



October 5, 2025

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you had faith as tiny as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Luke 17:5-6

**27th Sunday of
ORDINARY TIME**

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Catholic Community of Luverne



FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

I will be away from the parishes from 9-20 October for a wedding in Massachusetts and then the Archdiocese for the Military Services Priest Convocation in Rome. During my absence, Msgr. Kosse will be covering the parishes for sacramental emergencies (danger of death), funerals, and Sunday Masses. There will be no daily Confessions or Masses while I am away.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with both Fall Fest at St. Catherine's and Fall Dinner at St. Leo's. Both events were very smooth. I am grateful to both Msgr. Kosse and Fr. Silva for covering the Masses at St. Leo's so that I could be with the people at St. Catherine's on Sunday. I was able to actually sit down and visit with some of our families and get to know them a little bit better.

St. Leo's: I love that we have so many young families with their children coming to Sunday Mass. The sound of children at Mass is the sound of a young, growing Church. That being said, I must admit that it is challenging to deliver an effective homily when I have a cherub choir giving an impromptu vocal performance. I never know if I am being heard with our sound system and I do not think increasing the volume of the speakers would be an effective solution. I have been thinking about ways to modify/create a space at the Church where parents can take their children to allow them some space to be kids and the parents can still listen to and participate in the Mass. If you have any ideas or concerns regarding this, please let me or a pastoral council member know.

St. Catherine's: For clarification, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will only have the Blessed Sacrament exposed when we have at least two people signed

up for each hour. The Eucharist cannot be left unattended and unsecured. It is Eucharistic Adoration, not Eucharistic Abandonment. Anyone is welcome to come and pray with the Blessed Sacrament that is reserved in the Tabernacle in the main church.

As I am sure many of you already know, the power of the Rosary is a very worthy devotion and should not be underestimated. This week marks the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, formally called Our Lady of Victory. On October 7th, 1571, The Holy League, a group of Christian European Nations bound together in faith and culture achieved a great victory over the Ottoman Empire who were threatening Europe with invasion. In anticipation of this naval campaign in the Mediterranean, Pope Pius V, a former Dominican, called on the entire Church to pray for Our Lady's intercession to save Christian Europe from the Muslim invaders. During the Battle of Lepanto, the only standards that flew above the Christian fleet were an image of Our Lord and Our Lady. Even though the Ottoman Empire's fleet outnumbered the Allied Spanish and Italians, the Christian sailors were victorious, in part due to very favorable winds that are attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mother of God. The victory resulted in 15,000 Christian slaves being rescued from the Ottoman fleet and a great boost in morale for all of Christendom in the face of the ongoing strife of the Protestant Rebellion and the continued aggression of the Ottoman Empire. Let us remember that our prayers to Our Lady are never wasted and that her maternal protection is never far from those who fervently seek her intercession.



Religious experience is an essential dimension of the human person. Without it, it is difficult, if not impossible, to bring about the purification of the heart necessary for building peaceful relationships."

- Pope Leo XIV

OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS

News & Announcements

ADORATION: Beginning Thursday, September 24th, St. Catherine's will transition to a 3-day Adoration schedule to better ensure complete coverage and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. New Weekly Adoration Hours: Tuesday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM - (Exposition and Benediction before the 5:15 PM Mass in the Main Church) Wednesday: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM - (Exposition and Benediction following Faith Formation classes in the Chapel) Thursday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM - (Exposition and Benediction before the 5:15 PM Mass in the Main Church) Important Notes for Adorers: If you currently have a committed hour that falls within the new schedule, you may keep that hour. To honor Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we are asking for two adorers per hour. Adorers with hours on Mondays or Fridays are encouraged to sign up for an hour Tuesday–Thursday as a prayer partner/2nd adorer. We are also in need of Day Leaders and substitutes to help oversee and ensure that all hours are consistently covered. Sign-Up Info: A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Space. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider where you can commit. Each adorer is responsible for finding their own substitute. The sub binder will no longer be used. A new sub list will be distributed once the updated system is in place. Prayer partners are encouraged to communicate and support one another in covering their committed time. We sincerely thank you for your continued devotion and commitment to Adoration. May this new schedule foster deeper unity, prayer, and reverence within our parish. As the list for Adoration is not yet full of two people for each hour, Fr. Joshua has asked that Adoration take place in front of the main tabernacle. Once we have a completely filled schedule we will resume exposition in the chapel again. Please try your best to keep your scheduled time to continue the habit of setting aside a specific time for spending time with Jesus. We will ensure that the outside doors are open to accommodate this change. For questions or to volunteer as a Day Leader, please contact. Jen Huisman at fischpaint@alliancecom.net.

DOYLE HALL/KITCHEN REMODEL PROJECT UPDATE FROM FATHER JOSHUA AND THE FINANCE COUNCIL: A financial contribution was gifted to St. Catherine Church with the intention of updating Doyle Hall. This account has grown over the years by drawing interest and many other generous contributors. This year we researched the opportunity and researched what it would take to remodel this area with current itemized quotes with costs. We are closer than we have ever been with end goal within reach. In the gathering space we will have a drawing of the remodel project, along with our financial needs and position for this project will be communicated as well. We will take a second collection at each Sunday Mass during

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

October 7-12, 2025

ST. CATHERINE

Tuesday, October 7th *Our Lady of the Rosary*

5:15 PM.....Eric Christensen†

Thursday, October 9th *Saint Denis, Bishop, Saint John Leonardi Priest*

5:15 PMNO MASS

Sunday, October 12th *Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM.... Walt†, Eddie†, Fabian†, Lawrence† Deutsch

Mass will be Live Streamed on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/stccluverne/videos/>

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, October 7th4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Thursday, October 9thNo Confession

ST. LEO

Wednesday, October 8th *Weekday*

5:15 PMLoretta Johnson†

Friday, October 10th *Weekday*

5:15 PMNO MASS

Saturday, October 11th *Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

5:00 PMMary Lyn Portz†

Sunday, October 12th *Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

10:30 AM..... For the Parishioners

Sunday, October 12th *Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

1:00 PM Lynnette Klein†

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, October 8th.....4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

With Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, October 10thNo Confession

Saturday, October 11th3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

the month of October with our goal to be able to present our plan to the Consulters Meeting in early November. With approval of the plan, we hope work will begin during the winter months and that Doyle Hall will be available for Lent and Easter celebrations. Contributions can also be accepted in the church office at any time. Please mark the memo line, Doyle Hall Kitchen Project. Updates will continue to be shared about progress of this project. Thank you to everyone for your contributions over the years and for your current donations to make this project come together.

PORK LOIN SALE: There will be leftover frozen pork loin sold following Mass in the coming weeks. If you would like some throughout the week you are welcome to stop by the Parish Office and purchase some as well. The cost for a bag of pork loin is \$25.00.

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OCIA: If you or anyone you know would be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and/or are considering becoming Catholic, please reach out to Deacon Kevin Aaker to join in on the OCIA classes.

CCW: Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Space. Thank you to all that participated in our Rummage Sale. We took in \$1,098.25. A special thanks to Leslie Graham, Lila Bauer, Carol Walgrave, Nan Walgrave, Deb Boomgarden, Linda Brady, Sue Twedt, Deb Boltjes, Eileen Hocking, Diane Lax, and Mary Hemme. Also, please bring your Love Boxes back. I'll be bringing them to the Adrian CCW convention October 11th.

ROSARY & COMMUNION: There will be rosary and Communion at 9:30 AM each Friday at Parkview Manor. All parishioners are welcome to join in.

NEVA CLAUSSEN'S BIRTHDAY INVITATION: On October 19th there will be an open house for Neva Claussen's 98th birthday starting at 2:00 PM in Doyle Hall. All are invited to attend!

ROSARY SERVICE: There will be a Rosary Service at St. Catherine on Wednesdays at 9:15 AM followed by fellowship, treats, and coffee. Please join us for this time of prayer and relationship building if you are available to do so.

BEHOLD WORSHIP NIGHT: Behold is a time of prayer and praise that seeks to draw us into the heart of Jesus in the Holy Eu-

charist. It is an event held every 6-8 weeks in the Sioux Falls area that includes praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and prayerful reflections. This event is free and open to the public and will begin at 7:15pm tonight Sunday, October 5th at St. Michael Parish. Visit <https://suscipe.org/behold> to learn more about this initiative

CHURCH DIRECTORY TEAM: Please reach out to Laura Luitjens if you are interested in being on a committee to help organize and coordinate an updated church directory. 507-227-3782 luitjens831@hotmail.com.

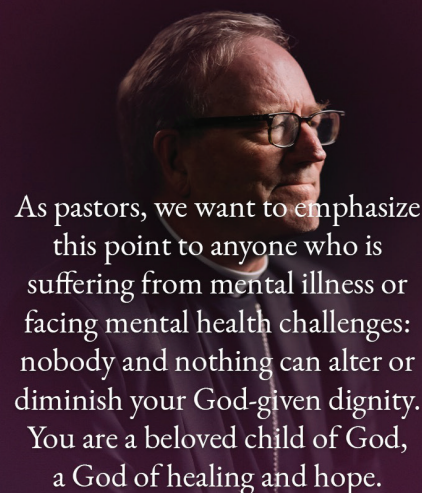
ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY CLEANUP is under way, spraying to kill weeds (which might damage flowers and decorations) will be done from mid-September to the end of October. PLEASE REMOVE all the flowers and decorations. Anything not removed will be carefully disposed of.

WINTER WEEKEND: Winter Weekend is your chance to step away from everyday hectic schedule and spend quality time with family and friends. Relax, recharge, and reconnect while creating memories that will last a lifetime, all while drawing closer to God. This camp is located at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa, Minnesota. The two weekends available are January 16th – 19th or February 13th – 16th. Please pick up a brochure in the Gathering Space or Parish Office for more details.

MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY: The mental health crisis is a profound challenge to the Church and to society. Catholics can respond with generosity, hope, and compassion to everyone who needs help. The USCCB invites all people of good will to pray for mental health and wellness with a special nationwide novena beginning on World Mental Health Day (October 10), continuing to the feast of Saint Luke, patron of health care (October 18). See usccb.org/mentalhealth for more.

NOVENA FOR MENTAL HEALTH: The Novena for Mental Health is an opportunity for all the People of God to join together in prayer for women and men experiencing or impacted by mental health issues and for all those who accompany them. The Novena can be prayed at any time of year.

The entire Church in the United States is especially encouraged to pray this Nationwide Novena in solidarity with Catholics across the country from October 10th to October 18th each year, beginning on World Mental Health Day (Oct 10th), including Mental Health Sunday, and concluding on the feast of Saint Luke the Physician (Oct 18th), the patron of health care. This nine-day prayer experience was developed in collaboration with the National Catholic Mental Health Coalition, a network of leaders representing organizations advising the USCCB and engaging in active work around mental health in Catholic communities nationwide. (<https://www.usccb.org/mental-health>)



As pastors, we want to emphasize this point to anyone who is suffering from mental illness or facing mental health challenges: nobody and nothing can alter or diminish your God-given dignity. You are a beloved child of God, a God of healing and hope.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Healing *and* Hope

An initiative of the USCCB's National
Catholic Mental Health Campaign



2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal ANSWERING GOD'S CALL



The ministries and outreach supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal:



Life, Marriage, and Family

Helping families to live Christ-centered lives and promoting a culture that respects human life at all stages. Providing couples with teaching, mentoring, and resources for a lifetime of self-giving love. Couples participated in five pre-Cana retreats last year, and five more are planned for 2025.



Youth Ministry

Promoting lifelong learning that equips youth to live authentically Catholic lives amid the unique challenges of today's world. Opportunities include yearly events such as Steubenville and Camp Summit, as well as ongoing formation groups to supplement these large Diocesan-scale events.



TV Mass

Thirty-minute Masses are offered weekly, with one-hour Easter and Christmas Masses on KPTH Channel 44 (Sioux City), KDLT Channel 46.2 (Sioux Falls), KEYC Channel 12 (Mankato), KEYC-DT Digital Channel 12.2 or Charter Channel 19 (Mankato), KIMT Channel 3 (Rochester), WLAX Channel 25 (La Crosse), WFTC Digital Channel 29 or 9.2 (Twin Cities), and HBC Channel 20 (Southeastern MN).



Catholic Schools

Providing an exceptional education grounded in Gospel values, community, and service to others in eighteen elementary schools, nine middle/junior high schools, and four high schools across the diocese, with roughly 4,000 students currently enrolled.



Vocations

Supporting the education and formation of candidates for the priesthood so they may, God willing, proclaim the Gospel to the parishes of southern Minnesota. There are currently twenty-four men studying for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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SC Ministry Schedule	Sunday, October 12 • 8:30 AM
Rosary	Shane Peterson
Lector	Travis Jenniges
Servers	Will & Val Jenniges
Ushers	Kyle & Emmett Woodley
Eucharistic Ministers	Lynn Richters, Lori Stoffel, Pat Baustian, and Amy Boyenga
Sacristan	Alex & Cheryl Hartman
Video	Elijah Henrichs

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA) St. Catherine's Goal for 2025 is \$26,802.00. If you haven't already contributed, please return your CMA pledge card, or give online at www.catholicismn.org. As a parish, it would be wonderful to have 50% of our registered families, which is 210 families, contribute to the CMA this year.

CMA Pledges as of September 28 2025	Donors	Received	Percentage
	67	\$17,000.00	63.43%

FAITH FORMATION • Youth News

FALL FAITH FORMATION: Registration has begun for our Faith Formation year. As usual we will begin our Faith Formation year on the first Wednesday of October (October 1st). We will also have our Tuesday morning CGS program from 9:45 AM to 11:15 AM for 3-year-olds through PreK, which will begin on Tuesday, October 7th. Forms were sent by mail and email. If you did not receive one, please contact Nicole in the Faith Formation office (ffd@stsccl.org). Copies of the form can also be found on our website or in the parish office.

TRUNK OR TREAT: St. Catherine will once again be participating in the Trunk or Treat. If you are willing, please donate candy for this event.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FESTIVAL: Imagine a day where young people dive into their faith and connect with God in a new, deep, and personal way. They are met by joyful, energetic young adults who are on fire with God's love. They listen to life-changing talks, engage in small group discussions, hear powerful personal testimonies, and encounter Christ in a personal way through prayer. They are inspired, with hearts ignited in a new way by the love of

DATES TO NOTE:

Wednesday, October 1 – Wednesday Faith Formation Begins (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)

Sunday, October 5 – Children's Liturgy of the Word begins (during 8:30 AM Mass)

Tuesday, October 7 – PreK CGS begins (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, October 8 – Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)

Tuesday, October 14 – PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, October 15 – NO Wednesday Faith Formation (MEA)

Tuesday, October 21 – PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, October 22 – Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)

Sunday, October 26 – Middle School NET Retreat at St. Catherine (1:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Tuesday, October 28 – PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, October 29 – Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)

Christ, and ready for the next step in their faith. They can't wait for what is next.....Now imagine that was happening right here!! We will be hosting a Middle School NET Retreat on October 26, 2025 from 1 pm to 7 pm at St. Catherine Catholic Church. The cost is \$25 per student, scholarships are available. Sign up by contacting Nicole in the Faith Formation Office.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Contributions (Adult Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)
 September 28th\$4,092.87
 Maintenance Fund.....\$75.00
 Fundraising.....\$1,305.00
 Tuition\$925.00
Total.....\$6,397.87
 Please remember St. Catherine **needs weekly contributions of TBD** to keep current on monthly expenses.

Week 13 - (7/1/25-9/28/25)
 Needed to Date TBD
 Income to Date\$93,961.92

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

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



Birthday Greetings!

Dean Nath, Kyle Woodley, Aidan Woodley, Ivan Brake, Henry Donth, Genesis Bonilla Soto, Amber Walgrave, Amy Domagala, Kai Gacke, Matteo Marez, Jessy Padilla Flores, Pat Scheidt, Maria Pena, August Geraets, Kimberly Klaassen, Paul Kramer, Owen Janiszski, and Delaine Jensen

Anniversaries!

Jose & Maria Lopez Sanchez, Jeff & Nancy Lange



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