



September 7, 2025

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

Luke 14:11

**23rd Sunday of
ORDINARY TIME**

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Catholic Community of Luverne



FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

This week I met with both St. Catherine's and St. Leo's Pastoral Councils. I was able to get more acquainted with the parishes and we initiated the process to produce an updated Parish Pictorial Directory. There will be a committee formed with members from both parishes to coordinate the efforts. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact a parish council member for further details.

I also met with the St. Leo and St. Mary Cemetery Associations to get acquainted with our cemeteries and their long term care. I will be meeting with the Cemetery Associations for St. Joseph, St. Catherine, and St. Martin Cemeteries in the coming days. Thank you to all the members of these boards. The care and maintenance of our cemeteries is a beautiful ministry and great way to proclaim the Gospel through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy: burying and praying for the dead.

This week also marked the first day of school. Soon we will also welcome our children to the classrooms at our parishes for Religious Education and Faith Formation. We are still looking for several Catechists at both parishes. If you have a rich prayer life, an aptitude for working

with kids and/or a deep desire to share the Gospel, please prayerfully consider joining the faith formation team. There will be a training session conducted on September 13th at St. Catherine's by an expert Catechist Heidi Indahl from Winona. The training is designed to equip faithful adults to engage with our youth in a way that passes on the faith of our ancestors in both intellectual and relationship modes. God does not call the equipped, but he equips those whom He calls to ministry for the sake of the Kingdom.

I am still waiting for new Holy Communion Pyxes (they are backordered) and other liturgical items to arrive before I announce the date and time for training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Once all the items have been received, I will ask all those who are currently bringing communion to our homebound and anyone who is interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to join me for a Sacristy orientation and training on how to pastorally care for our parishioners that are not physically able to join us for Mass. Thank you for your patience.

OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS

News & Announcements

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.

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.

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.

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!!

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 activ-

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

September 9-14, 2025

ST. CATHERINE

Tuesday, September 9th *Saint Peter Claver weekday*

5:15 PM..... Bryan Fodness†

Thursday, September 11th *Weekday*

5:15 PM Dick Smook†

Sunday, September 14th *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:30 AM..... Elaine† & Raymond† Kellen

Mass will be Live Streamed on Facebook at:

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, September 9th.....4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Thursday, September 11th.....4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

ST. LEO

Wednesday, September 10th *Weekday*

5:15 PM Robert Timmer†

Friday, September 12th *Weekday*

5:15 PM Marline Coldagelli†

Saturday, September 13th *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

5:00 PM Mary Lynn Portz†

Sunday, September 14th *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

10:30 AM.....For the Parishioners

Sunday, September 14th *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

1:00 PM Bill Johnson†

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

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

With Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, September 12th4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

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

ities 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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: 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.

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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. Please let Katie Baustian know if you will be having a booth. Booth set-up will be on Saturday, September 13th after 1:00 PM.

IHM FALL FESTIVAL DINNER: Sunday September 14, 2025, IHM Catholic church. Currie, MN. Serving from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, gravy, salad, pie, and desserts. The location is handicapped accessible. Takeouts available.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: St. Leo Catholic Parish is currently looking to hire a full time or part time Custodian/General Maintenance person. Interested candidates should have a background in general 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.

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>



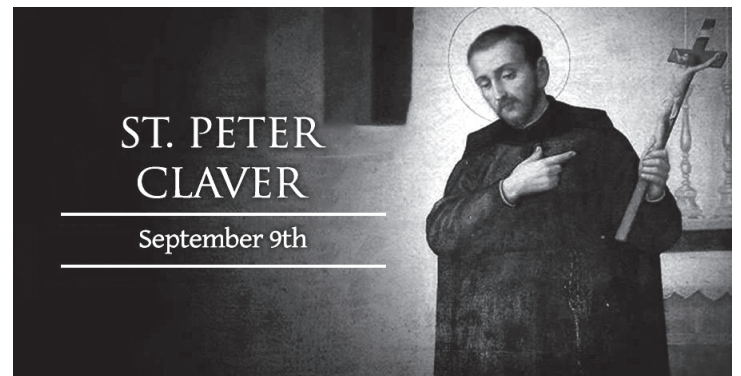
SaintSPOTLIGHT

PETER CLAVER was born to a prosperous family in Verdu, Spain, and earned his first degree in Barcelona. He entered the Jesuits in 1601. When he was in Majorca studying philosophy, Claver was encouraged by Alphonsus Rodriguez, the saintly doorkeeper of the college, to go to the missions in America. Claver listened, and in 1610 he landed in Cartagena, Colombia. After completing his studies in Bogotá, Peter was ordained in Cartagena in 1616.

Cartagena was one of two ports where slaves from Africa arrived to be sold in South America. Between the years 1616 and 1650, Peter Claver worked daily to

minister to the needs of the 10,000 slaves who arrived each year.

When a ship arrived, Peter first begged for fruits, biscuits, or sweets to bring to the people who were enslaved. He then went on board with translators to bring his gifts as well as his skills as a doctor and teacher. Claver entered the holds of the ships and would not leave until every person received a measure of care. Peter gave short instruction in the Catholic faith and baptized as many as he could. In this way he could prevail on the slave owners to give humane treatment to fellow Christians. Peter Claver baptized more than 300,000 enslaved people by 1651,



when he was sickened by the plague.

In the last years of his life Peter was too ill to leave his room. The ex-slave who was hired to care for him treated him cruelly, not feeding him many days, and never bathing him. Claver never complained. He was convinced that he deserved this treatment.

In 1654 Peter was anointed with

the oil of the Sacrament of the Sick. When Cartagenians heard the news, they crowded into his room to see him for the last time. They treated Peter Claver's room as a shrine, and stripped it of everything but his bedclothes for mementos. Claver died September 7, 1654.

St. Peter Claver was canonized in 1888. His memorial is celebrated on September 9.

FAITH FORMATION • Youth News

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)

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@stscsl.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 1st grade part time catechist, a 3rd grade catechist and 5th grade catechist after-school. We also need evening middle school catechists and for 9th grade (9th grade could be two different catechists each doing half the year). 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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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!**

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10:00-11:30 Am



St. Catherine Catholic Church



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Co-founder of the Designed for Discipleship



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@stscsl.org



We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive, like this square, with" - Pope Leo XIV

SC Ministry Schedule	Sunday, September 14 • 8:30 AM
Rosary	Renaë Pick
Lector	Melanie Madison
Servers	Lucas Madison & Jackson Jenniges
Ushers	Roger & Lisa Hoff
Eucharistic Ministers	Ed McHale, Mary Jo Nath, Pam Haakenson, & Diane Noyes
Sacristan	Laura Luitjens
Video	Jacob Madison

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES 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 31, 2025	Donors	Received	Percentage
	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).



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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.

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Contributions (Adult

Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)

August 31st\$3,958.25

Maintenance Fund.....\$95.00

Faith Formation\$105.00

Fundraising.....\$1,125.00

Total.....\$5,283.25

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

Week 9 - (7/1/25-8/31/25)

Needed to Date TBD

Income to Date\$59,601.54

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

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



Birthday Greetings!

Amy Boyenga, Logan Kempema, Teddy Paquette, Shane Roberts, Shayla Rock, Tyson Facile, James Mehlhaff, Tavion Torres, Paul Doherty, Kaleb Hein, Amanda Walker, Patricia Evans, Lee May, Xavier McKenzie, Derick Richters, Norah Top, and Isaiah DeBoer

Anniversaries!

Albert & Debra Van Belle, Dennis & Diane Strassburg, Jeffrey & LeAnn Mages, Darrell & Mary Jo Hemme, Jeffrey & Debra Boltjes, Mark & Stacey Ommen, Jasen & Janelle Lenz



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