

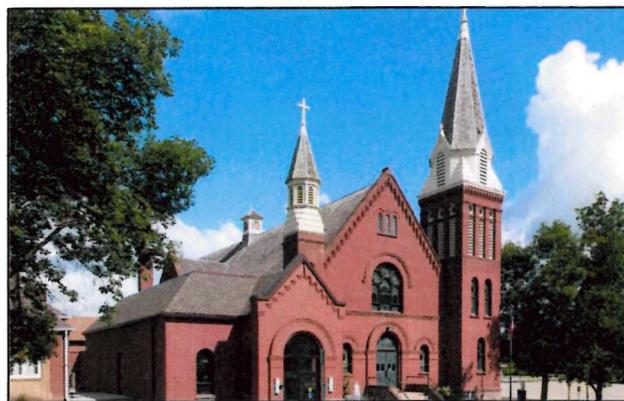
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 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

Bible Study

For those that signed up for the Luke Bible study the books are in and can be picked up at the Parish Office. For more information call Marian 701-370-9859 or Sophya 701-490-2024.

St. Catherine Parish Picnic



Save the Date!!!

Sunday, September 21st



Dacotah Pavilion - Chautauqua Park

Noon to 1:30 pm

September Serving Information:

Temporary Chairperson:

Margaret Doyle: 701-840-0142; No activities planned at this time.

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.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast



KC's will be serving breakfast
Sunday, September 14th
from 9:00am to Noon in the Parish Hall.

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage Links
and Smokies, with Sunny-D.

*** FREE WILL OFFERING ***

Proceeds to support the George Judd Christmas
Movie

Hello everyone,

A little note from me about an upcoming absence from the Parish Office. I will be out of the office for six to eight weeks to recover from a procedure I am having on Friday, September 12th. I have wonderful volunteers that will be covering the office while I am out so please don't hesitate to call or stop in and they will help you. Thank you for all your support and kindness, I love being a part of this parish and enjoy my job very much!

God Bless you all, Jess

August/September Calendar of Events

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| SUN 31 | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass |
| MON 1 | Labor Day NO SCHOOL/PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass |
| TUE 2 | 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am -10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 6:40pm KC Rosary and Meeting |
| WED 3 | 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 6:30pm RE Opening Mass |
| THU 4 | 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters |
| FRI 5 | 7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 2:00pm Mass - St Raphael |
| SAT 6 | 10:00am Mass – Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass |
| SUN 7 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass |

MASS INTENTIONS September 1 - 7

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|----|---------|----------------------|
| M | 8:00am | † Marilyn Pritchert |
| T | 8:00am | † Walt Clement |
| W | 8:00am | Catherine Deaver |
| Th | 8:00am | † Jeff Differding |
| F | 8:00am | † Karson Lemer |
| | 2:00pm | Fr. Jayson Miller |
| Sa | 5:00pm | † Dave Winkler |
| Su | 8:30am | Tom & Angie Milner |
| | 10:30am | People of the Parish |

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Second Reading — Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel — Lk 14:1, 7-14

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33

PRAYER NETWORK

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

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 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 | John Snodgrass |
| Shawn Olauson | Bill Cook |

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!!



Pastor's Page

ASCENDING

I spent the better part of five days in Mount Rainier National Park in Washington this past July on my summer road/hiking trip. And I indeed did some hiking there - certainly not to the top of that mountain (that's way above my pay grade), but hiking up onto the lower parts of the mountain. Mt Rainier is *enormous* and juts up about 9,000 feet over its surrounding terrain.

However, just a few miles to the south of Rainier is the Tatoosh Range, an impressive range of mountains in themselves, but much shorter - Rainier is over 14,000 feet, while the Tatooshes are around 6,000 feet. So - as one is ascending even on the lower elevations of Rainier one begins to see to the south over the Tatooshes, and wow! - now there is Mt Adams "rearing its ugly head" to the southeast, and there is Mt St Helens "rearing its exploded head" to the southwest. And the higher one gets the more one sees of the entire park from a birds-eye view. It's wonderful.

And - that's the way it is whenever one gets higher - the view of the surrounding areas become ever more "Google Earth-like". But - ascending stinks. Especially as one's legs and lungs get older . . . ahem. But put up with the stinkiness - it's worth the climb and the effort expended. To get the views . . . there's nothing like ascending to higher realms.

Of course that very same dynamic takes place with the Lord God and our "view" of Him and the supernatural life. The more we ascend towards Him, the higher we get with the Lord as we journey in this life - the more we'll see and the more we will love and understand. But that ascending towards God and climbing higher in His sight will almost always stink at least a bit, and sometimes a lot - it's hard and it takes effort - but the views are incomparable, and the wisdom that comes along with that elevation makes the things of God and His mysterious ways more and more understandable. That's the purpose of religion and the existence of the Church and the gifts Our Lord gives to us in the life of the Church - to make our climb to Him more and more manageable and ultimately satisfying in bringing Himself and His peace into our lives. And that's why Jesus Christ uses the word "strive" in describing our needed efforts. Keep ascending!

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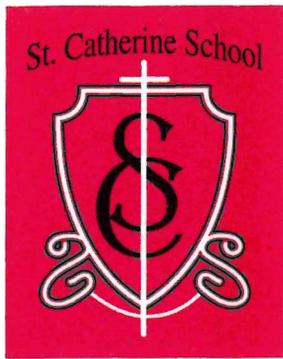
It has been brought to my attention that the Barnes County Food Pantry could use some extra funds for helping those in need. Our parish does a twice-a-year food donations projects, and through them our parish family gives an awful lot of food stock to the pantry. And our Pastoral Council gives a monetary donation to the Pantry also. However, know that if you as an individual would like to go above and beyond that, the Pantry will always certainly welcome your personal donation. If you feel so called, give the Food Pantry a call and find out how you could help them with a monetary donation.

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There are now *two* "Women's Care Center(s)" open - one in Fargo and a recently opened one in Moorhead. These pro-life centers serve moms and babies with free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, education, counseling, and material support. At this time they are seeking a compassionate part-time or full-time Ultrasound Tech/Registered Nurse/LPN for the two centers. If interested, please forward a resume to "angela@wccnd.com" for further details or questions.

Our parish will once again have the Women's Care Center in Fargo/Moorhead as one its sets of ornaments on our Advent Giving Tree in a few months. It's a wonderful work - and ministry - for our parish to support them that way.

Fr Duchscher
Pastor



Principal's Page

The Beauty of a New Beginning

What a wonderful first full week of school we have had at St. Catherine! There is a special joy in watching our students begin to settle into their routines—learning how to move through the school day, adjusting to earlier mornings, and already looking forward to the excitement of fall activities. These are the small but beautiful markers of a new school year taking root.

As we approach our first long weekend with Labor Day—a final hurrah of summer—I can't help but reflect on what a strong start we've had. Our teachers are rolling out our new virtues curriculum, introducing students to weekly virtues that will help guide their hearts and choices throughout the year. Alongside this, our new reading curriculum is off to a strong start, providing both structure and creativity in the way we approach literacy. These are exciting tools, but even more exciting is seeing how our staff brings them to life for the benefit of our children.

I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who is part of our mission:

- The teachers and staff of St. Catherine School, who pour themselves into the formation of our children.
- The volunteers, who give their time and talents so generously.
- The staff of Little Saints Childcare, who are caring for our youngest children with joy and dedication.
- Our partners at Circle of Friends Preschool and Pre-K, who share in the work of preparing children for the next steps in their learning.

It takes all of us working together to make this school and parish community flourish. What a blessing it is to begin this year with such momentum, such joy, and such hope for the months ahead.

May God continue to bless our parish and school family as we grow in faith, in learning, and in service.



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 24, 2025

| | Regular Parish Income | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| Last Week | \$8,537.00 | \$10,434.62 | (\$1,897.62) |
| Year to Date | \$67,228.10 | \$83,476.96 | (\$16,248.86) |
| Registered Families | 464 | | |
| Adult Envelopes | | | \$7,885.00 |
| Children | | | \$3.00 |
| Plate | | | \$589.00 |
| Assumption | | | \$60.00 |
| Total Collection | | | \$8,537.00 |

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, September 22, 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. Parent meeting will follow in the church.

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

"We should ever be grateful for and love the vocation to which God has called us. This applies to every vocation because, after all, what a privilege it is to serve God, even in the least capacity!"

Solanus Casey

Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.

**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.



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: "The Miracle of Father Kapaun" (The inspiring story of an American Spiritual and Military Hero). All are welcome!

Parish Office Hours:

Monday: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm

Closed from 12:00 - 12:30pm everyday

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

September 3: Opening Mass, 6:30 p.m., **NOTE TIME**

September 10: 7:00 p.m. **COME HUNGRY!!** Opening Year Potluck Picnic. Brats and Hamburgers furnished. Please bring a dish, dessert or chips to share.

September 17: "The Kind of People He Invites".

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

Join us September 11th to donate blood – appointments available from 1:30pm to 6:00pm. Donating blood not only helps save lives but also empowers you to take charge of your own well-being. For a limited time, blood donations in September include an added personal health benefit: a free hemoglobin A1C test. This simple test provides a snapshot of your average blood sugar levels over the past few months and can help assess your risk for prediabetes or diabetes. Helping others begins with taking care of yourself, and this initiative makes it easier to stay informed about your health while making a difference.

Please call Sue Judd-Dyrness 701-840-8816 or Mary Hollinshead 701-840-2878 to set up an appoint or Click the link below to schedule your appointment!

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointments/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=E1t7R2OZW%2B8IeYvx0m36NrY02uUYh%2FDaQvaLSjXEZRC%3D>



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Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

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





OCIA



Order of 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

St. Boniface Catholic Church of Wimbledon, ND will be hosting a Fall Festival Supper on **Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025 from 4:00-7:00PM** in their newly remodeled dining room. They will be serving a freewill offering meal of turkey & roast beef with all the trimmings along with homemade pies for dessert. Also featuring a bazaar, farmers market, bounce house & live music for all ages to enjoy. Takeouts are also available by calling (701)435-2310. Come & enjoy a night out!



JOHN PAUL II Healing Center
Transformation in the Heart of the Church

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.




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

Holy Hour for Life – Respect Life Sunday – Oct. 5, 2025

Bishop Folda invites all the faithful of the diocese to join him in a Mass and Holy Hour for Life on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 5. It will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo. There will be Mass at noon followed by a Holy Hour for Life starting at approximately 1:15. A lunch will be served in the social hall following the Holy Hour.

Jamestown Area Grief Support Team Presents:

A Widow's Retreat October 10-12, 2025 at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND.

This retreat is an opportunity for widows to immerse themselves in a healing with no distractions in a relaxing, supportive, and positively charged atmosphere with others who have experienced the loss of a husband. The weekend will include guest speaker Jeanne Putnam, a panel of Jamestown Area Grief Support Team members who are widows, time for personal sharing and discussion, a Service of Remembrance, a workshop on person and cyber safety and much more.

For a brochure and registration form or for more information call Carol at 701-320-3801.

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. 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>.

3. 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>.

4. 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 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>.

5. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS ADVANCING CHRISTIAN HERITAGE (REACH)

Please remember REACH in your prayers and as a meaningful option for charitable giving.

Things to know . . .

- Individuals can secure an annual REACH membership for as little as \$50 per year
- Individuals who have contributed \$500 or more to REACH over the years gain a permanent lifetime REACH membership
- every REACH membership dollar and every memorial donation made to REACH is used exclusively for the benefit of St. Catherine School
- REACH has established an endowment, managed through the Diocese, to maximize the value of every gift made to our organization for the benefit of our school and our children

ANNUAL REACH MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Saint Elizabeth
Ann Seton Level
\$50 - \$99**

Saint John Bosco
Level
\$100 - \$499**

Saint Thomas
Aquinas Level
\$500 - \$999**

Saint Catherine of
Alexandria Level
\$1000+**

**All
Memberships
have option for
Memorial

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

FREE A1C TESTING in September

No Doctors. No Insurance. Just Answers.



Give Blood in September for FREE Diabetes Screening

For a limited time, every donation in September comes with a free hemoglobin A1C test,* which helps inform you of your risk for prediabetes or diabetes. Discover important health information about yourself while helping others. Schedule today!

Make an appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL

Use blood drive code: **Search by zip code.**

VALLEY CITY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Location: St. Catherines Catholic Church

Date: Thursday, September 11

Time: 1:30pm to 6:00pm

To make an appointment please scan QR Code and sign up online!

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