

PASTOR'S NOTES

Miss North Dakota — one of our own!!

Congratulations to Queen Sarah Monilaws – a member of St. Leo's parish and a native of Absaraka and a student at Valley City State University. Sarah was crowned Miss North Dakota at the National American Miss pageant held in Des Moines, Iowa from June 9th to June 11th. This pageant also crowned contestants from the states of South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska. Besides these state contestants in the 19 to 24 year-old Miss category, there were five other age categories of state contestants (*princess, junior pre-teen, pre-teen, junior teen and teen*).

All state candidates for their respective state *Miss* title were judged on the basis of four categories: *Formal Wear, Personal Introduction, Interview and a Community Service Project*. Sarah's actual crowning as Miss North Dakota took place about 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 11th.

Moving forward as Miss North Dakota, Queen Sarah is expected to perform 40 hours of community service. Sarah has thought about service at the Tree House at Central Cass, doing some reading for younger children, participating in parades, and maybe even helping serve one of our upcoming RE Simple Suppers {*great idea – Sarah*}.

Later this year in November, during the week of Thanksgiving, Queen Sarah will compete in the national pageant, which is being held in Orlando, Florida.

Sarah's parents are Kent and Terri Monilaws along with her brother, Chase. As a side note Sarah's aunt – Lee Ann Monilaws – served as Sarah's hairdresser in Des Moines and will accompany Sarah to Orlando. ***We are super proud of you, Sarah, and wish you all the best in the coming weeks and months.***

Cemeteries – owed our attention & respect

Cemeteries are hallowed grounds and are owed our attention and respect. As the Church's burial rite declares – "... *the grave (is) a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies*".

Death is not the final chapter of human existence. It opens up a broad vista of life yet to come when our bodies will be resurrected and given a glorious form like Christ himself possessed in his resurrection. We proclaim this truth every time we profess the Creed when we say – "*I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.*" From these convictions of faith comes the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead and the spiritual work of mercy of praying for the living and the dead.

Given this belief and understanding cemetery upkeep is an ongoing task for parish church communities. Grass needs to be cut, weeds need to be sprayed, trees trimmed, road and pathways maintained, grave stones straightened, etc. These are the basic costs incurred in maintaining cemetery grounds and was the purpose of sending a cemetery appeal letter around Memorial Day. **We extend a special thanks to those who have supported this appeal.** If you would still like to help keep the burial grounds of your loved ones hallowed, your support is always most welcome. If your loved ones are buried in other cemeteries than ours, a gift to that parish, I am sure, would be deeply appreciated.

Special thanks!!!

A parishioner has made a special donation of 200 books titled, *This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival* by Bishop Robert Barron. This is a splendid gift to our parishes from a well known author and gifted teacher. He writes this book to accompany this time of Eucharistic Revival in the United States, to help us understand the Eucharist more thoroughly so that we "might fall in love with the Lord more completely". **These books are free. Read and enjoy. Many thanks to our wonderful donor!!**



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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 25, 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 25:

Mon - June 26 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Keith & Barb Marschke

Tues - June 27 - 9:00 am - +**Larry Zaun** by Douglas & Peggy Harland

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – June 28 – 9:00 am - +**Eileen Grommesh** by Gary & Delores Grommesh

Thurs – June 29 – 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – June 30 – 9:00 am – +**Karol Utt** by Mike Utt

Sat - July 1 – 5:00 pm - Jackson Hartung by Bill & Mona Franck

Sun - July 2 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +John Curfman by Keith & Joni Biggers

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

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)**

Missing baking dishes? A number of baking dishes/Tupperware containers have accumulated during the last few weeks. They are available for pick up anytime on a table in the Spirit of Life Center.



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

	Saturday July 1 5:00 pm St. Leo's	Sunday July 2 8:30 am St. Thomas	Sunday July 2 10:30 am St. Leo's
Lector	Tricia Gegelman Lois Titus	Judy Von Bank	Anna Garman
Eucharistic Ministers	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Keith Biggers Kristi Hovelson	Kristi Dutchuk Lori Howard Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler Mark Weber
Altar Servers	Ethan Richard Olivia Richard Tristan Lako	Jami Vavra Piper Koller	Isabelle Dutchuk Garman Family
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Jurgen & Barb Suhr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Mike & Lisa Zahnnow	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Lead Rosary	Lucy Wagner		Anna Garman

NEWS AND NOTES

SUMMER Beverage & Bite Help Needed: The months of June, July and August are becoming more and more challenging for our Service Group leaders to find people to help serve Beverage and Bite every weekend. We know that your Service Group may have already helped with Beverage and Bite this year, but could you consider going beyond your once a year request and help out during the summer? A sign up sheet is located in the Spirit of Life Center with a list of the July dates in which help is needed. Please consider signing up for one of the Sunday's or you can call the parish office at 347-4609 to get signed up.



St. Leo's Vacation Bible School:

Monday - Thursday, July 24 - 27, 2023 for students in grades K-5th. More information and registration forms are located on the bulletin board in the church entry.

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 19th** and **Wednesday, August 2nd**. 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 under youth ministry.

Putt 4 a Purpose — Golf Event: Bishop John Folda invites you to *Putt 4 a Purpose*, at the 17th 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 7th** 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

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

Catechist Retreats: Friday, August 25th or Saturday, August 26th. 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 18th. Please register on-line at: www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat Questions please contact 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 or contact us at (701)356-7962 or via email at: rrretrouvaille@gmail.com