



September 28, 2025

"But Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that during your lifetime you received many good things, while Lazarus suffered greatly. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.'"

Luke 16:25

**26th Sunday of
ORDINARY TIME**

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Catholic Community of Luverne



FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

This weekend there was a Wedding and Baptism on Saturday at St. Leo's, then after the Masses on Sunday the first session of the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin, and Sunday evening one of our students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's Parish in Worthington. On Monday, September 29th through Thursday October 2nd, I will be in Okiboji, IA attending the Diocese of Winona-Rochester Priest Convocation. This is an annual requirement for all active diocesan priests to be with the bishop and all the priests of the diocese to spend time together in prayer, conduct priest business, and cultivate priestly fraternity. This year +Bishop Barron is the Keynote speaker, and he will be giving the priests presentations on the Mass and Prayer. We will also be discussing the outcomes of the Diocesan Synod on Evangelization and Vocations. Monsignor Kosse and I will both be attending and thus there will be **no daily Masses or Confessions from 29 September through 2 October.**

There will be a "Come and See" (John 1:39) weekend at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona November 15th-17th. This is intended for any young man who is interested in experiencing what a day in the life of a seminarian is like, similar to a college visit. Seminarians take classes at Saint Mary's University and live in the IHM Seminary dorms. If you are a young man who is interested in learning more about what seminary life is like, please contact me at the parish office. We are also looking for parishioners to volunteer to assist with transportation for this event.

I met with many parishioners from St. Catherine's who are devoted to spending time with our Blessed Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. There is a new schedule for Adoration at St. Catherine's (see the announcement from Jen Huisman in this bulletin). I would like to do more Eucharistic Adoration at St. Leo's as well. If you are interested in spending more time with Jesus in Adoration at St. Leo's please leave your name and contact information at

the St. Leo Parish Office.

The Pastoral Councils have formed a joint committee and have begun to gather information and create potential plans to publish an updated Parish Pictorial Directory. The most recent directory that we have is from 2013 and so we are long overdue. More to follow in the coming weeks.

After much effort and preparation, the St. Catherine's Finance Council is announcing plans to renovate the Doyle Hall kitchen this weekend. A majority of the funds have already been raised but there is still an outstanding balance that the parish will need to raise in order to begin this building project. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester requires that any parish expenditure over the \$25,000 be approved by the Diocesan College of Consultors which consists in the Diocesan Finance Officer, Diocesan Risk Management Officer, Bishop, Vicar General, and other diocesan leaders to ensure that our parish is exercising prudent and responsible stewardship of our resources. The College of Consultors' next meeting is November 20th. Pending our parish raising the requisite amount, and approval from the College of Consultors, work could begin as early as the end of November, but more likely it would begin after Christmas. This will impact all activities (Faith Formation, funeral lunches, pickleball, etc) in Doyle Hall for four to six weeks.

On a personal note, I am grateful for your patience with me as I learn to be your shepherd. If you would like to speak with me personally, **please do not come into the Sacristy before Mass.** I am working with the parish staff to be more organized to respond to requests in a reasonable manner. That being said, I am only one man, and there are very many of you spread across a significant quantity of time and space. If I do not respond to you quickly, please be patient, and if it is an urgent matter, please persevere in trying to reach me. Know that you are in my prayers, I know that I am in yours. -Fr. Joshua

OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS

News & Announcements

CCW: The St. Catherine CCW meetings following the first one will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Please bring in the Love Boxes to 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. An additional upcoming event is the Fall Fest Bake Sale on November 1st and 2nd.

DOYLE HALL/KITCHEN REMODEL PROJECT UPDATE FROM FATHER JOSHUA AND THE FINANCE COUNCIL: A financial contribution was gifted to St. Catherine Church with the intention of updating Doyle Hall. This account has grown over the years by drawing interest and many other generous contributors. This year we researched the opportunity and researched what it would take to remodel this area with current itemized quotes with costs. We are closer than we have ever been with end goal within reach. In the gathering space we will have a drawing of the remodel project, along with our financial needs and position for this project will be communicated as well. We will take a second collection at each Sunday Mass during the month of October with our goal to be able to present our plan to the Consulters Meeting in early November. With approval of the plan, we hope work will begin during the winter months and that Doyle Hall will be available for Lent and Easter celebrations. Contributions can also be accepted in the church office at any time. Please mark the memo line, Doyle Hall Kitchen Project. Updates will continue to be shared about progress of this project. Thank you to everyone for your contributions over the years and for your current donations to make this project come together.

FLOWER DONATION: The flowers in front of the Church are donated in memory of Don & Marie Schutz and Dominic & Zelda Scheidt.

PORK LOIN SALE: There will be leftover frozen pork loin sold following Mass in the coming weeks. If you would like some throughout the week you are welcome to stop by the Parish Office and purchase some as well. The cost for a bag of pork loin is \$25.00.

OCIA: OCIA will be starting today at St. Catherine at 3:00 PM. If you or anyone you know would be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and/or are considering becoming Catholic, please attend this meeting. The time for the following meetings will be determined at the first meeting.

ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY CLEANUP is under way, spraying to kill weeds (which might damage flowers and decorations) will be done from mid-September to the end of October. PLEASE REMOVE all the flowers and decorations. Anything not removed will be carefully disposed of.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

September 30 - October 5, 2025

ST. CATHERINE

Tuesday, September 30th

5:15 PM.....NO MASS

Thursday, October 1st

5:15 PMNO MASS

Sunday, October 5th

8:30 AM.....Gary Johnson†

Mass will be Live Streamed on Facebook at:

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

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

Thursday, October 2nd.....4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

ST. LEO

Wednesday, October 1st *Weekday*

5:15 PMNO MASS

Friday, October 3rd

5:15 PMWalter Kelley†

Saturday, October 4th

5:00 PMFor the Parishioners

Sunday, October 5th

10:30 AM.....Larry Sr. Fenicle†

Sunday, October 5th

1:00 PMBrenda Mans†

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, October 1st.....4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

With Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, October 3rd.....4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, October 4th.....3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

ROSARY SERVICE: There will be a Rosary Service at St. Catherine on Wednesdays at 9:15 AM followed by fellowship, treats, and coffee. Please join us for 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.

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. 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!!

OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS: *News & Announcements*

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.

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.

EDUCATOR HALL OF FAME: Congratulations to Gregg Gropel, Lauren Carroll, and Joe Roberts, three of our parishioners who were inducted into the Luverne Educator Hall of Fame recently.

FALL FEST CORNER: Thank you to everyone who helped Fall Fest be a success. It was a wonderful day filled with fellowship, games, good food, and so much more. Congratulations to those who won prizes. The list of Big Ticket Winners is on the next page - if you have not picked up your prize from the Church Office please do so soon. Thank you!



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



St. Catherine's Eucharistic Adoration Schedule Update

Beginning Thursday, September 24th, St. Catherine's will transition to a 3-day Adoration schedule to better ensure complete coverage and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.

New Weekly Adoration Hours:

- Tuesday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM - (*Exposition and Benediction before the 5:15 PM Mass in the Main Church*)
- Wednesday: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM - (*Exposition and Benediction following Faith Formation classes in the Chapel*)
- Thursday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM - (*Exposition and Benediction before the 5:15 PM Mass in the Main Church*)

Important Notes for Adorers:

- If you currently have a committed hour that falls within the new schedule, you may keep that hour.
- To honor Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we are asking for two adorers per hour.
- Adorers with hours on Mondays or Fridays are encouraged to sign up for an hour Tuesday–Thursday as a prayer partner/2nd adorer.
- We are also in need of Day Leaders and substitutes to help oversee and ensure that all hours are consistently covered.

Sign-Up Info:

A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Space. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider where you can commit.

- Each adorer is responsible for finding their own substitute.
- The sub binder will no longer be used.
- A new sub list will be distributed once the updated system is in place.
- Prayer partners are encouraged to communicate and support one another in covering their committed time.

We sincerely thank you for your continued devotion and commitment to Adoration. May this new schedule foster deeper unity, prayer, and reverence within our parish. For questions or to volunteer as a Day Leader, please contact Jen Huisman at fischpaint@alliancecom.net.

St. Catherine's Fall Fest BIG TICKET WINNERS

Amount	Type	Donor	Winner
\$500	Cash	Luverne Body Shop - Kevin and Mary Aaker	Sharon Miller
\$500	Cash	Howling Dog-Jodi Reverts	Steve Heitkamp
\$300	Cash	Fischenich Painting, Inc. - Jennifer and Brant Huisman	Jodi Reverts
\$300	Cash	Jerry & Delaine Jensen	Jonathan Foster
\$250	Cash	Anonymous	Marcia Klassen
\$250	Cash	McClure Plumbing and Heating - Troy Buss	Paul Heronimus
\$100	Cash	Anonymous	Mary Aaker
\$100	Cash	Dave and Becky Ranschau Farm	Stacey Ommen
\$100	Cash	Dave and Becky Ranschau Farm	Monica Edstrom
\$100	Cash	Dennis & Melanie Madison	Abigail Otto
\$100	Cash	Mark & Karen Willers	Neva Claussen
\$100	Cash	Nancy Skattum	Corey Engen
\$100	Fareway Gift Card	Susan Skattum	Jim Willers
\$50	Cash	Jim & Jill Willers	Dale Remme
\$50	Cash	Jim & Jill Willers	Rosemary Wagner
\$50	Cash	Lowell & Pat Ahrendt	Bob Reese
\$50	Cash	Darrell & Mary O'Toole Hemme	Arlene Kellen
\$50	Cash	Darrell & Mary O'Toole Hemme	Amy Otto
\$50	Cash	Tim & Sue Dispanet	H Hopperstad
\$50	Cash	Tim & Sue Dispanet	Rosie Paquette
\$50	Cash	Tom & Carol Foster	Mark Opitz
\$50	Cash	Tom & Carol Foster	Colleen Nath
\$50	Cash	Dennis & Deanna Pick	Vance Walgrave
\$50	Cash	Dennis & Deanna Pick	Laurin Carroll
\$50	Cash	Eileen Hocking	Wendy Nath
\$50	Cash	Donna Scholten	Todd VanBelle
\$50	Cash	Julie & Craig Nekali	Tom Jenniges
\$50	Cash	Sharon Hawes	Chad Kempema
\$50	Cash	Sharon Hawes	Jeff Mages
\$50	Cash	Sharon Hawes	Msgr. Kosse
\$50	Cash	Mary Schutz	Pat Scheidt
\$50	Cash	Carol Blum	Tonya Larsen
\$50	Cash	Carol Blum	Mckaya Gonnerman
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\$50	Cash	Carol Blum	Donna Scholten
\$50	Fareway Gift Card	Mary Jo Nath	Mark Ommen
\$50	Pizza Ranch Gift Card	Lila Bauer	Darin Smeins
\$50	Pizza Ranch Gift Card	Lila Bauer	Julie Nekali
\$50	Pizza Ranch Gift Card	Lila Bauer	Chris Hein
\$50	Pizza Ranch Gift Card	Lila Bauer	M Cronin
\$50	Sunshine Gift Card	Roger & Lisa Hoff	Becky?
\$50	Sunshine Gift Card	Roger & Lisa Hoff	Chad Kempema
\$40	Gift Certificate	Blue Mound Hair Salon - John & Lori Stoffel	Joan Langford
\$40	Gift Certificate	Blue Mound Hair Salon - John & Lori Stoffel	Don Arends
\$10	HD Gift Card	Jodi Reverts	Andi Luitjens
\$10	HD Gift Card	Jodi Reverts	Nick Runge
\$10	HD Gift Card	Jodi Reverts	Melanie Madison
\$10	HD Gift Card	Jodi Reverts	Pat Baustian
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\$10	HD Gift Card	Jodi Reverts	Jonathan Foster
\$10	HD Gift Card	Jodi Reverts	Barb Spartz
\$10	HD Gift Card	Jodi Reverts	Bobby Golden
\$10	HD Gift Card	Jodi Reverts	Dennis Boyenga
\$10	HD Gift Card	Jodi Reverts	Zach Nolz

SC Ministry Schedule	Sunday, October 5 • 8:30 AM
Rosary	Rick Lenz
Lector	Dave Ranschau
Servers	Athena DeBoer & Ashlyn Hemme
Ushers	Egypt Forrest & Russ Forrest
Eucharistic Ministers	Becky Ranschau, Becky Walgrave, Steve Heitkamp, and Marlene DeSplinter
Sacristan	Mary Aaker
Video	Emmett 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. 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 21 2025	Donors	Received	Percentage
	66	\$15,000.00	55.97%

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). Copies of the form can also be found on our website or in the parish office.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PARENT MEETING: 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FESTIVAL: Imagine a day where young people dive into their faith and connect with God in a new, deep, and personal way. They are met by joyful, energetic young adults who are on fire with God's love. They listen to life-changing talks, engage in small group discussions, hear powerful personal testimonies, and encour-

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)

ter Christ in a personal way through prayer. They are inspired, with hearts ignited in a new way by the love of Christ, and ready for the next step in their faith. They can't wait for what is next....Now imagine that was happening right here!! We will be hosting a Middle School NET Retreat on October 26, 2025 from 1 pm to 7 pm at St. Catherine Catholic Church. The cost is \$25 per student, scholarships are available.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

September 21st\$6,864.00

Maintenance\$200.00

Fundraising.....\$6,547.00

Faith Formation\$575.00

Candle Money\$52.25

Total.....\$14,238.25

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

Week 12 - (7/1/25-9/21/25)

Needed to Date TBD

Income to Date\$87,564.05

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, for more information or to sign up.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/>



Birthday Greetings!

Lindsay Jenniges, Emy Van Santen, Lucas Madison, Paige Paquette, Tenlee Pick, Zeke Frahm, Luke Gehrke, Rick Richters, Chuck Connell, Elijah Henrichs, Karen Loosbrock, Mary Thompson, Richard Gaul, Patti Wieneke, Brenda Deutsch, and Nicole Henrichs

Anniversaries!
None



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