



January 14, 2024

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Catholic Community of Luverne



2nd Sunday
— of —
Ordinary Time

The next day John was standing there with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus pass by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." On hearing him say this, the two disciples began to follow Jesus.

John 1:35-37

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. KOSSE...

Today we begin the season in the Church called Ordinary Time. It is not that this season is just ordinary and nothing important will be happening. To the contrary a lot will happen. A lot will be shared with us by God the Father. For God we are center of all that he is about. He wants the best and that is what we will be hearing during these

days called Ordinary Time. On this Sunday, we hear how Saul was called by God to be the King of Israel. In that story, Saul was looking for a lost donkey and not finding it, he was frustrated. It was in his frustration that God spoke to him. God went looking for him, and God will do the same for us. He will look after us and bless us, even when some days

we just feel frustrated. May each Sunday be another time of hearing what God has in store for us.

This Sunday we welcome Fr. Richard Polek as he comes to speak on the Food for the Poor. He is one of many speakers that is asked to share our need to remember the poor of our country and across the world. May God bless him in his ministry.

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From the certainty that God's grace is with us comes the strength to take courage in the present moment: the courage to carry forward what God asks of us here and now, in every area of our lives; courage to embrace the vocation which God reveals to us; courage to live out our faith without hiding or diminishing it.” - Pope Francis

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

January 15-21, 2024

Monday, January 15th.....	Private Chapel.....	NO MASS
Tuesday, January 16th	St. Leo	4:00 PM.....Adoration
Tuesday, January 16th	St. Leo	5:15 PM.....NO MASS
Wednesday, January 17th	St. Catherine.....	9:00 AM.....NO MASS
Thursday, January 18th	Falls Landing.....	10:30 AM.....NO MASS
Friday, January 19th	Parkview.....	9:30 AM.....Rosary & Communion
Friday, January 19th	Vet's Home.....	10:00 AM.....NO MASS
Saturday, January 20th	St. Catherine.....	5:00 PM.....+Eric Christensen
Sunday, January 21st.....	St. Catherine.....	8:30 AM.....For the Parishioners
Sunday, January 21st.....	St. Leo	10:30 PM.....+Joel Loose
Sunday, January 21st.....	St. Leo	1:00 PM.....+Jim Crowley

Confession: Sunday 8:00 AM or by appointment.

St. Catherine 8:30 AM Sunday Mass will be Live Streamed on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stccluverne/videos/>

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JESUS CALLING: Let Me Bless You with My grace and Peace. Open your heart and mind to receive all that I have for you. Do not be ashamed of your emptiness. Instead, view it as the optimal condition for being filled with My Peace. It is easy to touch up your outward appearance, to look as if you have it all together. Your attempts to look good can fool most people. But I see straight through you, into the depths of your being. There is no place for pretense in your relationship with Me. Rejoice in the relief of being fully understood. Talk with Me about your struggles and feelings of inadequacy. Little by little, I will transform your weaknesses into strengths. Remember that your relationship with Me is saturated in grace. Therefore, nothing that you do or don't do can separate you from My Presence (1 Samuel 16:7; Romans 8:38-39).

PRAYER CHAIN: Please reach out to Mary Lou Mulligan 507-935-8173 if you have any prayer needs. Also, if you are interested in learning more and/or becoming a part of the prayer chain please reach out!

ADORATION: Did you know that we are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival? You are invited to visit our chapel during this Year of Parish Revival. Please sign in on the table in the back of the chapel upon your visit. St. Catherine's Adoration Chapel hours which need to be filled are: Wednesday 5:00 PM, Thursday 2:00 PM, Friday 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 1:00 PM. Contact Jen Huisman if you can help fill hours.

ST. CATHERINE MEALS: All parishioners are invited to share in this meal. The January Parish Meal will be held on Wednesday, January 17th from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM in Doyle

Hall. The menu will be chili, chicken noodle soup, and broccoli cheese soup. These suppers are parish gatherings and hopefully can make Wednesday evening a bit easier for families. There is no cost at the supper but donations can be given at the office.

- January 17th: Soup Supper
- February 21st: Walking Tacos
- March 20th: Baked Potato Bar
- April 17th: Grilled hamburger and hotdogs

WOMEN OF FAITH: This group calls women to grow in faith and friendship. During the next seven (7) weeks they will be listening to a podcast called "Hope for Right Now" which focuses on the seven (7) "I AM" statements of Jesus from Gospel of John. It will be on Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in St Catherine Gathering Space. For more information contact Katie Baustian at 507-227-3531.

- Week 1: January 10th – "I am the Bread of Life"
- Week 2: January 17th – "I am the Light of the World"
- Week 3: January 24th – "I am the Door"
- Week 4: January 31st – "I am the Good Shepherd"
- Week 5: February 21st – "I am the resurrection and the life"
- Week 6: February 28th – "I am the way, the truth, and the life"
- Week 7: March 6th – "I am the Vine"

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: The available January spots for the Ministry Schedule will now be posted on the St. Catherine Website located under St. Catherine Liturgical Minister Schedule. Please reach out to volunteer if you are available during any of the open weekends.

SC Ministry Schedule	Saturday, January 20 5:00 pm	Sunday, January 21 8:30 am
Rosary	Katie Baustian	Barb Daly
Gifts		
Lector	Patty Evans	Melanie Madison
Servers		Lucas Madison &
Ushers	Lisa & Roger Hoff	Bruce & Lana Henrichs
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Baustian & Mike Haakenson & Todd Evans	Dennis Madison
Sacristan	Mary Aaker	Jason & April Schutz
Video		Jacob Madison

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA) St. Catherine's Goal for 2023 was \$28,771.00.

Final Pledges for 2023	Donors	Received	Percentage	Shortfall
	66	\$18,550.02	64.47%	\$10,220.98

SaintSPOTLIGHT

SAINT HILARY - Born into a wealthy pagan family in Poitiers, France, Hilary was well educated in the classics. As he looked into his own soul, however, he knew that he did not exist for the sole purpose of seeking pleasure, enjoying leisure, obtaining wealth, or merely satisfying his fleshly desires. Hilary reasoned that the human soul did not exist simply to die. Instead, it must exist for something more, something eternal, something glorious. When his pagan culture did not suffice and philosophy fell short, Hilary finally found what he was searching for when he stumbled upon the Scriptures.

Hilary was first struck by the mysterious name of God in the Old Testament: "I AM WHO I AM." God had revealed Himself as eternal, without beginning or end—Existence itself. Then Hilary discovered the Son of God in the Gospel of John 1:1–14. Of this discovery, Hilary said, "My soul measured the mighty workings of God, wrought on the scale of His eternal omnipotence . . . by a boundless faith . . . that God was in the beginning with God, and that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . ." (De Trinitate 1.12).

Hilary had the will to believe, and in the years that followed he was given the power and gift to understand the beauty, mystery, omnipotence, and nature of the Most Holy Trinity. Shortly after these discoveries of faith, Hilary was baptized a Christian and went on to defend the doctrine of the Trinity against the "insanity and ignorance of men." He so impressed the faithful that they chose him to be their bishop, a dignity to which he reluctantly agreed.

Among those who shared in the "insanity and ignorance" of that time were a group of bishops and laity who followed the heresy of Arianism, which denied

the divinity of Christ, instead holding that the Son was inferior to the Father. This heresy was especially strong in the Eastern Church but was starting to spread throughout France. After Hilary was a bishop for only about five years, the emperor, an Arian himself, ordered every bishop to pledge their support for this heresy. Hilary refused. Instead, he vigorously defended the truth, and for his brave stance was exiled to Phrygia, in modern-day Turkey. In His love and providence, God used Hilary's time of exile in powerful ways.

While in Phrygia, Bishop Hilary spent much time studying and writing. He had already composed a marvelous commentary on the Gospel of Matthew while in Poitiers, and now he set his mind to his greatest work, *De Trinitate* (On the Trinity). Drawing from his classical education, his knowledge of Greek, his love of the Scriptures, and from the "insanity" and "ignorance" of Arianism itself, Bishop Hilary composed a comprehensive defense of the doctrine of the Trinity as it was taught in the Nicene Creed. Bishop Hilary caused so much trouble for the Arians in Phrygia that the Arian bishops pleaded with the emperor to send him back home, a request the emperor honored.

On his return to Poitiers, Bishop Hilary took the long way home through Greece and Italy, preaching all the way, weeding out the beginnings of Arianism in the Western Church. His effectiveness came not only from his clear teaching, but also from his conciliatory approach and resolute determination. Back in Poitiers, he continued to preach, write, attend councils, and even to compose hymns. The hymns were his way of introducing the doctrines of the faith to the people of God in song. He was a true pastor who burned with a desire that everyone come to a deeper knowledge of the One God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Contributions (Adult Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)
 January 7th.....\$8,557.20
 Holy Day \$50.00
 Mass Intentions..... \$95.00
 Maintenance \$45.00
 Candle Money\$280.55
Total..... \$9,027.75

Please remember St. Catherine **needs weekly contributions** of **\$7,762.00** to keep current on monthly expenses.

Week 28 - (7/1/23-1/7/24)

Needed to Date\$217,336.00

Income to Date\$214,099.70

Please Include St. Mary Cemetery, St. Catherine Church, or St. Catherine Cemetery in your Last Will and Testament. We encourage giving through Parish Soft - the QR Code for Online Giving through ParishSOFT is below. Call or email Jody Richters 283-8502, fa@stscl.org, for more information or to sign up.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/f6260034-ff6b-4187-a4cf-e7d15dd119fb>



Birthday Greetings!

Lura McHale, Mary Jo Nath, Linda Staeffler, Bryson Van Belle, John Oksness, Emma Deutsch, Lori Oechsle, Tammy Smeins, Lisa Heronimus, Lindsay Meyeraan, Joanne Wohlford, Jerry Deuschle, and Jeff Deutsch

Anniversaries!

None



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**We are excited to host Fr. Leo Patalinghug
7 PM on February 7th, 2024**

So far we have received donations of
\$4,000 to support this event.

We are looking for 18 more parishioners to gift
\$100 each to make this night a successful part of
St. Catherine's Eucharistic Revival.

Any and all donations are welcome.

Mark your donation: Fr. Leo presentation and drop at the office or in the collection.

**Join us for a night of fun, fellowship and
learning how food nourishes family and
strengthens relationships.**

SAVE THE DATE: Join us at 7:00 PM on February 7th at St. Catherine Church for a Eucharistic Presentation by Father Leo Patalinghug. Fr. Leo is an author/speaker, creator and founder of an international food and faith movement called Plating Grace. He is a host for radio, podcast and a weekly international food and faith show on EWTN, Savoring our Faith. The mission to see food as a gift from God to nourish your family and to strengthen relationships is making this world a better place one meal at a time.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Would you like to volunteer for a ministry that takes very little time? St. Catherine needs a person or families to deliver the donated items for the food shelf that are left in the Gathering Space. This could be done at a time convenient for the volunteer. Another piece of this ministry would be to lead the parish food shelf donation drive in February. Please let Brandi know if you would be willing to lead this ministry. Thank you

LITURGICAL LIVING BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND LENT: This block of Ordinary Time does not last very long. It begins just after Christmas and ends when Lent begins. Here are a few ways to live liturgically during winter's Ordinary Time: January can be filled with expectation. We hope to accomplish specific New Year's resolutions. We also dare to hope for what the New Year could bring: health, hope, love, financial security, and so on. This can cause our hearts to grow restless because we want to control the outcome of our hopes, dreams, and goals. It is fitting, then, that the month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. While we do have some control over our resolutions and goals, this dedication reminds us that Someone far greater has all the control, and we can

entrust our new year to Him. To practically dedicate January to the Holy Name of Jesus, consider praying with your favorite Name for Jesus. It could be Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, Lord of Lords, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, or something else. Whichever one resonates with you, write it out and place it wherever you pray. Invite Jesus, under this particular title, to reign in your heart and take care of you, as you begin the new year.

Solidify Prayer Practices: Speaking of prayer, Winter's Ordinary Time encourages us to recall our encounter with Christ this Christmas and decide how we want to practically live it out in the ordinariness of life. Hold onto your prayer practices of Advent and Christmas, and solidify them into a daily prayer routine. One way to do this is by praying with the daily Psalm or Gospel reading, which can be found online or in a printed format, such as the Magnificat. Journal about how God is speaking to you personally through His Word. Add a Rosary, or even just a decade, to your day. Discern whether the Holy Spirit is prompting you to begin a weekly Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. **Order Our Days in Peace:** As you begin adding birthdays and other special dates to your new calendar, decide how to make this year more spiritual. Pencil in what time you will pray each day. Schedule time to attend an extra Mass each week and Confession each month. Decide what feast days you want to celebrate and devotions you want to add. Select the spiritual books you want to read. The key is to not add all the spiritual things at once. Rather, be mindful of what is already present in your life and build slowly from there.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: As a parish, many are still impacted from the loss of Fr. Tom Jennings and the legacy of kindness and love he left behind. That being said, in memory of Fr. Tom, we will be collecting donations to create a scholarship fund. The scholarship will be directed to High School graduating seniors who are members of St. Catherine, that are planning to go into agriculture, ministry, social work, and other areas of study. Checks should be written out to St. Catherine-Fr. Tom Jennings Scholarship.

THANK YOU: We received a thank you from one of our parishioners. "Thank you to the anonymous person/ persons that are giving away bus vouchers for church. It is greatly appreciated".

SAVE THE DATE!

Living Our Faith in Love

Special Guest
Pat Millea



Worthington Deanery
High School Youth Retreat
Grades 9-12 at
St. Leo Church - Pipestone
Sunday, March 17th, 2024

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT: More info to come as soon as it is available!

DATES TO NOTE:

Wednesday, January 17th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 24th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 31st	Faith Formation 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM



SAVE THE DATE: We just got our dates for this summer's Youth Program, for those who are currently in Kindergarten through 12th grade, Totus Tuus: July 14 -19. Mark your calendars!

PATHWAYS TEC TOGETHER ENCOUNTER CHRIST

TEC 74: February 17-19, 2024
Presidents' Day Weekend

Site: St. Catherine
Catholic Church
203 East Brown
Luverne, MN

TEC begins on Saturday
morning at 9:30 AM and
ends at 6:00 PM
Monday evening.

Open to everyone ages 16+



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TEC IS ALMOST HERE: TEC weekend works to build spiritual growth through participation in group activities. Although some time is given for individual prayer and reflection, the emphasis throughout the weekend is on group participation through music, discussions, talks, prayer, Scripture, Mass and celebration. **Who can attend?** Teens and adults, ages 16 and older, are welcome to attend the Pathways weekend. **What does the retreat cost?** The three-day retreat costs \$75, which includes lodging and meals. Payment is due on the first day of retreat.

Register by filling out the form to the right and turning it in to the Parish Office.

Your Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Your Address: _____

Age: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Parents Names: _____

Your Parish: _____

Parish Priest: _____

Your Parish Youth or Faith Formation Director: _____

Any special health or physical needs: _____

Tell Us About You:

Describe your participation in school, work, clubs, and organizations.

Why do you want to attend a TEC retreat?

Describe your participation in your church.

Please describe any other retreat experiences you may have had.

Have you had any friends or family members make a TEC?
(please give names)

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