



September 14, 2025

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may attain eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."*

John 13:16-17

## THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS



# FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

This week the Holy Father canonized two new saints: Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati and Saint Carlo Acutis. Two young men from Italy. St. Pier Giorgio was a young man who spent his nights serving the poor in Turin, Italy and Adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He was a lay Third Order Dominican and very active in his local community in politics and in building holy friendships with many other young people. He contracted polio presumably during the many hours that he spent serving the poor and died in 1925 at age 24. He made such an impact on his community, especially the poor, that several thousand people attended his funeral which was a great surprise to his family.

St. Carlo was a young boy from Assisi, Italy. He

cultivated a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. He was also a computer whiz. He played video games and was very interested in computer coding. He created a website database of hundreds of documented Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world which is still operated today. <https://www.miracolieucaristici.org/> He died of leukemia in 2006 at age 15.

Both of these young men lived their lives as Christian witnesses to the power of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Their lives revolved around the Sacraments, especially the Mass as the Source and Summit of our Faith. They did not delay in pursuing God's Will for their lives. May we all have the same desire to not delay our pursuit of holiness and live our lives entirely for God.

**OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY IS UNITED IN PRAYER** and concern for the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent people caught in the violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that

"Gaza is starving." To support this critical need, we will have a second collection today. Your contributions will go to two organizations with a proven track record of providing swift and effective relief: the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Ser-

vices (CRS). Both CNEWA and CRS are on the ground, delivering essential aid such as food, shelter, medical care, and emotional support. To learn more about their vital work, you can visit their websites at [www.cnewa.org](http://www.cnewa.org) and [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

## OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS

### News & Announcements

**ROSARY SERVICE:** There will be a Rosary Service done at St. Catherine on Wednesdays at 9:15 AM followed by fellowship, treats, and coffee. Please join in at this time of prayer and relationship building if you are available to do so.

**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 Sunday, 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. 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.

**MARY STATUE:** Within the last couple of weeks, we had the marble Mary statue that was donated by the contributions of many parishioners delivered. Thank you to all who donated monetarily, time organizing, placing Mary on her platform, and landscaping Mary.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY TEAM:** Please reach out to Laura Luitjens if you are interested in being on a committee to help organize and coordinate an updated church directory. 507-227-3782 luitjens831@hotmail.com.

**BEHOLD WORSHIP NIGHT:** Behold is a time of prayer and praise that seeks to draw us into the heart of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. It is an event held every 6-8 weeks in the Sioux Falls area that includes praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and prayerful reflections. This event is free and open to the public and will begin at 7:15pm on Sunday, October 5th at St. Michael Parish. Visit <https://suscipe.org/behold> to learn more about this initiative

**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>

**DID YOU KNOW:** The CCW Rummage Sale will go from Thursday, September 25th 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM and Friday September 26th 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Drop offs will begin on that Monday, September 22nd at 8:00 AM. Please do not bring any car seats, appliances, TVs, and/or large furniture.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

September 16-21, 2025

### ST. CATHERINE

**Tuesday, September 16th** *Saint Cornelius*

5:15 PM..... Bill† & Marguerita Barstscher†

**Thursday, September 18th** *Weekday*

5:15 PM ..... Brooke Thompson†

**Sunday, September 21st** *Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM..... Johannes Nath†

**Mass will be Live Streamed on Facebook at:**

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

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

**Tuesday, September .....4:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Thursday, September .....4:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

### ST. LEO

**Wednesday, September 17th**

5:15 PM ..... Lynette Klein†

**Friday, September 19th** *Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

5:15 PM ..... Bill Johnson†

**Saturday, September 20th** *Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM ..... Dick† & Shirley† Wathen

**Sunday, September 21st** *Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

10:30 AM..... Elmer VanMoorlehem+

**Sunday, September 21st**

1:00 PM ..... For the Parishioners

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

**Wednesday, September 10th.....4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

*With Eucharistic Adoration*

**Friday, September 12th.....4:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Saturday, September 13th.....3:45 PM – 4:45 PM**

It will still be \$5.00 for a brown bag. Please sign up to help during the rummage. The first CCW meeting will be on September 17th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Space. The meetings following will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We will start collecting Love Boxes in the office starting in October. Also, there is a Council of Catholic Women Convention Saturday, October 11th at St. Adrian. Registration is due October 1st. Upcoming there will be the Fall Fest Bake Sale on November 1st and 2nd.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** St. Leo Catholic Parish is currently looking to hire a full time or part time Custodian/General Maintenance person. Candidates should have a background in cleaning and maintenance skills, along with a willingness to work with others. Having a boiler license would be a plus but not required, as we would help you get a license. If interested, please inquire with Father Joshua Miller at 825-3152.

SC Ministry Schedule	Sunday, September 21 • 8:30 AM
Rosary	Barb Spartz
Lector	Hannah Woodley
Servers	Hannah & Grace Kempema
Ushers	George Langford & Dean Nath
Eucharistic Ministers	Laura Luitjens, Diane Lax, Mary Aaker, and Judy Reese
Sacristan	Mary Aaker
Video	Noel Henrichs

**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 September 7, 2025	Donors	Received	Percentage
	62	\$14,775.00	55.13%

## FAITH FORMATION • Youth News

**FALL FAITH FORMATION:** Registration has begun for our 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. Forms were sent by mail and email. If you did not receive one, please contact Nicole in the Faith Formation office ([ffd@stscl.org](mailto:ffd@stscl.org)). Copies of the form can also be found on our website or in the parish office.

**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. Specifically, we need a 5th grade catechist after school. We also need an evening catechist for 9th grade (for the second half of the year). Please consider volunteering to help share the beauty of our faith with our youth. If you are interested in more information

### DATES TO NOTE:

**Wednesday, October 1** – Wednesday Faith Formation Begins (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)

**Sunday, October 5** – Children's Liturgy of the Word begins (during 8:30 AM Mass)

**Tuesday, October 7** – PreK CGS begins (9:45 AM)

**Wednesday, October 8** – Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)

**Tuesday, October 14** – PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

**Wednesday, October 15** – NO Wednesday Faith Formation (MEA)

**Tuesday, October 21** – PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

**Wednesday, October 22** – Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)

**Sunday, October 26** – Middle School NET Retreat at St. Catherine (1:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

**Tuesday, October 28** – PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

**Wednesday, October 29** – Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM and 7:00 PM)

or are considering volunteering, please contact Nicole in the Faith Formation office.

**SNACK HELPERS:** We are in need of snack helpers after school on Wednesdays. We have a rotating schedule of helpers so you would serve once a month from 3:10 PM to 4:15 PM. Snacks are pre-packaged so there is very little preparation. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynn or Nicole in the Faith Formation office at 507-283-8071.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Weekly Contributions (Adult

Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)

September 7th .....\$6,951.30

Maintenance Fund.....\$1,400.00

Mass Stipend.....\$130.00

Maintenance Fund.....\$525.00

Candles .....\$100.41

Tuition .....\$150.00

**Total.....\$9,256.71**

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

**Week 10 - (7/1/25-9/7/25)**

Needed to Date ..... TBD

Income to Date .....\$68,858.25

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@stscl.org](mailto:fa@stscl.org), for more information or to sign up.

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



## Birthday Greetings!

Pat Demuth, Sharon Miller, Brian Arends, Pam Haakenson, Romeo Marez, Brenda Sorenson, Sandy Bird, Korbin Kirlin, Maggie Lenz, Diane Kindt, Chris Nowatzki, Marcus Vortherms, and Carol Walgrave

## Anniversaries!

Dave & Della Mulvihill, Bob & Judy Reese, Wes and Deb Fuerstenberg, John & Laura Radley, Alvin Afkas and Agina Shoray, and Timothy and Katelyn Kennedy





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