

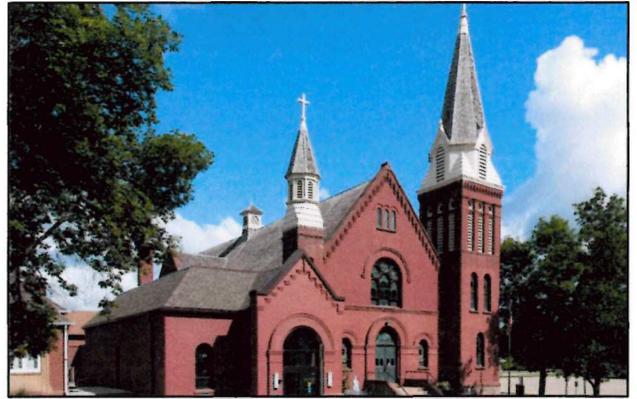
# St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

November 23, 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

## 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)).

## Parish Office Hours:

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

## December Serving Information:

Diane Nolte is the chairperson for December.

**Coffee and Rolls** will be served December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## NO Healing Prayer Group Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

**ADORATION** will start at 12:00pm  
on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

## Tuesday Morning Movies

**NO MOVIE THIS TUESDAY**

## THANK YOU!!

Thank you, St. Catherine Quilters, from Gary and Deb Baasch for the quilt and prayers.

Thank you to Deacon Joe for coming out and praying with us.

Thank you and bless you all,  
Gary and Deb Baasch

## November Calendar of Events

<b>SUN 23</b>	<p align="center"><b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b></p> <p>7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass</p>
<b>MON 24</b>	<p>7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass</p>
<b>TUE 25</b>	<p align="center"><b>St. Catherine of Alexandria</b></p> <p>7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 12:00pm - 10:00pm Adoration 5:30pm REACH Meeting</p>
<b>WED 26</b>	<p>7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass</p>
<b>THU 27</b>	<p align="center"><b>THANKSGIVING DAY NO SCHOOL PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>8:25am Rosary 9:00am Mass</p>
<b>FRI 28</b>	<p align="center"><b>NO SCHOOL PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>7:25am Rosary 8:00am Mass 2:00pm Mass - St Raphael</p>
<b>SAT 29</b>	<p>10:00am Mass - Mercy Hospital 4:25pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass</p>
<b>SUN 30</b>	<p align="center"><b>First Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>7:55am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:10am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass</p>

## TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading** — 2 Sm 5:1-3  
**Second Reading** — Col 1:12-20  
**Gospel** — Lk 23:35-43

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dn 31-45; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;  
Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28 or any  
readings from "In Thanksgiving to God"  
**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

## 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 Hayen

## MASS INTENTIONS November 24 - 30

M 8:00am † George Kerzman  
T 8:00am Ed & Mary Hollinshed  
W 8:00am Keith Jones  
Th **9:00am** Anne & Gary Vanic  
F 8:00am † TJ McGough  
2:00pm Mel Klingenberg  
Sa 5:00pm † George Thilmomy  
Su 8:30am People of the Parish  
10:30am † Dave Winkler

**The Parish Office will be closed  
Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday,  
November 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE IS  
TUESDAY BY 3PM this week.**



## St. Catherine School Christmas Program



**Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm in the School Gym.**

**Please join us, everyone is welcome!!**





## Pastor's Page

### THANKSGIVING . . . and other stuff

A few years back I was reading the Fargo Forum on Thanksgiving Day and the editorial was about, of course, giving thanks. It was full of the usual thanksgiving kinds of sentiments, but it became very obvious (at least to me) that it was also very deliberately avoiding one recipient of our giving thanks: the Lord God. I suppose the author of the editorial just could not - and would not for fear of public reprisals - bring up the ultimate recipient of our thanks - He who gives us all the good things that have come to us. The low point of the editorial was when the author wrote that if nothing else, "give thanks to yourself."

Oh my - what an inane statement to make. The entire assumption behind thanksgiving is that we are thankful for something *outside of ourselves and/or that other person who made it, whatever "it" is, possible for us*. But in one of the worst examples, I've ever seen of doing your best to find any possible way to avoid bringing God into the conversation, the author falls back on "giving thanks to ourselves." Wow . . .

Well, I don't have to do that follow that. There certainly are a lot of folks in our life we can direct our thanks to, but the Lord God is also one of them, and frankly . . . all of those folks we direct our thanks to are only deserve our thanks because the Lord God was responsible for putting them in our lives to begin with.

And so we offer thanksgiving to Our Father in heaven, His Son and the Spirit right now. That same idea of thanksgiving will become part of our heavenly experience - and so we should begin practicing that virtue right now in anticipation of its full fruition in eternity. Have a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends, and may your heart be filled even now with the conviction and joy of knowing WHO it is that has made all that possible!

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Our parish's ten "Repair My House" capital campaign projects are either completed or close to it. It's amazing how much has been done since we began this effort just one year ago.

There are even some projects going on now that were not part of the original ten but needed to wait until those ones were done first. One example is the music practice room off the sacristy in the church. It needed some TLC on its walls and ceilings due to water damage from the leaky roof above it. Now that the roofs have all been replaced/repared it became possible to do that TLC. Patching/remudding/sanding of the walls and a new coat of paint have now made that room "new". Nice!

Sometime in the relatively near future when the final touches are put on some of the big projects, I will be putting out a compendium of all that's been done as we have been "repairing His house." I think you will be as thankful as I am concerning what our parish has done in its giving and supporting this effort, and all that's happened in making those completed repairs a reality . . . and the thanks we should all have to Our Lord who gave us the grace and wherewithal to make all this happen.

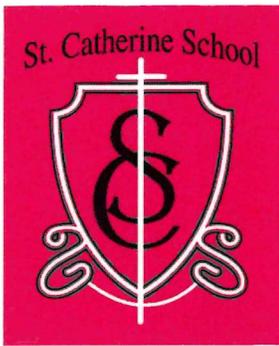
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Our parish, along with every other parish, has two "Lay Directors." They are chosen by the pastor to be part of the parish's "corporate board." Each parish is its own corporation in state law and has four officer positions: the President (Bishop Folda), the Vice-President (the current pastor), the Secretary and the Treasurer (the two Lay Directors).

This past (calendar) year our two Lay Directors were Rhonda Fairfield and Jeff Bopp. Jeff is finishing his second year of a three-year term while Rhonda has now finished up her three-year term. So, Rhonda Fairfield will be finishing up her time as Lay Director of St. Catherine's parish at the end of December. I want to thank Rhonda publicly for her service to our parish in that capacity. The Lay Directors are "ex officio" members of the Finance and Pastoral Councils and are part of the civil corporation officers for the parish, signing off on those documents that are tied into the parish's relationship to the state and to the Diocese of Fargo.

Erin Klingenberg will be our parish's new Lay Director, beginning in January. I want to thank Erin for her willingness to serve our parish in this capacity.

Fr Duchscher  
Pastor



# Principal's Page

**Dear St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Family,**

As we approach the season of Advent, I've been reflecting on the extraordinary story God has written over the past 100 years of Catholic education here at St. Catherine School. For more than a century, this parish has faithfully carried out its mission to help children know and love Jesus Christ as their Savior. Many of you are living witnesses of that legacy—you learned your faith here, prayed in this very chapel, and became the disciples you are today because this parish chose to invest in its children. I once again saw the virtue of charity on full display from our parish, which supported the work of the parish and the school through the capital campaign last year.

*It is humbling to now serve as principal of a school shaped by such a history.*

This week, our students have been focusing on the virtues of courtesy and generosity. Every day, I see the fruit of this formation—children holding doors for visitors, greeting others with smiles, working through disagreements with kindness, and looking for ways to include classmates who may feel alone. These are ordinary moments, but they reflect something extraordinary: hearts being formed for Christ.

With the full rollout of our Education in Virtue program this fall, our commitment to forming disciples has deepened even further. This program has given our students and staff a shared vocabulary and framework for living out the virtues. What I love most is that it doesn't just tell students to "be good"—it teaches them how to grow, one habit at a time, into the people God has called them to be.

Our ministry has also grown in another beautiful way through **Little Saints Childcare**. By welcoming infants, toddlers, and preschoolers into our building each day, our parish is reaching families earlier in their children's lives than ever before. The more children we reach, the more people we can serve—and the more hearts we can bring closer to Christ. Catholic education is *evangelization*, and Little Saints has become an extension of that mission.

As I think about our future, I am filled with hope. My goal—and prayer—is that our ministries will continue to expand so we can serve even more children and families. Every new classroom, every new program, every new family that walks through our doors becomes another opportunity for our parish to fulfill its mission of helping people encounter Jesus.

## **A Year-End Invitation**

As we near the end of the calendar year, some parishioners ask how they can specially support the school. I invite you to consider a year-end gift to St. Catherine School prayerfully. Your generosity helps us:

- Keep Catholic education accessible to families
- Strengthen academic and religious education programs in the school
- Support families through tuition assistance and keeping the cost of tuition low
- Sustain ministries like Little Saints Childcare
- Plan for future growth that will allow us to serve even more children

Your support is never an obligation. Gifts of prayer, gifts of service, and financial gifts all make a real difference. For more than 100 years, parishioners have planted seeds—often quietly and without recognition—that continue to bear fruit in the lives of our children today.

Thank you for the many ways you support and love our school. You are helping continue a mission that began long before us and, God willing, will bless generations long after us.

**In gratitude,  
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 16, 2025

### Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$5,972.75	\$10,434.62	(\$4,461.87)
Year to Date	\$190,442.39	\$208,692.40	(\$18,250.01)

Registered Families ..... 463

Adult Envelopes			\$5,003.00
Children			\$3.75
Plate			\$811.00
Votive			\$155.00

**Total Collection** ..... \$5,972.75

**Thank you for your generous gifts!!**

**Online Giving Available @**

[www.catherineofalexandria.org](http://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, December 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, November 26:** NO RE. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Wednesday, December 3:** 6:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mandatory Parent Meeting for Confirmation

**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.

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

*"Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven." - St. Camillus de Lellis*

*St. Camillus de Lellis, pray for us.*

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

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

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

**December 10:** Decorating - We will be helping the Ladies Book Club decorate the social hall for Christmas. If you can, we will start at 6:30pm. If you can't make it till 7:00pm that will be fine.

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

**November 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Study 1:30p or 6:00p**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> CDA Work Meeting 1:30p**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> CDA leads Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:10am**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Day - Immaculate Conception  
9:00p to 1:00a National Night of Prayer for Life**

**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.



**Grant Them Eternal Rest**

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Bob McAllister**, brother of Deacon Jim (Bev) McAllister, who recently passed away. May he rest forever in God's loving care.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Steve Riedmann**, son of the late Richard Riedmann, nephew of Joanne Pithey, who recently passed away. May he rest forever in God's loving care.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Bill Trader**, husband of Darlene Trader, father of Deb (Terry) Olauson, who recently passed away. May he rest forever in God's loving care.



# Cursillo Retreats 2026

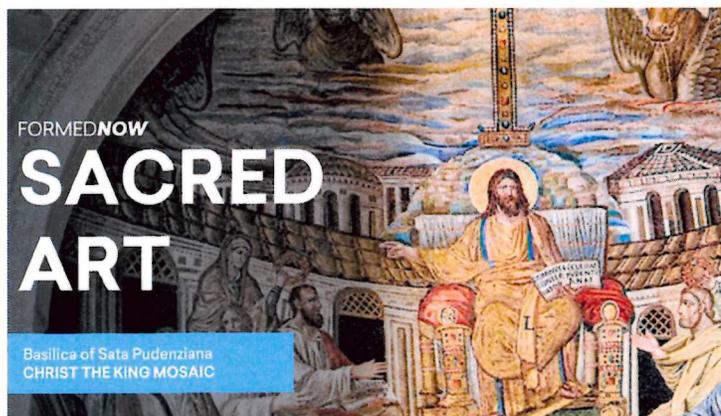
Cursillo is a three-day learning, sharing, inspirational experience of living in a Christian community. It is an encounter with Christ. The atmosphere of Cursillo is one of joy and grace. Just as Jesus invited the disciples to “come and see”, He is also inviting you to “come and see” what He wants for you.

Groups of men or women meet from Thursday evening until Sunday afternoon with a team of Spiritual Directors and lay people. There are short talks given by Spiritual directors and lay people that emphasize the need for Grace, the Sacraments, the Mass, and Prayer to live one’s life in union with God. There is also time for discussion and spontaneous informal prayer.

Two Cursillos will be hosted in 2026 in the Fargo Diocese for those interested:

**Women’s Cursillo**—February 5-8, 2026 at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. Those interested can contact Rosalie Axtman at 701-341-1962 or Liz Chandler 701-840-0746.

**Men’s Cursillo**— March 5-8, 2026 at St Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson. Those interested can contact Tim Kilgore 218-791-3937 or Doran Chandler 701-840-1257.



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## Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Sacred Art

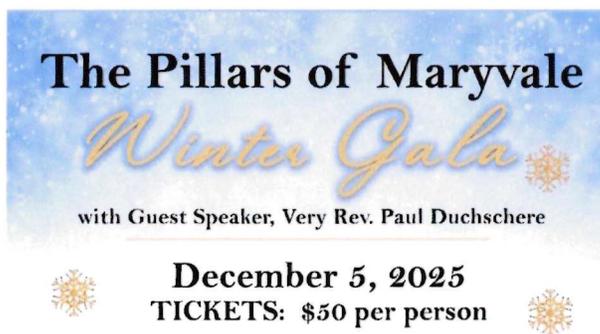
Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

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# 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.



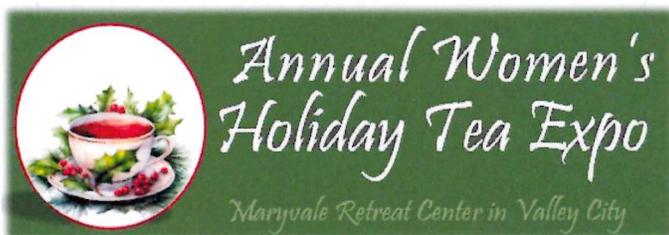
**Baking with St. Nicholas**  
at Maryvale Retreat Center

**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



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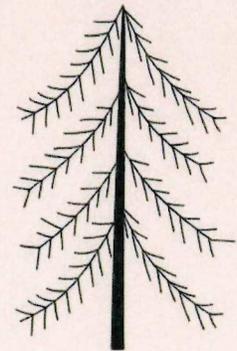
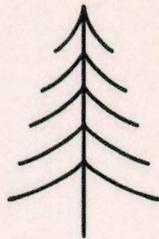
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# Fargo Dioceses Upcoming Retreats, Pilgrimages, and More

## 1. 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>

## 2. 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).

## 3. 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/lgw](http://www.fargodiocese.org/lgw).