

# St. Catherine & St. Leo Catholic Parishes



December 14, 2025

**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**SUNDAY IN**  
**ADVENT**

"Are you the one who is to  
come,[a] or are we to wait  
for another?"

Matthew 11:3



## FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

**Daily Mass Schedule Change:** Beginning on December 17th, the regular Wednesday daily Mass at St. Leo's will be at 12:00 PM with Solemn Exposition and Confessions beginning at 11:00 AM.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training:** All EMHCs, including those who bring Holy Communion to our elderly parishioners in care centers and the homebound, are required to attend this training. I will go over both distributing Holy Communion at Mass as well as how to conduct a communion service in a group setting. St. Catherine: Tuesday, December 16th at 3:00 PM. St. Leo: Wednesday, December 17th at 3:00 PM.

**Low Gluten Hosts:** If you would like to receive a low gluten host, please speak with myself or Deacon Kevin before Mass.

**St. Catherine Parish Secretary:** St. Catherine's is seeking to temporarily hire a parish office secretary. This position will initially be available thru April 2026, but could become permanent later in 2026. Interested applicants can inquire at the parish office.

**St. Catherine Parish Adoration Chapel:** During inclement weather, Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist will be suspended due to the fact that many of our committed Adorers travel from out of town. Eucharistic Adoration will still be available in the main church.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help with snow removal and with decorating at our parishes. Your generosity is very much a sign of love and devotion to the Lord and His People. Know that you are in my prayers. I know that I am in yours. -Fr. Joshua

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*Advent is synonymous with Hope: not the vain waiting for a faceless god, but concrete and certain trust in the return of Him who has already visited us, of the 'spouse' who with His blood has sealed with humanity a pact that is an eternal covenant.” - Pope Saint John Paul II*

# IGLESIA CATOLICA DE SAN LEO

## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PR. JOSHUA...

**Cambio en el horario diario de misa:** A partir del 17 de diciembre, la misa diaria habitual de los miércoles en St. Leo's será a las 12:00 p. m., con exposición solemne y confesiones a partir de las 11:00 a. m.

**Formación para ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión:** Todos los ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión, incluidos aquellos que llevan la Sagrada Comunión a nuestros feligreses mayores en centros de atención y a los que no pueden salir de casa, deben asistir a esta formación. Repasaré tanto la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión en la misa como la forma de llevar a cabo un servicio de comunión en grupo. Santa Catalina: martes 16 de diciembre a las 3:00 p. m. San Leo: miércoles 17 de diciembre a las 3:00 p. m.

**Hostias bajas en gluten:** si desean recibir una hostia baja en gluten, por favor hablen conmigo o con el diácono Kevin antes de la misa.

**Secretario de la parroquia de Santa Catalina:** Santa Catalina busca contratar temporalmente a un secretario para la oficina parroquial. Este puesto estará disponible inicialmente hasta abril de 2026, pero podría convertirse en permanente más adelante en 2026. Los interesados pueden solicitar información en la oficina parroquial.

**Capilla de Adoración de la Parroquia de Santa Catalina:** Durante las inclemencias del tiempo, se suspenderá la Exposición Solemne de la Sagrada Eucaristía debido a que muchos de nuestros devotos adoradores viajan desde fuera de la ciudad. La Adoración Eucarística seguirá estando disponible en la iglesia principal.

Gracias a todos los voluntarios que ayudan a quitar la nieve y a decorar nuestras parroquias. Su generosidad es una muestra de amor y devoción al Señor y a su pueblo. Sepan que están en mis oraciones. Sé que yo estoy en las suyas. -P. Joshua

### SAN LEO - VISTAZO DE LA SEMANA

Lun 12/15...12:45 PM.....Orar el Rosario @ Falls L

Lun 12/15 ...1:30 PM ..... Orar el Rosario @ Good Sam

Mié 12/17...6:00 PM..... Practica de Coro

Mié 12/17...5:30 PM ..... FF K-5to grado

Mié 12/17...7:00PM..... FF 6to-12ce grado

Jue 12/18...6:00 PM ..... Junta de CDA

**DONACIÓN DE FLORES:** Si le gustaria apoyar el fondo de flores para para recordatorio de un ser querido esta temporada Navideña con alguna planta o flores, por favor asignelo a "Flores" y los checks deben de ser a su parroquia gracias!

**CONTRIBUCIONES DE FIN DE AÑO:** Solo un recordatorio de que las contribuciones que desea acreditar al año 2025 para fines fiscales deben estar EN la oficina de la iglesia antes del 31 de diciem-bre. ¡¡Gracias!!

**CANCELACIONES POR EL TIEMPO:** Cancelaciones de actividades será transmitido en la radio KLOH y en nuestra pagina de Facebook. Para encontrarnos en Facebook busque Iglesia Catolica San Leo y dele un "me gusta."

**PETICIÓN DE ORACIÓN POR LOS ENFERMOS:** Lori McGee, Lucy Wallerich, Duanne Carlson, Bunny & Brad Johnson, Rosie Rolph, Maureen Bell, & Kay Dub-belde. *Que sépan de nuestras oraciones en su tiempo de necesidad.*

**CANDELAS DE COSECHAS DE ALMAS:** Las candelas de cosechas de almas estan sobre la pila bautismal y las familias estan invitadas a llevar la candela de su ser querido a casa

**SEGUNDA COLECCIÓN:** Estaremos recaudando fondos para el Fondo de Jubilación de la Universidad Religiosa y Católica este domingo 14 de diciembre. Puede leer sobre el fondo de jubilación en el encarte de este boletín. El 90% de sus donaciones se destinará a ese fondo y el 10% se destinará a la Universidad Católica de América, que se encuentra en Washington, DC. La CUA ofrece a los estudiantes una educación excelente en una atmósfera llena de fe que se basa en

Está semana hablamos acerca del especial Nacimiento del niño Cristo y la vela de Adviento # 2. Hicimos unas artesanias especiales y aprendimos la letra "I". Estamos trabajando en un regalo especial Para los padres. Esto ha traído mucha emoción a la clase ya que es mejor dar que recibir. La maestra Connie vino el lunes y martes a contarnos la historia del nacimiento de Jesús. Es una gran historia! Les agradecemos por todo su apoyo y oraciones. *Escuela Pre-escolar Arca de Noé.*



la tradición intelectual católica y esta colección ofrece becas para los estudiantes. Por favor haga los cheques pagados a su parroquia.



### HORARIOS DE LA MISA DE NAVIDAD

**NOCHEBUENA:** San Leo - 6:00 PM  
Santa Catalina - 10:00 PM

**NAVIDAD:** Santa Catalina 9:00 AM  
San Leo 12:00 PM



# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

## December 16-21, 2025

**SC Mass Tuesday, December 16th** *Weekday*  
**Misa en SC el martes 16 de diciembre** *Día entre semana*  
 5:15 PM ..... John Hopperstad

**SL Mass Wednesday, December 17th** *Weekday*  
**Misa en SL el miércoles 17 de diciembre** *Día entre semana*  
 12:00 PM ..... In Thanksgiving  
 En Acción de Gracias

**SC Mass Thursday, December 18th** *Weekday*  
**Misa en SC el jueves, 18 de diciembre** *Día entre semana*  
 5:15 PM ..... Kenneth Hopperstad†

**SL Mass Friday, December 19th** *Weekday*  
**Misa en SL el viernes, 19 de diciembre** *Día entre semana*  
 5:15 PM ..... Juan Galvez

**SC Mass Saturday, December 20th** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
**Misa en SC el sábado, 20 de diciembre** *Cuarto domingo de Adviento*  
 5:00 PM ..... For the Parishioners  
 Para los feligreses

**SC Mass Sunday, December 21st** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
**Misa en SC el domingo, 21 de diciembre** *Cuarto domingo de Adviento*  
 8:30 AM ..... Sharyl Remme†

**SC Mass Sunday, December 21st** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
**Misa en SC el domingo, 21 de diciembre** *Cuarto domingo de Adviento*  
 10:30 AM ..... Robert Bell†

**SL Mass Sunday, December 21st** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
**Misa en SL el domingo, 21 de diciembre** *Cuarto domingo de Adviento*  
 12:00 PM ..... Gaston†

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

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

**SC Tuesday, December 16th** ..... 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
**SC martes 16 de diciembre**

**SL Wednesday, December 17th** .11:00PM – 11:45 PM  
**SL miércoles 17 de diciembre**  
*With Eucharistic Adoration | Con Adoración a la Santa Eucaristía*

**SC Thursday, December 18th** ..... 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
**SC jueves, 18 de diciembre**

**SL Friday, December 19th** ..... 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
**SL viernes, 19 de diciembre**

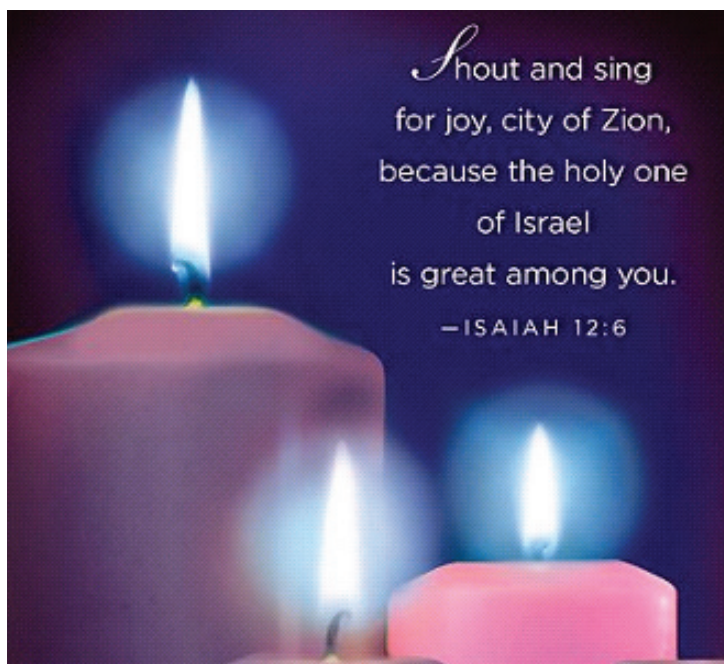
**SC Saturday, December 20th** ..... 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM  
**SC sábado, 20 de diciembre**

## ST. CATHERINE CHURCH - LUVERNE

| LITURGICAL HELPERS    | Saturday, December 20<br>5:00 PM | Sunday, December 21<br>8:30 AM                                |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Rosary                | Barb Daly                        | Rick Lenz   |
| Lector                | Hannah Woodley                   | Melanie Madison   |
| Servers               | Hadley Louwagie                  | Chloe Strassburg & Ella Facile                                |
| Ushers                | Roger & Lisa Hoff                | Camden Janiszkeski & Ray Jenniges                             |
| Eucharistic Ministers | No Eucharistic Ministers Needed  | Dennis Madison, Becky Walgrave, Darrell Hemme, and Todd Evans |
| Sacristans            | Nancy Lange                      | Mary Aaker  |
| Video                 |                                  | Lucas Madison   |

## ST. LEO CHURCH - PIPESTONE

| LITURGICAL HELPERS      | Sunday, December 21 - 10:30am                                  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Sacristan               | Gen Lustfield  |
| Altar Servers           | Samuel Full, Maliya Allen, Bailey Weedman                      |
| Readers                 | Mike Stiles, Deb Hagedorn                                      |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Annie Miller, Gen Lustfield                                    |
| Ushers                  | Jeff Mandercheid, Larry Slinger, Bev Slinger, Tyler Van Hoecke |
| Music                   | Praise Band  |



# CLUSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUPPORT OUR CLUSTER BULLETIN — AND PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS:

Each week, Quality Printing designs and prints the parish bulletin that keeps our community informed and connected. To help cover printing costs, we sell advertising space within the bulletin — and we're currently looking for more advertisers! Advertising in the bulletin is a wonderful way to support the church while also promoting your business to parishioners in both Luverne and Pipestone. Your ad will be seen by hundreds of families and serve as a reminder of your commitment to our parish community. To learn more about advertising opportunities, please contact Annie at Quality Printing at 507-283-1716.

**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-two-mile 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 pil-

grimage (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: 507-361-3069) 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.

**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.



*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.

LED BY NET DISCIPLESHIP TEAM • FAITHFUL FELLOWSHIP • REAL TALK SESSIONS • FUN, FAITH, GIVEAWAYS & MORE!

**SUNDAY JANUARY 11** AT GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH IN JACKSON  
OPEN TO ALL IN GRADES 9-12  
COST: \$25  
SIGN-UP WITH YOUR FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR

**1:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve**  
St. Leo  
6:00 PM

St. Catherine  
10:00 PM midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**  
St. Catherine  
9:00 AM  
St. Leo  
12:00 PM





*"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."*

~ Pope Benedict XVI



# ST. CATHERINE'S HAPPENINGS:

## News & Announcements

**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](http://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<br>December 8, 2025 | Donors | Received    | Percentage |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|
|                                       | 73     | \$17,200.00 | 64.17%     |

**ADORATION:** Thank you to all who are accepting the blessings of an Adoration hour. Adorers and substitutes: Please read the guidelines carefully. If you have not received a copy, pick one up in the chapel or office. So Important! If you cannot fulfill your hour, you **MUST** get a substitute. We are fully committed to never leaving the Blessed Sacrament unattended on Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Day Leaders: Tuesday, Becky Ranschau 605-595-2337, Wednesday, Rosie Paquette 507-920-7599, and Thursday Barb Daly 507-360-6820

**A BIG THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone

who brought so many beautiful cookies & candies to our Winterfest Cookie Sale again this year. It was a huge success and a great fundraiser for St. Catherine CCW. If you were unable to bring cookies, you can still donate \$15.00. Place it in the collection plate in an envelope marked "Christmas Cookies." A special thanks to the Christmas Cookie Crew who helped load the cookies & bring them to Community Ed & those who helped Saturday morning at the Craft Fair -Pat Scheidt & Patty Evans! Please pick your containers up at the back of Church.

## ST. CATHERINE CHURCH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Weekly Contributions** (Adult Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)  
 Adult .....\$4,319.00  
 Holy Day .....\$143.00  
 Maintenance Fund..... \$25.00  
 Mass Intentions.....\$120.00  
 Facility Rental..... \$40.00  
**Total..... \$4,647.00**

Please remember St. Catherine **needs weekly contributions of \$8,098.00** to keep current on monthly expenses.

**Week 23 - (7/1/25-12/7/25)**

Needed to Date .....\$197,107.47

Income to Date .....\$147,620.18

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

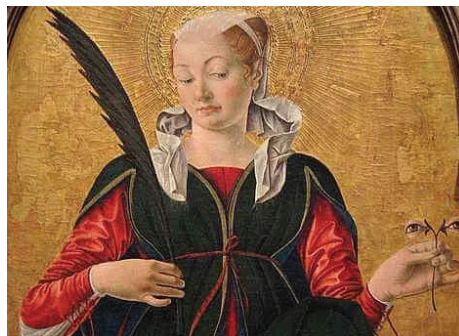
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# Saint SPOTLIGHT

**Saint Lucy** was born at the end of the third century in Syracuse, into a wealthy, high-ranking family. Reared as a Christian, she was still a child when she was orphaned of her father. Her mother, Eutychia, brought her up with love and dedication. While still a girl, Lucy meditated on her dedication to God, but kept her wish in her heart. Not knowing her daughter's intentions, Eutychia promised her in marriage to a young man, who was not a Christian. Lucy did not reveal her desire to offer her virginity to Christ and, with various pretexts, puts off the wedding, trusting in prayer and divine rescue.

It was in the year 301 that Lucy and her mother went on a pilgrim-



age to Catania, to the tomb of Saint Agatha. Eutychia suffered from bleeding, and despite various and expensive treatments, nothing had helped her. At the cathedral dedicated to the young martyr, mother and daughter desired to ask for the grace of healing. It was February 5th when they reach the foot of Mount Etna, Agatha's feast day.

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## Birthday Greetings!

Ellie Rock, Grace Tofteland, Bonnie Vorderbruggen, Patrick Foerster, Huxley Nath, Esther Gutierrez Hernandez, Paul Heronimus, Sadie Gacke, Sydnie Gacke, Natalie Golden, Caroline Marion, Gayle Walgrave, Ruston Aaker, Sheila Jones, Wesley Fuerstenberg, and David Remme

## Anniversaries!

Ron & Lynnette Rother, Kyle & Mica Hemme, and Eric & Monica Edstrom





**YOUTH IN ADVENT SERVICE:** As part of their Advent Service, our 8th grade Faith Formation students wrapped 56 gifts for the Christmas Blessings Tree Wednesday night. All the gifts were delivered to the school and will be distributed to the families next week.

**CATECHIST CHILDCARE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:** We are in need of a volunteer or pair of volunteers to help with childcare for catechists who are teaching from 5:30 -6:30 at St. Leo. This would be a great opportunity for a responsible middle schooler or a high school student. It would count as service hours toward Confirmation. If you are interested please contact Nicole at [ffd@stscsl.org](mailto:ffd@stscsl.org).

**KINDERGARTEN CO-TEACHER AT ST. LEO :** We have a very big Kindergarten class at St. Leo's on Wednesday nights (5:30 - 6:30) and would like to have a volunteer to help co-teach

## ST. CATHERINE DATES TO NOTE:

**Tuesday, December 16**— PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

**Wednesday, December 17** — Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM) with Parish Meal 5:00- 6:30 PM

**Saturday, December 20** — Youth Christmas Pageant after 5:00 PM Mass

**Tuesday, December 23**— NO PreK CGS

**Wednesday, December 24**— NO FAITH FORMATION — MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Wednesday, December 31**— NO FAITH FORMATION — MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Tuesday, January 6** — PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

**Wednesday, January 7** — Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)

## ST. LEO DATES TO NOTE:

**Wednesday, December 17** — Wednesday Faith Formation (5:30 PM and 7:00 PM) with Advent Penance

**Wednesday, December 24**— NO FAITH FORMATION — MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Wednesday, December 31**— NO FAITH FORMATION — MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Wednesday, January 7** — Wednesday Faith Formation (5:30 PM and 7:00 PM)

the class. Catechists need to be a Confirmed Catholic, but you do not need to have had experience before, just the willingness to share our beautiful faith with our youngest. If you are interested please contact Nicole at [ffd@stscsl.org](mailto:ffd@stscsl.org).

**ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** This year our performance is Saturday, December 20 AFTER the 5:00 PM Mass. We are hoping to be able to hold the pageant in Doyle Hall with Christmas treats served after the performance. Mark your calendar to join us on December 20!

## SaintSPOTLIGHT

### ST. LUCY • CONTINUED

They assisted the Eucharistic celebration at the tomb of the saint and “it happened ... that ... in hearing the evangelical episode of the hemorrhagic woman, who had achieved healing by the simple touch of the flap of the Lord’s robe, Lucy turned to her mother, and said: ‘Mother, if you are faithful to the things that have been read, you will also believe that Agatha, who has suffered for Christ, has free and confident access to His tribunal. So trust her tomb, if you wish, and you will be resurrected’ (Passion of Saint Lucy). Eutychia and Lucy then approached the burial place of Agatha. Lucy prayed for her mother and begged for herself to be allowed devote her life to God. Taken as if in a gentle sleep, as she was caught up in ecstasy, and saw Agatha among the angels, proclaiming to her:

“Lucy, my sister and Virgin of the Lord, why ask what can you grant me for yourself? Your faith has been of great benefit to your mother, who has already been healed. And as for me, the city of Catania is filled with thanksgiving, so the city of Syracuse will be preserved for you, because our Lord Jesus Christ is pleased that you should keep your virginity intact.” Returned to herself, Lucy referred her vision to her mother, and told her of her desire give up an earthly spouse, asking to be allowed to sell her dowry to make charity to the poor.

Disappointed and unsatisfied, Lucy’s young suitor denounced Lucy as a Christian to the Prefect, Pascasius. Pascasius, in order to discredit her, then commands that she be brought to the brothel; Lucy declared then that she would not give herself over to the lust of the flesh, and that, despite any violence that would come to be done to her body against her will, she would remain caste, pure and uncontaminated in mind and spirit.



# ST. LEO'S HAPPENINGS: News & Announcements

## ST. LEO - QUICK VIEW OF THE WEEK

Mon 12/15..... 12:45 PM ..... Pray Rosary @ Falls L  
 Mon 12/15..... 1:30 PM ..... Pray Rosary @ Good Sam  
 Wed 12/17..... 6:00 PM.....Choir Practice

Wed 12/17..... 5:30 PM.....FF K-5th Grade  
 Wed 12/17..... 7:00 PM..... FF 6th-12th Grade  
 Thu 12/18..... 6:00 PM ..... CDA Mtg

**FLOWER DONATIONS:** If you would like to help support the Flower Fund to remember you loved ones with a poinsettia during the Christmas season, please note on your donation envelope or check memo line "Flowers". Checks should be made payable to your parish. Thank you!

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS:** Just a reminder that contributions you wish to be credited to the year 2025 for tax purposes must physically be IN the church office by December 31.

**WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:** Weather cancellations will be broadcast on KLOH and on our Facebook page. To find us on Facebook search St. Leo's Catholic Church and "like" our page.

**BE RECONCILED WITH CHRIST:** St. Leo is hosting their Advent Penance Service Wednesday, December 17 at 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Extra priests will be present.

**WINTER TREE:** The "winter" tree is up in the Meditation Garden. We are calling it a winter tree because it will stay up all winter long, not just during the Christmas season. If you would like to place a decoration or ornament on it you are very much welcome to do so. Just beware that between the weather and the critters your decoration will probably not be in great shape come spring time, so maybe a string of popcorn, berries or something similar is a good option. Even though winter has arrived, the Meditation Garden is still open for visitors. Maybe you want to spend a few minutes on the bench in prayer and enjoy the winter tree...you might just be entertained by a furry-tailed or feathered friend!

**HARVEST OF SOULS CANDLES:** The candles from the Harvest of Souls are near the baptismal font and family are invited to take home their loved one's candle.

**PRAYER PETITIONS FOR THE SICK:** Lori McGee, Lucy Wallerich, Duanne Carlson, Bunny



This week we talked about the special birth of the Christ child and advent candle #2. We made special crafts and learned the "I". We are working on a special gift for our parents. This had brought a lot of excitement to the room as it is better to give than to receive. Ms. Connie came Mon and Tues and told us the story of Jesus' birth. What a great story it is! We thank you for your prayers and support, Noah's Ark Preschool

& Brad Johnson, Rosie Rolph, Maureen Bell, & Kay Dub-belde. *May they know of our prayers in their time of need.*

**SECOND COLLECTION:** We will be collecting a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious and Catholic University to-day Sunday, December 14. You can read about the retirement fund from the insert in this bulletin. 90% of your giving will go to that fund and 10% will go towards the Catholic University of America which is located in Washington, DC. The CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition and this collection provides scholarships for students. Please make checks payable to your parish.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING:** CDA Meeting Reminder! Our next meeting is this week on Thursday, December 18 at 6:00 PM in the Good Shepherd Room. If you're interested in what the CDA is all about we welcome you to join our meeting.

## ST. LEO CHURCH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Adult .....   | \$9,295.00         |
| Online Giving.....  | \$860.17           |
| Offertory.....  | \$757.00           |
| Utilities .....   | \$20.00            |
| Holy Day .....  | \$596.00           |
| Interest .....  | \$3.94             |
| <b>Total.....</b>   | <b>\$11,532.11</b> |
| Please remember St. Leo needs weekly contributions of \$7,335.00 to keep current on monthly expenses. |                    |
| <b>Week 23 - (7/1/25-12/7/25)</b>   |                    |
| Needed to Date .....  | \$168,705.00       |
| Income to Date .....  | \$157,632.11       |

**Thank you for giving of your time, talent & treasure!**

Give online safely and securely via the ParishSOFT Online Giving platform by visiting <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stleopipestone> to find the online giving link. You can choose to make a one-time or a recurring donation to the fund of your choice. For giving to the general fund, registered adult members of St. Leo should choose the Adult fund. For questions please call the St. Leo office. Also use the QR code here.



## TODAY'S READINGS

Is 35:1-6a, 10  
 Jas 5:7-10  
 Mt 11:2-11

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a | Mt 21:23-27

### Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 | Mt 21:28-32

### Wednesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10 | Mt 1:1-17

### Thursday

Jer 23:5-8 | Mt 1:18-25

### Friday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a | Lk 1:5-25

### Saturday

Is 7:10-14 | Lk 1:26-38

# St. Catherine Catholic Church

## ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

Phone: 507-283-8502

Web: [www.stscl.org](http://www.stscl.org)

Office Hours: M-F 8:00-5:00

### PASTOR:

Fr. Joshua Miller

### DEACON:

Dcn. Kevin Aaker

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

Jody Richters, 507-283-8502

### SECRETARY:

Brandi Van Santen, 507-283-8502

### FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR:

Nicole Henrichs, 507-283-8071

### FAITH FORMATION ASSISTANT:

Lynn Richters, 507-283-8071

### CEMETERY:

SC: Mark Walgrave, 507-283-8845

SM: Deb Boltjes

### PRAYER CHAIN:

Judy Reese, 507-215-7816

Mary Rabinowitz, 507-360-5659

### MAINTENANCE/ CUSTODIAL:

Bruce Henrichs, 507-283-8502

### MUSIC:

Susan Skattum

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