Maryvale, Valley City where Fr. Andrew Jasinski will direct a retreat with a series of talks reflecting on the Jubilee theme, "Hope does not disappoint". These retreats are primarily for those involved in catechesis, however, all are welcome.

The day will begin at 9:00am and end at 4:00pm. Cost: \$25 per person. Deadline to register for these retreats is Wednesday, August 27. Please register on-line at

<https://www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat>

call Mary Hanbury for info, 701-356-7809.



OCIA



Order Christian Initiation of Adults

- **For:** Those unbaptized and baptized Christians who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and perhaps joining the Catholic Church community
- **When:** Thursdays at 7:00pm, beginning September 11th
- **Contact Fr. Duchscher** for more information and questions

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An offering from the Associated Institute

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

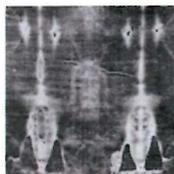
[August 22-24, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center](https://maryvalend.org/8-24-25-shroud)



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](https://www.fargodiocese.org/shroud-exhibit)



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](https://www.fargodiocese.org/prairie-pilgrimage)



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](https://maryvalend.org/young-mens-retreat)



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>.