

November 9, 2025

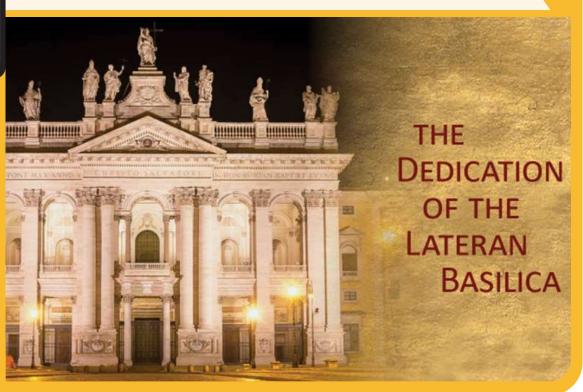
By the grace that God has given to me, I laid a foundation like a skilled master builder, and someone else is building on that foundation. But each one must be careful how he builds on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has already been laid, namely, Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 3:10-1

The Dedication of the LATERAN BASILICA

# ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Catholic Community of Luverne



# FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

I have noticed that there are parishioners leaving the Church after receiving Holy Communion. This is extremely disrespectful not only to me, but it also greatly offends Our Lord. The third commandment obliges Catholics to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays. Receiving Holy Communion is not required to meet this obligation. In fact, reception of Holy Communion is only required once per year during the Easter Season. In order to meet your Sunday obligation, you must stay in the Church until the final blessing and dismissal. If you leave Mass early for anything less than a legitimate emergency, you have not fulfilled your Sunday obligation and you should not present yourself for Holy Communion until you have confessed your sins to a priest and received absolution.

After my homily last Sunday, I received multiple questions regarding the resurrection of the body and the practice of cremation. This is a very good and important question. The Church's disposition towards cremation as noted in the Code of Canon Law states: "The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased be observed; nevertheless, the Church does not prohibit cremation unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine. (Can. 1176 §3.)"

This is a relatively recent development in the life of the Church. Prior to 1963, cremation was only permitted for Catholics in extreme circumstances due to sanitary necessity (plague and exposed bodies during war). In 1969, the Church allowed the committal ritual to be celebrated with cremated remains.

Cremated remains were only allowed to be present at a funeral liturgy beginning in 1997. Cremation is and has been an ancient pagan custom that rejects the resurrection of the body. The Early Roman Empire specifically burned the bodies of the Christian martyrs as a way of attacking their belief in the resurrection of the body. They also did this to prevent other Christians from collecting the earthly remains to be venerated as relics.

In 2016 the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith put out an updated instruction regarding cremation stating among other things:

7. In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects. These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation. 8. When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law.

Practically speaking, the funeral prayers are written to be said in the presence of the body of the deceased and with the body, the prayers are very awkward. If a person insists that the deceased be cremated, it is best to be done after the funeral and before the committal or internment. Know that you are in my prayers. I know I am in yours. –Fr. Joshua

SC Ministry Schedule	Saturday, November 15th 5:00 PM	Sunday, November 16th 8:30 AM	
Rosary	Arlene Kellen	Shane Peterson	
Lector	Hannah Woodley	Melanie Madison	
Servers	Hadley Louwagie	Chloe Strassburg & Ella Facile	
Ushers	Roger & Lisa Hoff	Camden Janiszeski & Ray Jenniges	
Eucharistic Ministers	Delaine Jensen, Lori Stoffel, Mike Haakenson, and Steve Heitkamp	Dennis Madison, Becky Walgrave, Darrell Hemme, and Todd Evans	
Sacristan	Nancy Lange	Mary Aaker	
Video	Emmet Woodley	Lucas Madison	

## **OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

**News & Announcements** 

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** St. Catherine is in charge of meals on wheels for the Month of November. Please sign up if you are available from 11:00~AM-12:30~PM to deliver meals to individuals in the community who are in need of the assistance. The dates we still need a volunteer for is November 14th.

**ADORATION:** Thank You for Supporting Eucharistic Adoration. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has signed up for Adoration and continues to support our parish in keeping a consistent Adoration schedule. Change is never easy, but through prayer and action, we are moving forward together in faith. We currently have 19 time slots still needing to be filled. The sign-up sheet will remain in the Gathering Space until all spots are covered. When all spots are covered we will resume Adoration in the chapel. Please prayerfully consider committing to one hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is open to everyone — whether you can commit weekly or simply want to stop by when you can. All adorers and visitors are asked to sign in, use the binder that is currently in the Sanctuary until Adoration resumes in the chapel, helping us track how Adoration is impacting the spiritual lives of our community. Spending time with Jesus will change your life. Jen Huisman has stepped down from the role of organizing Adoration so if you have any questions please reach out to the office.

### **Open Hours Needing Coverage:**

No Adorer Present (Urgent Need):

- Wednesday: 10 AM
- Thursday: 9 AM and 1 PM

Needs a Second Adorer:

- Tuesdays: 7 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM
- Wednesdays: 10 AM, 1 PM
- Thursdays: 7 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

November 11-16, 2025

#### ST. CATHERINE

Tuesday, November 11th Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop				
5:15 PM	Merle & Elaine Hamann†			
Thursday, November 13th USA: Saint Frances Xavier				
5:15 PM	Brooke Thompson†			
Saturday, November 15th Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time				
5:00 PM	Robert DeSplinter†			
Sunday, November 16th Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time				
8:30 AM	For the Darichioners t			

Mass will be Live Streamed on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/@St.CatherineChurch

#### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

Tuesday, November 11th	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Thursday, November 13th	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday, November 15th	3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

### ST. LEO

	wednesday, November 12th Saint Josaphat Bisnop & Martyr	
	5:15 PM Andrew Smith†	
	Friday, November 14th Weekday	
	5:15 PM For the Soul of Bill Useth†	
Sunday, November 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		
	10:30 AMLarry Sr. Fenicle†	
Sunday, October 16th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		
	1:00 PM Luis Perez†	

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Tuesday, November 11th	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Thursday, November 13th	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday, November 15th	3:45 PM -4:45 PM

We are also looking for Daily Adoration Leaders for Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**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.

**NEW VIDEO SYSTEM:** We have set up a new way to view Mass online. Due to inconsistency with Facebook recording, we have moved it to YouTube. The YouTube link will be the same each week and is posted in our Bio on Facebook. We hope if you are unable to attend in person, that you are able to view online easier. If you need assistance with accessing, please contact the Parish Office. https://www.youtube.com/@St.CatherineChurch

# **OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS** • News & Announcements

**CCW:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 12th at 6:15 PM in the Gathering Space. We took in \$1,653.25 for the Fall Fest Bake Sale. Thank you for baking and giving for the Church!

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION TIME:** The deadline to submit information for the bulletin is Tuesdays at noon as we will need more time to coordinate with the combining of St. Leo & St. Catherine bulletins. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this process of change.

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.

**THANKSGIVING PARISH MEAL:** There will be a Thanksgiving Parish Meal on November 19th from 5:00-6:30 PM. Let us all gather in thanksgiving for the blessings the Lord has brought our way throughout this past year. If you would like to assist in helping with this meal, please look at the sign-up in the gathering space where you can donate: your time, turkeys, and/or an apple or pumpkin dessert.

**US VETERANS & FRIENDS MEAL AT GENERATIONS:** Serving Those Who Served and Are Serving. Join in on a heartfelt evening of food and fellowship honoring our veterans and those currently serving. The meal will be on Tuesday, November 11th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. The location of the event is Generations, 105 S. Estey St., Luverne. Please come enjoy a complimentary meal, a short program, and a quilt drawing as we come together in gratitude. Please RSVP by November 7 to Jackie at 507-544-8388.

**KC BREAKFAST:** Today, there will be a Knight's of Columbus Breakfast next Sunday, November 9th from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM. They will be Serving Pancakes, Eggs, and Sausage & Biscuits.

**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.

**OPEN HEARTS WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT DAY:** Registration is now open for the annual young women's Discernment Day, Open Hearts. Open Hearts is an opportunity for young women to explore the beauty of religious life, meet religious women who are responding to God's loving invitation to total consecration, and encounter different religious communities. Women

will get a view into a life of prayer, community and service to God's Church, gain insights into the path of discernment, and meet and talk with women joyfully living their vocations. This year, Open Hearts will be at Lourdes High School in Rochester, MN from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday, March 21, 2026 S.H.A.R.E-SOCKS & UNDERWEAR DRIVE: For the month of November, we will be collecting new/unopened socks and underwear for SHARE. A variety of sizes and styles are appreciated. There is a laundry basket in the Gathering Space to collect these items. They are hoping to offer each participant a pair of socks and undergarments this year. Additionally, if you know of families who could benefit from this program, please direct them to the application on the Luverne Chamber website: www.luvernechamber.com. The deadline for applications is November 19th.

**ST. CATHERINE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ANNUAL COOKIE SALE:** Winterfest is Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. This event has proven to be a wonderful fundraiser with a minimal amount of work. Its success depends on everyone donating delicious Christmas Cookies & Candy. Each woman is asked to bring 6 dozen cookies or a large plate of other goodies. Please drop off your cookies on Friday, December 5th between 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the Gathering Space. On Saturday take your goodies to the elementary school by 8:30 AM. If you can't supply cookies or candy you are asked to donate \$15.00 that can be placed in the collection marked CCW Christmas Cookie Sale. Any questions call Pat Scheidt, 507-283-8741

**THE WALK TO MARY:** The Diocese of Winona-Rochester (DOW-R) is excited to send, for a second time, a group of religious and laity from our diocese to experience and participate in the Walk to Mary! The Walk to Mary is an annual, twenty-twomile pilgrimage walk in Wisconsin. The pilgrimage begins at the National Shrine of St. Joseph located at St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI and ends at the only Church-approved Marian apparition site in the United States of America, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. For more details related to the pilgrimage (i.e. Itinerary, Packing List, Registration, Cost, etc.) please consult, as a resource, our Walk to Mary Info Guide. For additional questions, please contact Brian Hansen (Phone: 507-361-1939), our diocese's Coordinator of Adult and Lay Formation, or Kat Larson (Phone: 507 administrative assistant to our diocese's Office of Evangelization. Below are some important dates for prospective pilgrims to be aware of when considering to register for this diocesan event. We hope you will join us on this sacred journey!

- Date of Event: Friday, May 1 Sunday, May 3, 2026
- Early Bird Registration Discount Deadline: Thursday, January 1, 2026

Registration Deadline: Sunday, March 1, 2026.

## **FAITH FORMATION** • Youth News & Activities







**THANK YOU FOR A BEAUTIFUL HALLOWTIDE:** A huge thank you to all who donated candy for Trunk or Treat, all those who helped put out/pick up candles at the cemetery and everyone who came out and prayed. All in all, it was a beautifully celebrated Hallowtide!

2ND GRADE 1ST RECONCILIATION LEARNING CENTERS: All 2nd grad-

#### **DATES TO NOTE:**

**Tuesday, November 11**— PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

**Wednesday, November 12** — Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

Tuesday, November 18— PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

**Wednesday, November 19** – Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

**Wednesday, November 19** — 2nd grade First Reconciliation Stations (open from 5:00 to 7:00 pm)

Tuesday, November 25— PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, November 26 — NO FAITH FORMATION — HAPPY THANKSGIVING

ers must complete Reconciliation Learning Centers. They are scheduled for November 19th from 5 - 7 PM in the Gathering Space. The centers are designed for the student to go through with a parent or trusted adult. They typically take about an hour. This evening is also our Parish Meal from 5:00 - 6:30 PM in Doyle Hall. This month it will be a THANKSGIVING DINNER. Come as a family for the meal before or after your 2nd grader goes through the centers. The meal is free to all!

IN SEARCH OF: Looking for Altoids tins for a project for our 9th grade faith formation kids. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, please drop them off in the parish office this week.







**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.catholicfsmn.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	Donors	Received	Percentage
November 2, 2025	70	\$17,100.00	63.80%

## WE REMEMBER THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Death is a fundamental act of faith for a Christian. At our Baptism, we promised to die with Christ so that we might live with Christ. Our going down into the water symbolized our rising with Christ. Those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith have fulfilled their baptism call. They have died with Christ. We do not know what death is except that it is the final leg of the journey, the final stage of growth.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LUVERNE: Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters in Christ that have died this past year. In a special way we will remember the ten parishioners of Saint Catherine and the Luverne Catholic Community who have passed away in 2025 by enthroning a candle in a place of honor for the month of November. Family of the deceased is encouraged to pick up this candle at the end of November.

February 16, 2025, Patrick Brady February 23, 2025, Vickie Van Dyke April 9, 2025, Dennis Klein April 13, 2025, Robert DeSplinter May 3, 2025, Elsie Mulligan May 19, 2025, Rosemary Moerke June 3, 2025, Margaret Anderson July 12, 2025, Shirley Reisdorfer July 18, 2025, Bryan Fodness July 28, 2025, Bernadine Merrill

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Len Arends, Elizabeth Arends, Jack Banck, Neva Banck, Steve Baumgard, Walter Baustian Jr, Chester Bendt, Mary Bendt, Ed Berning, Dolores Berning, George Berning, Doris Berning, Benedict Blum, Roger Brandenburg, Mike Bullerman, Landel Bullerman, Marlene Bullerman, Vicki Bullerman, Tara Bullerman, Doris Bullerman, Randy Bullerman, Dee Burs, Janice Christensen, Brian Cox, Baustian Family, Leo Fuerstenberg, PerryEtta Fuerstenberg, Merle Hamann, Elaine Hamann, Diane Hamann, Noel Henrichs, Ila Henrichs, Floyd Johnson, Gary Johnson, LaRayne Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Herman Kalass, Gertude Kalass, Bob Kellen, Harland Kessler, Bill Kathman, Pat Mann, Tom Mc-Carty, Agnes McCarty, Orlen Nath, Gregg Nath, Steve Nath, Joel Nath, Johannes Nath Family, David Pick, Arnold Reese, Ruth Reese, Russell Reese, Eleanor Reese, Jim Reese, Sylvester Reker, Robert Reker, Laurie Reker, Alma Rowe, Burdell Rowe, Alma Rowe, Dominic Scheidt, Zelda Scheidt, Tony Scheidt, Douglas Scholtes, Don Schutz, Marie Schutz, Virgil Schutz, Lisa Smart, Myron Smeins, Marie Smeins, Leo Spartz, Hermina Spartz, Lyle Spartz, Louise Suedkamp, Leola Sweeney, James Sweeney, Mike Sweeney, Meta Sweeney, Brooke Thompson, Andrew Tofteland, Lucille Toms, Kenneth Toms, Arnold Walgrave, Lucille Walgrave, Shannon Walgrave, Angie Willers, Burdell Willers, Charlie Woodley, and Logan Woodley

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT Weekly Contributions (Adult

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@stscl.org, for more information or to sign up.

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



# Birthday Greetings!

Beth Capistran, Taya DeBoer, Dean Domeyer, Ray Jenniges, Blake Frahm, Elly Gehrke, Deb Sunderlin, Jon Mollberg, Joe Loosbrock, Wendy Nath, Rosie Paquette, Mary Hansen, Sutton Stoffel, and Sandy Heck

## Anniversaries!

Sonny & Connie Wieneke, Dale & Kathy Julius, Kevin & Mary Aaker, Keith Van Westen & Caroline Marion, Bruce & Lindsay Meyeraan, Lonnie & Marcia Klaassen, Andrew & Courtney DeBoer, and Turner & McKenzie Hagen

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**DEACON:** 

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**FAITH FORMATION ASSISTANT:** 

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