

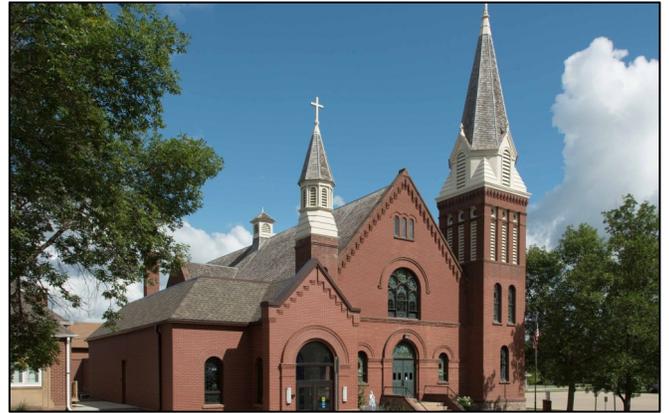
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

There is a **Cardboard Only dumpster** next to the garbage dumpster. Only Cardboard goes in the cardboard dumpster. Cardboard cannot be in bags. **It must be just cardboard!!**

A Stewardship Moment

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?.” Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, clothing, and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

• ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL 53RD ANNUAL AUCTION •

Save the Date!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Clearing the Way for a Bright Future!

VALLEY CITY EAGLES CLUB

345 12TH AVE. NE, VALLEY CITY, ND

SILENT AUCTION & BAKE SALE 5:00 P.M.

LIVE AUCTION 6:30 P.M.



If you would like to donate an item to, or financially support the auction, please drop off at the school office by October 24!

**Special considerations only for used items.*



SUN 12	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass
MON 13	Columbus Day NO MASS 6:10pm CDA Rosary 6:30pm CDA Meeting
TUE 14	8:00am Mass 8:30am -10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 5:30pm Ed Board
WED 15	8:00am Mass
THU 16	No School 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
FRI 17	No School 8:00 Mass 2:00pm Mass - St Raphael
SAT 18	10:00am Mass – Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
SUN 19	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time CDA Sunday 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:00am Coffee and Rolls by REACH 9:55am Candlelight Rosary 10:30am Mass 6:30pm Adult Catechesis

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Second Reading — 2 Tm 2:8-13

Gospel — Lk 17:11-19

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2;
Lk 18:1-8

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	John Snodgrass
Shawn Olauson	Bill Cook
Jessica (Jess) Storhoff	Bob Wuolu
John Kunert	Laine Schwehr
David Hayen	

MASS INTENTIONS October 13 - 19

M	8:00am	NO Mass
T	8:00am	† TJ McGough
W	8:00am	† Linda Kosse
Th	8:00am	† Eugene Vanorny
F	8:00am	† Ellen Virginia Beumer
	2:00pm	† Audrey Suhr
Sa	5:00pm	† Joe Mitzel
Su	8:30am	† People of the Parish
	10:30am	† Dick Dellefield

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!!



The REACH Club invites all parishioners to help us celebrate REACH weekend this coming Sunday, October 19!

Please join us for coffee and rolls in the parish hall from 9am-10:30am. A free will offering will be taken to support our 2026 REACH scholarships

Pastor's Page

A LITTLE WISDOM FROM ST. AUGUSTINE

St. Augustine was probably the most prolific writer in the history of our Catholic Church. It's amazing how much we have from him, and I'm assuming that even then, living in the 4th and 5th century as he did, that some of what he wrote has been lost - which means he even wrote more than we know. In any event, one of his longest single works is *The City of God*, a real "magnum opus" from his hand concerning God's kingdom and its presence even now in our world. I found a short passage that is very illuminative of some of the mindsets we find in our world today - and a mindset that I hope (and pray) that none of us ever fall into. Here he is arguing with pagans after the disastrous invasion of Rome in the year 410 A.D., and his point is that some of the bad things that happened then were not really evils. The only true evils, he says, are the ones that ruin the soul.

I think I've said enough about moral and spiritual evils, which are to be guarded against above all, to show that the false gods did nothing to keep the people who worshiped them from being overwhelmed by such disasters [as the sack of Rome] but instead made the ruin worse.

Now I see I must speak of those evils that are the only ones heathens dread: famine, plague, war, pillage, captivity, massacre, and such disasters, which I've already written about. For evil men think that the only evil things are the ones that don't make men evil. Nor are they embarrassed to praise good things and yet remain evil among the good things they praise. It grieves them more to have a bad house than a bad life - as if it were man's greatest good to have everything good but himself.

Read that again if you need to - sometimes with the ancient kind of scripting it might be difficult to see how his reasoning works. But what St. Augustine is saying is completely on target - the only true evils are the ones that make ourselves bad, not the things that can make our life even very miserable but do not touch our soul. As Our Lord once said Himself: "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world but lose his soul?"

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This day (Sunday) I'll be turning the car back north and east to get back to our city in the valley by Monday late afternoon. I'm writing this particular page before I left, but I'm assuming it will have been a wonderful re-visit to my beloved southeastern Utah and the canyonlands therein. And I thank Fr. Metzger for once again coming out to celebrate Mass for our parish family.

Fr Duchscher
Pastor



Principal's Page

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Family,

We are coming up on some wonderful fall events at St. Catherine School and Little Saints Childcare!

Our **Fall Festival** will be held on **Wednesday, October 29th**, and we are once again creating our own **Pumpkin Patch** for the children. Donations of pumpkins—or cash gifts to help purchase them—are greatly appreciated. Each child loves the joy of picking out and taking home a pumpkin, and your generosity makes that experience possible every year.

Also on **Wednesday, October 29th**, please **save the date for our annual "Saints Alive Parade."** This cherished tradition allows our students to dress as their favorite saints and share a bit about who they were and how they lived their faith. Parishioners, families, and community members are invited to line up for a **reverse parade**—our students will parade by in their saint costumes, and you are welcome to bring a treat or candy to hand out if you wish. It's a beautiful way to connect our faith formation to community celebration.

We've had a joyful start to the school year. **Parent-Teacher Conferences** took place last Thursday, and I am so grateful for the collaboration between our staff and families. Our school also participated in the **VCHS Homecoming Parade**, and even a little rain couldn't dampen our school spirit—it was terrific to see the community support for our students!

Looking ahead, our students will be taking part in **Red Ribbon Week**, learning about the importance of making good choices and saying "No" to drugs. We will also be conducting **emergency preparedness drills** as part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and readiness.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who supports St. Catherine School and Little Saints in so many ways. Whether you give your time, share your talent, or offer financial support, you help us live out our mission of *inspiring excellence through faith, learning, and service*.

Finally, please prayerfully consider how you might support our upcoming **Fall Auction**. Donations of new items or cash gifts are greatly appreciated, and we always welcome contributions to the bake sale from the many talented bakers in our parish. If you know of a business or individual who hasn't been contacted yet, please reach out and invite them to be part of this wonderful event. The auction is a vital source of support for our school, and each year we rely on the generosity of our parish and community to continue the mission entrusted to us.

Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support. I am continually reminded that this is not just a school—it is a ministry of love, faith, and service that thrives because of people like you.

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: October 5, 2025

	Regular Parish Income		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week	\$13,692.00	\$10,434.62	\$3,257.38
Year to Date	\$121,156.25	\$146,084.68	(\$24,928.43)
Registered Families	464		
Adult Envelopes			\$7,288.00
Children			\$11.00
Plate			\$483.00
Utility Fund			\$1,210.00
September Online Giving			\$4,700.00
Total Collection			\$13,692.00

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, October 27, 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, October 15: NO RE this week!

1st Reconciliation Parents: If your child was not baptized at St. Catherine's, we need a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.

October 22 and 29, there will be mandatory parent meetings for students who will receive 1st Reconciliation this year. Meet in the church with Fr. Duchscher at 6:30 pm.

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

"Our earthly and eternal happiness depend on following our vocation without faltering."

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

St. Gianna, pray for us.

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

October 12: Steubenville: 11:30 a.m. (following the 10:30 a.m. Mass). On Sunday, the 12th, there will be a meeting of any and all high school youth along with their parents to discuss the Steubenville Youth Conferences to be held in the summer of 2026. Dates and places will be discussed as to which conference and when next summer we will attend. If you cannot be there and may be interested or need more information, please contact Deacon Thomas Vanorny or Jen Eberle. The registration deadline is fast approaching, and these conferences fill up quickly, some within 24 hours of being opened. "*One Weekend. Eternal Impact*"

October 15: No Class, NDEA Break

October 22: "What is Kerygma?"

October 29: "Is Too High Too High?"

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.



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.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Gerard # 2518

Meet Monthly 2nd Monday



Oct 13th 6:00 pm Prayer, Snack & 6:30pm Meeting:

Oct 15th Noon Audit Committee & Officers Parish Office Conference Room

Oct 19th CDA Sunday

9:50 AM Candle-lite Rosary

10:30 AM Mass

Dress Code: Purple or Gold

pictures immediately after mass

Thank You Corner:

To all those parishioners that are participating in the bible study on 'Luke'. Thank you also to the group leaders.

To all the parishioners that joined the CDA Court as we prayed the 20-decade Coast to Coast Rosary for the protection of the unborn.

Have a good week!

God is counting on you to do your best.

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: "Fatima" a documentary.

All are welcome!

Fall Suppers/Festivals

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!

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St. Agnes Catholic Church 102 1st Street East Hunter, ND will have their Turkey Dinner on **October 12, 2025, serving 11AM - 2PM**. Prices are Adults \$15, Children 12 and under \$10. Take out is \$1 extra. All are welcome!!

Diocese Job Posting 09-16-2025

FT Communications Assistant/Assistant Editor

The Diocese of Fargo is seeking a full-time Communications Assistant/Assistant Editor to provide professional support for the diocesan magazine and other communications. This person writes, edits, proofs, and designs layout for New Earth as well as managing advertising, website, and social media. Responsibilities include afternoon receptionist three afternoons a week. The ideal candidate is detail-oriented, organized, and skilled at multitasking in a professional environment. Proficiency with Microsoft Office and Adobe products including InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator preferred. A Bachelor's degree in Communications, a related field or sufficient experience is required. To apply email cover letter, resume and three references to Barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org Position open until filled.

Job Posting 09-30-2025

JPII Catholic Schools Open Positions: To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

- Substitute Teachers
- Assistant Cook – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- Head Girls Softball Coach (Spring 2026)

9th Annual Fargo Diocese Parish Musicians Workshop: *“Salvation through Song: Meeting the Mystery of God in Music.”* Keynote Speaker: Christopher Carstens.

October 24-25, 2025 St. Paul's Newman Center, Fargo

Includes time for prayer and Mass, music rehearsal, singing in choir for Mass, breakout sessions.

For more information and to register by October 17th go to www.fargodiocese.org/sacredmusic

\$50 registration: includes food and materials. Students are free.

Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey

Join Bishop Folda on a pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey as we walk in the footsteps of St. Paul. We will visit the holy sites of Corinth, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Ephesus, Meteora, Athens and Istanbul - places forever marked by the Apostle's mission and witness. Dates: **October 5-17, 2026**

Price per person sharing a room: \$5,990

Please see the Fargo Diocese website for more information and a link to registration:

<https://www.fargodiocese.org/pilgrimages-greece>

Calling all High School Youth

October 12: Steubenville: 11:30 a.m. (following the 10:30 a.m. Mass). On Sunday, the 12th, there will be a meeting of any and all high school youth along with their parents to discuss the Steubenville Youth Conferences to be held in the summer of 2026. Dates and places will be discussed as to which conference and when next summer we will attend. If you cannot be there and may be interested or need more information, please contact Deacon Thomas Vanorny or Jen Eberle. The registration deadline is fast approaching, and these conferences fill up quickly, some within 24 hours of being opened. *“One Weekend. Eternal Impact”*

BEN RUTABARA PRESENT

COMMUNITY CONCERT

19th October 2025 7:00Pm to 9:15Pm

FREE ENTRANCE

FREE WILL OFFERING

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

BRIAN MARKEGARD

BEN RUTABARA

CONAN HIRSCH

Featuring Jamestown Worship Band

VANGSTAD AUDITORIUM, 125 college St Valley city ND, 580

THE RED RIVER VALLEY VETERANS
CONCERT BAND IS

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S PATRIOTISM IN *Concert*

THURSDAY

16 OCT 2025

6:30 pm: St Raphael's Care Center
(979 Central Ave N, Valley City)

8:10 pm: VCSU Center for the Arts
(306 Viking Dr, Valley City)

For over 50 years the RRVVCB's mission has promoted patriotism through music. We're playing music for all ages as we celebrate our nation's patriotism! All our concerts are free, open to the public, and feature a special tribute honoring our military men and women.

INTERNET: WWW.RRVVCB.ORG
EMAIL: INFO@RRVVCB.ORG
FACEBOOK.COM/RRVVCB

Undone Women's Retreat

Ladies, do you sometimes feel weighed down by the burdens of life? Do you desire to feel the love of God the Father in a new way and experience the full-flowering of your feminine genius? Jesus declared, "I have come that they might have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10) He wants to bring liberation and fullness to your life, firmly planting you in the conviction that not only are you good, you're His.

Blending teaching, prayer, and experiences deeper than words the **Undone Women's Retreat** has powerfully enabled thousands of women to be soaked in and transformed by this life-changing truth. Will you be next?

The retreat will take place on **November 20-22, 2025** and can be attended **in-person** at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church in Fargo, via **livestream**, or even a **hybrid** of the two. Check out the details and reserve your spot today by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/undone. You will not regret it.

