



November 2, 2025

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Catholic Community of Luverne

*"For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son
and believes in him may have
eternal life, and I shall raise him
on the last day."*

John 6:40

The Commemoration of all the FAITHFUL DEPARTED



FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

November is the month that is dedicated in a special way to the remembrance of our brothers and sisters "who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace." (Eucharistic Prayer I) In a particular way we keep a book in our gathering space for parishioners to inscribe the names of their deceased family members and loved ones. As the seasons change and our physical world becomes more dormant of the signs of life, we remember that we too will all one day fall asleep in death. In a particular way this is manifested in the Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, commonly known as All Souls Day. This is a day dedicated to remembering all those who have died and is marked by traditions of praying for our loved ones at the cemeteries, and lighting candles in the church in remembrance of those who we pray for. The best way to remember, honor, and assist our loved ones who have passed on is to have a Mass said for the repose of their soul. Most of the Mass intentions that I offer throughout the year are for deceased members of the Body of Christ.

When we die, we surrender to the mercy of God and are judged by Jesus (CCC# 1051). If Jesus judges that we need to atone for our sins before we can go to heaven, then we go through Purgatory, or a time/place of purification until our souls are fully prepared to see God face to face. Souls in purgatory are not able to pray or do anything to change their judgement. They atone for their sins through suffering for a time that is known only to the Lord. We, the living, however, can help shorten their suffering by praying and offering sacrifices for them. When we pray for the dead, we are doing a Spiritual Work of Mercy, and

this is very pleasing to the Lord (CCC# 1032 and 2 Macc 12:46).

Also, when Faithful Catholics perform certain acts of piety in order to gain an indulgence (plenary or partial), they can apply the effects of that indulgence to a soul in purgatory. This is very spiritually edifying practice, and I encourage anyone who has lost a loved one to pray for them. If they are in purgatory, they will be, quite literally, eternally grateful for your prayers. If they have passed through purgatory and are a saint in heaven, then they will surely return the favor and intercede for us before the Throne of the Most High God.

For those who have been bringing Holy Communion to the Homebound and our brothers and sisters who are not able to join us in person for Mass, I am still waiting for some specific items to arrive before I can do a formal training for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please continue to bring Holy Communion to our parishioners. I very much appreciate your assistance with this and I know that it is pleasing to the Lord that you carry Him to His Children as well.

At this time, I am only available to visit anyone who is homebound by request for the Sacrament of Confession and/or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If there is a person who would like to go to Confession or if they are approaching death and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please notify me with the details and I will come to them as soon as possible. If they ask for prayers, I will gladly pray for them and add them to the petitions for Sunday Mass. Know that you all are in my prayers. I know that I am in yours.
-Fr. Joshua

OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS

News & Announcements

JUBILATION CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Everyone is invited to participate in the 2025 Jubilation Christmas Choir. Open to all students, adults and former choir members. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM. First rehearsal will be on October 22nd. If you are interested, please contact the church office, Susan Skat-tum, and/or stop after Mass and visit with the musicians for more information.

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 combination between St. Leo & St. Catherine. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this process of change.

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

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS: St. Catherine will be in charge of meals on wheels for the Month of November. Please sign up if

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

November 4-9, 2025

ST. CATHERINE

Tuesday, November 4th *Saint Charles Borromeo Bishop*

5:15 PM..... Dick Smook†

Thursday, November 6th *Weekday*

5:15 PM Bryan Fodness†

Saturday, November 8th *Weekday*

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Sunday, November 9th *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

8:30 AM..... Al Willers†

Mass will be Live Streamed on Facebook at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@St.CatherineChurch>

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, November 4th 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Thursday, November 6th 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, November 8th 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

ST. LEO

Wednesday, November 5th *Weekday*

5:15 PM Kris Rodman†

Friday, November 7th *Weekday*

5:15 PM Loretta Johnson†

Sunday, November 9th *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

10:30 AM..... Emmett & Ida May O'Neill†

Sunday, October 16th *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

1:00 PM Laura Kelley†

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, November 5th 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

With Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, November 7th 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

you are available from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM on November 10th, 13th, 17th and 28th.

KC BREAKFAST: 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 9th

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Serving Pancakes,
Eggs, and Sausage &
Biscuits.

Come and Join!

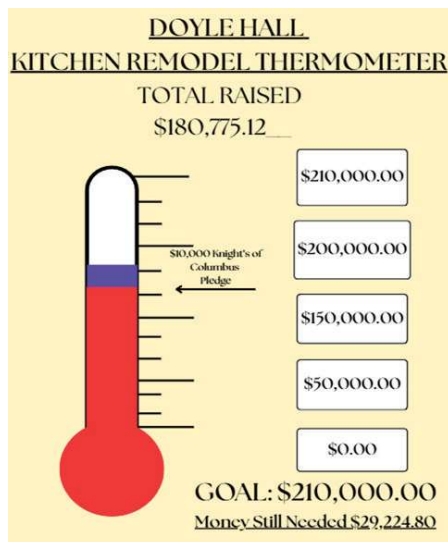


CHURCH DIRECTORY TEAM: Please reach out to Laura Luitjens if you are interested in being on a committee to help organize and coordinate an updated church directory. 507-227-3782 luitjens831@hotmail.com.

OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS • News & Announcements

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. Over the month of October was \$17,365.12. We currently still need \$29,224.80 to reach the goal of \$210,000.00



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.

THANKSGIVING PARISH MEAL: There will be a Thanksgiving Parish Meal on November 19th from 5:00 PM – 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.



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 of you are unable to attend in person, that you are able to view online easier. If you need assistance accessing the video, please contact the office and the staff will gladly help you learn how to. <https://www.youtube.com/@St.CatherineChurch>

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

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



Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close, help us with her intercession and love. So I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace.”- Pope Leo XIV

FAITH FORMATION • Youth News & Activities



MS YOUTH RETREAT: Last weekend St. Catherine hosted the NET Team for the Worthington Deanery Middle School Youth Retreat. We had 50 kids from the deanery participate. It was a fun, faith filled day of fellowship, games, learning and worship.

LIGHTING THE CEMETERY: On Saturday, November 1st over 500 tea-lights were placed on graves at St. Catherine cemetery. We encourage parishioners to bring their own battery operated candles to the cemetery as well to show love & respect to faithfully departed family & friends. If you do bring a candle, you should leave the candle on the headstone/ grave of your loved one. The candles are a reminder of beautiful lives lived on earth, of prayer for the people who are no longer with us on earth, and of God's presence with us through an experience that can be one of the most difficult parts of earthly life, loss. The candles will remain lit all of November 1st for All Saints Day and through November 2nd for All Souls Day. If you are able to volunteer to help pick up candles, please meet at the cemetery Monday at noon to help with cleanup.

2ND GRADE 1ST RECONCILIATION LEARNING CENTERS: All 2nd graders 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 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!

DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday, Nov. 4— PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, Nov. 5 — Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)
Vocations Night)

Tuesday, Nov. 11— PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, Nov. 12 — Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)

Tuesday, Nov. 18— PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, Nov. 19 — Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)

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

Tuesday, Nov. 25— PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, Nov. 26 — NO FAITH FORMATION — HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Worthington Deanery
High School
NET RETREAT

AT CONFIRMATION, CHRIST SEALS US WITH THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SO THAT WE CAN BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL LIKE THE APOSTLES WERE AT PENTECOST. BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO JUST RECEIVE THESE GIFTS - WE MUST ACCEPT THEM AND CHOOSE TO USE THEM IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

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SC Ministry Schedule	Saturday, November 8th 5:00 PM	Sunday, November 9th 8:30 AM
Rosary	Carol Wieneke	Mary Jo Nath
Gifts		
Lector	Pat Scheidt	Travis Jenniges
Servers	Logan Kempema & Ada Jenniges	William Jenniges & Evren Janiszeski
Ushers	Darrell Hemme & Cody Henrichs	Bruce & Lana Henrichs
Eucharistic Ministers	Lynn Richters, Pat Scheidt, Katie Baustian, and Diane Noyes	Dave Siebenahler, Cheryl Hartman, Amy Boyenga, and Diane Lax
Sacristan	Mary Aaker	Laura Luitjens
Video	Elijah Henrichs	Camden Janiszeski

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 October 26, 2025	Donors	Received	Percentage
	70	\$17,100.00	63.80%

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Contributions (Adult Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)
October 26th.....\$4,123.45
Faith Formation\$25.00
Maintenance Fund.....\$85.00
Rent\$190.00
Total.....\$4,423.45

Please remember St. Catherine **needs weekly contributions of \$8,098** to keep current on monthly expenses.

Week 17 - (7/1/25-10/26/25)

Needed to Date\$137,666.00

Income to Date\$116,188.02

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

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



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Birthday Greetings!

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Anniversaries!

Dennis & Melanie Madison



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