

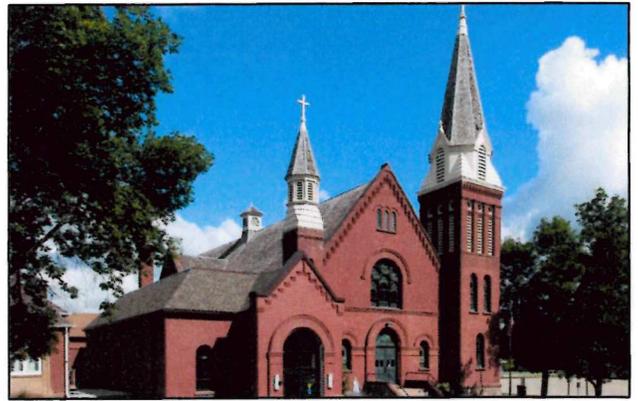
# St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

[www.catherineofalexandria.org](http://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.

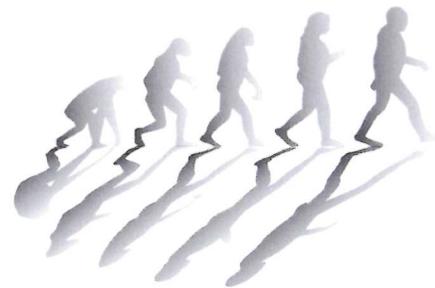
## Monthly Adult Catechesis

### CREATION

by God



### EVOLUTION



What's a Catholic to think?

When:

Sunday, November 16, at 6:30 pm

Where:

Church Basement/Parish Hall

Presented by:

Fr. Paul Duchscher

## November Calendar of Events

<b>SUN</b> 16	<b>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass <b>6:30pm Adult Catechesis</b>
<b>MON</b> 17	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Bible Study
<b>TUE</b> 18	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am - 10:00pm Adoration 8:30am Tuesday Movie 3:00pm Finance Council Meeting 5:30pm Ed Board Meeting
<b>WED</b> 19	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 6:30pm RE Class 7:00pm Youth Group
<b>THU</b> 20	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Quilters
<b>FRI</b> 21	7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 2:00pm Mass - St Raphael
<b>SAT</b> 22	10:00am Mass - Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
<b>SUN</b> 23	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> 7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass

## TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading** — Mal 3:19-20a

**Second Reading** — 2 Thes 3:7-12

**Gospel** — Lk 21:5-19

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;

Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10 or

Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-33

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

## 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

John Kunert

Bob Wuolu

Holly Oesterle

Laine Schwehr

Liz Byrne

David Hayden

Bill Trader

## MASS INTENTIONS November 17 - 23

M 8:00am John Dyrness

T 8:00am Chrissy Drake

W 8:00am † Bernadine Ertelt Potter

Th 8:00am † TJ McGough

F 8:00am Amara Judd-Drake

2:00pm Aaron Deaver

Sa 5:00pm † Roxanne Reed

Su 8:30am People of the Parish

10:30am † Jeff Differding

Shouldn't we go  
**DIRECTLY TO GOD**  
with our prayers?

WHAT CATHOLICS believe



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**What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity**

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

# Pastor's Page

## A NUMBER OF THINGS

It's been a little over a week now, but this is my first "Pastor's Page" chance to let you all know how happy (and proud) I was concerning our St. Catherine's School Fall Auction that was held on November 7th. What a wonderful - and blessed - evening! I want to thank all those who came and all those who gave to support our parish school. I'm not surprised by the level of support shown, since I've gotten quite used to that by this, my 4th go-round with the Auction. That doesn't mean I'm taking it for granted - but at the same time I'm not surprised. That's what just seems to happen each year. But I am so pleased - it's wonderful for a pastor to see the parish and the things of the parish so highly appreciated and supported by the parish family.

And I must publicly thank all those who were part of the effort in putting on the Fall Auction. There are simply too many to be noted individually, but you all know who you are - thank you for the time, energy and effort you gave to make that space and that time how special it became.

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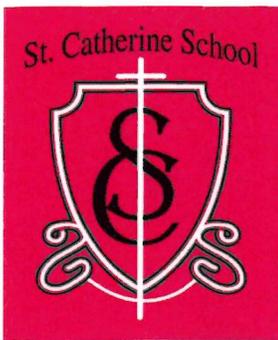
Attention! All Knights of Columbus! You should have received a mailing from myself concerning a special KC informational night concerning benefits which will be this Tuesday evening, Nov 18, at 6:30 pm in our social hall. No need for me to repeat what's in the letter - but *I certainly want to encourage you to come* - this is an opportunity to learn a few things about the Knights and their benefits that I never knew (or simply forgot) myself. Please give this an hour of your time, men. I hope to see you there.

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And speaking of benefits . . . our parish school benefits from the annual "Black and Indian Mission Collection" which happens each year in November. And that's one reason I encourage you to offer a gift to that effort. As you can probably imagine, most of what we give in this collection will go to missions/schools that have far less than we have - another opportunity for almsgiving to the poor and those in more need than ourselves.

I know . . . another collection. But if you are willing and able, use the envelope stapled in this bulletin to offer a gift, which helps in our Church's efforts around our country in "Building our Mission to the Missions" - the theme for this year's collection.

Fr Duchscher  
Pastor



# Principal's Page

This week, our school has been focusing on the virtue of **Affability**—being approachable, friendly, and easy to talk to. I was reminded several times over the last few days that God often uses the simplest moments to show us how His grace is working in our school.

During chapel on Thursday, Mrs. Ihry was visiting with students about what affability means. Several students offered thoughtful answers, and when she moved on to ask, *"How can you show the virtue of affability today?"* my son's best friend—who is utterly inseparable from him—blurted out, **"By being friends with Eliam!"** I couldn't help but laugh out loud. It was a wholesome, genuine moment that showed how naturally students understand and live this virtue. However, I don't think anyone questioned whether or not he could be friendly towards my son.

One teacher also shared that, when they were first exploring the definition of affability, a fourth-grade student offered this insight: **"Building up others instead of putting them down."** This came from a child who does not typically volunteer answers in class, yet it was one of the most fitting and profound descriptions we could have asked for. To me, this is a sign that naming these virtues—talking about the habits we hope to cultivate, the qualities that draw us closer to Jesus—is planting seeds that are already taking root.

I also see affability reflected in our staff. One of the things they do exceptionally well is welcome people into our building with warmth and joy. It is part of our mission to be a light to others—to show them the light of Jesus in the way we greet, serve, and care for each person who walks through our doors—their example matters.

Another moment from this week has stayed with me. On Wednesday afternoon, I received a call from a parishioner asking whether a particular student was enrolled and present at school. When I confirmed he was, the parishioner mentioned that this student is not Catholic and asked how we could ensure he understood what was happening during Mass and in our Religion curriculum. I was happy to share how we support all our students, regardless of background, in learning about our faith and participating meaningfully.

He then told me he had purchased a children's book on the Mass so this child could follow along during our All-School Mass on Thursday. He knew the family and wanted the student to feel included and able to participate fully. The next day, during our beautiful celebration—with students serving in the various ministries and families and parishioners joining us—I watched that same parishioner share a meal with the family afterward.

**That is affability.** That is community. That is what it looks like to build up the Body of Christ—one small, intentional act at a time.

Moments like these remind me why Catholic education matters so deeply and why our partnership with you, our parish family, is such a blessing. Thank you for helping us form children in faith, joy, and virtue.

In Christ,  
Nick Lee

**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: 8:00am to 5:00pm**

**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: November 9, 2025**

**Regular Parish Income**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$10,609.31	\$10,434.62	\$174.69
Year to Date	\$184,469.64	\$198,257.78	(\$13,788.14)

**Registered Families ..... 463**

Adult Envelopes			\$10,104.01
Children			\$3.30
Plate			\$502.00

**Total Collection ..... \$10,609.31**

**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 19:** K-8 RE Classes in the School Building at 6:30pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation:** Saturday, December 6 beginning at 9 am. Prayer cards for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Children are in the entry of the church.

**Looking ahead:** December 3, 6:30 pm in the Church: 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Meeting for those children who will be confirmed in March.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact DRE Carol Jabs at [stcatherine.dre.vc@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherine.dre.vc@gmail.com)

*"He who continues in anger, strife, and a bitter spirit, has a taste of the air of Hell." - St. Philip Neri*

*St. Philip Neri, pray for us.*

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

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

**November 26:** No Class, Happy Thanksgiving

**December 3:** "Being a Disciple is a Sacrifice"

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 17<sup>th</sup>** 1:30 or 6:00 pm **Bible Study**

**November 25<sup>th</sup>** **Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria**

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** **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: "The Human Experience" this uplifting documentary shows viewers that every single person, no matter his or her lot in life, is beautiful. All are welcome!

**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>



# Knights of Columbus Council #6438 Invitation to Join

We welcome Catholic men over the age of 18 who are members of St. Catherine's to consider joining our Council. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.7 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people. For more information about the Knights of Columbus contact Financial Secretary Joe Sykora at 701-890-7178 ([jhsykora@gmail.com](mailto:jhsykora@gmail.com)).

## Upcoming Retreats at Maryvale

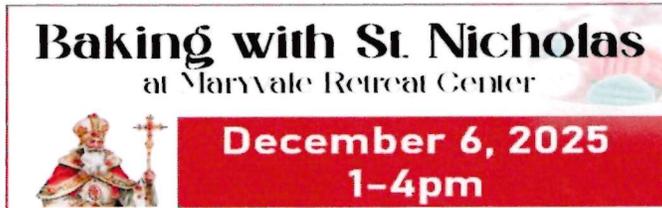
You may register for any of these events by going to [www.maryvalend.org](http://www.maryvalend.org)



**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.

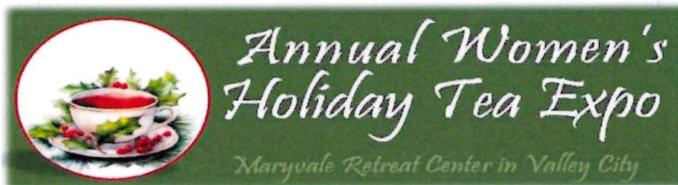


**Baking with St. Nicholas**  
at Maryvale Retreat Center  
**December 6, 2025**  
**1-4pm**

**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, 2026**

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

# Fargo Dioceses Upcoming Retreats, Pilgrimages, and More

## 1. Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart (Women's Healing Retreat) [November 20-22, Sts. Anne and Joachim Church, Fargo](#)



Ladies, every one of us was made by God to be loved perfectly at all times, but because none of us actually experience that in the way that God desires for us, every one of us carries wounds in greater or lesser ways. However, through Jesus Christ's redemptive sacrifice, these wounds can actually be radically transformed into portals of grace, freedom, and new life. The **Undone Women's Retreat** is all about allowing Jesus to work new wonders and bring that fullness of life that He came to give and that everyone one of us longs for.

Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart is presented by the John Paul II Healing Center around the world and will most likely not be back in our area again. This is a weekend you won't want to miss! We urge you yourself, your mother, your sister, your adult daughters and friends. This retreat is **available in person** at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church, Fargo, **via livestream** from wherever you are, or even as a **hybrid** of the two. Find for more information at [www.fargodiocese.org/undone](http://www.fargodiocese.org/undone).

## 2. 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>

## 3. Made for Greatness Winter Men's Retreat: *Rise Up to Greatness* [January 23-25, 2026, Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City](#)



While every man is called to, and if fact inherently desires, greatness, the challenge is not only finding out what that looks like for them, it is also that the goal post keeps moving. What manly greatness looks like as a young single man is different than what it is as a married man, a husband, or even an empty nester. Former Protestant pastor Keith Nester will assist men to identify what

greatness God is uniquely calling them to at their own stage of life. In addition to practical real-life insights, there also will be times to meet the Lord God in prayer and the sacraments, as well opportunities for rejuvenation through real brotherhood, great food, and even some friendly competition. Check it out at [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter).

# Fargo Dioceses Upcoming Retreats, Pilgrimages, and More Continued

## 4. Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce and Separation



[February 27-March 1, 2026, Hankinson Retreat Center](#)

No matter the circumstances, divorce always represents broken dreams and broken hearts. While much of the attention goes to the men and women trying to navigate the tidal wave of loss and hurt, often left in the wake are the children whose sense of security and identity have also been shattered. This can be true even for those who were already adults when their parents' relationship ended. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parents' relationship, no matter at what age it happened and to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. Find out more information or register for the retreat by visiting [www.fargodiocese.org/lqw](http://www.fargodiocese.org/lqw).

## 5. Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages



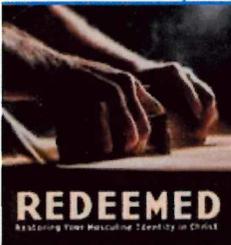
[March 13-15, 2026, Fargo, ND](#)

Do you and your spouse have any level of disconnection in your relationship? You don't need to wait until you're in crisis to take time to reconnect and rediscover one another as you deepen your love and unity. Instead, you can work to build the kind of joyful, connected marriage you envisioned when you walked down the aisle.

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and reclaim the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that more than 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program have healthier marriages than ever before. The Red River Retrouvaille program will be held locally on February 28-March 2, 2025 in Fargo. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at [rrretrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:rrretrouvaille@gmail.com).

## 6. Redeemed: Restoring Your Masculine Identity in Christ

[March 19-21, 2026, St. Joseph's Church, Moorhead, MN](#)



A man's mission is meant to flow out of a deeply felt internal conviction of who we are and where we come from; in short, our identity. This is what fueled Jesus Christ in His ministry of redemption – He knew He was the beloved Son of the Eternal Father and out of that conviction He transformed human history. For many of us men, that conviction has faltered, and we look instead to what we can do to find our worth. When we add our sins and failures into the mix, sooner or later we find that we are standing on shifting sand.

The Redeemed Men's Retreat presented by the John Paul II Healing Center will dive deep into our identity as beloved sons of God. It will invite Jesus Christ to restore our wounded masculinity, bringing us into the purpose, mission, power, and freedom that is ours as sons in the Son. Find out more details or signup to be notified when registration opens on December 15 by visiting [www.fargodiocese.org/fm-redeemed](http://www.fargodiocese.org/fm-redeemed).

## 7. Worldwide Marriage Encounter

[March 20-22, 2026, Valley City, 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 (701) 347-1998 for more information.