

PASTOR'S NOTES

KC Corn & Brat Feed — *Another successful year*

This past Tuesday evening (August 22nd) a few hundred people enjoyed a beautiful evening of fellowship and food at the annual KC Corn & Brat Feed. Traditionally this event 'kicks off' a year of service projects that our local council of Knights of Columbus will do for St. Leo's and the larger community of Casselton. We look forward to their nearly monthly breakfasts, free-throw shooting contest, charitable contributions to many local charitable organizations, etc.

There is a lot of thanks to go around to pull off the Corn & Brat Feed. First and foremost, the leadership of our Grand Knight, Micah Bartholomay, KC members (*and their spouses and children*) who picked the corn, set up tables & chairs, cooked the meal, served the food, supplied desserts, cleaned up the event, etc.

To these we say – MANY Thanks!!

Then there was the gift of corn and brats by Andy Levos, the use of tables and cooking grate from the Chaffee Lions, roasters from Cass County Wild Life, serving tables from Maple River Grain & Agronomy, refreshments from D&S Beverages and equipment from local boy scout troop.

A sincere thank you to KC Council 9477 for a wonderful event

Upcoming RE-related events of note –

Last RE Parent & Registration meeting

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

PARENTS – we will review class arrangements; be given calendars and other hand-outs; please bring calendars to sign up for serving a Simple Supper slot and a Hall Monitor slot; **register your children**; pay your registration fee; answer any questions.

Teacher Orientation Session

> Wednesday, August 30th – 6:30 p.m. in Spirit of Life Center

RE teachers will be oriented for this coming year's curriculum; calendar of events; diocesan policies and expectations; review discipline and behavior management; room assignments; resource room content; etc.

Deanery II Catechetical Evening for our RE teachers

> Wednesday, September 6th – Social and meal at Sts. Anne & Joachim

The Directors of Religious Education in Deanery II are hosting a social (at 5:30 p.m.) and meal (at 6 p.m.), a key note speaker, and some break-out sessions on RE related topics to 'kick off' our 2023-2024 RE school year. The evening is meant to gather RE teachers, meet other teachers from this area, share a meal and learn some 'best practices' in the field of religious education, etc. St. Leo's and St. Thomas parishes belong to Deanery II of the Fargo Diocese. There are 8 deaneries in the diocese. Deanery II is basically Cass County parishes.

Opening Mass for this year's RE classes

> Wednesday, September 13th – 6:30 p.m. at St. Leo's Church

Each year we begin our Religious Education (RE) school year with an Opening Mass, which is open to all parishioners, asking God's blessings upon our endeavors in the faithful transmission of the Faith to our students/your children. We encourage all students and families from both St. Leo's and St. Thomas parishes to attend. Mass will be followed by an ice cream social in the Spirit of Life Center. **Please mark your calendars!**



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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



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 27, 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 27:

Mon - Aug 28 – 9:00 am – St. Leo's – +**Bruce Dooley** by Theresa Dooley

Tues - Aug 29 – St. Thomas – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Aug 30 – 9:00 am – +**Vince Nicolai** by Sandie Nystrom

Thurs – Aug 31 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Sept 1 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Craig & Mary Leiss

Sat - Sept 2 – 5:00 pm - +Jolene Muscha by Richard Muscha

Sun - Sept 3 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - +Ken Habiger by Mary Kempel

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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 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  
 Mon. Sept 18 - 7:00 pm - Finance Committee meeting at the rectory  
 Tues. Sept 19 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory

**This week's Eucharistic Reflection Question:** *What phrase did early Christians use to describe their Eucharistic assemblies? ~ CCC 1329*

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|                                                                                   | Saturday Sept 2<br>5:00 pm<br>St. Leo's                                                                                                  | Sunday Sept 3<br>10:30 am<br>St. Leo's | Sunday Sept 3<br>8:30 am<br>St. Thomas   |
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|  |                                                                                                                                          |                                        | Judy Von Bank                            |
| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | <b>Please see sign-up sheets in the church entry.</b><br><i>If you are normally scheduled and will be here, we ask that you sign up.</i> |                                        | Joni Biggers<br>Keith Biggers            |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      |                                                                                                                                          |                                        | Rudi Wendel<br>Layla Norrie              |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              |                                                                                                                                          |                                        |                                          |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                                                                 | <i>Volunteers needed</i>               | Betty Lou Stallman<br>Mike & Lisa Zahnow |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                                                                 | <i>Volunteers needed</i>               |                                          |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Lucy Wagner                                                                                                                              | Anna Garman                            |                                          |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** "Choir Sunday" will be on **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).



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**St. Leo's Knight of the Month:** The Knight for the month of **August** is **Andy Levos**. Thank you Andy for all you do for the KC's. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**Catholic Man Night:** Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church (710 10th St S, Fargo). 6:00 pm—7:00 pm Adoration & Confession. 7:00 pm—8:00 pm Meal with talk and short discussion with featured speaker Blake Ritteman from Real Presence Radio. Free will offering. All men are invited, bring a friend!

**Real Presence Radio** is holding our annual Fall fundraising event on **September 13-15<sup>th</sup>**. Join us as we broadcast from throughout our five-state listening area and bring you inspiring stories of faith and hope. RPR is 100% listener supported and our mission continues only because of you!! Live Drive phone lines will be open daily from 7:00 AM - 7:00 pm CT! Donate and you will be entered into a drawing for one of the many great prizes awarded throughout the drive. Call in with your support to **877-795-0122** or donate online at [RealPresenceRadio.com/donate](http://RealPresenceRadio.com/donate).

**The Knights of Columbus** would like to thank everyone that provided bars and donated their time to the KC Corn and Brat feed to help make it a huge success. Thanks to all of the people that came out and supported us again this year, without the community support we couldn't make this happen.

*Thank You From The St Leo's KC's*

**Women's Care Center** (103 N University Dr, Fargo) is looking for special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills. A part-time or full-time counselor position is available. Degreed and non-degreed candidates are encouraged to apply. Will train. Degreed in counseling, social work, nursing, or other service-related background is preferred. Please forward your resume to [angela@wccnd.com](mailto:angela@wccnd.com) or call 701-532-1928 for further details or questions.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" ~ Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is **return** a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!