

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

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www.catherineofalexandria.org

May 16th, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord



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Baptisms: Contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

RCIA: Contact the Parish Office

Home Bound Eucharist: Darlene Kerzman, 845-4316, or 701-721-1899

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Wednesdays

Newcomers: WELCOME! Please register at the Parish Office.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please email Melissa at stkatesparishoffice@gmail.com

The Ascension of the Lord On this Sunday, May 16th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man." Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the 'Father's house,' to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #661, p. 172). Let us praise and thank God that he sent Jesus to us to lift us up to the glory of heaven, the glory that Jesus has had with the Father from all eternity.

St. Catherine's Parish Banquet St. Catherine's Parish Appreciation Banquet will be at the VC Eagles on Wednesday, May 26th. The social begins at 5:30 pm. The banquet is at 6:30 pm. **Please RSVP to the Parish Office, 845-0354, by May 19th.** This event is for all members of St. Catherine's Parish, who serve our parish in any way or who work at the Nearly Nu Store, to show appreciation to those who volunteer their time and talent in serving others in and beyond our parish.

New Members Needed for Parish Council, Ed Board, Nearly Nu Board, and Cemetery Committee Some members of the Parish Council, Ed Board, Nearly Nu Board, and Cemetery Committee are completing their terms of service. We need new members to serve the parish on the Parish Council, Ed Board, Nearly Nu Board, and Cemetery Committee. The term lasts for three years. One may serve for two consecutive terms of three years; and then, one must take a break. Members usually complete their terms in May. New members usually begin their terms in June. Members are appointed by me, your pastor. If you are interested in serving the parish on the Parish Council, Ed Board, Nearly Nu Board, or Cemetery Committee, please contact me. --- Msgr. Skonseng

May Calendar of Events

SUN 16	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass 11:45am Pizza and Altar Server Training 6:30pm RCIA
MON 17	No 8am Mass 10:30am Alverna Becker Funeral 2:00pm Ken Gordon Funeral
TUE 18	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:30am Tuesday Movie Group 8:30am –10pm Adoration
WED 19	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 8:45am Cursillo Prayer Group—SHR 9:00am Preschool Dress Rehearsal 5:00pm Nearly Nu Meeting
THU 20	8:30am Rosary 9:00am School Mass 7:00pm Circle of Friends Graduation
FRI 21	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass
SAT 22	10:00am Mass at Mercy Hospital 5:30pm Mass
Sun 23	Pentecost Sunday 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 10:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am Mass Senior Recognition 11:30am Senior Recognition Breakfast 6:30pm RCIA

MASS INTENTIONS May 17—May 23

Monday *Mass Cancelled for Funerals*
 Tuesday 8am † Verletta John
 Wednesday 8am Pauline & Henry Lemer
 Thursday 9am † Don Johnson
 Friday 8am † Marge Stoa
 Saturday 5:30pm † Marilyn Scully
 Sunday 8:30am † Lloyd Nelson
 10:30am People of the Parish

Cemetery Announcement: The Cemetery Gate will now be open from **7am to 9pm** daily. Please contact Mel Klingenberg @ 701-840-2262 for any questions.

RECONCILIATION: 7:30-7:50am Monday-Saturday
 4:00-5:15pm Saturday 7:30-8:15am Sunday

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — This Jesus will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23)

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
 Jn 16:29-33

Tue: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
 Jn 17:1-11a

Wed: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
 Jn 17:11b-19

Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
 Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20;
 Jn 21:15-19

Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
 Jn 21:20-25

Sun: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Mon: Easter Weekday

Tues: St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Wed: Easter Weekday

Thu: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Fri: St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

Sat: St. Rita of Cascia

Sun: Pentecost

PRAYER NETWORK

Remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who are ill or are in need of our Prayers: George and Jude Bodnar, Mary Mitzel, Rebecca Rademacher, Bob McGough, Sharon Linnehan, Karen Monson, Dietrich Schlichtmann, Lisa Puhr, Michele Green, Brian Ventsch, Rita Beaudry, Louis & Kelly Bohl, Ken Gordon, Renee Anderson, Connie Dimmer, Dennis Stangler, Caroline Schumacher, David Kurtenbach, Audrey & Leroy Suhr, Glenda Sherman, Joyce Hafner, Pat Schwehr, Deb Didier, Sandy Christianson, Dr. Ron Wick, Andrew & Tiffany Higgins, Robin Kinney, Sharon Kinney, Dale & Virginia Davy, Kathy Nelson, Florence Zaun, Larry Zaun, Dorothy Stevens, Carol Legge, Bill Sabetti, Cooky Riedmann, Karen Leadbetter, James Leadbetter, Matt & Emersyn Vanic, Garrett McFadgen, Phyllis Lemer, John Kunert, Susie Kunert, Michelle Black Cloud, Darlene Stannford-Adams, Cheryl Kappel and any others who are in need of prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT: May 9th, 2021

Regular Parish Income

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	9,579.50	8,850.00	729.50
Year to Date	413,572.50	398,250.00	15,322.50

Registered families.....	519		
Adult Envelopes			7,309.50
Plate			267.00
Children			3.00
April Online Giving			2,000.00
Total Collection			9,579.50

Home Missions	50.00
Building Improvements	75.00
Votives	184.00

**Online Giving available @
www.catherineofalexandria.org**

Minutes from the Parish and Finance Council Meetings can be found on our parish website. www.catherineofalexandria.org Hard copies are available upon request at the parish office.

Live Streaming of Masses— We will now only be livestreaming the Sunday morning 8:30 Mass and special occasions.

God's Gift Appeal 2021 Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 God's Gift Appeal. As of May 7, 2021, St. Catherine's Parish has pledged gifts for a total amount of \$60,302. This is about 94% of our goal of \$64,183. I hope that each one of us will be able to support our diocesan church in this appeal.

--- Msgr. Skonseng

St. Catherine's Prayer Group would like to invite anyone who wishes to be prayed with for healing to attend our service on Monday evening, May 24th at 7pm in the Church. We will be having a healing prayer service on the 4th Monday of each month.

Tuesday Morning Movies: Please join the Tuesday morning movie group, each Tuesday morning after Mass in the Sacred Heart conference Room. Showing this week: Loreto: The Mystery of the Holy House.

Chip In for Charity Catholic Charities North Dakota is now offering Chip In for Charity discount golf passes to golf for free or at discounted rates at 90 courses throughout North Dakota and western Minnesota. Purchase your golf pass for just \$40! Order your golf card passes online at CatholicCharitiesND.org. Mention your parish when you order to enter to win 1 of 20 free passes! Winners will be drawn May 3, 2021. You may also order

and purchase your golf passes by filling out the order form in the brochures that are on the pamphlet shelf in the vestibule of the church. All proceeds help the programs at Catholic Charities North Dakota.

Help Wanted: Maryvale is seeking a Part-Time/Casual (up to 35 hours), Certified Nurse Assistant/Personal Care Aide for Monday-Friday including every other weekend for a floating shift to provide care for our elderly Sisters at Maryvale. Warm home-like and faith-filled atmosphere. Competitive salary including a \$2500 sign on bonus. For more information call Amanda at 701-845-2864.

Devotion and Consecration to St. Joseph Throughout the Year of St. Joseph, we are encouraged to practice devotion to St. Joseph and ask him to intercede to God for the protection of each of us, our families, and all of the members of the universal Church. The book, Consecration to St. Joseph by Donald Callaway, is excellent for helping us to know St. Joseph and the power of his intercession. This book will help you to participate in the 33-day preparation period in order to make an Act of Consecration to St. Joseph. You can use one of the various versions of the Act of Consecration in the book to individually make the Act of Consecration to St. Joseph at home, or you can arrange with me to make the Act of Consecration to St. Joseph. There are plenty of books available in the parish office for \$10.00 per copy. --- Msgr. Skonseng

Community Celebration of Pentecost Sunday The Barnes County Ministerial Association will have a community celebration of Pentecost Sunday on Sunday, May 23rd, at 3:00 PM at the City Park. Several of the churches in Barnes County, including St. Catherine's Parish, are organizing and participating in this celebration. The celebration will include Scripture readings, prayers, and songs of praise. We will celebrate what we have in common in our Christian faith, ask the Holy Spirit to guide our churches towards reconciliation and unity in Christ, and ask the Holy Spirit to bring the peace and salvation of God to people of all nations. This celebration does not fulfill the obligation of Catholics to participate in Mass on Sundays. If you participate in this celebration, please bring your own lawn chairs.

Dona Eis Requiem Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Alverna Becker, Ken (Doreen) Gordon, and Charles (Chuck) Schelkoph**, father of Linda McKenna, who recently passed away. ~May they rest forever in the Father's loving care.

Reflections

St. Catherine School

As the year winds down, I am reminded of how blessed the St. Catherine School community has been this past year. But before we jump headlong into summer, I am trying to settle down and enjoy each of the remaining days of this school year. We have a wonderful staff and student body this year, and next year we will be a new school as people graduate and move on and new faces come. Thank you to everyone, students, parents, staff, and everyone else involved in the school for making this a special year. Let's enjoy the remaining days to the fullest!



Family Faith Formation

With the Easter season coming to a close, the Church turns our attention to a series of special feasts, including the Ascension of Jesus, Pentecost, the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi. In other words, the Church is giving us many reasons to celebrate over the coming weeks. What are some ways we as families can enjoy these days? How will your family look different on these feasts? Be creative, have fun together, and enjoy these wonderful gifts from the Church!

KITCHEN Dish Cloths: Thank you to those who donated dish cloths to the church kitchen. The kitchen has plenty of dish cloths with the combined donations and purchases. All dish cloths and dish towels are now labelled "St. Catherine" in red thread.

Altar Server Training and Refresher All altar servers who have been serving for one year or more, altar servers in 4th Grade who had a little training a few weeks ago, and any children and youth in 4th Grade and above who want to begin to serve are asked to come to an altar server training and refresher session on Sunday, May 16th, after the 10:30 AM Mass at 11:45 AM. We will begin with pizza in the parish hall. We need this training to refresh the servers on doing all of the responsibilities and tasks with three servers working closely together. New servers and children in 4th Grade will have to learn all of the responsibilities and tasks of serving. At the present time, I ask that the servers wear face masks since we will be close to each other while serving for Mass. I thank God for your service. - Msgr. Skonseng

Beginning Experience Weekend

A Beginning Experience Weekend will take place on June 25-27, 2021, at the Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. The BE Weekend is a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon program for adults grieving the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce, or separation. It is presented by people who have suffered the loss of a loved one. They are willing to share their experience to help others. Team members lead participants through a program of presentations, personal private reflection and small group sharing. The BE Weekend is the core program and the foundation of the Beginning Experience ministry. If you or someone you know could benefit from coming to the BE Weekend, please contact the following for an application: Bonnie at (701) 318-0949 or Marlene at (218) 998-4300 or call the BE line at (701) 277-8784 and leave a message for more information. You can also contact this website:

www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org.

Knights of Columbus Raffle The KC Raffle for 2021 is underway. We will be awarding five (5) \$500 cash prizes. Each raffle ticket is \$20. Proceeds are used to support St. Catherines School, Faith Formation and Knights of Columbus activities. Return tickets to the parish office or to pickup additional tickets. Thanks for your support of St. Catherine's parish.



St Catherine's Teen Corner

Please pray for our youth as they prepare to go to the Steubenville North Conference this summer.