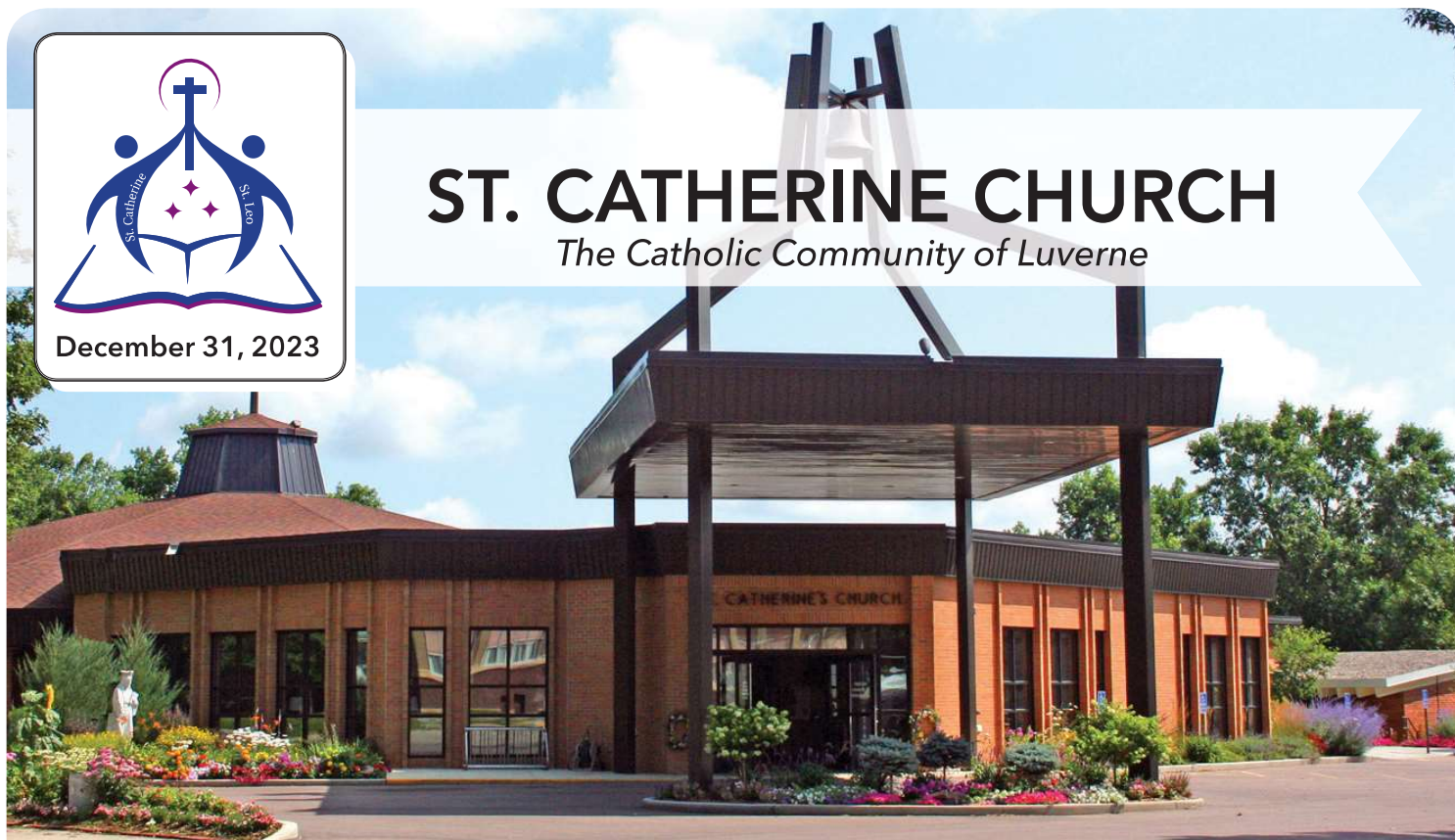




# ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

*The Catholic Community of Luverne*



## THE HOLY FAMILY

— *af* —  
**JESUS, MARY,  
AND JOSEPH**

*When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother.*

*Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard.*

*Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.*

Sirach 3:12-14

## FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. KOSSE...

Christmas Season continues! Though society in general has moved on, the Church continues to celebrate Christmas. The joy revealed by God the Father through Jesus Christ continues. This weekend that joy is revealed on the Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family stands before us saying that God sees families as important. In the family the revelation of who God is, all that he did, and all that Jesus did is made real. Through the love and care of mothers and fathers, children begin to know the love of God. They begin to know that God will always be there for them as their parents were there for them. The family is the first place,

the first of teachers, in learning all that God is. This weekend, as we celebrate this Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may we ask God to bless our parents for all that they shared with us, the care that they gave, the love that was shown and most importantly in helping us to know God the Father, his Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Through them we began our journey of faith.

The Website for St. Leo and St. Catherine has been updated by OSV (Our Sunday Visitor). It has a new look. At this time, about 90% of it is done. You can access the Bulletins, the Calendar, contact various parish offices by email and other areas.

There are several pages that still need to be added and/or updated. The support people at OSV have been very helpful in working with us. Continue to check the website, [www.ststcl.org](http://www.ststcl.org).

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

January 1-7, 2024

## *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

Monday, January 1st .....	St. Catherine .....	9:00 AM .....	For the Parishioners
Tuesday, January 2nd .....	St. Leo .....	4:00 PM .....	Adoration
Tuesday, January 2nd .....	St. Leo .....	5:15 PM .....	+Ray Lingen
Wednesday, January 3rd .....	St. Catherine .....	9:00 AM .....	+Donna Jungers
Thursday, January 4th .....	Good Samaritan .....	10:30 AM .....	+Mary Wilkes Family
Friday, January 5th .....	Parkview Manor .....	9:30 AM .....	Rosary & Communion
Friday, January 5th .....	Poplar Creek & Oaks .....	10:00 AM .....	+Lillian Willers
Saturday, January 6th .....	St. Catherine .....	5:00 PM .....	For the Parishioners
Sunday, January 7th .....	St. Catherine .....	8:30 AM .....	+Jerome Wieneke
Sunday, January 7th .....	St. Leo .....	10:00 AM .....	+Leo Hillard
Sunday, January 7th .....	St. Leo .....	1:00 PM .....	+Viola Facile

**Confession: Sunday 8:00 AM or by appointment.**

**St. Catherine 8:30 AM Sunday Mass will be Live Streamed on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stccluverne/videos/>**

## OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS • News, Honors, Thank You

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** As a parish, many are still impacted from the loss of Fr. Tom Jennings and the legacy of kindness and love he left behind. That being said, in memory of Fr. Tom, we will be collecting donations to create a scholarship fund. The scholarship will be directed to High School graduating seniors who are members of St. Catherine, that are planning to go into agriculture, ministry, social work, and other areas of study. Checks should be written out to St. Catherine-Fr. Tom Jennings Scholarship.

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**DID YOU KNOW:** St. Catherine CCW will have their monthly meeting on January 2nd in the Centennial Room. Angela Nolz will be the guest speaker on winter blues/depression. We hope that you can attend!

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Please reach out to Mary Lou Mulligan 507-935-8173 if you have any prayer needs. Also, if you are interested in learning more and/or becoming a part of the prayer chain please reach out!

**ADORATION:** Did you know that we are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival? You are invited to visit our chapel during this Year of Parish Revival. Please sign in on the table in the back of the chapel upon your visit. St. Catherine Adoration Chapel hours which need to be filled are: Wednesday 5:00 PM, Thursday 2:00 PM, Friday 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM. Contact Jen Huisman if you can help fill hours.

**HEALING PATH:** Life beyond domestic violence: The group will be held on Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to approximately 7:30 PM starting on Monday, January 8th. The group will continue to meet every Monday for 12 weeks; most insurance is accepted. The group is for additional services for those victimized by domestic abuse by breaking through isolation and eliminating shame and guilt. Healing Path Counseling is located at 215 North Cedar St, Luverne MN, 56156.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** St. Catherine will need four (4) volunteers per day for Meals on Wheels for the Month of January. Sunday after Mass there will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space where you can sign up, or please call the office 507-283-8502 to let us know if you would like to volunteer. We hope to get these spots filled as soon as possible! Thank you in advance!

**ST. CATHERINE MEALS:** Next month's meal is Wednesday, January 17th and will be a soup supper. We are looking for 4-5 families to help with it. Please contact Katie Baustian if you are willing to help.

SC Ministry Schedule	Saturday, January 6 5:00 pm	Monday, December 31 8:30 am
Rosary	Arlene Kellen	Barb Spartz
Gifts		
Lector		Dave Ranschau
Servers		
Ushers		Bruce & Lana Henrichs
Eucharistic Ministers		Becky Ranschau & Dave Siebenahler
Sacristan	Alex & Cheryl Hartman	
Video		

**THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA)** St. Catherine's Goal for 2023 is \$28,771.00. Donation envelopes are available on the bulletin tables.

CMA Pledges as of December 24, 2023	Donors	Received	Percentage	Still Need
	61	\$17,050.02	59.26%	\$11,720.98

**HELP REACH OUR GOAL:** If every registered family in our parish donated \$27.91 we would reach our goal of \$28,771.00.

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Honor of:	From:
Leo & Mary Buysse, Elizabeth & Frank Lonneman, Ronald Buysse, John & Sherri Buysse, Leona, Raymond, Coletta, Jeff, Gary, Everly, & Marvin Lonneman, Eleanor & LeRoy Balster, Edward "Bud" Jeff John, Brent Peterson, Peggy Reckamp	Art & Ann Lonneman
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Ashby Family and Klassen Family	Marcia Klaassen
The Bartscher Family and The Ranschau Family	Dave & Becky Ranschau
Andrew Tofteland	Marvin & Grace Tofteland
	Donna Deutsch, Shane Peterson, Ed & Lura McHale, Ron & Lynette Rother, Robert & Marlene Desplinter, John & Barbara Engel

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Weekly Contributions** (Adult Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)  
 Adult .....\$11,244.00  
 Maintenance Fund..... \$60.00  
 Rent of Facility.....\$150.00  
**Total..... \$11,454.00**

Please remember St. Catherine **needs weekly contributions** of \$7,762.00 to keep current on monthly expenses.

**Week 26** - (7/1/23-12/25/23)  
 Needed to Date .....\$201,812.00  
 Income to Date .....\$194,611.37

Please Include St. Mary Cemetery, St. Catherine Church, or St. Catherine Cemetery in your Last Will and Testament. We encourage giving through Parish Soft - the QR Code for Online Giving through ParishSOFT is below. Call or email Jody Richters 283-8502, [fa@stscscl.org](mailto:fa@stscscl.org), for more information or to sign up.

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



## Birthday Greetings!

Mike Buss, Gregg Gropel, Joan Johnson, Jason Van Belle, Mike Kunkel, Hadley Louwagie, Joleen Cronin, SuAnn Tweet, Andy Halverson, Eileen Hocking, Eugene Petersen, Eric Richters, Dave Smeins, Donna Deutsch, Aiden Meyeraan, and Ava Meyeraan

## Anniversaries!

Robert & Marlene DeSplinter and Terry & Diane Gonnerman





## OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS • *News, Honors, Thank You's*

### INVITING SIMPLICITY INTO THE NEW YEAR:

*Sarah Damm – blessedisshe.net*

The decorations are still up. And the carols are still playing in the background. It's still Christmas, after all. The explosion of wrapping paper and empty boxes has been cleared away, and only a few Christmas cookies remain in the freezer, almost forgotten.

As we continue to liturgically celebrate the Christmas season, we should breathe deep relief. The frenzy of the past month has slowed way down, the to-do lists have returned to a normal length, and as we look upon the first month of a new calendar year, we may see open and empty spaces that are inviting us to keep them just as they are.

Welcome, Simplicity. After a marathon of holiday celebrations and family gatherings, and after a season of abundant blessings, we desire quiet, stillness, space, and less.

Of course we love celebrating the birth of Christ, but after the whirlwind, sometimes we reach a point where we long to live the simplicity of the stable instead of the abundance that comes with the modern-day Christmas celebration.

When we ponder the simplicity of the Holy Family's home in Nazareth, where "Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor" (Luke 2:52) let us wonder what they have to teach us about holy simplicity and how we can observe it in our own life.

If anyone can show us how to live life simply, it is the Holy Family. Below are a few ideas that allow us to practice simplicity in our hearts and homes, while focusing on a deeper purpose: cultivating virtue, growing more recollected, and becoming more single-hearted for the Lord.

#### Simple meals

- Cook a batch of soup to eat throughout the week
- Renew the Catholic tradition of meatless Fridays
- Shop the perimeter of the store, focusing on whole foods

#### Simple home

- Learn to "quiet the house," especially after Christmas
- Create a faith-based focal point
- Decorate according to the natural and liturgical seasons

#### Simple routines

- Return to consistent, daily prayer
- Create margin in your day, week, and month
- Unplug and welcome silence regularly

**ST. CATHERINE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST:** St Catherine KC will be serving a breakfast next Sunday, January 7th in Doyle Hall from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, toast, milk, juice, and coffee. It's a free will offering, and everyone is invited. All KC members scheduled to work for this year's KC events received a worker schedule in the mail. The KC workers for January 7th are: Pat Baustian, Tom Baustian, Wes Fuerstenberg, Mike Haakenson, Steve Heitkamp, Jim Lenz, Joe Loosbrock, Trevor Nasers, Wyatt Sprecher, and Dave VanderZiel. KC members are only down to work one KC event so please work your event or find another KC to swap with. Thank you!

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:** This feast day will not be a Holyday of Obligation in the USA this year. If the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and All Saints Day falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation is lifted.

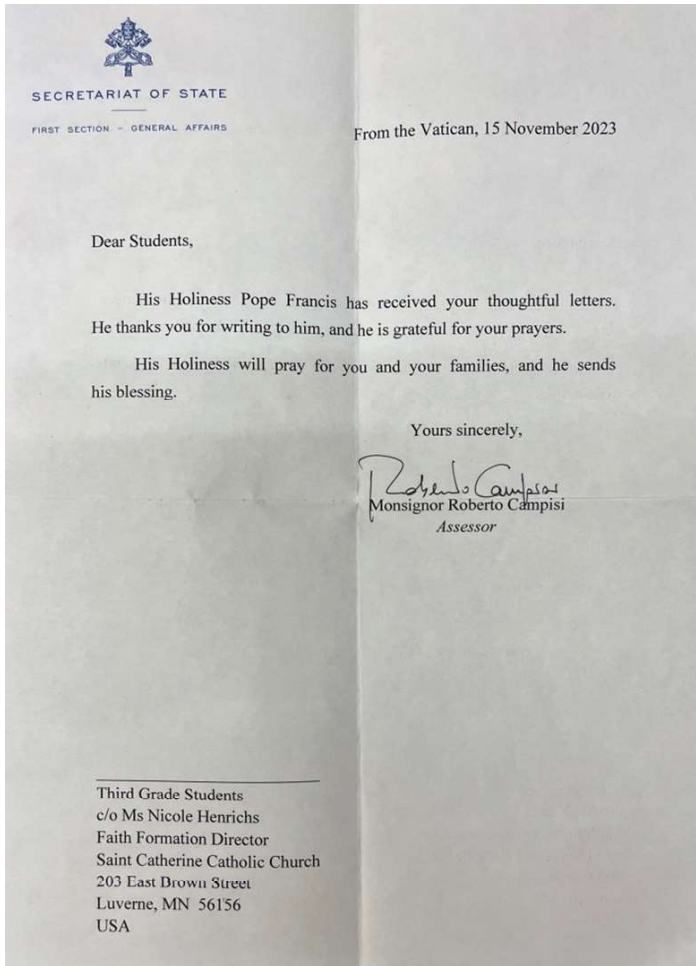
**SAVE THE DATE:** Join us on February 7, 2024 at St. Catherine Church for a Eucharistic Presentation by Father Leo Patalinghug. Fr. Leo is an author/speaker, creator and founder of an international food and faith movement called Plating Grace. He is a host for radio, podcast and a weekly international food and faith show on EWTN, Savoring our Faith. The mission to see food as a gift from God to nourish your family and to strengthen relationships is making this world a better place one meal at a time.



*In a word, Mary gives us hope."*

*- Pope Francis*

## FAITH FORMATION • Youth News & Activities



### DATES TO NOTE:

December 24th – Jan. 4th	NO Faith Formation or CGS (Christmas Break)
Sunday, January 7th	CGS Resumes Atrium classes
Wednesday, January 10th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 10th	2nd Grade 1st Reconciliation at 5:00 PM

**LETTER FROM THE POPE:** In October a number of our 3rd grade students wrote to Pope Francis. Last week they received a letter back! (See image to the right.)

**SAVE THE DATE:** We just got our dates for this summer's Youth Program, for those who are currently in Kindergarten through 12th grade, Totus Tuus: July 14 -19. Mark your calendars!

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*Let us follow him on our daily journey: he brings time to its fullness, he gives meaning to what we do and to the days we live. Let us trust in joyful times and in sorrowful times: the hope he gives us is a hope that never disappoints.”*

*- Pope Francis*

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