

PASTOR'S NOTES

Upcoming Events

In the next few weeks of this Easter season there is a flurry of church activities. Here is a chronological list of those events ----

Tuesday, April 16th

St. Leo's Parish Finance Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Conference Room.

Saturday, April 20th

Confirmation and Eucharist Retreat from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. for our third graders from Both St. Leo's and St. Thomas parishes who are preparing to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time. Retreat will be at St. Leo's Church.

Saturday-Sunday, April 20th- 21st

Our Confirmation students will bring loaves of home-made bread to weekend Masses for Bread Sunday and have them blessed and then handed out to 'some lucky parishioners'. This is meant to help them understand that Jesus is the **Bread of Life**. Just as ordinary bread nourishes us, how much more does the divine bread of the Eucharist nurture us for our journey to eternal life.

Tuesday, April 23rd

St. Leo's Pastoral Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Conference Room

Saturday, April 27th

Confirmation/Eucharist of our Third Graders!! Bishop Folda will be with us to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist at 1:30 p.m. This is a big step in the spiritual lives of our young parishioners. Please pray for them in these final days of preparation.

Sunday & Monday, April 28th & 29th

The **second and third** Capital Campaign receptions for St. Leo's parishioners. Check your invitation. Receptions start at 6:30 p.m. in the Spirit of Life Center.

Wednesday, May 1st

The **sole** Capital Campaign reception for St. Thomas parishioners. Check your invitation card. Reception start at 6:30 p.m. in St. Thomas Church Social Hall.

Wednesday, May 8th

Closing Religious Education Liturgy at St. Leo's Church at 6:30 p.m. An ice cream social will follow the Mass as well as giving out *Perfect Attendance* rewards.

Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 19th

Graduation Mass and Breakfast following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



St. Leo's Catholic Church
211 Langer Ave North
PO Box 340
Casselton ND
347-4609

St. Thomas Catholic Church
401 Third St. North
PO Box 22
Buffalo ND
633-5150



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 14, 2024

Weekend Mass Schedule for St. Leo's and St. Thomas

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays: 8:30 am St. Thomas, 10:30 am St. Leo's

2nd & 4th Sundays: 8:30 am St. Leo's, 10:30 am St. Thomas

Every Saturday: 5:00 pm at St. Leo's

Mass Intentions for the week of Apr 14:

Mon - Apr 15 - 10:00 am - **Funeral Mass for Rickie Keller**

Tues - Apr 16 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **+Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed - Apr 17 - 9:00 am - **+Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale

Thurs - Apr 18 - 9:00 am - **+Souls in purgatory**

Fri - Apr 19 - 9:00 am - **+Rosetta Olson** by Lori Blauwet

Saturday - Apr 20 - 5:00 pm - +Avele Kaufman by Ron & Thuy Kaufman

Sunday - Apr 21 - St. Thomas- 8:30 am - +Bob Killoran by Paul & Patricia Sherman

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

at St. Leo's

4:00 - 4:45 pm Saturday

at St. Thomas

8:00 - 8:15 am

before all 8:30 am Masses

~ Anytime by appointment

~ Communal Services during

Advent and Lent

New Members: If you are new to the area, we would love to have you as a registered member. To register as a new member of the parish, please visit with Fr. Ermer after Mass.

Please join in praying the Rosary
25 minutes before the Saturday evening
and Sunday morning Mass times.

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., Apr 16 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory
 Thurs., Apr 18 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
 Sat., Apr 20 - 9:45 pm- 3 pm - Confirmation/1st Eucharist Retreat at St. Leo's
 Tues., Apr 23 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory
 Fri, Apr 26 - 6:30 pm - Confirmation/1st Eucharist Rehearsal; 6 pm Supper
Sat., Apr 27 - 1:30 pm - Confirmation/1st Eucharist with Bishop Folda at St. Leo's

REMINDER: Please remember to return your Lenten canisters.

Religious Education Class Times — Apr. 17th

St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo's RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
 Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)
 Grades K & 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Grade 7 - Class B and 11th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm



Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission:

Cards are available for purchase in the church entry. A selection of different occasions is available. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Apr 20 5:00 pm St. Leo's	Sunday Apr 21 8:30 am St. Thomas	Sunday Apr 21 10:30 am St. Leo's
			
Lector	Lee Ann Monilaws Mallory Poulson	Alecia Killoran	Steve Carvell
Eucharistic Ministers	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Penny Zaun Joni Biggers	Micah Bartholomay Jake Lako Collin Miller Deb Werner Jake Werner
Altar Servers	Hayden Faleide Burchill Family	Hallie Besette Claire Halland	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh Prochnow
Offertory Collectors	Volunteers needed	Joe & Lora Killoran	Volunteers needed
Gift Bearers	Volunteers needed	Mike & Lisa Zahnow	Volunteers needed
Lead Rosary	Mona Franck		Jessica Enge

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Sandra Keller and her family on the death of her husband, Rickie.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4

Join us to sing from the choir loft! "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, April 21st** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is to sing. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #570, #614, #344, #553. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

Men's Retreat: April 19-21 at Franciscan Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. Men are invited to a retreat called *St. Joseph: Man of No Return*. There will be Rosary, engaging large group talks, small group discussions, Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, private priest/deacon spiritual direction, Chaplet of Diving Mercy, Liturgy of the Hours and more. Room & all meals provided; cost \$300 (students \$200). Register at www.ecclesiadomestica.net/registration or call St. Boniface Parish, Lidgerwood at (701)538.4604.

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat/New Ministry for Adult Children of Divorce: April 19-21 at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry within the Diocese of Fargo to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parent's relationship, no matter at what age it happened, and to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. Spaces are limited for this retreat, and it is expected to fill early. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information or to by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/lgw

This week's Stewardship moment:

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." ~ Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

Theology of the Body and the Culture of Life Retreat: May 9-11, at the Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. The retreat will focus on St. John Paul II's teaching on the human person known as the "Theology of the Body" and its connection to the Church's teaching on such issues as marriage, contraception, abortion, euthanasia, artificial reproduction, gender and the Eucharist. There will be Mass, Confessions, Adoration, Praise and Worship music and time for prayer and reflection. You can register as a married couple, single person or as a parent with a teen at least 16 years old. For more information and to register go to maryvalend.org or contact Tim Mosser at tim.mosser@fargodiocese.org

Women's Care Center, Fargo is looking for volunteers to help with childcare during life-skills/parenting classes. Wednesdays 10:45 am - 12:15 pm. Volunteering frequency is flexible; once a month, weekly or occasionally. Please contact Angela at (701)237-6530 or angeka@wccnd.com



God's Gift Appeal 2024

	Goal	4/5/2024
St. Leo's	\$61,723	\$18,609
St. Thomas	\$ 9,893	\$ 2,375

Thank you to all parishioners who have made their gifts to the 2024 God's Gift Appeal. Pledge cards/donations may be placed in the offertory collection basket or dropped off at the parish office and we will see they get to the Diocese.