



August 17, 2025

*"Do you think that I have come
to bring peace to the earth? No,
I tell you, but rather division."*

Luke 12:51

**20th Sunday of
ORDINARY TIME**

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Catholic Community of Luverne



FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

I have received some questions regarding the distribution of the Precious Blood at Sunday Mass. The main reason that I do not allow the distribution of the Precious Blood is for sanitary reasons. Even with the prudent use of a purificator, the spread of contagious illness is a health risk when multiple people receive from the same cup.

Furthermore, the Catholic Church has always held that the fullness of the Divine Person of Jesus is truly present in both the Precious Body and in the Precious Blood. In centuries past, there have been different attacks against this doctrine. A priest named Nestorius, for whom the heresy Nestorianism is named, claimed that the entirety of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity was not present in only one species, either the Precious Body or the Precious Blood, but that The Real Presence only existed in the mixing of the Precious Blood and the Precious Body. There is also another related heresy called utraquism which claimed that it is necessary to receive both the Precious Body and the Precious Blood for the salvific effects of the Holy Eucharist to be received. Both of these doctrinal beliefs have been condemned by the Catholic Church as heretical and have no place in a Catholic parish.

Jesus Christ is Really and Truly Present in the Sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist. The totality of His Divine Person is contained in each and every Sacred Host that is consecrated at Mass. When you receive the Body of Christ during the Communion Rite at Mass, Jesus is giving you His very self and nothing is lacking. Knowing this to be true, and taking into account the inherent risks of spreading contagious disease among our parishioners, it is in everyone's best interest to distribute only the Precious Body at Mass.

I have also received some questions and comments regarding the use of the chalice veil. The chalice veil is a square cloth that is used to cover the chalice and paten during Mass before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This liturgical item is a physical manifestation of both Scripture and Tradition. Simply put, things that warrant the use of a veil do so because they are precious. We cover the chalice and paten out of respect for what they (will soon) contain. This is the case in many instances in Scripture, most notably referring to the dwelling place of the Ark of the Covenant, the Holy of Holies (Ex 26:31-34). The veil demarcated a boundary between that which is sacred and that which is profane.

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ADORATION: There have been some changes to the chapel schedule - please take a moment to review the new open hours below. Is Jesus calling you to spend time with Him in Eucharistic Adoration? We warmly welcome and thank Mary Christensen for joining the chapel on a regular basis! As we enjoy the final months of summer, parishioners are invited to share cut bouquets of flowers from their gardens (or elsewhere) to honor our Lord in the chapel. Please be sure to label your vases so they can be returned to you. Open Adoration Hours: Mondays: 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM Tuesdays: 10:00 AM, 3:00 PM Thursdays: 8:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 6:00 PM Fridays: 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 6:00 PM If you can help fill any of these hours, please contact Jen Huisman at 605-929-5881. Thank you for your continued devotion to our Lord and for helping to ensure His presence is always honored in our parish.

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!

ST. CATHERINE RUMMAGE SALE: The dates have been selected but the times are still to be determined. The Rummage Sale will go from Thursday, September 25th to Friday, September 26th. Drop-offs will begin on that Monday, September 23rd at 8:00 AM. It will still be \$5.00 for a bag. For people dropping off, please do not bring any car seats, appliances, TVs, and/or large furniture.

ROSARY & COMMUNION: There will be rosary and Communion at 9:30 AM each Friday at Parkview Manor. All parishioners are welcome to join in.

FALL FEST CORNER: Fall Fest will be September 21st. Please join in Mass as well as fellowship with coffee and donuts served immediately after Mass. There will be various family activities that will follow including Bingo, the Cupcake Walk, and the famous Tractor Pull! Then, there will be delicious smoked pork sandwiches that will be served in Doyle Hall starting at 11:00AM. Fall Fest raffle tickets have been sent out. Please return as many tickets as you would like with the appropriate money if you would like to be entered in the raffle by 11:00am on Sunday, September 21st! Also, please consider donating small prizes to Bingo and/or creating a basket and bringing it to the office by August 24th. Tickets for the baskets will be available before and after Mass in the weeks prior to Fall Fest with the drawing at the event. Tickets for the baskets will cost \$1.00 Each or 25 for \$20.00.

WINDOW SHADES IN THE GATHERING SPACE: The blinds that have

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

August 19-24, 2025

ST. CATHERINE

Tuesday, August 19th *Weekday Saint John Udes, Priest*

5:15 PM..... **Bill Bartscher†**

Thursday, August 21st *Weekday Saint Pius X, Pope*

No Mass

Sunday, August 24th

8:30 AM **Fr. Leo Dummer†**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, August 19th.....4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Thursday, August 21st4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

No Confession

Mass will be Live Streamed on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/stccluverne/videos/>

ST. LEO

Wednesday, August 20th Saint Bernard,

Abbot and Doctor of the Church

5:15 PM..... **Andrew Smith†**

Friday, August 22nd

No Mass

Saturday, August 23rd *Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin; BVM*

5:00 PM..... **Mary Lynn Portz†**

Sunday, August 24th *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:30 AM **For the Parishioners**

Sunday, August 24th *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1:00 PM..... **Bill Johnson†**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, August 13th4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

With Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, August 22nd.....4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

No Confession

Saturday, August 23rd3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

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OFFICE CLOSED: The St. Catherine office will be closed on August 22nd due to Fr. Joshua and multiple members of the staff attending the Diocesan Synod in Mankato.

FLOWERS: The roses by that statue of Mary were donated in memory of Tony Scheidt from Pat Scheidt.

CONTINUED • FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

Veils also refer to biblical nuptial imagery. The image of a bride behind her veil conveys the hidden mystery of a woman about to meet her husband (Gn 24:65, Sg 4:1-3). This is another indication of sacredness with the added senses of precious mystery and tender intimacy which the outside world does not participate in

At Mass, the chalice veil is removed at the Offertory as the Altar is prepared. This “unveiling” is an indication of what is about to happen in the culminating point of the Eucharistic Prayer. The Eucharistic Prayer is the unbloody re-making present of Jesus’ Sacrifice on the Cross. Just as Jesus completes

the act of Sacrificing Himself on the Cross, “the veil of the Temple was torn down the middle” (Lk 23:45). When the chalice veil is removed, we remember this moment in the life of Jesus. Simultaneously, we also remember that Jesus is the Bridegroom (Mt 9:15, Mk 2:19, Lk 5:34) and we are His Bride, the Church. After this “unveiling,” we make the most intimate act with God that we possibly can, we receive the Divine Person in Holy Communion. Let us remember this each and every time we make a Holy Communion with The Lord.

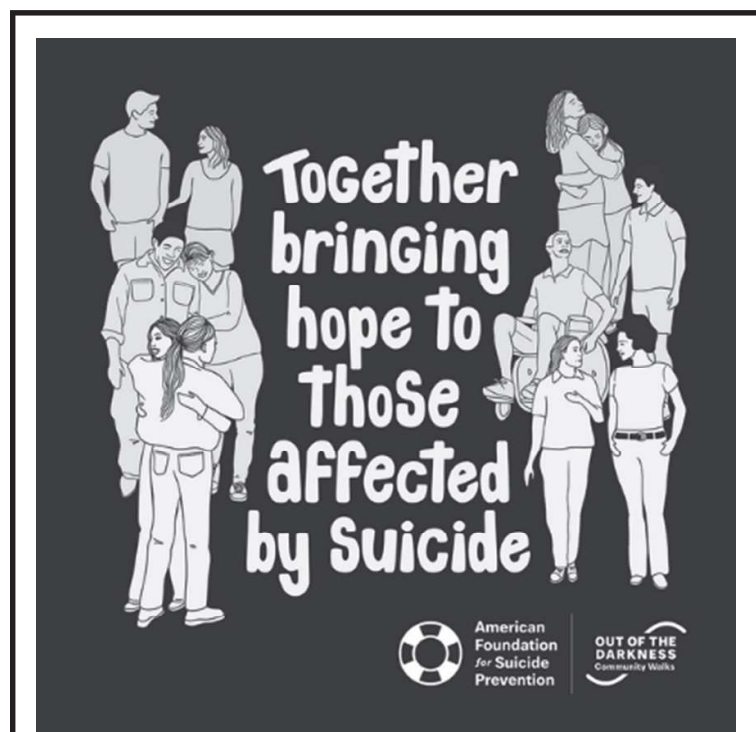
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OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: In the near future we will switch to picking up envelopes in the Gathering Space following Mass instead of them being sent directly to your home. We understand that many prefer to give in different ways and would no longer like to receive envelopes if they are not utilizing them. If you would no longer like to receive offertory envelopes, please reach out to the parish email pas@stscl.org or call 507-283-8502.

SECOND COLLECTION: Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups. Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 140-year-old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church’s concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection.

PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESAN SYNOD: Most High and Gracious God, we implore you for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Diocese of Winona Rochester as we embark on the Diocesan Synod for Evangelization and Vocations. We ask You to send us graces for wisdom and insight into how we can proclaim the Gospel and invite your sons and daughters into a right relationship of worship and friendship through Your Son Jesus Christ. As we seek your grace to make you known and loved, we also beg you for the grace to invite each member of our Diocese to serve you with the gift of their lives in service to the Church especially in more vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Give us the gift of your

Spirit for right discernment and clarity of approach so that we might faithfully carry out Your will in this Diocese and in each of our parishes. We pray un gratitude for every gift and blessing You bestow and put our full confidence in Your holy will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, in union with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



JOIN ST. CATHERINE’S TEAM: On September 20th, St. Catherine’s will once again be sponsoring the Out of Darkness Walk in Luverne. This walk helps raise money and awareness for suicide prevention, education and support. The walk will take place in the Luverne City Park. Check-in begins at 8:30 AM and the walk will start at 9:00 AM. Follow the below link to donate, join our team or just get more info on the walk: <https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/team/368369>

FALL FAITH FORMATION: We are busy preparing everything for the coming Faith Formation year. As usual we will begin our Faith Formation year on the first Wednesday of October (October 1st). We will also have our Tuesday morning CGS

program from 9:45 AM to 11:15 AM for 3-year-olds through PreK on, which will begin on Tuesday, October 7th. Registration forms and information will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

DESIGNED FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Catechist Training

Designed for Discipleship is not yet another new curriculum! It is a fresh way of approaching evangelical catechesis for the entire family through a neuroscience backed educational approach to program design, classroom instruction, and teacher preparation. **The creator designed our brains, and he designed them for discipleship!**

JOIN US



Saturday, Sept. 13
10:00-11:30 Am



**St. Catherine
Catholic Church**



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This training will focus on building classroom confidence: using catechists' knowledge, skills, experiences and the things that excite them about the faith to connect with their students in developmentally appropriate ways.



RSVP to Nicole Henrichs
507-283-8071 or ffd@stscl.org

SC Ministry Schedule	Sunday, August 24 • 8:30 AM
Rosary	Katie Baustian
Lector	Randy Lax
Servers	Noel Henrichs & Kyler Krzmarzick
Ushers	Bruce & Lana Henrichs
Eucharistic Ministers	Pete Janiszeski, Cheryl Hartmann, Bill Korth & Diane Lax
Sacristan	Nancy Lange
Video	Grace Kempema

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. 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 August 10, 2025	Donors	Received	Percentage
	56	\$13,600.00	50.74%

Some of the ministries and outreach supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal:



Life, Marriage, and Family

Helping families to live Christ-centered lives and promoting a culture that respects human life at all stages. Providing couples with teaching, mentoring, and resources for a lifetime of self-giving love. Couples participated in five pre-Cana retreats last year, and five more are planned for 2025.



Youth Ministry

Promoting lifelong learning that equips youth to live authentically Catholic lives amid the unique challenges of today's world. Opportunities include yearly events such as Steubenville and Camp Summit, as well as ongoing formation groups to supplement these large Diocesan-scale events.



TV Mass

Thirty-minute Masses are offered weekly, with one-hour Easter and Christmas Masses on KPTH Channel 44 (Sioux City), KDLT Channel 46.2 (Sioux Falls), KEYC Channel 12 (Mankato), KEYC-DT Digital Channel 12.2 or Charter Channel 19 (Mankato), KIMT Channel 3 (Rochester), WLAX Channel 25 (La Crosse), WFTC Digital Channel 29 or 9.2 (Twin Cities), and HBC Channel 20 (Southeastern MN).



Catholic Schools

Providing an exceptional education grounded in Gospel values, community, and service to others in eighteen elementary schools, nine middle/junior high schools, and four high schools across the diocese, with roughly 4,000 students currently enrolled.

RSVP FOR FR. JOSHUA'S INSTALLATION MASS & MEAL: We are getting a RSVP for those who are attending Fr. Joshua's Installation Mass led by Bishop Robert Barron at 5:00 PM on Saturday, September 13th at St. Leo Church in Pipestone, MN. We will also be gathering RSVPs for those attending Mass and the meal to follow. The meal to follow is being put on by both the St. Catherine & the St. Leo Knights of Columbus. If you plan on attending either the Mass or the Mass and the meal, please RSVP by September 9th by using the QR code, link, sign-up in the Gathering Space, or by calling the Church Office. <https://signup.com/go/VBrrFhj>



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

August 10th.....\$5,053.00
Maintenance Fund.....\$635.00
Candle Money.....\$609.62
Total.....\$7,312.42

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

Week 7 - (7/1/25-8/10/25)

Needed to Date TBD

Income to Date\$38,324.62

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

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



Birthday Greetings!

Deb Boomgaarden, Ken Cauwels, Mary Jo O'Toole-Hemme, Brock Thielbar, Becky Walgrave, Jennifer Huisman, Sandy Soto, Lila Bauer, Tim Dispanet, Tom Serie, Annie Smeins, Eileen Domagala, Evan Richters, Hadji Canoy, Cindy Heitkamp, and Suzanne Lenz

Anniversaries!

John & Lori Stoffel, Allen & Linda Staeffler, Ted & Vickie Jenniges, Joseph & Jennifer Pick, Jarod & Diane Rowden, Travis & Marla Jenniges, and Jonathan & Emily Acevedo



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