

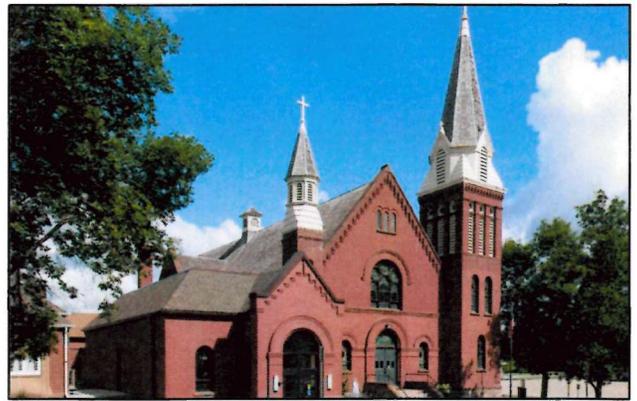
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 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

September Serving Information:

Temporary Chairperson:

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

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



KC's will be serving breakfast



Sunday

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

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.

St. Catherine Parish Picnic



Sunday, September 21st

Dacotah Pavilion - Chautauqua Park

Noon to 1:30 pm

Everyone is welcome, please join us!



September Calendar of Events

SUN 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:00am - Noon KC Breakfast 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass
MON 15	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Bible Study
	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am -10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 3:00pm Finance Council Meeting
TUE 16	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 6:30pm RE Class 7:00pm Youth Group
	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
WED 17	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 2:00pm Mass - St Raphael
	10:00am Mass – Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
THU 18	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass 12:00pm Parish Picnic 6:30pm Adult Catechesis
FRI 19	
SAT 20	
SUN 21	

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Nm 21:4b-9
Second Reading — Phil 2:6-11
Gospel — Jn 3:13-17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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
Donna Hammond	Katie Anderson
Jerry Sand	Maryjo Randle
Krystal Lemer	Daniel Gonzalez
Linda Hesch	Allen Kunze
Shawn Olauson	John Snodgrass
Jessica (Jess) Storhoff	Bill Cook

MASS INTENTIONS September 15 - 21

M	8:00am	† TJ McGough
T	8:00am	Tony & Chrissy Drake
W	8:00am	† Frieda Jabs
Th	8:00am	Msgr. Dennis Skonseng
F	8:00am	Fr. Paul Duchscher
	2:00pm	† TJ McGough
Sa	5:00pm	† Roxanne Reed
Su	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	End of Abortion

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

BECAUSE IT'S HIM . . . (and not a symbol)

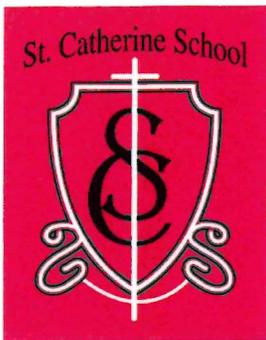
Our Lord Jesus Christ told us - and tells us now: "This is my Body", and "This is the cup of my Blood." St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians (the first followers of Christ in the city of Corinth in Greece): "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?" And so the Church knows and has believed for 2,000 years.

And that belief explains any number of things that as Catholics we do and believe.

- **Because it's Him** (and not a symbol) . . . is why not everyone is able to receive Him in Holy Communion: one must be in the state of grace (it's a holy *communion*, and one who is not in the state of grace is not in communion with Him); one must be in union with the Church (it's a holy *communion*, and one who is not a member of the Church, which is the Body of Christ, is not in full communion with Him).
- **Because it's Him** (and not a symbol) . . . is why we "purify" the sacred vessels after Communion at Mass. With water the priest or deacon rinses the vessels, gathering all the fragments of the Body and all the drops of the Blood that may remain within, and consumes them - and then the vessels may be washed after Mass is over.
- **Because it's Him** (and not a symbol) . . . is why we only *need* to receive one of the "species" of Communion (the Body and/or the Blood) and it is not necessary to receive both - the entire Christ, the resurrected Son of God, is fully present in both species and not spatially separated.
- **Because it's Him** (and not a symbol) . . . is why we *ought* to receive Him with reverence: for example, with clean hands, dressed appropriately, with due dignity (whether in one's hand or on one's tongue), and with the verbal response "Amen!" to reaffirm one's own belief in what one is now receiving.
- **Because it's Him** (and not a symbol) . . . is why we genuflect when we come into and leave His Eucharistic Real Presence - because *He is there*.
- **Because it's Him** (and not a symbol) . . . is why the Church asks us to fast for one hour before receiving Him in Holy Communion; we put aside all other food to make way for this Food.
- **Because it's Him** (and not a symbol) . . . is why we keep extra Hosts in the tabernacle, so as to be able to give Holy Communion to those who cannot make their communion with Him at Mass: the sick, the homebound, those in the hospital, and the dying.
- **Because it's Him** (and not a symbol) . . . is why we lock the tabernacle, which is a beautiful but heavy-duty receptacle, so as to protect Him in His vulnerable presence under the appearance of a wafer host from those who would desecrate and commit a sacrilege with that Host - and please don't be naive enough to think that those kinds of folks aren't out there. (Remember, the first ones to recognize Him as the Son of God in the Gospel narratives were the demons - and there are evil ones amongst us in our society today.)

Yes - it is true. The Church is, and has always been, extremely protective and mindful concerning His Eucharistic Presence - *because it's Him (and not a symbol)*.

Fr Duchscher
Pastor



Principal's Page

Dear St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Family,

This past week I was given one of those small but powerful reminders of what makes St. Catherine School such a special place. During **morning recess**, one of our students took a fall and was hurt. Before I could even get to her, five or six students of different ages came rushing over to check on her, offer comfort, and one even ran to get me.

Empathy is not uniquely Catholic, but what struck me was how *uniquely displayed* it was here. In my years **teaching and coaching in public schools**, I saw incredible examples of empathy from students and staff alike. But to watch a group of children from multiple grades in our small Catholic school immediately surround a classmate with kindness—it was a moment that showed me something beautiful about our community. Their care for one another is something I know brings joy to our Lord.

Moments like these remind me that Catholic education isn't only about academics. It's about helping children live out the Gospel in real and simple ways—by loving their neighbor, by noticing when someone is hurting, and by stepping forward to help.

As always, I thank you for the many ways you support St. Catherine School and help us carry forward our mission. There are so many simple but important ways you can continue to help:

- **Aluminum Cans:** Drop them off in the white aluminum shed on the south side of the gym building. All proceeds benefit our school.
- **Box Tops for Education:** Download the app, select *St. Catherine School*, and scan your receipts.
- **Our Family Labels:** Cut them out and place them in the Catholic Daughters Corner in the church basement, or drop them at the church or school office.
- **Casey's Rewards:** Select *St. Catherine School* to apply your rewards.
- **Direct Gifts:** Make a one-time or recurring donation through our parish website: catherineofalexandria.org/online-giving. Be sure to select St. Catherine School.

Your prayers, your generosity, and your kindness are what make our mission possible. Thank you for being a part of the life of our school and parish family.

With gratitude,

Nick Lee

Principal, St. Catherine School

St. Catherine's Parish Team

Parish Office 845-0354

Regular Hours:

Monday 8:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm
Closed 12:00 - 12:30pm Everyday

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: September 7, 2025

	Regular Parish Income		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week	\$13,345.90	\$10,434.62	\$2,911.28
Year to Date	\$85,348.75	\$104,346.20	(\$18,997.45)
Registered Families	464		
Adult Envelopes			\$7,346.00
Children			\$5.40
Plate			\$559.50
Utility			\$20.00
August Online Giving			\$5,415.00
Total Collection			\$13,345.90

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**



Wednesday, September 17: K-8 RE Classes in School Building at 6:30pm.

Looking ahead - October 1: RE Classes will participate in the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima presentation which will be in the church on October 1 at 6:30pm. A rosary will be offered at 7:05pm. Parents and families are welcome to take part in this program.

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

*"God asks little, but He gives much."
St. John Chrysostom*

St. John Chrysostom, pray for us.

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

September 17: "The Kind of People He Invites"

September 24: "THE Invitation"

October 1: "Our Lady of Fatima"

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

September 14: KC Breakfast 9a - 12p

September 21: Parish Picnic, Dacotah Pavilion, 12:00 - 1:30pm; 6:30pm Adult Catechesis, Parish Hall

September 24: 40 Days for Life starts

There are yard signs available at the Parish Office, please stop in and ask for one if you would like one for your yard.

**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

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

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: "Brian's Song" The greatest victories in life don't always happen on the field. All are welcome!

Bible Study

Bible study starts on Monday, September 15th. There are two sessions either 1:30 or 6:00pm. If you are interested, please come to one of the sessions to check it out or to join. We still have room for more.

Fall Suppers/Festivals

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!

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St. Agatha's Catholic Church of Hope, ND will have its Fall Supper on **Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025 from 4:30-7:00pm** at the Hope American Legion. They will be serving Turkey, dressing, meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, squash, coleslaw and a variety of pies.

Cost: Adults (12 & Up) \$15, Youth (6-11) \$10, Preschool (3-5) \$5.

To-Go Meals are available.

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Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Fingal, ND will have its Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale on **Sunday, October 12, 2025 from 11:00am - 1:30pm**. Menu is Turkey, potatoes, gravy, dressing, cranberries, corn, buns, pickles, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Price is Adults \$15, Grades K-6 \$7, Pre-school Free. All Welcome! See you there!

Monthly Adult Catechesis

BAPTISM



→ Explain this sacrament, please ...

→ Is it necessary for Salvation?

→ How do I prepare couples for the baptism of the newborn/soon-to-be-born?



When: **Sunday, September 21, at 6:30 pm**
Where: Church Basement/Parish Hall
Presented by: Fr. Paul Duchscher



Catholic Daughters



ROSARY CLINIC

Do you have a **broken rosaries, spare, rosaries or pieces from a rosary** laying around.

Well!!! You are in luck! The **Catholic Daughters** are holding a **'Rosary Clinic.'** This is a perfect time to get your broken rosaries fixed or find a way to recycle unused rosaries.

Rosaries are blessed sacramentals that should not be thrown away!!

Baggies with labels on them will be available in a basket, in the back of the church, on the window ledge above the small pew.

PRINT in your:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Circle if you want us to: **repair the rosary** or **donate it for spare parts** or to share with another Prayer Warrior. (**One Rosary per bag.**)

Please bring your rosaries between Saturday night, September 13, to Sunday, September 21, 2025. Thanks for bring the rosaries to be repaired to the labeled box near where you picked up the baggie for it.

Our plan is to have them returned before Sept 30th as October is the Month of the Rosary. **Thanks for supporting this Catholic Daughters project!**



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The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!

