

PASTOR'S NOTES

Your Invitation...

... coming very soon!!

By May 1st all parish households in St. Leo's and St. Thomas parishes will have been invited and have had the opportunity to attend a Campaign reception for the Diocese of Fargo's \$20 million Capital Campaign. *I pray you all will be able to attend.*

On March 27th all parish households were mailed a letter about this very important campaign. It has been over 30 years since the Diocese of Fargo last conducted a major campaign to raise funds for major needs in our life as a diocesan church. This \$20 million campaign is aimed at raising money to support —

- > the renovation and endowment of our **Maryvale Retreat Center**
- > construct and sustain a **priests' retirement home**
- > support and grow the diocesan **priest retirement fund** as well as
- > direct and infuse 30% of all raised money back to **local parish projects** of their choosing.

As parishes within the Diocese of Fargo we, like all the 125 parishes and missions, are being asked to support this Capital Campaign. Over a period of four years St. Leo's parish is being asked to raise \$289,000 and St. Thomas is being asked to raise \$49,500.

The upcoming Campaign receptions are meant to give fuller details on these projects and answer any questions you may have. Each parish household will receive an invitation through the mail to attend a reception. Once you receive your invitation please mark your calendar and **RSVP to St. Leo's parish office** (347-4609).

Just by way of information — this past Fall 30 of our diocesan parishes/missions have already completed their campaign receptions and their pledges have surpassed their collective goal of \$3,951,951. St. Leo's and St. Thomas are now in the second cohort of 34 diocesan parishes/missions to conduct their campaign receptions. The remaining 61 parishes/missions will conduct their outreach this coming Fall. With all of us pulling together and doing our part this campaign will be a success.

Our weekly bulletin will contain ongoing communications and notifications about this project. *Looking forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming receptions.*

Holy Week – a work of 100s

Our deepest thanks and gratitude to the nearly 250 persons who so generously gave of their talent and energy to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week and the Triduum. I have received a number of comments expressing appreciation for the prayerful beauty of our services. As you can well imagine this does not magically happen. It comes from hearts and minds of faith and souls with deep gratitude for all that God had done in their lives. Giving back to the Lord our worship and praise is second nature to people of faith.

We extend our deepest thanks to our Tenebrae students, our breadmakers, our lectors, our servers, our choir members, our Mass and other coordinators, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion [EMHC], those who set up our Adoration space, those who processed the holy oils, those who had their feet washed, those who stripped the altar area, those who helped build our 'tomb', our cross bearers, our flower bearers, our water bearer, those who decorated the church for the Easter season, those who built our Easter fire, those who dressed the altar at the Easter Vigil service, those who prepared, hosted and cleaned up after our Easter Vigil reception, and those we may have missed.

This would not have happened without YOU!! Thanks so very much.



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Casselton ND
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Buffalo ND
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 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 7:

Mon - Apr 8 – 9:00 am – +**Jim Kieffer** by Richard Muscha

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

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Apr 10 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Thurs – Apr 11 – 9:00 am – **Anna Garman**

Fri – Apr 12 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**

Saturday – Apr 13 – 5:00 pm - +Dick Sinner by Don & Audrey Cramer

Sunday - Apr 14 – St. Leo's- 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Mary Howatt by Keith & Joni Biggers

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St. Leo's Directors: Dave Glennon & Micah Bartholomay

St. Thomas Directors: Gary Milbrandt & Flint Kasowski

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

Sun., Apr 7 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center
 Sun., Apr 7 - 6:30 pm - Easter Cantata at St. Leo's, refreshments to follow
 Thurs., Apr 11 - Sat., Apr 13 - **Diocesan Synod** in Fargo — prayers are welcome
 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
 Tues., Apr 23 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory
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. 10th

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 A and 12th 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 13 5:00 pm St. Leo's	Sunday Apr 14 8:30 am St. Leo's	Sunday Apr 14 10:30 am St. Thomas
			
Lector	Mark Voss	Shari Kensok	Jackie Vavra
Eucharistic Ministers	Lori Howard Bill Franck	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faught Mary Jendro Susan Kempel Paul Olsen	Linda Milbrandt Jurgen Suhr
Altar Servers	Addison Hushka Noah Hushka	Melody Kempel Quinn Gunkel/Riley Gunkel Emma Rupp	Gavin Besette Hannah Besette
Offertory Collectors	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Joe & Lora Killoran
Gift Bearers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Bob & Judy VonBank
Lead Rosary	Richard Muscha	Deb Werner	

NEWS AND NOTES

EASTER CANTATA 'Sanctuary...A Cantata of Hope & Peace'

Re-scheduled to
Sunday, April 7th
6:30 pm

St. Leo's Catholic Church
 All are Welcome
 Refreshments to follow.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Lee Anderson and Darin Hamre** as they were welcomed into full communion in the Catholic Church this past Saturday at our Easter Vigil Service. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey in our Catholic faith.

Special prayers and blessings to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:

Jerry & Jean Fletschock - 58 years on Apr 15

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 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.

This week's Stewardship moment:

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." ~ Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money — these are all gifts from God! We are not really owners of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all our gifts for the benefit of others.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast: Serving pancakes and sausage **today, Sunday, April 7th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering. Proceeds will benefit the Nathan Ray family.

Third Synod of the Diocese of Fargo - April 11-13, 2024: The faithful of the Diocese of Fargo are invited to attend the opening Mass for the Third Synod on Thurs., April 11th at 5 pm as well as closing Mass on Sat., April 13th at 12:30 pm at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, 5202 25th St S, Fargo. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire our prayer, preparation, discussions, and bless the Church in our diocese with the outpouring of His grace.

Men's Retreat: On 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.