

PASTOR'S NOTES

Corn & Brat feed — *Our KCs are at it again*

Once again St. Leo's Knights of Columbus (KCs) Council will be hosting their annual 'Corn & Brat feed' on **Tuesday, August 22nd** in our parking lot south of the Church and Rectory. It starts at 5:30 p.m. and goes until 7:30 p.m. This is a community event. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend. Enjoy each other's company. Our Knights do a marvelous job of serving both the parish and the local community.

Your support is deeply appreciated!

Religious Education (RE) – *begins with Dad and Mom!*

There is an axiom that says, "Faith is caught before it is taught". This suggests that what we model in life has a more dominant effect than what we preach or teach. Religious Education programs assume that parents model their faith lives, are the first teachers of the faith and they have told their children the basic story of faith —

that God exists;

that God has created all things;

that God has an unbelievable love affair with the human family;

that the human family fell into sin and needed to be saved;

that God the Father sent his Son as savior of the world – by whose dying on the cross, rising from the dead, and ascending to heaven has opened the gates of heaven which had been closed since the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise;

that life with God and fellow believers in heaven is the goal of human living.

In grateful love for God, mothers and fathers model for their children a life of faithful living by — *teaching basic prayers; forming consciences of knowing right from wrong; attending Sunday Mass; living in sacramental marriages; being generous and sacrificial in the giving of time, talent and treasure; growing in their understanding of Scripture, church teachings, moral issues and the spiritual life, etc.*

Children need the faithful witness of fathers and mothers, who know that passing on the faith is the most important task they have as parents. As children see their dads and moms supporting them in their academic studies and extracurricular activities (e.g. - sports, theater, speech, music, etc.), **children need to see, at least, that same level of support in their spiritual activities** (e.g. - *always attending Sunday Mass; meal and bedtime prayer; enrollment/ attendance in RE programs; giving of time, talent and treasure; attending parents class; etc.*).

Such witness done with authenticity and conviction will telegraph to children the priority that belongs to faith from which springs the hope of heavenly life to those 'who love God with all their heart, all their soul, all their mind, and their neighbor as themselves'.

Religious education builds on this foundation. Thus, faith is caught before it is taught.

Last Parent & RE registration time —

Mark your calendars –

Monday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Spirit of Life Center



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



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 20, 2023

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 Aug 20:

Mon - Aug 21 – 9:00 am – St. Leo's – +**Janice Muscha** by Ron & Lorraine Kensok

Tues - Aug 22 – St. Thomas – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Aug 23 – 9:00 am – +**Liv Kensok** by Margaret Kensok

Thurs – Aug 24 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Aug 25 – 9:00 am – **Elizabeth Garman** by Casey & Anna Garman

Sat - Aug 26 – 5:00 pm - +Krumm Grandparents by Bill & Mona Franck

Sun - Aug 27 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Larry Zaun by Sue Knoll

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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.


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

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon. Aug 21 - 7:00 pm - St. Thomas Pastoral Council Meeting  
**Tues. Aug 22 - 5:30- 7:30 pm- KC Corn and Brat Picnic**  
 Wed. Aug 23 - 7:00 pm - KC meeting at the rectory  
 Thurs. Aug 24 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
**Mon. Aug 28 - 6:30 pm - LAST RE registration meeting in the Spirit of Life Center**  
 Wed. Aug 30 - 6:30 pm - RE Teacher Orientation meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Tues. Sept 5 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy Committee meeting at the rectory  
 Tues. Sept 12 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery meeting at the rectory  
 Wed. Sept 13 - 6:30 pm - RE Opening Mass

**This week's Eucharistic Reflection Question:** *At what Jewish feast did Jesus institute the Eucharist? ~ CCC 1339/1340*

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|                                                                                   | Saturday Aug 26<br>5:00 pm<br>St. Leo's    | Sunday Aug 27<br>8:30 am<br>St. Leo's                                               | Sunday Aug 27<br>10:30 am<br>St. Thomas |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | Tony Roth                                  | Fred Eldridge                                                                       | Keith Biggers                           |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | Paulette Schmitt<br>Mona Franck            | Virjean Cramer<br>Dave Glennon<br>Patty Glennon<br>Terri Monilaws<br>Richard Muscha | Jurgen Suhr<br>Penny Zaun               |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Evelyn Roth<br>Joe Kappes<br>Beau Parisien | Glennon Family                                                                      | Gavin Besette<br>Claire Halland         |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                   | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                            | Dennis & Cristie Killoran               |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                   | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                            | Darren Halland Family                   |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Jessica Enge                               | Sandra Keller                                                                       |                                         |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** "Choir Sunday" will be will be **Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone (adult/middle school/high school) is welcome to join us. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10am to run through these songs for that day's Mass: #544, #534, #665, #355, #447. (YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand).

**This is My Body Retreat:** Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 4 pm at St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch and refreshments. This retreat will focus on St. John Paul II's teaching on the human person known as Theology of the Body and its connection to the Eucharist and the way we live. Register by September 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.fargodiocese.org/tob-retreat](http://www.fargodiocese.org/tob-retreat) or call Tim Mosser at (701)356-7910.

**Retrouvaille:** Help for Hurting Marriages Have you and your spouse grown cold and distant from each other? Do you struggle to communicate or come together on common goals? Have past hurts built up walls of tension and distrust so big you question if they could ever come down? There is hope. Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Retrouvaille will be held locally September 29 - October 1 in Fargo. For information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at [rrretrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:rrretrouvaille@gmail.com)

**Watson Cemetery Peach Sale:** Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 am to 7 pm. 521 Langer Ave S, Casselton. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or their Facebook page "Watson Cemetery Peaces".



St. Leo's  
 Knights of Columbus  
**Corn & Brat Picnic**  
 Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
 Free will offering  
 Proceeds will support  
 Community of Care and the  
 Rural Cass Food Pantry.

**Women's Eucharistic Retreat with Bishop Folda:** Bishop Folda will be presenting a 3-day directed women's retreat on the Eucharist at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City on October 6-8, 2023. This will be a smaller retreat with limited spaces available, register at: <https://www.fargodiocese.org/bishop-retreat> or email: [jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org](mailto:jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org)

**Made for Greatness Men's Retreat:** January 19-21, 2024 at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. This retreat will be focused on being a leader in your family and will feature renowned Catholic speaker and author Devin Schadt. The July Men's Retreat filled up well in advance, so plan to register early to secure your spot. For more information and to register see the flyer on the bulletin board or go to: [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter)

### **This week's Stewardship moment:**

*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." ~ Romans 11:29*

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.