



January 7, 2024

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Catholic Community of Luverne



The Epiphany
— as —
THE LORD

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

Matthew 2:9-10

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. KOSSE...

We come now to the last Sunday in the Christmas Season. This week we will be moving into what is called the Ordinary Time of the Year until we begin the Lenten season. Today we have the story of the Magi, the Wise Men, from the East. They came bearing gifts, to be given to the child Jesus. But they went back home with an even greater gift – the gift of knowing that salvation had come into the world. The Messiah, Jesus, was born and now they were to be bearers of that Good News to others. It is our story now to know that this gift is ours to share, to live out, and to rejoice in. We do not

know who these Magi touched when they went back home. The same can be said of us. We might not know how we have shared with others this Good News, but we have and Jesus is glad to share it with you and in turn to ask you to continue in sharing the joy of Christmas.

I want to thank all who beautifully decorated the church for Christmas, those who planned all the music, singing and leading us in song, all the Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, Ushers, Servers, those who videotaped the Mass, and many others. All had a part in making these past days beautiful days, days

of truly remembering what a great gift God the Father gave to world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

I will be leaving for vacation on January 13th and be back on January 24th. For any emergencies, please contact Deacon Kevin Aaker.

Check out the website for St. Leo and St. Catherine at www.stscl.org. You can view the current bulletin and some of the past bulletins. There is a Calendar that shows the various activities in the parish. Scroll through its areas and see what you find. There is a lot of material for you to read and learn about the parish and one's faith.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

January 8-14, 2024

Monday, January 8th	Private Chapel.....	+Tim Bartscher
Tuesday, January 9th	St. Leo	4:00 PM.....Adoration
Tuesday, January 9th	St. Leo	5:15 PM.....+Johnson & +Buse Family
Wednesday, January 10th	St. Catherine.....	9:00 AM.....+Honerman Family
Thursday, January 11th	Ridgeview	10:30 AM.....+Jean Deutsch
Friday, January 12th	Parkview.....	10:00 AM.....+Jean Blomgren
Saturday, January 13th	St. Catherine.....	5:00 PM.....For the Parishioner
Sunday, January 14th.....	St. Catherine.....	8:30 AM.....+Anthony Boyenga & Mary Jenniges
Sunday, January 14th.....	St. Leo	10:30 PM.....+Kristi Nelson
Sunday, January 14th.....	St. Leo	1:00 PM.....+Jim Hulm

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/>

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

JESUS CALLING: It is impossible to praise or thank me too much. As it is written, I inhabit the praises of My people. Sometimes your adoration is a spontaneous overflow of Joy, in response to radiant beauty or rich blessings. At other times your praise is more disciplined and measured an act of your will. I dwell equally in both types of praise. Thankfulness, also, is a royal road to draw near Me. A thankful heart has plenty of room for Me. When you thank Me for the many pleasures I provide, you affirm that I am God, from whom all blessings flow. When adversity strikes and you thank Me anyway, your trust in My sovereignty is a showpiece in invisible realms. Fill up the spare moments of your life with praise and thanksgiving. This joyous discipline will help you live in the intimacy of My Presence. (Psalm 22:3, Psalm 126:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:18).

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.

HEALING PATH: Life beyond domestic violence: The group will be held on Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to approximately 7:30 PM starting on Monday, January 8th. The group will continue to meet every Monday for 12 weeks; most insurance

is accepted. The group is for additional services for those victimized by domestic abuse by breaking through isolation and eliminating shame and guilt. Healing Path Counseling is located at 215 North Cedar St, Luverne MN.

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'S PODCAST: Ladies of the Parish here is a podcast for you! Lisa Brenninkmeyer, the creator of Walking with Purpose has created a weekly podcast called; "Hope for Right Now". This weekly 30 minute podcast starts with encountering Jesus personally with a focus on the "I AM" scriptures, mainly the book of John. What a great way to spend 30 minutes each week!

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

SC Ministry Schedule	Saturday, January 13 5:00 pm	Sunday, January 14 8:30 am
Rosary	Mary Christensen	Renae Pick
Gifts		
Lector		Travis Jenniges
Servers	Ashlyn Hemme, Hadley Louwagie	Eden Janiszkeski, Lucas Maddison
Ushers		Bruce & Lana Henrichs
Eucharistic Ministers	Lynn Richters & Marlene Displinter	
Sacristan	Alex & Cheryl Hartman	Jason & April Schutz
Video		

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA) St. Catherine's Goal for 2023 is \$28,771.00. Donation envelopes are available on the bulletin tables.

CMA Pledges as of December 31, 2023	Donors	Received	Percentage	Still Need
	61	\$17,050.02	59.26%	\$11,720.98

SaintSPOTLIGHT

SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE expressed a saint's faith by a lifelong devotion to Saint Joseph.

Sickness and weakness dogged André from birth. He was the eighth of 12 children born to a French Canadian couple near Montreal. Adopted at 12, when both parents had died, he became a farmhand. Various trades followed: shoemaker, baker, blacksmith—all failures. He was a factory worker in the United States during the boom times of the Civil War.

At 25, André applied for entrance into the Congregation of Holy Cross. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget, he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he said.

In his little room near the door, he spent much of the night on his knees. On his windowsill, facing Mount Royal, was a small statue of Saint Joseph, to whom he had been devoted since childhood. When asked about it he said, "Some day, Saint Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!"

When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. He would

rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel. Word of healing powers began to spread.

When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "Saint Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the 80,000 letters he received each year.

For many years the Holy Cross authorities had tried to buy land on Mount Royal. Brother André and others climbed the steep hill and planted medals of Saint Joseph. Suddenly, the owners yielded. André collected \$200 to build a small chapel and began receiving visitors there—smiling through long hours of listening, applying Saint Joseph's oil. Some were cured, some not. The pile of crutches, canes and braces grew.

The chapel also grew. By 1931, there were gleaming walls, but money ran out. "Put a statue of Saint Joseph in the middle. If he wants a roof over his head, he'll get it." The magnificent Oratory on Mount Royal took 50 years to build. The sickly boy who could not hold a job died at 92.

He is buried at the Oratory. He was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010. At his canonization in October 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Saint Andre "lived the beatitude of the pure of heart."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Contributions (Adult Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)

Adult	\$8,852.58
Holy Day	\$1,283.00
Maintenance Fund.....	\$50.00
Rent of Facility.....	\$150.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$125.00
Total.....	\$10,460.58

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

Week 27 - (7/1/23-12/31/23)

Needed to Date	\$209,574.00
Income to Date	\$205,071.95

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!

Sarah Deutsch, Keri Hansen, Nikki McLendon, April Schutz, Elliot Domagala, Mary Nath, Jerry Jensen, Brigitte Wieneke, Kim Von Tersch, Cindy Boll, Diane Gonnerman, Cheryl Hartman, Jeremy Olson, Samuel Rock, Matthew Arends, and Eden Janiszkeski

Anniversaries!

Todd & Mary Christensen and Jereme & Suzanne Lenz



OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS • News, Honors, Thank You

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Join us at St. Catherine Church on February 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM, 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Thank you to all who have volunteered for Meals on Wheels for the month of January. St. Catherine still needs (4) volunteers for January 12th. Sunday after Mass there will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space where you can sign up, or please call the office 507-283-8502 to let us know if you would like to volunteer for that day.

ST. CATHERINE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST: St Catherine KC will be serving a breakfast today, January 7th 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 January 7th are: Pat Baustian, Tom Baustian, Wes Fuerstenberg, Mike Haakenson, Steve Heitkamp, Jim Lenz, Joe Loosbrock, Trevor Nasers, Wyatt Sprecher, and Dave VanderZiel. KC members are only down to work one KC event so please work your event or find another KC to swap with. Thank you!

OUR OWN EPIPHANY: One detail about the feast of Epiphany is that it is a word that has been adopted into mainstream vernacular. It isn't out of the question that we might hear about an "epiphany" in a class discussion, a business strategy meeting, or a spiritual direction session. All of them imply having made a discovery of significant importance, all stemming from this same root experience

of the Magi themselves coming upon the Child Jesus. Each time we hear this word, let us be jolted back to this awareness that God continues to be at work, weaving together the seemingly discombobulated aspects of daily life. Not only does Epiphany extend our Christmas another week beyond the 25th, but it does more than that: it invites us to a vibrant and growing life of faith that allows us to be surprised by the substantial things that God reveals to us in unlikely places. Mangers, dinner tables, Sacraments, timelines, lavish hospitality, deep devotion, family life, business deals, charity work, and repentant hearts.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD: The Baptism of the Lord concludes our celebration of the Christmas season. This feast is one of the three events that make up the celebration of the Epiphany: the Visit of the Magi, the Baptism in the Jordan, and the Wedding Feast at Cana. In these holy events, God's divinity is made manifest among us. God comes to meet us. Yet, this holy feast is not just an event of the past. These mysteries can touch even the most ordinary human experiences of our lives, even standing at the kitchen sink. At any moment, you can open your heart to step into the love God has for you always and at every moment. We hear the Father's words from Heaven over His Son Jesus: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). What happens when you take a moment, right now, to open your heart to receive God's belovedness for you and allow yourself to step into the love He has for you in this very moment? Listen to His words and your heart.

WELCOME IN BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our
Catholic Community
of Saint Catherine

Sonny James Paquette

*Son of Philip & Paige Paquette
Baptized December 31, 2023*



WELCOME IN BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our
Catholic Community
of Saint Catherine

Isaiah David DeBoer

*Son of Courtney & Andrew DeBoer
Baptized November 12, 2023*



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:

Sunday, January 7th	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Resumes Atrium classes
Wednesday, January 10th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 10th	2nd Grade 1st Reconciliation at 5:00 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+



DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER

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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