

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

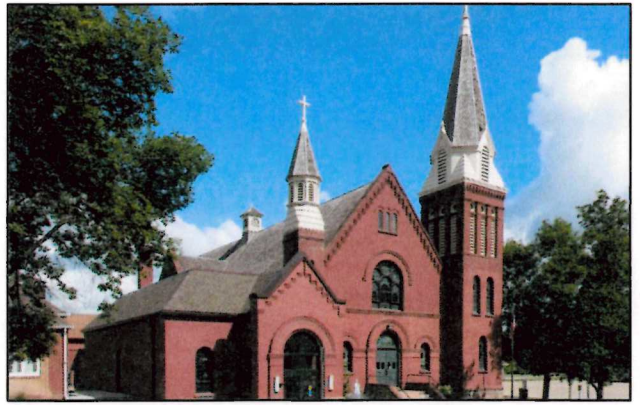
540 3rd Ave NE - Valley City, ND 58072

Corpus Christi

(The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

June 7, 2026

www.catherineofalexandria.org



Parish Office SUMMER Hours:

Monday: 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 am - 4:30 pm

Closed from 12:00 - 12:30 pm everyday

Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm



MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION:

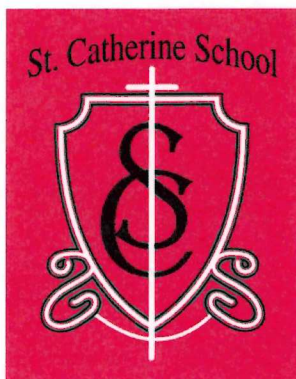
Monday - Friday - 7:30 -7:50 am

Tuesday - 8:15 -9:30 pm

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 pm

Sunday - 7:30-8:00 am

Part-Time Music Teacher (K-6) – St. Catherine School, Valley City, ND



St. Catherine School is seeking a part-time Music Teacher for the 2026–2027 school year. Responsibilities include teaching K–6 music, leading Christmas and Spring programs, and coordinating music for school Masses. Candidates should hold (or be willing to pursue) North Dakota licensure and have a background in music or music education. Flexible scheduling available.

To apply, send cover letter, resume, transcripts, and three references to Nicholas Lee, Principal, at nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us.

9th ANNUAL RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION:

Please join Bishop Folda and the parishioners of Mayville, Finley and Hunter, on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at Kurt and Cheryl Elliott's Farm, 15154 6th St SE, Blanchard, ND. Welcome begins at 4 p.m. with Mass at 4:30. After Mass will be a blessing of land, machinery, and animals followed by a meal.

This event is free and open to all. Mass will be indoors. Bring a bag of soil or seeds to be blessed. Please RSVP by June 12th at: olpstagnes@midco.net (preferred) or (701) 788-3234. For more information visit www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life.

June Calendar of Events

SUN 7	Corpus Christi: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 7:55 am Rosary 8:30 am Mass 10:00 am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30 am Mass
MON 8	7:25 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass 6:00 pm CDA Rosary and Meeting
TUE 9	7:25 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass 8:30 am - 10:00 pm Adoration 8:30 am Tuesday Movie
WED 10	7:25 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass 12:00 pm Parish Office Closed 5:30 pm Nearly Nu Meeting 6:30 pm Quilters
THU 11	7:25 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass 12:00 pm Parish Office Closed 1:00 pm Quilters
FRI 12	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 7:25 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass & Consecration 12:00 pm Parish Office Closed 2:00 pm Mass - St. Raphael
SAT 13	10:00 am Mass - Mercy Hospital 4:25 pm Rosary 5:00 pm Mass
SUN 14	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:55 am Rosary 8:30 am Mass 10:00 am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30 am Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed at Noon on
Wednesday, June 10th and
Thursday, June 11th.

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Second Reading — 1 Cor 10:16-17

Gospel — Jn 6:51-58

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

PRAYER NETWORK

Remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who are ill or are in need of our prayers:

Lucille Winkler	Shelly Differding
Donna Hammond	Mary Elmore
Jerry Sand	Katie Anderson
Linda Hesch	Maryjo Randle
John Kunert	Daniel Gonzalez
Liz Byrne	Bob Wuolu
Rachelle Lindemann	Laine Schwehr
Sue Judd-Dyrness	Maria Wiechman
Linda Sorensen	Justin Didier
Casey Triebold	Diane Klinger
Berta Clement	Peter Koble
Richard Weiler	

MASS INTENTIONS June 8 - 14

M	8:00 am	John & Tiffany Goering Family
T	8:00 am	† Jeff Differding
W	8:00 am	Travis & Amy Steele
Th	8:00 am	† Helen Differding
F	8:00 am	Mike Green
	2:00 pm	† Edith Dix
Sa	5:00 pm	Mary & David Kurtenbach
Su	8:30 am	† Travis Robinson
	10:30 am	People of the Parish

Pastor's Page

CORPUS CHRISTI --> The Best CORPUS CHRISTI --> What it is *not*

First: Yes - Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) is the best. It's the best, the greatest, the most magnificent gift Our Lord God has ever given us. It's *Him*. What else could be better, or as great, or as magnificent? It's *Him*. 'Nuff said. If you were at our Mass this weekend you heard more about this.

Second: What is it *not*? Huh? It's Him, right? (see above) What could it possibly lack? Well, it lacks nothing in itself. *It is Him*. But to answer the question: What it is *not* is the reason we go to Mass.

What? - someone might say. It would seem obvious that considering what it is - *it is Him* - that it would be the primary reason one goes to Mass - to receive Him. As a matter of fact, some people consider it so much the primary reason they go to Mass that as soon as they receive the Host, they leave . . . why wait around when I got what I came for? So yes, I suppose for some Catholics, receiving the Body of Christ is the reason they go to Mass. That's not a wrong reason for me going to Mass. But it's *not* the reason Our Lord and His Church *commands* us to attend Mass each week under pain of sin.

The reason we go to Mass - the reason we are commanded to go to Mass each week - is to WORSHIP GOD. That's why we go to Mass. That's why He commands us to attend Mass each week. Mass is the preeminent form of worship that Our Lord God has given us to worship Him. And He knows that *we absolutely NEED to worship Him if we are to be His children that He created us to be*. No fooling. The worship of God precedes everything else in our spiritual life.

Do you remember when Our Lord was asked what was the greatest of all the commandments? The answer was to love the Lord God with all we have. And it is simply impossible to love God if one does not worship Him. Now - there are all kinds of ways of worshiping God, and we should be encouraged to do as many of them and as much worship as we feel called to - but there is ONE form of worship that He commands and is literally the God-given worship that He has given us to give back to Him: the Mass.

Yes - the Body of Christ in Holy Communion is the ultimate capstone of the worship of God - it literally unites oneself to Him in a Real way. But receiving Communion is not *worship* per se; it is the gift He gives us of Himself as we near the end of the worship at Mass. And that's why we don't leave right after Communion - the worship service of the Mass is not yet completed.

Now you might be noticing I have not put forth here how and in what way the Mass is the ultimate worship of God that He commands we do. If you do not know what that is, you need to learn and know it - but it is too much for me to explain in print, and most folks wouldn't be interested in *reading* about that - it needs to be taught/learned and pondered. Tell you what: I will do an Adult Catechesis this coming year on "Worshiping the Lord God at Mass" - you come to it and I'll teach this to you. I'll schedule this for Sunday, September 20 at 6:30 pm. Perhaps you would never miss Mass because of an instinctive Catholic duty that you shouldn't, but if you have never learned "why" - well, come and learn. You owe it to yourself - and to Him.

Yes - Corpus Christi is the best - but it is *not* the reason we go to Mass.

Fr Duchscher
Pastor



CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

A message I received from Bishop Folda:

To observe our nation's 250th anniversary, the bishops of the United States will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11th, while we are gathered for our summer USCCB meeting. This will be the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on June 12th. I would ask you and your parishioners to join in praying the prayer of consecration on the day of the Solemnity.

And so we will. This Friday, June 12, is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will have our usual daily Mass that morning at 8:00 am. At that Mass our parish will offer the consecration prayer of our nation to Our Lord's Sacred Heart. I certainly invite any that can join us to come and take part in this special Mass and consecration. May "God bless America" always . . . we're only 250 years in . . .

Fr Duchscher



A promotional poster for the 'Collar Classic' softball exhibition. The background is dark blue with a fiery orange and yellow border on the left and right sides. On the left, a man in a black 'SHEPHERDS' baseball jersey and cap is shown. On the right, a man in a white 'SEMP' baseball jersey and cap is shown. In the center, the text 'COLLAR CLASSIC' is written in large, white, outlined letters. Below it, 'Softball Exhibition' is written in a smaller, italicized font. Further down, 'PRIESTS vs SEMINARIANS' is written in white. Below that, 'SUNDAY • JUNE 21, 2026' is written in yellow. At the bottom, the location and schedule are listed: 'Elmwood Park, West Fargo', '5:30 pm Picnic w/ Burgers', '7 pm Softball Game', and 'Bring a lawn chair'. The poster also features several baseballs floating in the air.

COLLAR CLASSIC
Softball Exhibition
PRIESTS vs SEMINARIANS
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Elmwood Park, West Fargo
5:30 pm Picnic w/ Burgers
7 pm Softball Game
Bring a lawn chair

We have high school youth attending the **Steubenville Youth Conference** in Steubenville, Ohio, the end of this month. It is a one of a kind experience surrounded by 2,000 other youth excited about their Catholic faith. It includes speakers, multiple Masses, Reconciliation, high energy praise and worship music along with hanging with other teens who think it is "Cool to be Catholic". Thank you to all who have contributed financially to make this trip possible. More importantly, thank you for your prayers to make this happen. Teens going: Marisa Hoffarth, Matthew Holm, Jack Sorby, Adrian Rivera and Andrew Sykora. Chaperones going: Jennifer Eberle and Deacon Thomas Vanorny.

"You are invited to attend a farewell reception for Father Don Leiphon at 3pm Thursday, June 18 with refreshments at Maryvale dining room, Valley City, ND."

June Serving:

No events are planned; Chairpersons are Dawn Dieterle, (701-490-1187) Kim Eggermont, (701-845-8947), Deb Burchill (701-840-2354)

Serving information:

Directions on care of new coffee pots are posted above the triple sinks and on the door of the cabinet where they are stored. Please follow them.

MISSING: We have 2, gallon size pitchers. One is missing, we have the cover but not the pitcher. Please return to the kitchen on the shelf above the Bunn coffee pot. Please do not "borrow" items from the kitchen.



In Search of LEGOS!

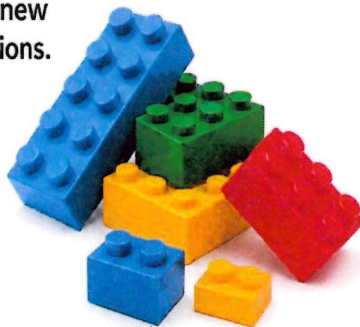
Little Saints is on the search for new or gently used small LEGO donations.



Legos help children build fine motor skills, creativity, and problem solving.



Give your Legos new purpose in our classrooms.



Have Donations?

Kindly drop off donations to Little Saints Childcare office



We, as the St. Catherine Cemetery Committee, have updated our policies. The changes in regards to decorations are as follows:

Cemetery Guidelines

July 10 Decorations must be removed - except those on memorials.

September 10 Reversible vases must be recessed.

Thank you for helping us keep the cemetery maintained.

Gt. Catherine Cemetery Committee

Sexton, Deacon Joe Leitner

Deacon Jim McAllister 701-840-1473

**St. Catherine's Religious Education
Grades K-8, 6:30 pm**



No RE until Fall.

Looking for good summer programs for children? Check out Formed on the parish website or at formed.org

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

*"Our only hope is in Jesus Christ. Let us submit ourselves to Him and beg for His mercy."
- St. Augustine*

St. Augustine, pray for us.

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: "Our Lady of Good Help" apparitions in 1859 to Sr. Adele Brise (now Servant of God). The only formally approved apparition site in the United States, located in Champion, WI. All are welcome!



**Prayer - Fellowship - Quilting
Join the Fun!**

St. Catherine Quilters make quilts for those in need in our area every:

Wednesday Evening from 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Thursday afternoon from 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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.**

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

**June 19-22: Steubenville Youth
Conference, Steubenville OH**

No classes in the summer. They will resume in early September. Have a great summer. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Tom Vanorny 701-210-0640.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St.
Gerard # 2518**



Meet Monthly 2nd Monday

June 6: 6pm CDA Prayer

6:30pm Pot Luck

**First Names A thru M: Salad,
vegetable, Relish**

**First Names N thru Z: Main Dish or
Dessert**

**Installation of Officers By State Regent
Meeting: Father's Day Breakfast plans**

Finish up Rhubarb Run

SALE in the Gym final plans

**We are looking for donations for our sale so
if you have anything you would like to
donate, please call Sophya 701-490-2024 or
Ina 701-490-1919.**

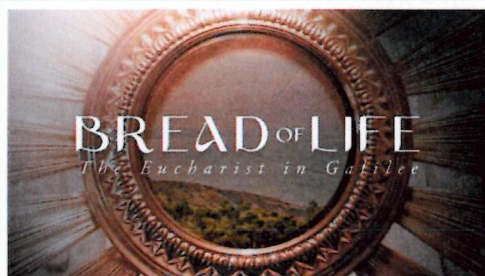
**Please call the numbers above to schedule
pick up of items for June 1st - June 14th.**

Sale days and times are:

Thursday, June 18 - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday, June 19 - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 20 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



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**Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee |
Trailer**

Christ's teaching about the Eucharist is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray for an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



Putt 4 a Purpose – Golf Event

Bishop John Folda invites you to ***Putt 4 a Purpose***, at the 20th Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on Monday, August 3rd for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4th player for free!

Register online at: www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose or use QR code below.

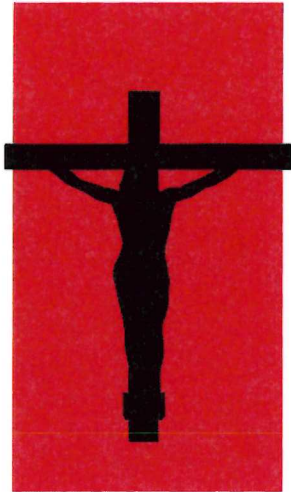
If you are not a golfer, please consider sponsoring a priest or seminarian or a hole on the golf course. Your contribution will help support the event and defray costs.

Register online at: www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose or use QR code below.

For further information, please contact Steve Schons in the Stewardship and Development Office, at 701-356-7926 or email steve.schons@fargodiocese.org.



St. Bernard's Cemetery Information



Burials at St. Bernard's Cemetery April 30, 2025 - May 1, 2026

Robert "Bob" McAllister *

William "Bill" Trader

* Denotes Military Service

St. Bernard's Cemetery Donations 2025 - 2026

Thank you for your continued generosity...

Paul Flasch

Memorials for Bill Trader

Lucille Winkler

Memorials for Bob McAllister

David and Stephanie Baasch

Daniel and Nancy Giere

St. Bernard's Cemetery Financial Report as of May 2026

Local Bank Account: \$8,753.77

Catholic Development Endowment Funds

Permanently Endowed Funds: \$100,000.00

Restricted Earnings: \$10,784.41

Unrestricted/Spendable: \$5,793.96

\$116,578.37

Catholic Deposit and Loan Funds

General Operating & Maintenance: \$27,326.06



Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

June 2026

St. Catherine Church
Very Rev. Paul Duchscher

One Minute Meditations

St. Paulinus of Nola

St. Paulinus came from a wealthy Roman family, was a well-educated, renowned lawyer, and married into Spanish nobility. Everything changed with the death of his newborn son. St. Paulinus asked for Baptism then he and his wife sold their property and moved to Nola, Italy, where they devoted themselves to austerity and charitable works. St. Paulinus (by popular demand) became Bishop of Nola, governing wisely and generously. He died in 431, leaving behind many treatises, letters, and poems.

The love of the Sacred Heart

"The tender heart of God thought upon [you], loved [you], and procured for [you] a thousand means of salvation, as though there had been no other soul in the world... As the sun shines upon one place of the earth and enlightens it no less than if it shined on no other, so too has our Lord thought of and cared for all his dear children, as though his attention were wholly and entirely focused upon each of them." St. Francis de Sales

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatian 2:20).

The Beatitudes: Christ's vision for the human heart

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus revealed the attitudes, priorities, and way of loving that shaped His life. These became the Beatitudes: interior dispositions that open our hearts to His grace. As we cooperate with that grace, our hearts are transformed to become more like His.

Poor in spirit: The poor in spirit recognize that heavenly treasures — peace, grace, love, friendship, and eternal life — matter far more than worldly success or possessions.

Mourning: Rather than distracting ourselves from pain, loneliness, or disappointment, we bring our wounded hearts honestly to God. Healing begins when we allow Him to comfort us.

Meek: Meekness is not weakness, but strength rooted in self-control and trust in God. When our security rests in God, we are less ruled by fear, anger, or the need to control everything around us.

Hungry and thirsty for righteousness: This is a deep longing to live in

friendship with God and to grow in holiness each day.

Merciful: God loves us with tender, generous, and selfless love, and He calls us to extend that same mercy to others.

Pure in heart: Purity of heart means

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another" (Colossians 3:12)

valuing what is true, holy, and good, while striving to live with sincerity and integrity.

Peacemaking: Peacemakers bring calm, clarity, and reconciliation to difficult situations. True peace comes when God is placed first.

Willing to suffer for Christ: Following Christ will sometimes bring opposition. Yet Jesus promises that those who persevere with courage and trust *"will have a great reward in heaven"* (Matthew 5:12).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Cardinals are part of the governing structure of the Church and are best known for electing a new Pope during a conclave. They are bishops specially chosen — or "created" — by the Pope for this important role. Traditionally, cardinals were selected only from the clergy of Rome. Today, because the Church is worldwide, cardinals are

Why does the Church need cardinals?

chosen from dioceses across the globe. To preserve their historic connection to Rome, each cardinal is still assigned a titular Roman church. Cardinals wear scarlet vestments, including the red skullcap and biretta, symbolizing their willingness to defend and spread the Faith, even to the shedding of their blood.

Hope changes everything

Hope helps us desire Heaven and trust in God's promises. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that hope "responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man" (CCC, 1818). It strengthens us to persevere through difficulties and keeps our hearts fixed on God. Here are three ways to renew and strengthen hope:

Shift your focus: Do not allow past regrets, future fears, or present worries to dominate your thoughts. Read the daily Gospel before the news. When you catch yourself worrying or dwelling on negativity, intentionally redirect your mind toward God's promises. Keep encouraging Scripture verses

— such as Romans 8:37 — visible on your phone, mirror, or coffee maker as reminders of hope throughout the day.

Fight temptation with the opposite virtue: In the spiritual life, virtues overcome vices. Counter doubt with acts of faith, complaints with gratitude, and comparison with encouragement and appreciation for others.

Become a source of hope: Build others up rather than focusing on faults. Frequently ask, "What can I do to improve this situation?" Christian hope is not blind optimism, but confidence in Christ, the One who is "*Faithful and True*" (Revelation 19:11).

from Scripture

Matthew 10:37-42, The priorities of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, Jesus speaks clearly about the demands of discipleship. At its heart is the question of priorities. For the early Christians, following Christ often meant risking imprisonment, persecution, or even death. To belong to Jesus required complete trust and surrender because only God is worthy of first place in our hearts and lives.

Faithful Catholic life still carries challenges today. Much of what Christ and His Church ask of us runs counter to the values of secular culture. Even apart from worldly pressures, each of us carries personal crosses —

struggles, sacrifices, disappointments, and suffering. Yet Jesus never asks us to carry them alone. He invites us to follow Him and to walk beside Him through them.

The good news is that Jesus has already gone before us — from suffering to glory, from death to eternal life, and from sorrow to joy. Because of Him, our crosses are no longer meaningless. With His grace, we can choose each day to remain faithful, keep His commandments, and abide in His love. One day, in Heaven, we will see clearly that every sacrifice made for Christ was worth it.

Q & A Why do we honor Mary's Immaculate Heart?

In the month of June, the Church honors the Immaculate Heart of Mary because of her unique relationship with Jesus and her faithful cooperation in God's plan of salvation.

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord" (Luke 1:38). At the Annunciation, Mary freely consented to become the Mother of God's Son. From the moment *"the Word became flesh"* (John 1:14) in her womb, her Immaculate Heart was united completely to the Heart of Jesus in love, trust, and obedience.

"A sword will pierce your own soul" (Luke 2:35). Although Mary was free from sin, she was not spared suffering. Simeon's prophecy points to the deep sorrow she endured as she accompanied Jesus through His Passion and crucifixion. Mary teaches us how to trust God even in suffering and uncertainty.

"My Immaculate Heart will triumph." These words, associated with Our Lady of Fatima, echo God's promise of victory over evil. As Mother and Queen, Mary shares uniquely in her Son's triumph. When we, too, say "yes" to God's grace, Christ's victory becomes our own.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 4 – St. Francis Caracciolo (1608). St. Francis was born in the Abruzzo region in Italy. He went on to found the Clerics Regular Minor with Venerable John Augustine Adorno. The Order was approved in 1588, and St. Francis became its superior for life.

June 7 – Solemnity of Corpus Christi. On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

June 12 – Solemnity of the Sacred

Heart (1856). St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus, who urged her to spread public devotion to the Sacred Heart. The image of Jesus' Heart, pierced and enthroned in unquenchable flames, reminds us of His intense and eternal love for us.

June 15 – St. Germain of Pibrac (1601). Born to poor parents near Pibrac, France, St. Germaine had a deformed hand, suffered from sores on her neck, and was sickly from neglect and abuse. Despite her sufferings, she found comfort in God's presence. She was generous with the poor despite her own poverty. She forgave her stepmother who badly mistreated her. She is the patroness of abuse victims, people with disabilities, and shepherdesses.

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St. Mary's 121st Eucharistic Procession
for the feast of

CORPUS CHRISTI

Led by Rev. Sean Mulligan

10:30AM Holy Mass followed by a
Eucharistic Procession, Outdoor Rosary,
Free-will Offering Meal, Fellowship,
and Outdoor Kid Games

An honor guard of those who made their
First Holy Communion/Confirmation will
lead the Eucharistic Procession
(Wear your special attire, veil and everything)

Sunday, June 7, 2026
at St. Mary's Catholic Church
6 miles East of Dazey, ND
1624 115th Ave SE, Dazey, ND, 58429

Please plan accordingly for outdoor activities and weather conditions.

