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ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Catholic Community of Luverne



Easter
SUNDAY

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Mark 16:6-7

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. KOSSE...

Happy Easter! Today is a day of great joy and celebration. We gather today to praise God for the greatest gift that he has given us, salvation. Because of Jesus who suffered death and rose from the tomb we now are raised with him. St. Paul wrote in one of his letters, "Think of what is above." That is good advice. Begin every day with that thought. Remember what Jesus did—for us. Often, we think

that Jesus did everything that we are celebrating today just then. That it happened only then. But Jesus continues to die and rise for us. He continues to do for us what he did then. He does that because He wants us to feel his joy and hope that he gave. He does that because He knows that though our head will say how true that is, our heart is often far from it. The worries of each day pull us away from

that truth. Easter Sunday is given us every year to reaffirm that truth, to fill our hearts up once again, to help us feel that truth as we journey the many days and months of this year, to remember what Jesus did and continues to do for us. He came for us. He came and continues to come into our lives saying, "May you feel my glory, a glory that will fill you with joy!" "Jesus, may I rejoice in your resurrection!"

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Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness.”- Pope Francis

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: April 1-7, 2024

Monday, April 1st.....	Private Chapel.....	+Carol Price
Tuesday, April 2nd.....	St. Leo.....	4:00 PM.....Adoration
Tuesday, April 2nd.....	St. Leo.....	5:15 PM.....+Jeff Paulsen
Wednesday, April 3rd.....	St. Catherine.....	9:00 AM.....+Virgil Schutz
Thursday, April 4th.....	Ridgeview Estates.....	10:30 AM.....+RB Johnson Family
Friday, April 5th.....	Parkview Manor.....	9:30 AM.....Rosary
Friday, April 5th.....	Mary Jane Brown.....	10:00 AM.....+Dave Paquette
Saturday, April 6th.....	St. Catherine.....	5:00 PM.....For the Parishioners
Sunday, April 7th.....	St. Catherine.....	8:30 AM.....+Eldon Reisdorfer
Sunday, April 7th.....	St. Leo.....	10:30 AM.....+Patricia Andrews & + Andrew Brady
Sunday, April 7th.....	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/stcluverne/videos/>

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EASTER SUNDAY PRAYER: Oh Lord, You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Please help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for Your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

WHO IS THE MASS FOR? (Continued from last week.) Priests, however, have an opportunity to offer spiritual sacrifices, or intentions, that are united to the sacrifice we make at the altar while in the person of Christ. These are the Mass intentions that you see in the bulletin each week and it is a privilege for us to offer up these intentions. I often hear people refer to a Mass being offered for the specific person that is listed in the bulletin. This is, however, only partly true.

The Mass is offered for the Church. The Mass intention, either a specific person or group of persons, is actually the priest's personal prayer intention. You also get to pray for that person and for whoever else you wish! We do ask for a stipend for each Mass intention, which becomes part

of the priest's salary and also places an obligation on priests to pray for that person. Concelebrating priests also offer intentions with or without a stipend donated by parishioners, even if they're not listed in the bulletin. (Continued next week.)

WHAT IS EASTER ABOUT? On Christmas, we celebrate the Incarnation – God becoming human – with Jesus' birth. During Lent, we recall the cross – Jesus' crucifixion and death. At Easter, we rejoice in the empty tomb – Jesus' resurrection. Easter is the day Jesus rose from the dead after being crucified. The empty tomb means that Jesus' words rang true. He fulfilled the promises of Scripture and conquered sin and death. Had Jesus not risen from the dead, the world would have seen Him as just a prophet or teacher instead of who he is: the Son of God, the Messiah. Jesus overcoming death is the reason we know His name today. It's the foundation of all Christianity. With His death and resurrection, Jesus opened heaven to all of us. Because of Easter, we know that no matter what sufferings we experience or what sins we struggle with, God is always with us. Easter is everything. And its significance is clear from the start in the Bible. (Hallow.com)

NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: Want to get



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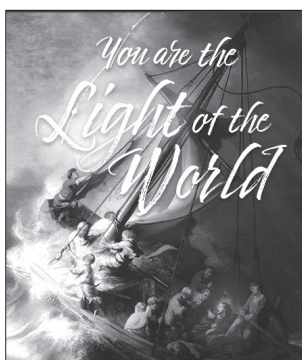
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involved? Want to meet members of our church community? Want to grow stronger in your Faith? Well, if so, we have the answer for you! Joining a Bible Study, you will create relationships, and a bond with God as your center. We want to share this experience 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 or phone 507-820-1100. Each group will schedule a time that works for the majority!

SC Ministry Schedule	Saturday, April 6 5:00 pm	Sunday, April 7 8:30 am
Rosary	Mary Christensen	Renae Pick
Gifts	First Communion Class	First Communion Class
Lector	Pam Haakenson	Zane Walgrave & Philip Vander Lugt
Servers	Ashlyn Hemme & Hadley Louwagie	Owen Janiszski & Dylan Ommen
Ushers	Russell & Fox Forrest	Marcus Vortherms & Philip Vander Lugt
Eucharistic Ministers	Patti Wieneke & Marlene DeSplinter	Lori Stoffel & Dave Siebenahler



Marriage Anniversary Mass

Office of Life,
Marriage, and Family

Rhonda Drager
Administrative Assistance
at St. John the Baptist,
Minnesota Lake

MINI STORY: Rhonda Drager, Marriage Anniversary Mass – Office of Life, Marriage, and Family

In the summer of 2023, Father Havel was asked if our parish, St. John the Baptist – Minnesota Lake, would be interested in hosting the annual Marriage Anniversary Mass, celebrating with Bishop Barron. How exciting for our small community to be hosting this Mass with our new Bishop. About 80 couples ranging from 1 year to 65 years married from all over Southern Minnesota, Iowa and even Illinois, registered to attend. There were even widowed spouses that registered; this Mass was special to them too as they were on a new journey without their spouse but still wanted to share their love stories with everyone gathered. The Marriage Anniversary Mass is a wonderful day of strengthening a couple's love and an important event supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Celebrating this special event at our parish and other parishes throughout the years is a testament of the strong love between Jesus and the sacrament of marriage. The CMA provides the resources to support couples in their journey together with Jesus. The Marriage Anniversary Mass reminds all couples of the commitment made to each other, giving them a sense of joy.

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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	Donors	Received	Percentage	Still Need
March 25, 2024	28	\$8,763.30	31%	\$18,886.70

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Contributions (Adult Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)
March 23 & 24\$3,465.00
Online Giving.....\$151.00
Interest.....\$69.78
Memorial.....\$25.00
Faith Formation Fundraiser\$100.00
Candle Donations.....\$266.01
Easter Flowers.....\$50.00
Maintenance Funds.....\$120.00
Total.....\$4,246.79
Please remember St. Catherine **needs weekly contributions** of \$7,762.00 to keep current on monthly expenses.

Week 39 - (7/1/23-3/24/24)
Needed to Date\$302,718.00
Income to Date\$278,434.30

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

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



Birthday Greetings!

Cheryl Willers, Karen Ruddy, Ron Rother, Zaharra Harnack, Jane Gropel, Avery Jenniges, Melissa Sterrett, Lennox Ganun, Bill Mulligan, Steve Heitkamp, Grace Kempema, Laramie Ha-gen, Jen Dass, Heidi Mehlhaff, Audrey DePauw, Ken Schmitt

Anniversaries!

Jen & Brant Huisman, Mary & Mike McLaughlin



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MEAL WITH A MESSAGE:

On Wednesday, April 24th will be the last Parish Meal of the year with a guest speaker to follow. Justin Hibbard was featured on the Coming Home Network. Justin was an evangelical minister who converted to Catholicism after studying and finding the truth in Catholic Church Theology. As he was preparing to enter the church his local priest wanted the whole family to join at the same time. His middle daughter, 13 at the time, was adamant she was not becoming Catholic. Suddenly something changed her mind! Please join us as Justin shares his story! Justin has a podcast called "Why Catholic" and his conversion interview can be seen on The Coming Home Network (chnetwork.org). Justin will speak about owning your faith and how the Catholic Church has impacted his life. Meal is from 5:00-6:30 PM. His message is from 7:00-8:00 PM.



WHAT IS EASTER? The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ had not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;... So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one." (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49) (USSCB.org)

ADORATION: "Get close to God and stay close to God. So here is my invitation to you: Stop by a church for ten minutes each day this week and spend time in the quiet. Sit before Jesus in the tabernacle. If you can, do it first thing in the morning. You will find that your days are more fruitful and focused, and filled with a passion that is invigorating and a joy that is intoxicating. Jesus awaits you in the Eucharist. Come into the silence and let Him change your life." (Taken from Beautiful Eucharist, 2023) You are invited to visit our chapel during the Easter season. 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 still 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 or are interested in being a sub.

COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR FUNERAL MEALS: Mary Jo Nath has been doing this job for 14 years and now is looking for someone to take over. She is more than willing to help one get acquainted with this role. Many helping hands are involved which makes this job easy. Please reach out to the office if you are interested in this opportunity, 507-283-8502.

DID YOU KNOW- CCW: The next CCW meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Centennial Room. Our speaker for this meeting will be Suzie Walgrave, nurse practitioner. She will be speaking on the effects of technology (cell phones, Facebook, social media, etc.). Please join us!

FAITH FORMATION

Youth News & Activities

DATES TO NOTE:

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
Wednesday, April 10th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 17th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 24th	Last Day of Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Our 9th grade students kicked off Holy Week by performing the Shadow Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 27th. They did a beautiful job! If you missed it or want to watch it again, you can go to our Facebook page to watch.

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 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

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



SaintSPOTLIGHT

SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

- Imagine how your life would change if you had to move to an unknown land more than 6,000 miles away! That's what happened to Turibius of Mogrovejo, born in 1538. He was a respected judge and law professor in Spain. One day, King Philip II, who was head of the Church in Spain, appointed him Archbishop of Lima, Peru. Turibius told the king and the pope that he had never even been to South America and that he was not even a priest! But the decision had been made. The Church in Peru needed a holy man to lead the people closer to Christ. Turibius was ordained a priest and a bishop, and he soon set sail for his new land.

When he arrived in Lima, he was shocked at what he found. Priests were not caring for their people. The poor were being neglected. Rich Spanish landowners had enslaved many of the native people of Peru and treated them cruelly. Turibius saw that there was much work to be done.

Turibius decided to visit every parish in his new land. Sometimes he rode a mule from place to place, but mostly he traveled on foot. His journey through the diocese took him seven long years. At every parish, he gathered the people to celebrate the Sacraments. He preached about God's love and how to follow Jesus. He slept on dirt floors in the homes of Catholic families, and he ate whatever food the poor but faithful people could provide. He



learned the different languages spoken by his people so that he could speak to them in words they could understand.

Turibius responded to the needs he saw. He supervised the building of many churches, schools, and hospitals. A catechism was written in different Peruvian languages so that adults and children could grow in their faith and also learn how to read and write. The first seminary in the New World was opened in Lima in 1591 so that new priests could be trained. Everywhere he went, Turibius spoke out against the unjust treatment of the poor. The people in power listened to Turibius because he always spoke with love and he encouraged everyone to act with love.

Turibius died in 1606 while visiting one of his parishes in a small mountain village. He was canonized in 1726. We honor him as a saint because he responded to God's call to serve others. Like Jesus, he was a good shepherd for his people. We can follow Turibius' example by respecting people from all cultures and treating everyone as a child of God.

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