



January 28, 2024

# ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

*The Catholic Community of Luverne*



**4th Sunday**  
— *of* —  
**Ordinary Time**

*The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry emerged from him. The people were all amazed, and they began to ask one another, "What is this? It must be a new kind of teaching! With authority he gives commands even to unclean spirits, and they obey him!"*

Mark 1:26-27

## FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. KOSSE...

"You are the Holy One of God!" Who said that? It was not one of Jesus' disciples. It was not one of the people that were cured by Jesus. Who said it? It was said by an unclean spirit who was casted out of a person by Jesus. An unclean spirit was an evil spirit or the devil. The devil knew who Jesus was. But Jesus did not want it to speak as who he was. He did not want the people trying to make him an all-powerful God, which he was. No! He wanted the people then and

now to see him as a loving and caring God who wants to walk with us. In the first reading for today, Moses spoke of the time that the people of Israel became frightened of God. The mountain shook with fire and smoke. Thus they said, "Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die." Jesus came not to frighten us but to invite us to walk with him. He did not come in power but in mercy. He came not to condemn but to redeem. Every

Sunday we come as his invited guests to dine with him, to hear him speak to us once again, to feel his presence. That is how Jesus wants us to see him. He stands in our midst as a loving brother who has opened up the Kingdom of Heaven. He gave everything so that we may all reside there as heirs, adopted sons and daughters of God, even to the point of dying on the cross for us. Lord Jesus, your love for us is beyond imagination. How great it is to be in your presence!

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*I Instead of imposing new obligations, (Christians) should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet.”*

*- Pope Francis*

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

**January 29 - February 4, 2024**

Monday, January 29th .....	Private Chapel.....	+Bud Clark
Tuesday, January 30th .....	St. Leo.....	4:00 PM.....Adoration
Tuesday, January 30th .....	St. Leo.....	5:15 PM.....+Erin Fiegen
Wednesday, January 31st .....	St. Catherine.....	9:00 AM .....+L Honerman Family
Thursday, February 1st.....	Ridgeview .....	10:30 AM .....+Jim Hulm
Friday, February 2nd .....	Parkview.....	9:30 AM .....Rosary & Communion
Friday, February 2nd .....	Tuff.....	10:00 AM .....+Fabian Deutsch
Saturday, February 3rd.....	St. Catherine.....	5:00 PM.....+Marlene & +Landell Bullerman
Sunday, February 4th .....	St. Catherine.....	8:30 AM .....For the Parishoners
Sunday, February 4th .....	St. Leo.....	10:30 PM.....+Mary Ehlers
Sunday, February 4th .....	St. Leo.....	1:00 PM.....+Kristi Nelson

**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/stcdluverne/videos/>**

## OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS • News, Honors, Thank You's

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?** “When the owner of the vineyard returns,” Jesus asked “what do you think he will do to those farmers?” (Matthew 21:40). To conclude His shocking parable of the wicked farmers (Matt. 21:33-46), Jesus suddenly threw the ball into His opponents’ court. They were forced by the logic of the story to react, which they did with vigor, denouncing and pronouncing a death sentence upon the wicked farmers and saying the vineyard should be entrusted to more worthy tenants. But their response backfired on them as they realized that they were the usurping tenants on borrowed terrain, ungratefully and ungraciously refusing to honor the terms of their agreement with the owner, God, and plunging headlong in a plot to kill His Son. Throughout this climatic series of encounters near the end of Jesus’ earthly ministry, He repeatedly asked His antagonists, “What do you think?” It would be one thing for Jesus, having been rejected over and over by the unrepentant religious establishment at Jerusalem, to pronounce judgment on them. It was a decision He had a perfect right to render, as His parables illustrate. But it was all the more effective for Him to let them reason out the consequences of their rejection and actually articulate it themselves. Jesus gives us clear and reasonable ground upon which He will one day act as judge. He spells out both what He expects and what He offers, and then asks us to consider, “What do you think?” You cannot pretend that you don’t understand what Jesus expects and what He offers. The ball is in your court. Where will you go from here?

**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:** Thank you to all who volunteered for the soup supper. All parishioners are invited to share in the upcoming walking taco meal. 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.

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

**ST. CATHERINE KNIGHT’S OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST:** St Catherine KC will be serving a breakfast next Sunday, February 4th in Doyle Hall from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, toast, milk, juice, and coffee. It’s a free will offering, and everyone is invited. All KC members scheduled to work for this year’s KC events received a worker schedule in the mail. The KC workers for February 4th are: Dennis Boyenga, Burdell Braa, Tony Gacke, Lee Hamann, Roger Hoff, Jasen Lenz, Corey Nelson, Tom Nelson, Mike Smith, Pat Von Tersch, and Jeffrey Wieneke. KC members are only down to work one KC event so please work your event or find another KC to swap with. Thank you!



SC Ministry Schedule	Saturday, February 3 5:00 pm	Sunday, February 4 8:30 am
Rosary		
Gifts		
Lector		Dave Ranschau
Servers		
Ushers	Roger & Lisa Hoff	
Eucharistic Ministers	Delaine Jensen	Becky Ranschau
Sacristan	Alex & Cheryl Hartman	
Video		

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

CMA Pledges Final	Donors	Received	Percentage	Still Needed
Pledges of 2023	71	\$20,575.02	71.51%	\$8,195.98

## FAITH FORMATION • Youth News & Activities

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR SERVICE OVERSELF:** Service Over Self will return this summer as an opportunity for our high school students and

<b>DATES TO NOTE:</b>	
Wednesday, January 31st	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 7th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM (evening classes w/Fr. Leo)
Wednesday, February 14th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM with Ash Wednesday Mass
Wednesday, February 21st	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 28th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

**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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adults to serve right here in our community! Mark your calendars for June 24-27. More information on the week, our theme,

and how to be involved will be shared in the coming months as the Rock the Edge team works out the details!

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Weekly Contributions** (Adult Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)  
January 21st .....\$9,310.57  
Faith Formation Tuition ..... \$25.00  
**Total**..... **\$9,335.57**

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

**Week 30** - (7/1/23-1/21/24)  
Needed to Date .....\$232,860.00  
Income to Date .....\$224,858.42

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@stsc.org](mailto:fa@stsc.org), for more information or to sign up.

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



## Birthday Greetings!

Jean Williamson, Barb Spartz, Allyson Van Belle, Dave Willers, Dave Mollberg, Shirley Reisdorfer, Audrey Vortherms, Addy Donth, Ricky Nadolski, Ramona Taubert, Anthony Beaner, Jon McLendon, Skylar Vander Steen, Chris Luze, Britton Stoffel, Alan Lais, George Langford, and Mike Nath

## Anniversaries!

Jon & Nikki McLendon and Pat & Angie Foerster



## OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS • News, Honors, Thank You

**SAVE THE DATE:** Join us at 7:00 PM on February 7, 2024 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 SCHEDULE:** The available February 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.

**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 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”

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** This weekend we take up the collection for the church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE:** From March-May there will be a rotating schedule created which will be emailed and mailed to volunteers on each list we have on file. The schedule has been created to help eliminate some work for the office staff while I am out on Maternity Leave. If there is an issue with your scheduled date please let us know before the end of February or it will be the volunteer's responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you for understanding.



**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!

**DID YOU KNOW:** St. Catherine CCW is looking for volunteers for Vet's Bingo on February 16th and Fellowship on Sunday, February 11th. Thank you for your service to others when you volunteer here at church or in the community! It is very much appreciated. All are welcome at the next CCW meeting on March 5th at 6:30 PM (new time).

**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.

**DIOCESE OF WINONA ROCHESTER-CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY INFORMATION:** The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org) under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or [mhamann@dowr.org](mailto:mhamann@dowr.org).



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We are excited to invite you to this special day planned just for Youth in grades 9-12. The day will include fun activities, great presentations, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass and supper together. Meet youth from across the Deanery and beyond!

Cost - \$5.00 per student and we ask that each participant brings a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food shelf.

THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE DEANERY SOCIAL CONCERNS ROUNDTABLE, THE FAITH FORMATION DIRECTORS OF THE DEANERY, AND IS SPONSORED IN PART BY A GRANT FROM THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA.



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Pat Millea**

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**Mass Celebrant  
Father Tim  
Biren**

Contact Nicole in  
the Faith Formation  
Office to sign up!



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