

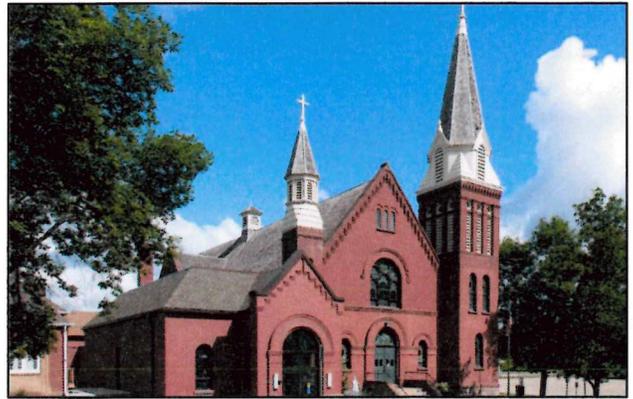
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

All Souls Day

November 2, 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

November Serving Information:

Ina Thomsen is the chairperson for November.
No activities are planned.

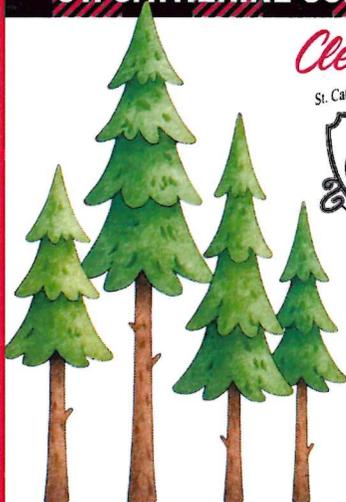
Fall Auction Kickoff Breakfast

Sunday, November 2nd 9:00am-Noon

Menu: French toast, scrambled eggs, ham, biscuits and gravy, strawberries, blueberries and whipped cream. Please join us for good food and fellowship!!!



• ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL 53RD ANNUAL AUCTION •



Clearing the Way for a
St. Catherine School

**BRIGHT
FUTURE**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025
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.

All proceeds go to St. Catherine School
www.stcatherine.k12.nd.us



November Calendar of Events

SUN 2	All Souls Day 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9-Noon Fall Auction Kickoff Breakfast 10:30am Mass 40 Days for Life Ends
MON 3	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Bible Study
TUE 4	NO MASS 8:30am - 10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 6:40pm KC Rosary & Meeting
WED 5	NO MASS 6:30pm RE Class 7:00pm Youth Group
THU 6	NO MASS 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
FRI 7	NO MASS NO SCHOOL 2:00pm Mass - St Raphael 5:00pm Annual Fall Auction - Eagles
SAT 8	10:00am Mass – Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
SUN 9	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:00am - 12:00pm KC Breakfast 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



KC's will be serving breakfast

Sunday, November 9th



from 9:00am to Noon in the Parish Hall.

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage Links and Smokies.

*** FREE WILL OFFERING ***

Proceeds to support the Barnes County Food Pantry.

TODAYS READINGS

Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

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
John Kunert	Laine Schwehr
Holly Oesterle	David Hayen
Liz Byrne	

MASS INTENTIONS November 3 - 9

M 8:00am † Eleanor DeBates

T 8:00am NO MASS

W 8:00am NO MASS

Th 8:00am NO MASS

F 8:00am NO MASS

2:00pm † Ron Birchem

Sa 5:00pm † Frank & Agnes Wolf

Su 8:30am † Travis Robinson

10:30am People of the Parish

Pastor's Page

ST. CATHERINE'S FALL AUCTION!!

November can often be a gloomy month – but not at St. Catherine's in Valley City. Of course, the one thing that brightens up everyone's November is Thanksgiving – a truly wonderful holiday. One of the bright spots for me personally in November is that this is the month I always make my annual retreat at Maryvale – and that will be this coming week.

But for our parish family – and for the Valley City community – there will be another bright spot, and it happens each year – the St. Catherine's Fall Auction that benefits and supports our parish school. What a wonderful blessing that our parishioners started up over 50 years ago now! And it's still going strong.

I invite you to join myself and so many of your fellow parishioners at the Auction this Friday, November 7, beginning at 5:00 pm and finishing up with the live auction that begins at 6:30 pm. Food and drink in plenteous amounts is available, as well as a wonderful time to socialize, bid, and be part of the fun. I must say it is an impressive event for a parish such as ours, and I encourage you to consider coming – especially if you never have before. You'll be glad you did.

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We all know that arguments and conflicts between folks are becoming more and more common. But I have noticed that more and more of those arguments devolve into *ad hominem* attacks. "Ad hominem" means literally "to the man." What it refers to is when an argument or a reaction to the argument is somehow directed against a person instead of the position that they are maintaining.

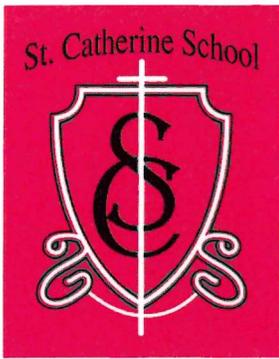
This is often used when a person begins to realize they cannot back up their position logically, and so reverts to simply attacking the other person - which often very successfully diverts the attention from the lack of a logical argument to an entirely different focus. It is usually the end result of frustration on the part of a person arguing, and in some cases it simply shows that perhaps what the argument is about is not as important as the fact of *who* one is arguing with. If my opponent in the argument is someone I despise, that in itself will sometimes be enough for me to use the *ad hominem* approach – and which inevitably brings us to the point that we are losing sight of the positions or policies being argued about, and turning it into a personal verbal attack. As a result, the truth in what is being argued about is often lost and "the other" is the real subject of the conflict.

None of this is only of recent history. *Ad hominem* attacks have been happening since Adam blamed Eve for his eating of the fruit. If you know American history, you know that even two of our most beloved presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, were often brutally attacked *ad hominem* in their campaigns and in their administrations. Who goes after Mother Theresa? Plenty of folks, apparently. She was maligned from many quarters . . . "no good deed goes unpunished", as they say. And of course, Our Lord Jesus Christ was the recipient of much *ad hominem* hatred. What did He ever DO wrong? Nothing, really . . . but let's attack Him instead of listening to what He is saying and the teachings He gave. You know the score. If one's reputation is smeared – true or not – their positions and teachings will be minimized, even if they are absolutely on track.

It is important to recognize that distinction between the positions and policies someone may be holding and advocating, and the person who is holding/advocating them. We're ALL sinners (except for Jesus Christ). But some of us sinners have great things to offer if others would listen to the position/policy/suggestion/teaching and not get distracted by who might be saying/holding them. When you hear *ad hominem* attacks being made in the midst of any kind of debate/argument, you know the one initiating that attack is attempting to distract from any logical discussion of the issue itself, and instead looking to get the folks all wound up concerning the person offering that issue for discussion.

Men/women, whites/blacks, young/old, rich/poor, educated/uneducated . . . who cares. *What are the policies/ideas being put forward – how valid are they?*

Fr Duchscher
Pastor



Principal's Page

Dear St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Family,

As we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and All Souls this weekend, I find myself reflecting on the beauty of our Catholic faith and the community that lives it out so fully here at St. Catherine School and Parish. The lives of the Saints remind us that holiness is not reserved for a select few—it is a universal call to love and service in the everyday moments of our lives.

This week, our students participated in one of my favorite school traditions—the *Saints Alive Parade*. Each child dressed as a saint and shared a little bit about their life and example. Seeing our students' excitement as they learned about their chosen saints is always a highlight of the school year. It reminds me that our mission of *inspiring excellence through faith, learning, and service* begins with planting seeds of holiness in their hearts.

I had the privilege of joining in the fun by dressing as **St. Carlo Acutis**, the first “millennial” saint to be canonized. His example of faith in a digital age is both timely and relevant. Carlo used technology as a tool for evangelization—creating websites to spread devotion to the Eucharist and encouraging others to seek holiness in everyday life. His message was simple but profound: *“To be always close to Jesus, that’s my life plan.”* That is the same message we hope to instill in every student who walks through our doors.

We are now turning our attention to one of our biggest events of the year—our **53rd Annual Fall Auction** on **Friday, November 7th** at the Valley City Eagles Club. This year’s theme, *“Clearing the Way for a Bright Future,”* beautifully reflects our mission and reminds us that through prayer, service, and generosity, we help clear the path for future generations of disciples.

We have so many incredible items this year—**Milwaukee tools, lawn and garden equipment, a dinner for eight with Bishop Folda, catered meals, a Grand Forks getaway with UND hockey tickets**, and so much more! So many individuals and businesses have stepped forward to support this event, and my personal plea is simple: **invite as many people as you can and encourage them to attend.** It is a great night. It is a fun night. It is a humbling night.

The **Bake Sale and Silent Auction** begin at **5:00 PM**, and the **Live Auction** starts at **6:30 PM**, all at the Valley City Eagles Club. Bid high, bid often, and remember that every dollar raised goes directly toward supporting our mission at St. Catherine School. Please pray for the success of the auction, for our school, and for the many hands and hearts that make this event possible. You can follow updates and sneak peeks of auction items on our **St. Catherine School Facebook page** and our **Auction Facebook page**.

As we enter this month of gratitude, may we continue to follow the example of the saints—living lives of joyful service and faith.

In Christ,
Nicholas 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 26, 2025

Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$6,841.51	\$10,434.62	(\$3,593.11)
Year to Date	\$148,506.89	\$177,388.54	(\$28,881.65)
Registered Families	464		
Adult Envelopes			\$6,142.00
Children			\$0.16
Plate			\$543.35
Utility			\$50.00
Votive			\$106.00
Total Collection			\$6,841.51

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, November 24, 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, November 5: K-8 RE Classes in the School Building at 6:30pm

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

1st Reconciliation Retreat: Saturday, November 15 from 9 am until noon.

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

*"Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever."
- Carlo Acutis*

St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us.

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

November 5: "How to Become a Saint"

November 12: "How High Is Too High"

November 19: "What is Stopping You From Following Jesus More Fully?"

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



November 2nd CDA leads *Divine Mercy Chaplet* between Masses @ 10:10 AM
40 Days for Life completed

November 3rd 1:30 or 6:00 pm **Bible Study**

November 7th **Fall Auction Fundraiser** for the School - 5:00pm Eagles

November 10th 6:00 pm **Prayer and Snack**,
6:30 pm **Meeting:**
Celebration of Life of Loved Ones Lost

November 17th 1:30 or 6:00 pm **Bible Study**

November 25th **Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria**

November 27th **Thanksgiving Day**

**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: "I am with You" the story of Carlo Acutis. All are welcome!



Making a difference!!

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

Upcoming Retreats at Maryvale

You may register for any of these events by going to www.maryvalend.org

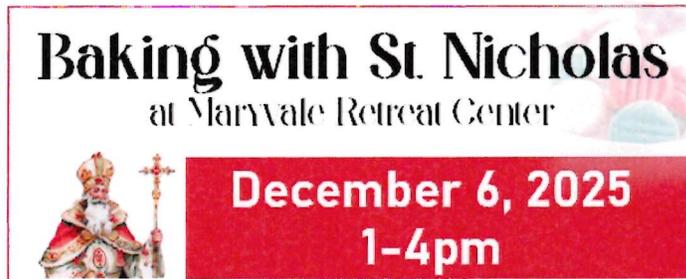


The Pillars of Maryvale
Winter Gala
with Guest Speaker, Very Rev. Paul Duchschere

December 5, 2025
TICKETS: \$50 per person

December 5, 2025, 6:00-8:00pm

Come and enjoy an evening with a 5-course served meal, guest speaker Very Rev. Paul Duchschere (Pastor of St. Catherine's in Valley City) and learn how you can become a vital part of laying the foundation at Maryvale by becoming a Pillar. Register early as there is limited seating available.



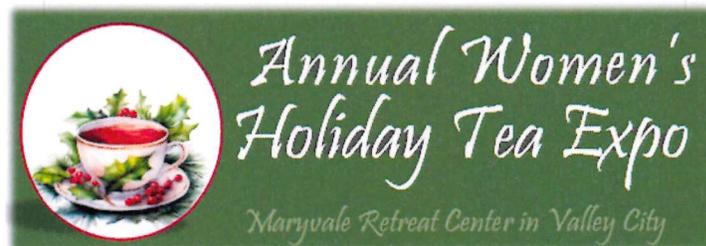
Baking with St. Nicholas
at Maryvale Retreat Center

December 6, 2025
1-4pm

December 6, 2025, 1:00-4:00pm

We are delighted to offer you - Baking with St. Nicholas. This fun family event will give you the opportunity to make and bake sugar cookies and then use your creativity to decorate the cookies. Will also be teaching how to make 5-ingredient peanut butter cookies and Christmas

Mints. Suggested Donation is \$50 per family which includes 2-dozen cookies to take home.



*Annual Women's
Holiday Tea Expo*
Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City

December 13, 2025, 1:00-4:00pm

Come to Maryvale in your Sunday best and fancy hats to explore various teas, sandwiches, scones and cakes! There will also be a concert and a silent auction. Suggested donation is \$30 per

person, with a discount of purchase two tickets get the third at no charge!



HEALING RETREAT
AT MARYVALE RETREAT CENTER
JANUARY 16-18, 2026
WITH FR. SAM MEDLEY, SOLT

"Do you want to be healed?" John 5:6

January 16-18, 2025

Do you want to be healed? We all need to have healing in our relationships with God, with our neighbors, with creation, and even that healing within the depths of ourselves. Fr. Sam Medley, SOLT will dive into healing and the road blocks

that deprive us from being whole, and to be holy, healthy and happy. Suggested Donation is \$275

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LIVE AUCTION 6:30 P.M.

All proceeds go to St. Catherine School
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ST. CATHERINE'S FAMILIES,

You are invited to use your baking talents in an effort to raise money for St. Catherine School! We will have a bake sale in conjunction with the Fall Auction on November 7, 2025.

- Please put your baked goods on a paper or plastic plate and wrap with clear plastic wrap or ziplock bag.
- Label it with the price. (Refer to the included price list)
- Include on the label if any nuts are in your baked goods.
- Please deliver the baked goods to the table set up at the Eagles between 10:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7th. *Please call us if you need your goods picked up at your residence.*

Thank you and God Bless for all you do in continued support of our wonderful school!

Any questions, please call:

Halley Thoreson 701-809-6565
Alana McClellan 701-840-1009
Ina Thomsen 701-490-1919



Bake sale will be CASH ONLY.
No bidder numbers for payment.

BAKE SALE PRICE LIST

ROLLS	
6/package	\$7.00
BUNS	
1 dozen	\$6.00
HOMEMADE BREADS	
Large	\$6.00
Small	\$5.00
MUFFINS	
6/package	\$5.00
1 large	\$3.00 each
CAKES	\$7.00
DOUGHNUTS	
1 dozen	\$6.00
PIES	
8 inch	\$8.00
9 inch	\$9.00
BARS	
Cut in 2½ inch squares (4/package)	\$6.00
Cut in smaller bars (6/package)	\$6.00
LEFSE	
3/package	\$6.00
COOKIES	
1 dozen	\$6.00
FUDGE	
1 dozen	\$6.00
DIVINITY	
1 dozen	\$6.00
KUCHEN	
Small	\$10.00
Large	\$12.00

****If the price is not listed for the item you baked, use your own judgment****

