

PASTOR'S NOTES

Events of Note —

Tuesday, June 20th

100th anniversary celebration of Catholic Charities North Dakota at Bonanzaville in West Fargo from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will be a very family friendly event with free admission to Bonanzaville starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be *desserts, a bounce house, face painting, mini golf, corn hole, tours of Bonanzaville and a butter making demonstration.*

The awesome work of Catholic Charities began in 1923 under the leadership of Msgr. Vincent Ryan and was called the *Catholic Welfare Bureau*. In the 1950s St. Leo's pastor – Msgr. Anthony Peschel – oversaw the operations of Catholic Charities and made the move to hire professionally educated Social Workers. During this time the Catholic Charities was renamed *Catholic Family Services*. Today the organization is known as *Catholic Charities North Dakota*.

To this day Catholic Charities is still most known for helping place children for adoption, which was there from the very beginning. Over the years they have added counseling [*individual, family, marriage*], guardianship programs for the intellectually disabled and vulnerable adults.

Over the years countless thousands of families have been served by the ministry of *Catholic Charities North Dakota*. ***Come help us celebrate 100 years of doing God's work of charity and love throughout the state of North Dakota.***

Wednesday, June 21st

New Mass Servers orientation meeting with their parents at 6 p.m. in the Spirit of Life Center. St. Leo's has a great group of Mass servers and each year we send an invitation to our newly confirmed students to consider joining the ranks of this great group of young servants of the Lord.

This meeting is also meant for students who may have joined St. Leo's after having been confirmed in another parish/diocese or for St. Leo students who may have reconsidered and would like to be a Mass Server. We just ask that you call the parish office [347-4609] and tell us how many are coming for the pizza supper at 6 p.m. We would like to have the right amount of food. Hope to see some of you there.

Sunday, July 2nd

Sixth Annual Rural Life Celebration at the Terry Haman Farm [9361 46th St. NE, Crary, North Dakota. It all begins with a welcome at 2 p.m. and blessing of land and machinery followed by Mass at 2:30 p.m. with Bishop Folda *{Mass will be indoors}*. That will be followed by a meal and entertainment. Bring your own chair and a bag of soil or seeds to be blessed.

As a rural diocese we know the absolute value of farming and the gift of the land. Being able to raise such a surplus of food allows the rest of us to engage in the many other enterprises of economic life and not spend our lives raising food to feed ourselves. Bountiful farm production is foundational for any economic system. **In that spirit we celebrate Rural Life.**

Monday - Thursday, July 24th -27th

St. Leo's Vacation Bible school for students entering Kindergarten through 5th grade from 1 pm to 4 pm each day. Details and registration forms can be found in the church entry.



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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



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 18, 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 June 18:

Mon - June 19 – 9:00 am – +**Janice Muscha** by Richard Muscha

Tues - June 20 - 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – June 21 – 9:00 am - +**Bob Volk** by Stan & Angeline Mathias

Thurs – June 22 – 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – June 23 – 9:00 am – **Special intention** by Bill & Mona Franck

Sat - June 24 – 5:00 pm - Terry Sullivan by Jill Moore

Sun - June 25 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Scott Jager 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.

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

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues. June 20 - 5:30- 8:30 - **Catholic Charities ND 100th Anniversary Celebration at Bonanzaville**  
 Sun. July 2 - 2:00 pm - **6th Annual Rural Life Celebration in Crary, ND**  
 Mon. - Thurs. July 24-27 - 1:00-4:00pm - **St. Leo's Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Kari Muscha and her family on the death of her husband, Russel and to Francie Albaugh and her family on the death of her mother, Brenda Corcoran.


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



### Help Support our Cameroon Card

**Mission:** Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. There is a wonderful selection for all occasions available for purchase. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday June 24</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday June 25</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b>                         | <b>Sunday June 25</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>St. Thomas</b> |
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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 | Penny Zaun<br>Joni Biggers                                    |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Evelyn Roth<br>Joe Kappes<br>Beau Parisien                    | Lauren Glennon<br>Claire Glennon<br>Jack Glennon                                    | Abigail Killoran<br>Damien Norrie                             |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                            | Frank & Laura Biggers                                         |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                            | Bob & Judy Von Bank                                           |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Jessica Enge                                                  | Sandra Keller                                                                       |                                                               |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**St. Leo's Vacation Bible School:** Monday - Thursday, July 24 - 27, 2023 for students in grades K-5<sup>th</sup>. More information and registration forms are located on the bulletin board in the church entry.

**AGAPE SINGERS:** Everyone is invited to Martins Lutheran Church, Casselton on **Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm** for a musical worship event. The *Agape Singers* is a group comprised of 49 high school students from the Dawson-Boyd and Madison areas in west central Minnesota. In their 50th year, this ecumenical music group tours sharing their love of Jesus through song. A free will offering will be taken to help support the group's ministry.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration:** Please join the parishioners of St. Joseph's in Devils Lake on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at Terry and Paulette Haman's Farm, 9361 46th St. NE, Crary, ND 58327. The farm is located .25 miles North and .5 miles east of Crary. For more information visit [www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life](http://www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life). Please RSVP by June 26<sup>th</sup> at: (701) 662-7558 or [stjosephschurch@gondtc.com](mailto:stjosephschurch@gondtc.com). Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for a list of the days events and time. The event is FREE.

**Diocese of Fargo Summer Youth Ministry:** The Diocese of Fargo is offering XLT (exalt) events throughout the summer for youth in grades 7-12 who are looking to grow more in their faith and get to know others throughout the diocese. Events will be held on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**. XLT is an event consisting of ultimate Frisbee, praise and worship, a keynote presentation, adoration and confession followed by ice cream floats and a social. The events start at 6:30 pm in the Chapel at the Pastoral Center (5201 Bishops Blvd S, Fargo, ND) and concludes around 8 pm. More information on the events is listed on the Diocese of Fargo's website at: [www.fargodioces.org](http://www.fargodioces.org) under youth ministry.

**Putt 4 a Purpose — Golf Event:** Bishop John Folda invites you to *Putt 4 a Purpose*, at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on **Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** for a round of gold, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4th player for free! If you are not a golfer, please consider sponsoring a priest or seminarian or a hole on the golf course. Your contribution will help support the event and defray costs. Register on line at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose)

For more information, please contact Steve Schons at the Fargo Diocese Stewardship and Development Office at: (701) 356-7926 or email: [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org)

**Catechist Retreats:** Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Both retreats will be held at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. Fr. Andrew Jasinski will direct a retreat with a series of talks reflecting on the Eucharistic Saints. These retreats are primarily for those involved in catechesis, however all are welcome. The day will begin at 9 am and end at 4 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Deadline to register is August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please register on-line at: [www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat](http://www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat) Questions please contact [mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org](mailto:mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org) or (701)356-7909.

**Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages:** 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. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally September 29-October 1, 2023 in Fargo. For more information or to register, visit: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701)356-7962 or via email at: [rrretrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:rrretrouvaille@gmail.com)