



March 17, 2024

# ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

*The Catholic Community of Luverne*



**5th Sunday**  
— *of* —  
**LENT**

*"Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."*

John 12:25-26

## FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. KOSSE...

This weekend we welcome the Worthington Deanery High School Retreat to St. Leo. The retreat will be from 1:00 – 7:00 PM. There will be Speakers, Music, Adoration, Confession, and Mass. It is a day for the youth to reflect on the Lord, on his many blessings, and on their ongoing call to conversion. It is put on by the twenty-one (21) parishes

in the Worthington Deanery which encompasses the six counties in the southwestern part of our diocese. Youth from those parishes along with others across the diocese and even from other dioceses will be in attendance. This retreat has been moving around yearly to the various parishes in the deanery. Last year, it was in Jackson, MN. I invite you to keep the youth

in your prayers, asking the Lord Jesus to bless them. They are the future of the Church and all that we can do as Church ourselves in guiding them is very important. The Mass for that day will be at 5:00 PM. You are welcome to attend. Fr. Tim Biren, pastor of St. Mary, Worthington, MN will be the celebrant along with all the priests of the deanery.

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*Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.” - Pope Francis*

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: March 18-24, 2024

Monday, March 18th .....	Private Chapel .....	+Bill Vortherms	
Tuesday, March 19th .....	St. Leo .....	4:00 PM .....	Adoration
Tuesday, March 19th .....	St. Leo .....	5:15 PM .....	+Dorothy Boese
Wednesday, March 20th .....	St. Catherine .....	9:00 AM .....	+LaRayne Johnson
Thursday, March 21st .....	Falls Landing .....	10:30 AM .....	+Mary Lue Huntsman
Friday, March 22nd .....	Parkview .....	10:00 AM .....	+Jean Deutsch
Saturday, March 23rd .....	St. Catherine .....	5:00 PM .....	For the Parishioners
Sunday, March 24th .....	St. Catherine .....	8:30 AM .....	+Lawrence Honerman Family
Sunday, March 24th .....	St. Leo .....	10:30 PM .....	Faith Formation Catechists
Sunday, March 24th .....	St. Leo .....	1:00 PM .....	NO MASS

**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

**CHRISM MASS:** The Tri Parishes of St. Francis Xavier, Windom, Sacred Heart, Heron Lake and Sacred Heart, Brewster cordially invite you to attend the Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart, Heron Lake on Monday, March 25th at 2:00 PM. A reception will follow the Mass.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EUCHARISTIC

**FAST:** Bodily fasting before receiving a spiritual gift has a long history in our tradition. Moses fasted for forty days before receiving the Ten Commandments (Ex 34:28), and the prophet Elijah journeyed for forty days through the desert before his experience of God on the mountain (1 Kings 19:8). The Eucharistic Fast has the same effect on us: it prepares us to be worthy vessels in which to receive our Eucharistic Lord. Canon Law states: *“One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion.”* (Canon 919) Physical mortification before receiving Communion makes us spiritually receptive to His grace.

**Two Exceptions** – If a priest must celebrate more than one Mass in a day, he is to keep the Eucharistic fast only

before the first Mass. Likewise, the elderly, the sick, and those who care for them may receive Communion if they have eaten something with the preceding hour.

**Twice in a Day** – It sometimes happens that the faithful wish to receive the Eucharist more than once in a day. The Church allows a person who has already received the Eucharist to receive a second time on the same day, but **it must be within a Mass.** (Canon 917)

**NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:** Want to get involved? Want to meet members of our church community? Want to grow stronger in your Faith? Well, if so, we have the answer for you! Join a Bible Study, you will create relationships, and a bond with God as your center. We want to share this experience with you all. If you are interested in getting started, please talk with Travis & Heidi Broesder, Joey & Jen Pick, Eric & Ashely Woodley, Brock & Ashley Benson, and/or Tyson & Monica Facile 507-820-1100. Each group will schedule a time that works for the majority!

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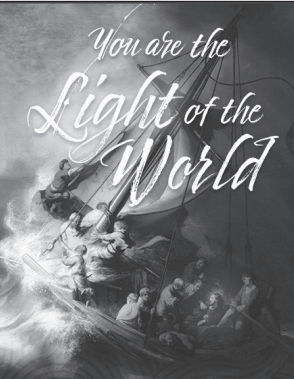
Heavenly Father, may we grow closer to Christ through our support of the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank you, Lord, for Your many blessings You have bestowed upon us. We cherish the gifts of time, talent and treasure that each member of our universal Church family makes to build up Christ's Church in love. We ask you, Lord, to send us forth in this spirit of love to serve our communities and our world with open hearts. Amen.

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around the world. We collected \$596.00. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection ([usccb.igivecatholictogether.org](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org)).



SC Ministry Schedule	Saturday, March 23 5:00 pm	Sunday, March 24 8:30 am
Rosary	Katie Baustian	Barb Daly
Gifts	Racely Haines & Family	Open
Lector	Pat Scheidt	Karen Willers
Servers	Luka and Isley Smith	Cam & Grady Broesder
Ushers	Carly Olsen	Travis Broesder
Eucharistic Ministers	Pam Haakenson & Lynn Richters	Darrell Hemme & Mary O'Toole Hemme
Sacristan	Alex & Cheryl Hartman	Laura Luitjens
Video		Ella Facile



**Deacon Jack and Mrs. Susan LaValla**  
 St. Charles Borromeo Parish, St. Charles  
 Office of the Institute of Lay Formation and RCIA



### MINI STORY: *Deacon Jack and Mrs. Susan LaValla – Institute of Lay Formation and RCIA*

As a church, we live in community, and our community isn’t just our immediate parish, it’s broader. By supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which makes possible for ministries such as the Institute of Lay Formation and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), we move beyond our churches and towns into the diocesan church. RCIA invites people into the church, the Institute of Lay Formation equips them for it. Both ministries help to own your faith as foundational programs to learn more, to take you from where you are to where you need to be. Any ministry we do together strengthens our faith individually and as couples. The Institute of Lay Formation helped me discern the call to the diaconate I was sensing and gave me a solid background in theology for diaconate formation; I continue to rely on those gifts today. In the RCIA, we learn as much as through teaching it as the people participating. Our faith, our finances, everything—is a gift from God. The CMA is a way to give back and share with others. That’s how God’s church works; it is our whole broadening community, and the CMA is a way for each of us to give back and thus we each benefit from that.

Please give generously to the Catholic Ministries Appeal:  
[www.catholicfsmn.org/catholic-ministries-appeal](http://www.catholicfsmn.org/catholic-ministries-appeal)

**THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA)** St. Catherine’s Goal for 2024 is \$27,650.00. Donation envelopes are available on the bulletin tables.

CMA Pledges as of March 11, 2024	Donors	Received	Percentage	Still Need
	10	\$4,368.30	6.23%	\$23,281.70

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Weekly Contributions** (Adult Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days) Church Support.....\$4,723.00  
 Online Giving.....\$861.20  
 Stole Fee.....\$100.00  
 Easter Flowers.....\$445.00  
**Total.....\$6,129.20**  
 Please remember St. Catherine **needs weekly contributions** of \$7,762.00 to keep current on monthly expenses.

**Week 37 - (7/1/23-3/10/24)**  
 Needed to Date .....\$287,194.00  
 Income to Date .....\$268,812.31

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

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



### Birthday Greetings!

Tom Baustian, Trista Baustian, Bruce Fodness, Alexander Golden, Jereme Lenz, Riley Van Belle, Kara Ahrendt, Nevaeh DeBoer, Ella Facile, Becky Ranschau, Dave Smith, Donna Scholten, Kate Rolling, Todd Christensen and Janet Reisch

*Anniversaries!*  
 David & Linda Mollberg



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

**ADORATION:** Point to Ponder: "Are you chasing the wrong things?" "God awaits us always in the Eucharist. As long as we never tire of seeking Him there, we will find exactly what our souls need." (Taken from Beautiful Eucharist, 2023)

You are invited to visit our chapel during Lent to rest a while. Please sign in on the table in the back of the chapel upon your visit. We are blessed to have someone in prayer with Our Lord from Monday – Friday, morning to night. St. Catherine's Adoration Chapel hours which need to be filled are: Friday 7:00, 10:00, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM. Contact Jen Huisman if you can help fill hours.

**ST. CATHERINE MEALS:** All parishioners are invited to share in this meal. 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.

- March 20th: Baked Potato Bar
- April 17th: Grilled hamburger and hotdogs

**FUNERAL MEAL COORDINATOR:** Mary Jo Nath is looking for someone to take over as Funeral Coordinator. She is

### SaintSPOTLIGHT

**SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM'S STORY** - Raised in Jerusalem and well-educated, especially in the Scriptures, he was ordained a priest by the bishop of Jerusalem and given the task during Lent of catechizing those preparing for Baptism and catechizing the newly baptized during the Easter season. His Catecheses remain valuable as examples of the ritual and theology of the Church in the mid-fourth century.

There are conflicting reports about the circumstances of his becoming bishop of Jerusalem. It is certain that he was validly consecrated by bishops of the province. Since one of them was an Arian, Acacius, it may have been expected that his "cooperation" would follow. Conflict soon rose between Cyril and Acacius, bishop of the rival nearby see of Caesarea. Cyril was summoned to a council, accused of insubordination and of selling Church property to relieve the poor. Probably, however, a theological difference was also involved. He was condemned, driven from Jerusalem, and later vindicated. Half his episcopate was spent in exile; his first experience was repeated twice. He finally returned to find Jerusalem torn with heresy, schism and strife, and wracked with crime. Even Saint Gregory of Nyssa, who was sent to help, left in despair.

They both went to the Council of Constantinople, where the amended form of the Nicene Creed was promulgated in 381. Cyril accepted the word consubstantial—that is, Christ is of the same substance or nature as the Father. Some said it was an act of repentance, but the bishops of the Council praised him as a champion of orthodoxy against the Arians. Though not friendly with the greatest defender of orthodoxy against the Arians, Cyril may be counted among those whom Athanasius called "brothers, who mean what we mean, and differ only about the word consubstantial."

more than willing to help you get acquainted with this role. Many helping hands are involved which makes this job easy. Please call the office if you are interested in this opportunity 507-283-8502.

### WELCOME IN BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our  
Catholic Community  
of Saint Catherine

**Tiara Koren Stoltenberg**

*Daughter of Stephen York*

*& April Fralick*

*Baptized March 9, 2024*



### WELCOME IN BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our  
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**Sylan Gray Stoltenberg**

*Son of Jacob &*

*Tiara Stoltenberg*

*Baptized March 9, 2024*



### WELCOME IN BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our  
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*Son of Jacob Stoltenberg*

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*Baptized March 9, 2024*



### WELCOME IN BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our  
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**Sean Dylan Bonilla Sota**

*Son of Ivan Bonilla*

*& Claudia Soto*

*Baptized March 9, 2024*







**SAVE THE DATE – SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Spend Holy Wednesday with our 9th grade students, who will be performing the Shadow Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:10 PM here at St. Catherine. Mark your calendars. ALL are welcome!

**LENT SERVICE PROJECTS:** Here is the list of Lenten/Easter Service Projects the youth will be doing this year. They are all based on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy:

- K – 2nd Grade: Made cards for the Homebound
- 3rd Grade: Made postcards about confession for the parish to remind them of the blessing of reconciliation.
- 4th Grade: Decorated bags for the Homebound
- 5th Grade: Will pack bags for the Homebound

### **DATES TO NOTE:**

Wednesday, March 20th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 27th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM (with Shadow Stations at 7:10 PM)
Wednesday, April 3rd	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 6th	1st Communion Practice 10:00 AM & Option 1 Mass at 5:00 PM
Sunday, April 7th	1st Communion Option 2 Mass at 8:30 AM

- 6th Grade: Will polish pews in sanctuary so they are fresh for Easter Mass
- 7th Grade: Will bring a game night to the residence at Oaks/Poplar Creek
- 8th Grade: Will make pillowcases for donation.
- 9th Grade: Will perform Shadow Stations of the Cross on March 27th at 7:10 PM
- 10th Grade: Filled and will help hide Easter eggs for the Parish Egg Hunt on Easter morning.
- 11th Grade: Served the Youth Mass on March 10th

**YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID:** St. Catherine is co-hosting a training for adults who work with youth or have children to help spot common signs of mental health illnesses (anxiety, depression, eating disorders, ADHD) and substance abuse. The training will also address how to connect with youth in crisis and how to connect them with help. We would love all of our catechists, volunteers and parishioners who are able to attend!

**When:** Saturday, May 18th 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church

Register by emailing: [angela.nolz@sanfordhealth.org](mailto:angela.nolz@sanfordhealth.org)

There is no cost to attend the training, but registration is required.



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*Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.” - Pope Francis*

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