

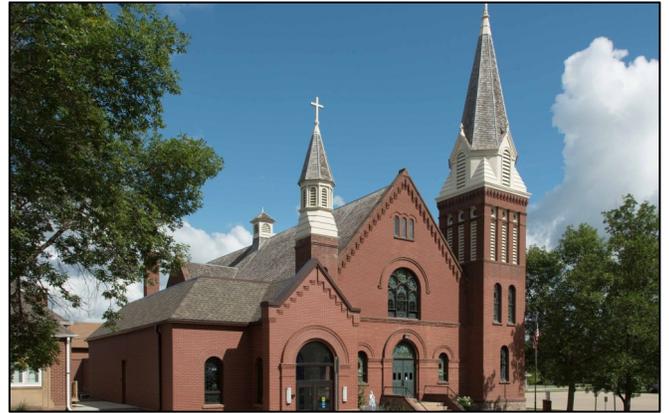
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 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



The **REACH Club** invites all parishioners to help us celebrate REACH weekend today, **Sunday, Oct. 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

Monthly Adult Catechesis

ADVICE FROM THE DEVIL?



→ The Screwtape Letters

→ What can we learn?

→ What does he see?



When: **Sunday, October 19, at 6:30 pm**
Where: Church Basement/Parish Hall
Presented by: Fr. Paul Duchscher

October Calendar of Events

SUN 19	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time CDA Sunday 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:00am Coffee and Rolls by REACH 9:50am Candlelight Rosary 10:30am Mass 6:30pm Adult Catechesis
MON 20	8:00am Mass 1:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Bible Study
TUE 21	8:00am Mass 8:30am -10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 3:00pm Finance Council 6:30pm Pastoral Council
WED 22	8:00am Mass 6:30pm Mandatory Parent Meeting 6:30pm RE Class 7:00pm Youth Group
THU 23	8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
FRI 24	8:00am Mass 2:00pm Mass - St Raphael Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 25	10:00am Mass – Mercy Hospital Wedding 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
SUN 26	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass 3:00pm CDA 20 Decade Rosary

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Ex 17:8-13

Second Reading — 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Gospel — Lk 18:1-8

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18;
Lk 18:9-14

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	Bob Wuolu
Jessica (Jess) Storhoff	Laine Schwehr
John Kunert	David Hayden

MASS INTENTIONS October 20 - 26

M	8:00am †	Nick & Katie Gesellchen
T	8:00am	Reid Nelson
W	8:00am †	TJ McGough
Th	8:00am †	Donald Baumgarten
F	8:00am †	Lynne Jacobson
	2:00pm	Colby Grim
Sa	5:00pm †	Lee & Richard Moritz
Su	8:30am †	Jean Dyrness
	10:30am	People of the Parish

Fall Auction Breakfast Needs Volunteers!!

The Fall Auction Kick-off Breakfast is Sunday, November 2nd. We need volunteers for the breakfast. If you are a parent of a St. Catherine School student or would just like to help serve on Sunday, November 2nd, please reach out to Mrs. Kennedy at

janessa.kennedy@k12.nd.us Thank you!!

Pastor's Page

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

There are any number of "special collections" and "asks" for monetary collections to aid in various causes these days, and here's another one. But this one is different.

This cause is for the salvation of all peoples in Christ. That's a big one - frankly, the biggest endeavor the world has ever seen. And it's been going on for 2,000 years - and will until the end of time. And the need in this case is a spiritual one: for all peoples to know the Way that leads to salvation, the Truth that is the basis and foundation of that Way, and the Life that is the whole point of religion and the relationship that all are called to in faith: and that Way, and Truth, and Life are of course enfleshed and embodied in the one Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

From the very time of the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven, the Church has been a missionary band to the world. Our Lord's last words to His apostles before He ascended were: "Go and make disciples of all nations."

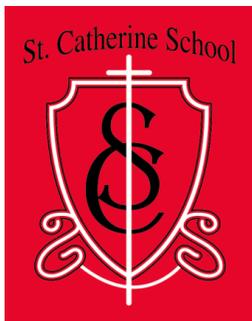
And so - through the first century, and then the second, and then the third . . . and to the 19th century, the Church kept it up . . . and then in that 19th century something enormous: Catholic missionaries first stepped onto the land we call North Dakota and brought the Gospel with them. And by 1882 the Catholic Church was well enough established in the Sheyenne River Valley to warrant the founding of a parish - St. Catherine of Alexandria. And all through the 20th century our parish continued the work of Christ and His Church, until we come to the present: October of 2025, and here WE are: members of this parish, members of the Body of Christ, members of the family of God who in our baptismal re-birth into God's life are called to live that Way, that Truth, and that Life.

Without the Church, and the work and self-sacrifice of those who came before us in a different part of the world, whether in the sacrifice of their lives as missionaries, or in the sacrifice of their almsgiving, we - the Catholic followers of Christ at St Catherine of Alexandria - would not be here. Don't ever take that for granted. *Someone else* sacrificed in the past - and in their present - to make our present what it now is. And now *we* are invited to sacrifice and support the work of Church for those in a different part of the world that they and their families and generations might know the Lord God and Our Savior as we do, and begin their own journey of the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

World Mission Sunday is a big deal. Now it's our chance to help others to receive what we already have. Use the envelope in this bulletin if you are able to do so with a monetary donation. There's a saying concerning missionary activity: "Some give to the missions by going, and some go by giving. Both are necessary." Yes! - let's do what we can in this ultimate endeavor and work of Our Lord God throughout the world.

Fr Duchscher
Pastor

Principal's Page



Dear St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Family,

October has been a beautiful month of prayer and purpose at St. Catherine School. As we honor the Month of the Rosary, our students are learning to love this prayer more deeply—our second graders are preparing for First Reconciliation, and our fifth and sixth graders will soon visit the cemetery to walk the Rosary Path in prayer for the faithful departed. We're also gearing up for our **Saints Alive Parade on Wednesday, October 29 at 2:00 PM**—please come line the parking lot, meet our “saints,” and share a small treat if you wish!

This past Thursday, **October 16**, our staff traveled to **Fargo for the Diocese In-Service Day**. It was a wonderful day of **fellowship, faith, and professional growth**, spent learning alongside educators from across the 15 Catholic schools in our diocese. This is one of the ways our school calendar differs slightly from the VCPS calendar—it was done intentionally to provide focused staff development and to strengthen our shared Diocesan mission. We are blessed to be part of a network of schools united in forming students who grow in faith, knowledge, and virtue.

Fall Festival Help Needed

We're still building our **Pumpkin Patch** for the kids and **need 75 pumpkins**. If you're able to **donate pumpkins** or **contribute financially** toward purchasing them, we'd be very grateful. Please get in touch with the school office if you can help.

Volunteer Opportunity: Doorbell Duty (Childcare Pickup)

We're looking for a friendly face to help **buzz in families** during childcare pickup **two afternoons per week (3:00–6:00 PM)**. Training will be provided, and during quieter times, you're welcome to read or work on something at the desk.

Interested? Contact Mr. Lee in the school office.

Save the Date – Fall Auction

Our **53rd Annual Fall Auction** is **Friday, November 7** at the Valley City Eagles Club. This year's theme—**“Clearing the Way for a Bright Future”**—captures our mission to inspire excellence through faith, learning, and service. Your prayers, attendance, and generosity make a real difference.

Thank you for all the ways you support Catholic education in our parish—through prayer, time, and gifts. God continues to work through you to bless our students and community.

With gratitude,

Nick Lee

Principal, St. Catherine School

701-845-1453 | nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us

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 Jobs
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 12, 2025

Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$12,885.91	\$10,434.62	\$2,451.29
Year to Date	\$134,042.16	\$156,519.30	(\$22,477.14)
Registered Families	464		

Adult Envelopes			\$11,886.00
Children			\$6.90
Plate			\$778.01
Utility Fund			\$215.00

Total Collection \$12,885.91

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 22: K-8 RE Classes in the School Building at 6:30

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 Jobs at stcatherine.dre.vc@gmail.com

*"In God's will, there is great peace."
Josephine Bakhita*

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us.

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

October 22: "What is Kerygma?"

October 29: "Is Too High Too High?"

November 5: "How to Become a Saint"

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

Oct 19th CDA Sunday

9:50 AM Candle-lite Rosary

10:30 AM Mass

Dress Code: Purple or Gold

pictures immediately after mass

Oct 26th at 3:00pm CDA 20 Decade Rosary in honor of the Month of the Rosary.

Oct 29th 2:00pm Parade of the Saints for St. Catherine School students.

Thank you to all who donated rosaries and participated in the Rosary Clinic.



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 9th Day" based on the story of a priest at Dachau facing an ethical and moral crisis.

All are welcome!

A Stewardship Moment

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...." 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. No add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

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>

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.



Reigniting Our Faith

*Enjoy an evening connecting
with other Catholic ladies.
The evening includes a
wonderful speaker, being
served a delicious meal, and a
renewal of our Catholic Faith*

3:45 Registration Begins
4:00 Speaker- Msgr. David Bamgartner
Three Women
One: nothing but love
The other: everything and love
Annella: suffering is love
5:00 Supper
6:30 Speaker -Msgr. David Bamgartner continued
7:30 Closing Blessing

*Sunday, November 9
Maryvale - Valley City, ND
11550 River Rd*

\$25 per person
Seating is limited

Registration & Payment
Deadline of Sunday,
November 2, 2025

Reigniting Our Faith

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Parish _____

\$25 registration fee
payable to St. George Catholic Church

Registration and Payment must be received
by November 2, 2025.

Please mail registration and payment to

Reigniting Our Faith
c/o Pam Ressler
11565 Highway 200
Cooperstown, ND 58425

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL

Saints Alive Parade

Wednesday

October 29th at 2:00

Reverse Parade | Bring a Treat for all the
"Saints in the Making"

We are still in need of donations to our "Pumpkin Patch" Cash
or Pumpkins. We need 75 Total - please contact the school
office if you would like to support this or have questions!

• 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.*

