



July 27, 2025

**17th Sunday of  
ORDINARY TIME**

# ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

*The Catholic Community of Luverne*



## FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

Some of you may have noticed that the decorations in the sanctuary have been changed recently. This past week I met with the parishioners who help decorate the worship space in both St. Catherine's and St. Leo's. I instructed them to decorate the worship space with only living plants and no imitation plants or flowers. This is intentional to foster a greater sense of the Living Presence of God. As Catholics we believe that Jesus Christ is Truly and Substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament. His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity dwells in our Church in the Tabernacle. This Living Presence is much more akin to living plants and flowers rather than imitations. We do not say that Jesus is symbolically present via the symbol of the Holy Cross or that His image is present via the corpus on the crucifix, but that the Divine Essence is in our midst under the appearance of ordinary bread. In order to more perfectly enter into this mystery during Divine Worship, the decorations of the space where we encounter this mystery should be living plants that need our constant care and attention analogous to the way that our relationship with God requires constant care and deliberate attention. We do not worship false idols made by human hands, but the True and Living God and thus our decorations should foster and enhance this spiritual reality.

This past two weeks have been a very fruitful time with our Totus Tuus missionaries Joe, Grant, Isaiah, Annalise, Avari, and Zach. They have brought great zeal and joy for the Faith to our young people. I am very grateful for all their efforts and for all the parishioners that helped them with housing, food, and other support. Thank you very much. Know that your generosity has directly benefited the spiritual lives of our young people who are the future of our Church.

As I continue to get settled with the rhythm of pastoral life in St. Leo and St. Catherine parishes, I am discerning many things that could enrich the spiritual life of the parishioners. One of the things that I am discerning is the Mass schedule, and I want to share with you some of my thoughts.

These are the guiding principles and priorities for the Mass schedule:

1. The normal place for Mass is the parish church. (General Instruction for the Roman Missal paragraph 288.) When the new schedule is announced, all daily Masses for the parish will be offered in the parish churches. The locations that are currently scheduled for Mass will continue to have a Communion Service pending the availability of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

2. Within reason and the logistical constraints that I have as the pastor who lives in Luverne, I will make the effort to set the Mass schedule to accommodate as many parishioners who desire to attend daily Mass as possible.

3. I am going to take Monday as my day off, so there will be no public Mass on Mondays. Both parishes will have daily Mass two days per week.

4. The daily Mass schedule will always be subject to change due to funerals, weddings, Faith Formation liturgies, diocesan liturgies, and other extenuating circumstances.

5. For those parishioners who work during business hours and would like to attend daily Mass, I am open to accommodating you by having Mass at an opportune time, whether that be before business hours, during a lunch break, or after business hours.

6. After the Mass schedule has been set, I will also be incorporating more regular hours for the Sacrament of Confession. It will likely be before daily Mass. I am also available for Confession by appointment via email or phone.

It is not clear yet what the new Mass schedule will be, and I would like any interested parishioners to submit their candid feedback to me personally via my email at [pastor@stsccl.org](mailto:pastor@stsccl.org).

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: July 28-August 3, 2025

Monday, July 28th .....		No Public Mass
Tuesday, July 29th .....	St. Leo .....	4:00 PM..... No Adoration
Tuesday, July 29th .....	St. Leo .....	5:15 PM..... No Public Mass
Wednesday, July 30th .....	St. Catherine.....	9:00 AM ..... +Lawrence Honerman Family
Thursday, July 31st.....	Ridgeview .....	10:30 AM..... +Deceased Members of Portz Family
Friday, August 1st.....	Vets Home .....	10:00 AM..... +Lawrence Honerman Family
Saturday, August 2nd.....	St. Leo .....	5:00 PM..... +Ray Lingen
Sunday, August 3rd.....	St. Catherine.....	8:30 AM ..... +Johnnie & Luella Hemme
Sunday, August 3rd.....	St. Leo .....	10:30 AM..... In Thanksgiving
Sunday, August 3rd.....	St. Leo .....	1:00 PM..... For the Parishioners

**Mass will be Live Streamed on Facebook at:** <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stccluverne/videos/>

## FAITH FORMATION • Youth News & Happenings

**DATES TO NOTE: July 28th – 31st – Camp Summit**

**CAMP SUMMIT:** 15 middle school campers, 5 high school counselors, 2 adult chaperones and Msgr. Kosse will be attending Camp Summit from St. Catherine/St. Leo: Noel, Gemma, Hadely, Maliya, Hazel, Ashlyn, Mary, Taedra, Cade, Noble, Logan, Emmett, Isley, Marrs, Ella, Olivia, Sophia, Nano, Jolee, William, Nicole, Shane and Msgr. Kosse. Camp Summit is the Diocese of Winona Rochester's Middle School Catholic Adventure Camp, where youth from around the diocese come together. Camp starts on Monday and will return on Thursday. Please keep them in your prayers this week and check out our Facebook page for updates and sneak peeks throughout the week!

**TOTUS TUUS 2025:**



## OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS • News & Announcements

**WINDOW SHADES IN THE GATHERING SPACE:** The blinds that have been put in look wonderful, and will be a gift that keeps giving. We hope to get blinds for all of the windows throughout the Gathering Space. To sponsor a large window shade, the cost is \$407.00 per window and small window shades are \$283.30 per window. Any donations would be appreciated!

**FALL FEST CORNER:** St. Catherine Fall Fest has been set for September 21st. Keep your eyes open for upcoming details. The next planning meeting is Monday, August 18th at 6:15 PM.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** In the near future we will switch to picking up envelopes in the Gathering Space following Mass instead of them being sent directly to your home. We understand that many prefer to give in different ways and would no longer like to receive envelopes if they are not utilizing them. If you would no longer like to receive offertory enve-

lopes, please reach out to the parish email [pas@stsccl.org](mailto:pas@stsccl.org) or call 507-283-8502.

**ST. CATHERINE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS:** There will be an information grill out supper and fellowship with current KC members; anyone interested in learning more about the Knight's of Columbus is invited to join. Please join in this event on August 3rd at 5:00 PM located at 409 N Estey St, Luverne, MN. The rain location will be in Doyle Hall at St. Catherine.

**FUNERAL INVITATION:** The family of Bernadine Merrill would like to extend an invitation to parishioners to attend her funeral on Monday, July 28th. There will be Rosary at 9:00 AM followed by a short Visitation until 10:00 AM when the funeral Mass starts. There will be bars to follow the funeral. All are invited to celebrate in a beautiful life lived.



SC Ministry Schedule	Sunday, August 3 • 8:30 AM
Rosary	Mary Jo Nath
Lector	Pat Scheidt
Servers	Eden Janiszeski
Ushers	Eric Woodley & Travis Broesder
Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Madison & Marlene DeSplinter
Sacristan	Alex Hartman & Cheryl Hartman
Video	Emmet Woodley

**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	Donors	Received	Percentage
July 20, 2025	55	\$13,100.00	48.88%

## OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**THANK YOU:** The family of Shirley Reisdorfer would like to express their thanks to Fr. Joshua Miller, Deacon Kevin, Ron Rother, Cindy Heitkamp, and Sue Skat-tum, for the beautiful and thoughtful service. We would also like to thank the ladies that helped in the kitchen with the lunch.

**DID YOU KNOW:** We will be having our CCW Salad luncheon on Thursday, July 31st, in Doyle Hall from 11:00 – 1:00 PM. Please look for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space in the coming weeks. Lots of salads and workers will be needed to make this event successful. If you are unable to bring a salad, please donate \$15 in place of a salad to St. Catherine's CCW. This event is the fundraiser in lieu of the Spring Bake Sale. The funds from this event and others are how the St. Catherine CCW provide donut Sundays, Seminarian support, college scholarships, and additional church and community support. The Southwest Area CCW Gathering is Tuesday July 22nd at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Church in Lakefield, MN. There will be a Mass for deceased CCW members at 7:00 PM followed by a meeting. Please let Mary O'Toole Hemme know if you would like to attend with her. (507) 227-2683

**PARISHSOFT GIVING:** The transition should have been completed before the end of the Church Fiscal year, which is June 30th. Jody will extend the end date of online giving for those who have not moved over to ParishSOFT to July 31st. We do apologize for the inconvenience of this change, but it is for the benefit of everyone. If you would like help setting this up, you are welcome to come into the office during working hours. If you would like to ensure both Jody or Brandi are there to assist you, please call or email to check that we are in the office on that specific day! Please let us know if you update it on your own so we can cancel your previous transaction through the bank. Thank you!  
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stcatherineluverne>  
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## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Weekly Contributions** (Adult Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)

July 20th.....\$7,226.15  
 Faith Formation .....\$1,037.31  
 Stole Fee.....\$150.00  
 Maintenance .....\$185.00  
 Fundraising.....\$1,050.00  
**Total.....\$9,648.46**

Please remember St. Catherine **needs weekly contributions of TBD** to keep current on monthly expenses.

**Week 4** - (7/1/25-7/20/25)

Needed to Date ..... TBD

Income to Date .....\$20,851.51

Please Include St. Mary Cemetery, St. Catherine Church, or St. Catherine Cemetery in your Last Will and Testament. We encourage giving through ParishSOFT - the QR Code for Online Giving through ParishSOFT is below. Call or email Jody Richters 283-8502, [fa@stscsl.org](mailto:fa@stscsl.org), for more information or to sign up.

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



## Birthday Greetings!

Jose Lopez Sanchez, Annie Opitz, Emily Acevedo, Syllas Frahm, Bruce Henrichs, Maggie May, Mary Surprenant, Wayne Thompson, Carla Van Santen, Jackson Jenniges, Tom Nelson, Hazel Hopperstad, Connie Gaul, Christy Hess, Dennis Madison, Craig Nekali, James Susie, Suzie Walgrave, Barb Daly, Deb Fuerstenberg, Stacey Ommen, Karen Miller, Ethan Richters, Megan Greenfield, and Lori Stoffel

## Anniversaries!

Mark & Pam Walgrave, Mark & Mary Aukes, Bruce & Lana Henrichs, Becky & James Rahm, Lindsay & Thomas Jenniges, Cory & Michelle Engen, Joe & Karen Loosbrock, Cindy & Don Arends, Zach & Angela Nolz, and Travis & Heidi Broesder



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