



March 10, 2024

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Catholic Community of Luverne



4th Sunday
— *of* —
LENT

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, in order that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:14-15

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. KOSSE...

Today we hear the story of Nicodemus who comes to the Lord Jesus. It is believed that Nicodemus was a prominent Pharisee. He came to Jesus to seek the truth. He came with an open mind. And that was all that Jesus needed. It changed his life forever. Nicodemus took the first step and after that Jesus took him down the road that would lead him to eternal life. Jesus wants to take you down that same road that will lead you to salvation. And that road is these forty days of Lent. Each day Jesus is

looking for an open heart. Each day he is looking for hearts that will let him guide you to his truth. He wants to do that because he knows that there are many other so-called truths that are being pushed in the world. They might seem at first okay truths. But when measured with the truth of Jesus, they fall short. One of those false truths is on the areas of Assisted Suicide that we are now hearing in our country and now in our state. There, what is being pushed is "My life, My Death, My Choice" so-called truth. The real truth

that we are to live is what St. Paul said. "We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord, so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." I inserted an article that Bishop Barron wrote, using those same words, and explaining why as Catholics we need to oppose this thinking of Assisted Suicide and to pray that we respect all life from conception to one's natural death, that truth given by Jesus, that truth that will give us eternal life.

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Almsgiving helps free us from obsession of possession, from the fear of losing what they have and from the sadness of not sharing their well-being with others.”- Pope Francis

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: March 11-17, 2024

Monday, March 11th	Private Chapel	+Fr. Bob Maher	
Tuesday, March 12th	St. Leo	4:00 PM	Adoration
Tuesday, March 12th	St. Leo	5:15 PM	+Helen DeSchepper
Wednesday, March 13th	St. Catherine	9:00 AM	+Leola Sweeney
Thursday, March 14th	Ridgeview	10:30 AM	+Jean Jones
Friday, March 15th.....	Parkview.....	9:30 AM	Rosary & Communion
Friday, March 15th.....	Poplar Creek & Oaks	10:00 AM	+Ray LeBrun
Saturday, March 16th	St. Catherine.....	5:00 PM.....	For the Parishioners
Sunday, March 17th.....	St. Catherine.....	8:30 AM	+Ronald Buysse
Sunday, March 17th.....	St. Leo	10:30 PM.....	+Dawn & +Izak Wixon
Sunday, March 17th.....	St. Leo	1:00 PM.....	+Ray Lingen

Confession: Sunday 8:00 AM or by appointment.

OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS • News, Honors, Thank You

CHRISM MASS: The Tri Parishes of St. Francis Xavier, Windom, Sacred Heart, Heron Lake and Sacred Heart, Brewster cordially invite you to attend the Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart, Heron Lake on Monday, March 25th at 2:00 PM. A reception will follow the Mass.

LENT RECONCILIATION: On Wednesday, March 13th, we will be having our Lent Reconciliation. There will be several priests available to hear confessions. Adults' time will be 3:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Faith Formation Class times will be at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

ST. COLUMBA SPRING DINNER will be Sunday, March 24th from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM at St. Columba Hall, Iona, MN. Menu: Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Homegrown Sweet corn, Coleslaw, and Homemade Desserts. Take-out is available. Great raffle prizes!

NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: Want to get involved? Want to meet members of our Church community? Want to grow stronger in your Faith? Well, if so, we have the answer for you! Join a Bible Study, you will create relationships, and a bond with God as your center. We want to share this experience with all of you. If you are interested in getting started, please talk with Travis & Heidi Broesder, Joey & Jen Pick, Eric & Ashely Woodley, Brock & Ashley Benson, and/or Tyson & Monica Facile 507-820-1100. Each group will schedule a time that works for the majority!

ADORATION CHAPEL: Point to Ponder: We live in a busy and noisy world, but don't blindly accept that your life has no choice but to be busy and noisy. Seek the rest that silence naturally brings to your heart, mind, body, and soul. Prayer: Jesus, give me the courage to let down my guard, the grace to stop resisting you in all ways I do, and the wisdom to make time to sit in your presence each day. Amen. (Taken from Beautiful Eucharist, 2023) You are invited to visit our chapel during Lent to rest a while. Please sign in on the table in the back of the chapel. We are blessed to have someone in prayer with Our Lord from Monday – Friday, morning to night. St. Catherine's Adoration Chapel hours which need to be filled are: Friday 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 4:00 PM. Contact Jen



2024
Catholic Ministries Appeal
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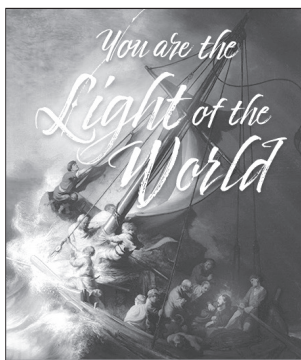
Heavenly Father, may we grow closer to Christ through our support of the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank you, Lord, for Your many blessings You have bestowed upon us. We cherish the gifts of time, talent and treasure that each member of our universal Church family makes to build up Christ's Church in love. We ask you, Lord, to send us forth in this spirit of love to serve our communities and our world with open hearts. Amen.

To give online, visit
www.catholicfsmn.org

Huisman if you can help fill hours.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Sharon Hawes' 85th Birthday Open House will be on Saturday, March 16th from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at Generations. Everyone is invited to come help Sharon celebrate her special day! No gifts please.

SC Ministry Schedule	Saturday, March 16 5:00 pm	Sunday, March 17 8:30 am
Rosary	Mary Christensen	Renae Pick
Gifts	Presley Vortherms & Family	Sophia Strassburg & Family
Lector	Pat Scheidt	Melanie Madison
Servers	Ian Meyeraan & Athena DeBoer	Lucas Madison & Val Jenniges
Ushers	Bill & Judy Miller	Darrell Hemme & George Langford
Eucharistic Ministers	Lila Bauer & Marlene Desplinter	Dennis Madison & Judy Reese
Sacristan	Nancy Lange	Alex & Cheryl Hartman
Video		Jacob Madison



Fr. Raul Silva
Hispanic Ministry and
World Youth Day 2023



MINI STORY: Fr. Raul Silva – Hispanic Ministry and World Youth Day 2023

We are grateful for the Catholic Ministries Appeal which funds Hispanic Ministry throughout the diocese. It provides support for programs in the growing Hispanic community in our diocese, such as aiding the pilgrimage a group of youth from Queen of Angels Church in Austin took this past World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal. We visited many churches and sanctuaries in Spain and Portugal. The Lord granted us – especially the youth – many graces on such a journey. Support systems like the Catholic Ministries Appeal allow such programs and journeys to continue throughout the diocese. We see the growth of Hispanic presence in the diocese's Catholic community every day and the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports that growth.

Please give generously to the Catholic Ministries Appeal:
www.catholicfsmn.org/catholic-ministries-appeal

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Contributions (Adult Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)
 Adult\$5,166.00
 Direct Debit\$3,290.00
 Online Giving.....\$225.00
 Maintenance Fund.....\$35.00
 Stole Fee.....\$175.00
 Rent of Facilities.....\$150.00
 Easter Flowers.....\$446.00
 Mass Stipends\$60.00
Total.....\$9,547.00

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

Week 36 - (7/1/23-3/3/24)
 Needed to Date\$279, 432.00
 Income to Date\$262,682.61

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

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/6260034-ff6b-4187-a4cf-e7d15dd119fb>



Birthday Greetings!

Tony Schomacker, Jacob Madison, Mike Willers, Mike McLaughlin, Nora Louwagie, McKaya Gonnerman, Rick Serie, Betty Deutsch, Sharon Hawes, Hazel Mollberg, and Mark Walgrave

Anniversaries!
Chris & Gretchen Luze



THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA) St. Catherine's Goal for 2024 is \$27,650.00. Donation envelopes are available on the bulletin tables.

CMA Pledges as of February 25, 2024	Donors	Received	Percentage	Still Need
	4	\$2,668.30	10.3%	\$24,981.70

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KC FISH FRY: The St. Catherine Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is on Friday, March 15th from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. All you can eat Alaskan Pollock, baked potato, lettuce salad, coleslaw, toast, dessert and a drink. Cost for adults is \$15 and 12 & under \$5. The additional Fish Fries will be on March 29th and April 12th. All KC members scheduled to work for this year's KC events received a worker schedule in the mail. KC members are only down to work one KC event so please work your event or find another KC to swap with. Thank you!

THE ACT OF CONTRITION: The devil has great power to tempt us to sin, however, his power is not infinite (CCC, 395). God has provided a way to break sin's power over us: namely, by repentance. Repentance is the antidote to sin.

To help us spiritually, the Church gives us a prayer we can easily memorize as our way to express repentance. We learned some form of the Act of Contrition in our catechism as children or from our parents.

As you pray this Offering, keep in mind that you are united with the entire Church at prayer, from the most pious nuns and monks in their monasteries to the simplest believers on all five continents:

The Act of Contrition: "O my God, I am sorry for my sins. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you and your Church. I firmly intend, with the help of your Son, to make up for my sins and to love as I should. Amen."

There are slightly different versions of the Act of Contrition, but essentially, any good act of contrition contains these seven elements:

1. We express sorrow to God because our sin offends Him specifically.
2. We are "heartily" sorry, meaning that our repentance is from the heart, not just a superficial sentiment.
3. We hate ("detest") sin because it is the devil's work, not God's. Note that this is not a hatred of ourselves but of our sinful acts.
4. We also humbly acknowledge the truth that mortal sin leads us to hell if we do not repent.



PRAYER CHAIN

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!

5. We understand that the love of God is the reason we repent – we regret offending Him "who is all good" and deserves a better response from us.
6. We make a firm act of the will ("firmly resolve") to get our moral lives back on track and never to sin again. And finally,
7. We declare that we cannot overcome sin on our own without the "help of His grace."

ST. CATHERINE MEALS: All parishioners are invited to share in this meal and fellowship. Hopefully, this will help to make Wednesday evening a bit easier for families. There is no cost for the supper. Donations can be given at the office or in the offertory collection. Please mark your donation for the parish supper. Hope to see you there!

- March 20th: Baked Potato Bar
- April 17th: Grilled hamburger and hotdogs

FUNERAL MEAL COORDINATOR: Mary Jo Nath is looking for someone to take over as Funeral Coordinator. She is more than willing to help you get acquainted with this role. Many helping hands are involved which makes this job easy. Please call the office if you are interested in this opportunity 507-283-8502.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need a few more volunteers to help with Vets' Bingo on Saturday, March 16. Come help us show the Vets how much we appreciate them and share a laugh or two. They love to see people from the community! Please contact Eileen Hocking if you are able to help.

SaintSPOTLIGHT

SAINT FRANCES OF ROME - Born of wealthy parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With the new responsibilities of family life, the

young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household. Within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances' second son dead. To help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might need. When all the resources had been exhausted, Frances went door to door begging.

Later, Frances opened a section of her house as a hospital. Frances became more and more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. She lived the remainder of her life with the society—serving the poorest of the poor.

Worthington Deanery

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

Living the Gift of Life

1 PM TO 7 PM

17

MARCH

ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

PIPESTONE MINNESOTA

We are excited to invite you to this special day planned just for Youth in grades 9-12. The day will include fun activities, great presentations, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass and supper together. Meet youth from across the Deanery and beyond!

Cost - \$5.00 per student and we ask that each participant brings a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food shelf.

THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE DEANERY SOCIAL CONCERNS ROUNDTABLE, THE FAITH FORMATION DIRECTORS OF THE DEANERY, AND IS SPONSORED IN PART BY A GRANT FROM THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA.



**Keynote Presenter
Pat Millea**



**Emcee
Jon Konz**

**Mass Celebrant
Father Tim Biren**

For more information or to register, contact your Faith Formation Director or Youth Minister

DATES TO NOTE:

Wednesday, March 13th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM with Lenten Reconciliation
Wednesday, March 20th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 27th	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM (with Shadow Stations at 7:10 PM)
Wednesday, April 3rd	Faith Formation 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 6th	1st Communion Practice 10:00 AM & Option 1 Mass at 5:00 PM
Sunday, April 7th	1st Communion Option 2 Mass at 8:30 AM

– look for them around the church and on the screen!

- **4th Grade:** Decorate bags for the Homebound
- **5th Grade:** Pack bags for the Homebound
- **6th Grade:** Polish pews in sanctuary
- **7th Grade:** Bring a game night to the residence at Oaks/Poplar Creek
- **8th Grade:** Making pillow cases for donation
- **9th Grade:** Perform Shadow Stations of the Cross on March 27th at 7:10 PM
- **10th Grade:** Fill and help hide Easter eggs for the Parish Egg Hunt on Easter morning.
- **11th Grade:** Youth Mass on March 10th

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP- HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT: We are excited to invite you to this special day planned just for Youth in grades 9-12 on March 17th from 1:00 – 7:00 PM hosted at St. Leo in Pipestone. The day will include fun activities, great presentations with keynote presenter Pat Millena, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass and supper together. Meet youth from across the Deanery and beyond! Cost – \$5.00 per student and we ask that each participant brings a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food shelf. Contact Nicole to get registered.

SAVE THE DATE – SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Spend Holy Wednesday with our 9th grade students, who will be performing the Shadow Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:10 PM here at St. Catherine. Mark your calendars. ALL are welcome!

LENT SERVICE PROJECTS: Here is the list of Lenten/Easter Service Projects the youth will be doing this year. They are all based on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy:

- **K – 2nd Grade:** Make cards for the Homebound
- **3rd Grade:** Make postcards about confession for the parish to remind them of the blessing of reconciliation



Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death.” - Pope Francis

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