



August 31, 2025

*"For all those who exalt
themselves will be humbled, and
those who humble themselves
will be exalted."*

Luke 14:11

**22nd Sunday of
ORDINARY TIME**

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Catholic Community of Luverne



FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

I have received this question from multiple parishioners in the past few weeks: "Father, when should we stop kneeling after Holy Communion?" This is a good question because it begs further questions about the meaning of Holy Communion and the purpose of kneeling. The rubrics dictate that the Faithful should stand for the Post Communion prayer, so at a minimum the faithful should stop kneeling then. But this still begs the question: why do we kneel?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) #43 states: "In the dioceses of the United States of America, they should kneel beginning after the singing or recitation of the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer, except when prevented on occasion by ill health, or for reasons of lack of space, of the large number of people present, or for another reasonable cause. However, those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the Priest genuflects after the Consecration. The faithful kneel after the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise."

Kneeling is the bodily posture that is proper to Adoration of the Real Presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament. When we kneel, we are acknowledging with our bodies the physical presence of the God, we are worshiping the Holy Trinity present in the Holy Eucharist. For clarity, the term Blessed Sacrament refers to the physical consecrated host, the Body

of Christ under the appearance of bread. The term Holy Communion refers to the act in which we commune with God, the act of receiving the Blessed Sacrament into our bodies. The term Eucharist refers to both Sacrament and Sacrifice and can be used interchangeably to mean more broadly "The Eucharistic Sacrifice" and it can also mean "The Eucharistic Species" aka "the Blessed Sacrament." Eucharist literally means thanksgiving (transliterated from the Greek). We receive the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Communion. We receive the Eucharist in Holy Communion. Priests celebrate the Holy Eucharist when they offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

During the Consecration, we kneel to acknowledge the event of Transubstantiation. God makes himself Incarnate in the elements of the bread and the wine on the Altar through the hands of the priest. Through Apostolic Succession and the Sacrament of Holy Orders, Jesus is literally speaking through the priest to make His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity present in the elements (Mt 26:26, Mk 14:22, Lk 22:19, 1 Cor 11:24, CCC 1374). After the consecration, the elements cease to be bread and wine, but rather they are truly and substantially the Body and Blood of Our Lord (CCC 1377).

Then at the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God in Latin), we kneel in Adoration of God's Presence in the Blessed Sacrament

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as we prepare to receive Him in Holy Communion. At this moment during Mass, Jesus is physically present in the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle, on the Altar, and in the bodies of the communicants. After the Faithful have prayed the Our Father prayer together and the other Mass parts, they go to receive Holy Communion individually. This is the most intimate moment that an individual human soul can possibly have with God. If Angels could be jealous, they would be jealous of humans for two things: the ability to suffer for the sake of love, and the ability to receive the Divine Trinity in Holy Communion. When a person ingests the Blessed Sacrament, the object of their adoration and worship is now within his/her body. Humanity becomes Divinized. We become what we receive. God comes to man and man is caught up unto God.

OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS

News & Announcements

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 Rummage Sale will go from Thursday, September 25th 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM to Friday, September 26th 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Drop-offs will begin on that Monday, September 22nd 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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

September 2-7, 2025

ST. CATHERINE

Tuesday, September 2nd *Weekday*

5:15 PM..... Arnold Callsen†

Thursday, September 4th *Weekday*

5:15 PM Chester† & Mary† Bendt

Sunday, September 7th

8:30 AM..... Les†, Norb†, Vern†, & Frank† Henning

Mass will be Live Streamed on Facebook at:

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

CONFESSIO SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, September 2nd4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Thursday, September 4th4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

ST. LEO

Wednesday, September 3rd

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

5:15 PM Davina Marie Darveauz†

Friday, September 5th *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

5:15 PM Sis Bunkers†

Saturday, September 6th *Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM Loretta Johnson†

Sunday, September 7th *Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*

10:30 AM..... Mary Ehlers†

Sunday, September 7th *Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*

1:00 PMFor the Parishioners

CONFESSIO SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, September 3rd4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

With Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, September 5th4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, September 6th3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

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. 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.

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

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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.

MINISTRY FAIR: St. Catherine 2nd Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday, September 14th following Mass. This is an opportunity for ministries to share information with parishioners and sign-up volunteers. Ministry leaders if you would like to have a sign-up table to promote your ministry, please let Katie Baustian know on or before September 12th. Set up will be on Saturday, September 13th after 1:00 PM in the Gathering Space. Jen Huisman will be creating a signup sheet for each ministry plus a booth banner.

SC MEALS: This will be the 3rd year of our monthly parish meals. Monetary donations have covered the expenses in the last few years without having to do a free will offering. As of right now there is \$33 in that account. If you are willing to donate, please drop off your donation at the office or put in the collection plate marked "monthly meals". Our first parish meal will be on October 1st the first night of Faith Formation! We look forward to feeding everyone!!

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH: Would you like to dive deeper into the Catholic faith? Learn more of what we believe, study scripture and grow your Catholic knowledge and relationship with Jesus. Foundations of Faith is a walk through the Catechism challenging each participant to commit time to reflect on their faith journey and prayer. There would be "homework" with weekly meetings. https://ascensionpress.com/collections/foundations-of-faith-a-journey-through-the-catechism-of-the-catholic-church?srltid=AfmBOorQjvwd7m_Gu9WN-a4iF-6dAm2RVdRpEAc5jnNua2jiNMoklnSL0

DAKOTA SHRED-IT TRUCK: On Saturday, October 4th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM the Dakota Shred-it truck will be at the Laundry Room which is on the Corner of Main St & Hwy 75. They will be accepting a free will donation.

WATERMARK MISSION TRIP: Service Opportunity! Watermark Missions will be leading a disaster rebuild mission trip to Spencer, Iowa from Tuesday, September 16th to Friday, September 26th. The Spencer community suffered significant damage as a part of the June 2025 flooding event across Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota. There are still 141 active cases in need of help with rebuilding things like framing, putting in cabi-

nets, insulating, sheet rocking, mudding, taping, rebuilding, rebuilding outside steps, replacing flooring and outside doors etc. Watermark Missions is looking for additional volunteers to help with the rebuilds. Prior construction experience is helpful but is not necessary. Food and overnight accommodation will be provided at a local church at no cost to the volunteers. Volunteers must be 18 years old or older and are asked to make a minimum commitment of 2 days but are welcome to stay as many days as they are able to. Please contact Maria Ahmed (mahmed@ccsomm.org, or 507-905-8602) if you are interested in participating. Registration deadline is Monday, September 2nd.

PRAYER FOR ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Heavenly Father, In the face of violence and the loss of life, we turn to You for comfort and strength. Receive the souls of those who have died, bring healing to the wounded, and console the hearts of those who grieve. Look with mercy on those who struggle in mind and spirit. Grant them healing, support, and hope, so that pain may never lead them to harm themselves or others. Be especially close to the school community touched by this tragedy. Surround students, families, teachers, and staff with Your peace. Strengthen their unity, restore their hope, and help them to find comfort in Your presence and in one another. Fill our world with Your peace, teach us to act with mercy and love, and protect us from all harm. Through Christ our Lord. 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>



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 Knight's 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>



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, which will begin on Tuesday, October 7th. Registration forms and information will be sent out next week.

CONFIRMATION CHANGES: The Diocese has made some changes to the Confirmation Guidelines for all parishes. We will have

a parent/student meeting for all those in grades 9-12 on the first night of class (October 1st) at 7:00 PM. Parents, please plan to accompany your student(s) to that night.

CATECHISTS NEEDED: We are in need of catechists for both afterschool and evening sessions of our Faith Formation Program. Please consider volunteering to help share the beauty of our faith with our youth. If you are interested in more information or are considering volunteering, please contact Nicole in the Faith Formation office.

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

| SC Ministry Schedule | Sunday, September 7 • 8:30 AM |
|-----------------------|---|
| Rosary | Arlene Kellen |
| Lector | Dave Ranschau |
| Servers | Chloe Strassburg & Andi Luitjens |
| Ushers | Tyson Facile & Kyle Woodley |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Lisa Heronimus, Judy Reese, Tom Nelson, & Darrell Hemme |
| Sacristan | Alex & Cheryl Hartman |
| Video | Ella Facile |

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 | Donors | Received | Percentage |
|-------------------|--------|-------------|------------|
| August 24, 2025 | 61 | \$13,975.00 | 52.14% |



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.



Vocations

Supporting the education and formation of candidates for the priesthood so they may, God willing, proclaim the Gospel to the parishes of southern Minnesota. There are currently twenty-four men studying for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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Weekly Contributions (Adult

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August 24th.....\$7,180.51

Fundraising.....\$1,925.00

Mass Stipends.....\$140.00

Maintenance Fund.....\$210.00

Candle Money.....\$163.61

Total.....\$9,619.12

Please remember St. Catherine **needs**

weekly contributions of TBD to keep current on monthly expenses.

Week 8 - (7/1/25-8/24/25)

Needed to Date TBD

Income to Date\$54,318.29

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

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



Birthday Greetings!

Mike Cronin, Jenni Evans, Becky Hein, Bernie Rock, Michelle Engen, Caiden Holtz, Abby Boltjes, Scott Edwards, Mark O'Toole, Pat Baustian, Ann Lonneman, Janet Nath, Tom Strassburg, Tom Jenniges, Connie Petersen, Marcia Klaassen, Gretchen Luze, Phillip Paquette, and Pat Von Tersch

Anniversaries!

Dan & Laura Luitjens, Dan & Christal Serie, Tim & Amber Walgrave, Jacob & Brandi Van Santen, Charles Cris & Hadji Canoy, Dennis & Amy Boyenga, Bob & Jen Heitman, Dave & Tammy Smeins



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