

St. Catherine & St. Leo Catholic Parishes



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Do not doubt any longer, but believe."

John 20:27



FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA ...

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. (Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and/or Sacramental Confession)

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. (Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit prisoners, comfort the sick, bury the dead. Spiritual Works of Mercy: Teach the ignorant, pray for the living and the dead, correct/admonish sinners, counsel those in doubt, console the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive wrongs willingly.)

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive. (Make an Act of Trust and/or pray the Litany of Trust)

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

"A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental

confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!)..."

A plenary indulgence is a spiritual task or event that the Pope through the Church has declared for the benefit of the Faithful to remove ALL temporal punishment due to sin. This means that a person who completes the conditions for the plenary indulgence, should they die, would not have any temporal punishment to atone for in Purgatory, but would instead go straight to heaven! This year, **St. Ann's Catholic Parish in Slayton, MN will be hosting a Divine Mercy Holy Hour with Confessions available starting at 2 PM on Sunday, April 12th.** I will be there to assist with confessions.

The Holy Hour will consist of: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2pm with confessions available until 3pm. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3pm followed with Benediction. All are welcome to attend. The Promise - Our Lord Jesus said, "The soul that will go to Confessions and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. . . Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." ~Saint Faustina, Diary, 699

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PR. JOSHUA...

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia: El mensaje de la Divina Misericordia es algo que podemos recordar simplemente con el acrónimo ABC:

A - Pedir su misericordia. Dios quiere que nos acerquemos a Él en oración constantemente, arrepintiéndonos de nuestros pecados y pidiéndole que derrame su misericordia sobre nosotros y sobre el mundo entero. (Rezar la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y/o la confesión sacramental)

B - Sé misericordioso. Dios quiere que recibamos su misericordia y la dejemos fluir a través de nosotros hacia los demás. Quiere que ofrezcamos amor y perdón a los demás, tal como Él lo hace con nosotros. (Obras de misericordia corporales: dar de comer al hambriento, dar de beber al sediento, vestir al desnudo, acoger al sin techo, visitar a los presos, consolar al enfermo, enterrar al difunto. Obras de misericordia espirituales: enseñar a los ignorantes, orar por los vivos y los muertos, corregir/amonestar a los pecadores, aconsejar a los que dudan, consolar a los afligidos, soportar las injusticias con paciencia, perdonar las ofensas de buena gana.)

C - Confía plenamente en Jesús. Dios quiere que sepamos que todas las gracias de su misericordia solo pueden recibirse mediante nuestra confianza. Cuanto más le abramos la puerta de nuestro corazón y de nuestra vida con confianza, más podremos recibir. (Haz un acto de confianza y/o reza la Letanía de la Confianza)

Este mensaje y la devoción a Jesús como la Divina Misericordia se basan en los escritos de Santa Faustina Kowalska, una monja polaca sin estudios que, en obediencia a su director espiritual, escribió un diario de unas 600 páginas en el que recogía las revelaciones que recibió sobre la misericordia de Dios. Ya antes de su muerte en 1938, la devoción a la Divina Misericordia había comenzado a difundirse.

Se concede una indulgencia plenaria, bajo las condiciones habituales (confesión

sacramental, comunión eucarística y oración por las intenciones del Sumo Pontífice), a los fieles que, el segundo domingo de Pascua o Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, en cualquier iglesia o capilla, con un espíritu completamente desprendido del afecto por el pecado, incluso venial, participen en las oraciones y devociones celebradas en honor a la Divina Misericordia, o quienes, en presencia del Santísimo Sacramento expuesto o reservado en el sagrario, reciten el Padrenuestro y el Credo, añadiendo una oración devota al misericordioso Señor Jesús (por ejemplo: ¡Jesús misericordioso, confío en Ti!...)»

Una indulgencia plenaria es una práctica o evento espiritual que el Papa, a través de la Iglesia, ha establecido en beneficio de los fieles para eliminar TODO el castigo temporal debido al pecado. Esto significa que una persona que cumpla con las condiciones para obtener la indulgencia plenaria, en caso de fallecer, no tendría que expiar ningún castigo temporal en el Purgatorio, ¡sino que iría directamente al cielo! Este año, **la parroquia católica de Santa Ana en Slayton, MN, organizará una Hora Santa de la Divina Misericordia con confesiones disponibles a partir de las 2 p. m. del domingo 12 de abril.** Yo estaré allí para ayudar con las confesiones.

La Hora Santa consistirá en: Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento a las 2 p. m. con confesiones disponibles hasta las 3 p. m. Se rezará la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia a las 3 p. m., seguida de la Bendición. Todos son bienvenidos a asistir. La Promesa: Nuestro Señor Jesús dijo: «El alma que se confiese y reciba la Sagrada Comunión obtendrá el perdón completo de los pecados y del castigo. En ese día se abren todas las compuertas divinas por las que fluyen las gracias. Que ninguna alma tema acercarse a Mí, aunque sus pecados sean como la grana. . . La humanidad no tendrá paz hasta que se vuelva a la Fuente de Mi Misericordia». ~Santa Faustina, Diario, 699

FAITH FORMATION: St. Catherine & St. Leo Youth News

SENIOR MASS AND BREAKFAST: Invitations have gone out via email and mail to all St. Catherine and St. Leo graduating seniors. If you did not receive this invitation and have a graduating senior in the parish, please let us know as we may not have your current/correct contact informatio. Senior Mass and Breakfast will be held at St. Leo on May 3rd and St. Catheirne on May 17th. We ask that ALL senior families RSVP as soon as possible to help us plan for numbers and any food restrictions. Contact Nicole (ffd@stsc.org) with any questions.

FIRST COMMUNION: Students from St. Catherine and St. Leo will celebrate their First Communion at Mass next week (Sunday, April 19th). Please say a couple extra prayers for them this week as they make their final preparations.

St. Catherine: Hazel Arends, Destiny Bonilla Soto, Sadie Gacke, Sydnie Gackie, Levi Hemme, Dallas Klaassen, Cameron Luze, Mavis Mollberg, Braxley Nath, Cedar McFarland, Esteban Sanchez Lopez

St. Leo: Leslie Barboza Lozano, Azulceleste Barrios, Eladio Cardenas, Heidi Dias Monter, Ethan Fernandez Flores, June Freuchte, Henry Freuchte, Darius Full, Xavier Full, Alissa Guardado, Ana Guardado, Emeli Guardado, Isavela Guardado, Malachi Hess, Knox Lingen, Sergio Lozano Marinez, Salvado Mendoza Gutierrez, Nikova Prow, Meilyn Ramirez Donis, Camilla Roque, Bryan

ST. CATHERINE DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday, April 14— PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, April 15— Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

Sunday, April 19 — First Communion Mass (8:30 AM)

Tuesday, April 21— PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, April 22— Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

Tuesday, April 28— Last Regular Class for PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, April 29— Last Regular Class of Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

Sunday, May 17 — Senior Mass & Breakfast (8:30 AM Mass)

ST. LEO DATES TO NOTE:

Sunday, April 19 — First Communion Mass (10:30 AM)

Sunday, May 3 — Senior Mass and Breakfast (10:30 AM Mass)

Ruiz Perez, Bryden Ruis Perez, Sofia Sanchez Larios, Gloria Stangle, Sean Thaemert, Hazel Thaemert, Kole Weedman

SUMMER PLANNING: Totus Tuus is coming to St. Catherine and St. Leo! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a week of fun and faith. St. Leo Totus Tuus will run from June 28 to July 3. St. Catherine Totus Tuus will run from July 12 to July 17. Both weeks students currently in grade 6 and above go in the evenings from 6:30 to 8:15 on Sunday through Thursday and

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

April 14-19, 2026

Tuesday April 14th *Easter Weekday*

10:30 AM at St. Catherine .. Robert Somnis Funeral Mass

Mass Wednesday, April 15th *Easter Weekday*

12:15 PM at St. Leo 1st Communicants

Mass Thursday, April 16th *Easter Weekday*

5:15 PM at St. Leo Patrick McGunegill Sr.†

Mass Friday, April 17th *Easter Weekday*

12:15 PM at St. Catherine Brooke Thompson†

Mass Saturday, April 18th *Third Sunday of Easter*

5:00 PM at St. Catherine Landel & Marlene Bullerman Family†

Mass Sunday, April 19th *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:30 AM at St. Catherine For the Parishioners

Mass Sunday, April 19th *Third Sunday of Easter*

10:30 AM at St. Leo Dean & Joni Dethmers

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

St. Catherine Tuesday, April 14th NO CONFESSION

St. Leo Wednesday, April 15th 11:00 – 11:45 AM

St. Leo Thursday, April 16th 4:30 - 5:00 PM

St. Catherine Friday, April 17th 11:00 – 11:45 AM

St. Catherine Saturday, April 18th 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Mass will be Live Streamed on YouTube at:

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

Saturday, April 18 ~ 5:00 PM

Rosary	Katie Baustian
Lector	Randy Lax
Servers	Ashlyn & Micaela Hemme
Ushers	Pat Baustian & Tyson Facile
Sacristans	Nancy Lange

Sunday, April 19 ~ 8:30 AM

Rosary	Renae Pick
Gift Bearers	First Communion
Lector	Melanie Madison
Servers	Tenlee Pick & Isley Smith
Ushers	Travis Broesder & Darrell Hemme
Extraordinary Ministers	Lynn Richters
Sacristans	Lana Henrichs
Video	Lucas Madison

Sunday, April 19 ~ 10:30 AM

Lector	Mylan Ray, Theresa Stangle
Servers	Tenley Caskey, Valencia Murphy, Marcel Arens
Ushers	Greg Carrow, Connie Carrow, Colin Bucher, Amelia Bucher
Extraordinary Ministers	Gene Halbur, Linda Halbur
Sacristans	Cindy Cunningham
Music	Praise Band

FAITH FORMATION: St. Catherine & St. Leo Youth News

those currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade go Monday through Friday during the day from 9:00 to 2:30. This year our themes are the Commandments and the Luminous Mysteries. The cost of Totus Tuus registration is \$25 per student with a cap of \$75 per family. Registration will be available soon! **WHAT IS TOTUS TUUS?** Totus Tuus is a Catholic Summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in the understanding of, and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ. It is only by establishing a real and personal relationship with him that we can be led to love of the Father in the Spirit and so be made sharers in the life of the Holy Trinity. **IS IT DIFFERENT FROM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?** Totus Tuus is similar to the “vacation bible school” model but there are some differences. First, we are provided with a team of young adult missionaries who are extensively

trained to deliver content and engage in relational ministry. The missionaries work with our parish and volunteers to help provide models of faithful discipleship. The curriculum and format for the week has been intentionally designed to place an emphasis on authentically Catholic content, assist parishes in engaging people at every stage of the evangelization process, and create an environment aimed at fostering vocational discernment.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: If you would like to help with Totus Tuus at either parish here are some areas that we are looking for help:

- Host families/homes for the missionaries (one for men and one for women)
- Parishioners to provide lunch(es) or host a dinner for the missionaries
- Volunteer to be adult helpers for the day sessions (no teaching just logistics and classroom helpers)



Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred” ~Pope Leo XIV

IGLESIA CATOLICA DE SAN LEO

PETICIÓN DE ORACIÓN POR LOS ENFERMOS: Randy Janssen, Rose Slinger, Benjamin Ribble, Fred Portz, Lori McGee, Duane Carlson, Bunny & Brad Johnson, and Kay Dubbelde. *Que sépan de nuestras oraciones en su tiempo de necesidad.*

MINISTERIO DE CUIDADO: ¡Necesitamos ayuda! Buscamos feligreses que lleven el Santísimo Sacramento a quienes se encuentran en nuestras residencias asistidas locales. Esto ocupa aproximadamente una hora de tu tiempo, un día a la semana, cada 3 meses. ¡Se proporcionará formación! Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial de San León con cualquier pregunta que tenga al: 507-825-3152.

LIMPIEZA DE PRIMAVERA: Poco a poco estamos trabajando para limpiar y organizar las aulas y armarios. Estamos pidiendo a nuestras organizaciones y grupos eclesíásticos que etiqueten claramente los objetos que usáis, para que no se extravíen accidentalmente. Para preguntas o para ayudar, contacta con Mary Laphorn en el 507-215-3954.

¡BUSCANDO UN NUEVO HOGAR! Tenemos un órgano buscando un nuevo hogar. Si conoces a alguien que pueda usar un órgano que funcione, por favor contacta con Mary Laphorn en el 507-215-3954. Para ver, este órgano está situado en la esquina sureste de la sala el Buen Pastor.

EDUCACIÓN CATÓLICA: Un grupo de padres han estado rezando por crear una cooperativa católica clásica de educación en casa aquí en Pipestone. Los estudiantes se reunían 3 días a la semana con tutores y trabajo guiado en casa los otros dos días. Podrían asistir a misa diaria, adoración semanal, clases diarias de religión y música junto con una educación clásica de calidad en un ambiente donde puedan tener flexibilidad para aprender a su nivel. Si te interesa saber más o ayudar, por favor ven a una reunión informativa el domingo 12 de abril a las 3:00 pm en San León. Rezaremos la corteza de la divina misericordia para comenzar la reunión. O contacta con Ann en el 507-828-3675 o a Holly en el 507-320-8441. Si crees que te interesaría un puesto de profesora a tiempo parcial o conoces a alguien que lo haga, por favor empieza a orar al respecto y contacta con los números mencionados. ¡Las oraciones de todos por la voluntad de Dios para nuestros estudiantes son muy apreciadas!

CENA DE PRIMAVERA: Cena de primavera – 26 de abril de 11:00 am a 1:00 PM Lomo de cerdo, puré de papas con salsa, ejotes verdes, puré de manzana, panecillos y postres caseros. Las entradas para la cena ya han sido enviadas por correo. Necesitas tu ayuda, por favor asegúrate de inscribirte en el vestíbulo, ya que muchas manos pueden facilitar el trabajo.

¡EL CMA HA VUELTO! La Campaña de Ministerios Católicos es una fuente principal de financiación para ayudar a sostener

¡Esta semana en el Arca de Noé hablamos de lo que cada una de nuestras familias hizo en Pascua! Teníamos muchas historias y emoción en la sala cuando escuchamos sobre todas las celebraciones de Pascua. ¡Tenemos plazas en cada clase y nos encantaría que tu hijo se uniera a nosotros! Por favor, contacta con la oficina de la iglesia y ellos pueden ponerte en contacto con la señora V. Me encantaría hablar o reunirme contigo y con tu hijo. Esta semana entregaremos nuestros recibos de Hank's y os mantendremos informados sobre cuántos puntos hemos podido recolectar y qué hemos comprado. ¡Os damos las gracias a todos por vuestras oraciones y apoyo! ~ *La escolita del Arca de Noé*



~ BIENVENIDOS A SAN LEO ~

Por favor, ayúdanos a dar la bienvenida a nuestra parroquia de San León a las siguientes familias: Jodi Christensen, Randy y Theresa Dellapaolera, Keith Mattson y la familia de Nancy Guardado.

Querido Señor, venimos ante Ti, buscando la gracia para abrir nuestros corazones al amor, la comprensión y la compasión. Ayúdanos a abrazarnos con bondad, derribando barreras que nos dividan. Que nuestros corazones se llenen de Tu luz, guiándonos para compartir Tu amor con el mundo. Concédenos la fuerza para escuchar y el valor para actuar en unidad.
Amén.

y expandir los ministerios en las parroquias, escuelas, programas y departamentos de la iglesia diocesana. El obispo Barron ha elegido "Os haré pescadores de hombres" como tema de este año. Llegará más información. Los cheques deben hacerse a nombre de la Diócesis de Winona-Rochester.

FOTOGRAFÍA DEL DIRECTORIO DE LA IGLESIA: ¡Por favor, programa tu cita para nuestro nuevo Directorio! Las fechas y horarios son los siguientes.

- Jueves 11 de junio de 2:00 - 8:36 PM
- Viernes 12 de junio de 2:00 - 8:36 PM
- El sábado 13 de junio de 10:00 AM – 3:48 PM.

También puedes pedir cita en línea, solo tienes que ir a www.ucdir.com código de la iglesia es MN632, Contraseña: membermn632. Si tiene preguntas adicionales contacte a los siguientes: Kim Van Hoecke – 507-820-9450, Deb Hagedorn – 319-360-9568, Lori Goelz – 507-350-9038



La Pascua es la victoria de la vida sobre la muerte, de la luz sobre la oscuridad, del amor sobre el odio».

~Papa León XIV

ST. LEO'S HAPPENINGS: News & Announcements

CMA IS BACK! The Catholic Ministries Appeal is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand ministries in the parishes, schools, programs and departments of the diocesan church. Bishop Barron has selected "I Will Make You Fishers of Men" as this year's theme. More information is coming. Checks should be made payable to **Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Saint Leo's goal this year is \$27,282 | \$27,282.00 Left to go**


CMA Pledges as of	Donors	Received	Percentage
April 5, 2026	0	\$0.00	0%

PRAYER PETITIONS FOR THE SICK: Randy Jansen, Rose Slinger, Benjamin Ribble, Fred Portz, Lori McGee, Duane Carlson, Bunny & Brad Johnson, and Kay Dubbelde. *May they know of our prayers in their time of need.*

MINISTRY OF CARE: We need help! We are looking for parishioners to take the Blessed Sacrament to those who are in our local assisted living facilities. This takes about an hour of your time, one day a week, every 3 months. Training will be provided! Please call the parish office of St. Leo with any question at: 507-825-3152.

HELP NEEDED: Nurses/EMTs- Camp Summit needs nurses/ EMTs for our first week of camp. Week one runs July 25-30. The nursing team ensures the safety and care of all the middle school youth, high school youth, and adult volunteers at camp. The nursing team will provide general first aid, help youth through illnesses, injuries, and homesickness, and help chaperones with medications and medical emergencies as needed. Visit our website at campsummitwinona.org to learn more about Camp Summit. If interested or would like more information, please email campsummitwinona@gmail.com

LITURGICAL HELPERS NEEDED: We need liturgical helpers for Holy Week Masses here at St. Leo. Many of our volunteers are on multiple lists and are often doing double duty. Can you help us out by widening the pool from which we pull? Pray that your heart will hear how God is calling you to serve/share and then contact the parish office or find the sign-up sheet in the concourse to get signed up. The most needed spots to fill are Servers, Lectors



This week at Noah's Ark we talked about what each of our families did for Easter! We had many stories and excitement in the room when we heard about all the Easter Celebrations. We have opening in each class and would love to have your child join us! Please contact the church office and they can put you in touch with Mrs. V. I would love to talk or meet with you and your child. We will be submitting our Hank's receipts this week and will keep you updated as to how many points we were able to collect and what we purchased. We thank you all for your prayers and support! ~Noah's Ark Preschool

and Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like a "refresher course" in your ministry, please let us know and we would be happy to help!

LOOKING TO REHOME! We have an organ looking for a new home. If you know of anyone who can use a working organ, please contact Mary Laphorn at 507-215-3954. To view, this organ is located in the SE corner of The Good Shepard Room.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: A group of parents has been praying about starting a Catholic Classical Homeschool Coop here in Pipestone. The students would meet 3 days a week with tutors and guided work at home the other two days. They'd be able to attend daily Mass, weekly adoration, have daily religion and music class along with a quality Classical Education in an environment where they can have flexibility to learn at their level. If you would be interested in learning more or helping with this please come to an information-

ST. LEO CHURCH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week 41 - (7/1/25 4/5/26)
Weekly Total Income...\$22,898.96
 Needed Weekly \$7,335.00
 Needed to Date \$300,735.00
 Income to Date \$292,586.23

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
LECTURA DE HOY

Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Pt 1:3-9 | Jn 20:19-31

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday
 Acts 4:23-31 | Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday
 Acts 4:32-37 | Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday
 Acts 5:17-26 | Jn 3:16-21

Thursday
 Acts 5:27-33 | Jn 3:31-36

Friday
 Act 5:34-42 | Jn 6:1-15

Saturday
 Acts 6:1-7 | Mk 6:16-21

al meeting Sunday, April 12 at 3 PM at St. Leo. We'll be praying Divine Mercy Chaplet to begin the meeting. Or contact Ann at 507-828-3675 or Holly at 507-320-8441 If you think you'd be interested in a part time teaching position or know someone who would, please start praying about it and reach out to the numbers above. Everyone's prayers for God's will for our students are so appreciated!!!!

ST. LEO'S HAPPENINGS: News & Announcements

MARRIAGE RETREAT: Spring is a sign of new growth, begin tremendous new growth in your marriage by attending the April 18-19 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: www.marriages.org. A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other! If you have any questions, please call Mary Jackson at: 651-454-3238.

SPRING CLEANING: Little by little we are working to clean and organize classrooms and closets. We are asking our church organizations and groups to clearly label the items you use, so they do not accidentally get misplaced. For questions or to help, contact Mary Laphorn at 507-215-3954.

ST. GIANNA NOVENA: APRIL 19-27: From April 19-27, thousands of Catholics across the country will unite in prayer for pregnant and parenting moms in need, for whom St. Gianna is a powerful intercessor. Download the novena or sign up to receive it daily by email at walkingwithmoms.com/sa.

SPRING DINNER: Spring Dinner – April 26 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Pork loin, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce, roll, and homemade desserts Dinner tickets have been mailed out. Your help is needed, please be sure to sign up at the con-course as many hands make light work.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHY: Please schedule your appointment for our new Directory! Dates and times are as follows.

~ WELCOME TO ST. LEO ~

Please help us in welcoming to our St. Leo Parish the following families: **Jodi Christensen, Randy & Theresa Dellapaolera, Keith Mattson, & Nancy Guardado's family.**

Dear Lord, We come before You, seeking the grace to open our hearts to love, understanding, and compassion. Help us to embrace one another with kindness, breaking down barriers that divide us. May our hearts be filled with Your light, guiding us to share Your love with the world. Grant us the strength to listen and the courage to act in unity. Amen.

- Thursday June 11 from 2:00 - 8:36 PM
- Friday June 12 from 2:00 – 8:36 PM
- Saturday June 13 from 10:00 – 3:48 PM.

You can also schedule your appointment online just go to www.ucdir.com church code is MN632, Password: membermn632.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the following: Kim Van Hoecke – 507-820-9450, Deb Hagedorn – 319-360-9568 or Lori Goelz – 507-350-9038



ST. CATHERINE'S HAPPENINGS: News & Announcements

CMA GOAL: The 2026-2027 CMA Goal for St. Catherine is \$27,274.00

ST. CATHERINE STAFF AND OFFICE HOURS: Due to the budget deficit the Finance Council has decided that it is necessary to reduce the staff and office hours to decrease some of our expenses. Please be mindful that with the parish's reduced hours the staff will not be available to help with extra projects. Office hours may resume once parish finances are in a more stable position. The new hours for the parish office are Monday – closed, Tuesday – Friday 9 AM to 3 PM.

ARTICLE SUBMISSION FOR THE BULLETIN: The deadline for submitting articles for the bulletin will remain Tuesday at noon. Please have all materials preprinted upon submission.

GOOD WORKS RAFFLE: And the winner for week 13 is Carol Blum. Please stop in the office to pick up your prize.

HELP US GROW CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: St. Catherine and St. Leo both have 2 people trained in CGS Level 1 and we would love to expand that and even grow to have a Level 2 atrium for 1st and 2nd graders. To do that we need more people trained in Level 1. CGS is a Catholic Montessori-based religious formation program for children, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed

in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. YOU are invited to attend a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1A training course this summer. Options in our diocese include June 1-6, 2026 at Cotter Schools in Winona, MN (The registration deadline is May 4, 2026. For more information and registration, visit: <https://www.cotterschools.org/together-in-community/the-catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd>.) or June 5 – 7 (Friday to Sunday) and June 12-14 (Friday to Sunday) at St. Joseph's in Lakefield. Contact Nicole if you have any questions or might be interested!

ROCK COUNTY FAIR BOOTH: It is time to think about the St. Catherine Fair Booth. We are looking for a volunteer(s) to be in charge of the fair booth. This would include recruiting volunteers to sit in our booth, setting up the booth and taking down the booth on Saturday evening. If you are interested in doing this, please contact the office at 507-283-8502. If we do not have a volunteer(s) to head this up, we will not have a booth this year.

PRAYER PETITIONS FOR THE SICK: Don Lenz, Mike Lenz, Jereme & Suzanne Lenz, Troy Ahrendt, Connie Wieneke, Bob Israel, Terry Gonnerman, Janet Reisch, Pat Demuth, Mitzi Baustian, and all the sick and suffering. *Heavenly Father, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted.*

ST. CATHERINE'S HAPPENINGS: News & Announcements

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: You are invited to an Open House to celebrate Bill Deutsch's 100th birthday on April 18th at the Ellsworth Community Center from 1-5 PM. In lieu of gifts, there will be a donation box for Bill's favorite charity.

KC'S TOOTSIE ROLL FUNDRAISER: Will be held before and after Mass on April 18th and April 19th. The KCs use this annual fundraiser to benefit the work of the Intellectual Disabilities Program. All proceeds from St. Catherine KC's fundraiser will be donated to Rock County Opportunities (RCO) here in Luverne. Contact Randy Walgrave 507-220-0332 or Shane Peterson 507-920-5150 with any questions.

HUGE THANK YOU: to Joyce Schmidt, Becky Ranschau and Mary Laphorn for helping steam and iron robes for Confirmation!

GOOD WORKS RAFFLE: We extend our sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Catherine Church for your incredible support of the first annual St. Catherine Knights of Columbus Good Works Raffle. Through your generosity, we achieved over \$17,000.00 in ticket sales, and after awarding 49 weekly \$75.00 prizes and three \$200.00 winners for Easter, Christmas, and Independence Day, we were able to raise \$10,400.00 after expenses. Your support directly contributes to the ongoing maintenance and care of our parish grounds, and we are truly grateful for your continued commitment to our parish community. Travis Broesder, Good Works Raffle Chair, Darrell Hemme, St. Catherine Grand Knight

MEALS ON WHEELS: St. Catherine will be taking 4 volunteers per weekday for Meals on Wheels for the Month of May. Meals on Wheels provide meals for individuals in need, including low income and homebound individuals. Meals on Wheels runs from just before 11:00 AM to as soon as you deliver the meals which usually runs no later than 12:30

WELCOME INTO BAPTISM



We warmly welcome **Destiny A. Bonilla Soto** into our Catholic Community of Saint Catherine.

Daughter of Ivan Bonilla Reyes and Sandy Soto
Baptized March 29, 2026

WELCOME INTO BAPTISM



We warmly welcome **Harmony B. Bonilla Soto** into our Catholic Community of Saint Catherine.

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PM. Saturday and Sunday after Mass there will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space where you can sign up, or please call the office 507-283-8502 to let us know if you would like to volunteer. Moving forward, we are looking for a volunteer to be the point of contact to manage this initiative for the Church. If you would be interested in leading Meals on Wheels for St. Catherine, please reach out to the office by email pas@stsccl.org or phone 507-283-8502.

ADORATION CHAPEL: During this Easter Season find peace, comfort, and renewal by adoring Jesus in the Eucharist. Chapel hours: Tuesday 7 AM – 5 PM, Wednesday 7 AM – 6 PM, and Thursday 7 AM – 5 PM.

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY! Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album. Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a

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Weekly Contributions

Week 41 - (7/1/25-4/5/26)
Weekly Total Income\$8,732.92
 Needed Weekly \$8,098.00
 Needed to Date \$332,018.00
 Income to Date \$282,782.76

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

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Birthday Greetings!

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