

PASTOR'S NOTES

Buon Pasqua *(a little Italian for Easter greetings!)*

The mystery of Easter – here are some words from an ancient homily on Holy Saturday.

Something strange is happening — there is a great silence on earth today ... The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone in search of our first parents, as for a lost sheep ... he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory ...

He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying 'Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light' ... I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated ...

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven ... the throne formed by cherubim awaits you ... the bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

In the spirit of this thought Delores, Patty, Sue, Paul, Sherry and I truly pray this Easter season will be a time to savor the glory of the Resurrection and what that mystery of faith means for the life of the world.

Catholic Man Night

St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Council 9477 will host a Catholic Man Night on this coming Thursday, April 4th in St. Leo's Spirit of Life Center with a meal beginning at 6:45 p.m. The meal will be followed by a 30-40 minute talk by guest speaker, Federal Judge Ralph Erickson. **His talk is titled – "There are no Half-Saints in Heaven – AIM HIGHER!"**. He will offer his reflections and challenges of what it means to be men of faith in today's world.

Catholic Man Night is sponsored by Holy Cross Catholic Church and hosted by local churches. It is open to all interested men (so bring a friend). There will be time for quiet prayer and the sacrament of Reconciliation from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at which time the meal will be served followed by Judge Erickson's talk.

Judge Ralph Erickson is a practicing Catholic and serves as a federal judge on the 8th Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. This court level is the one just below the U. S. Supreme Court.

This promises to be a great evening with food, fellowship with a **very engaging talk**.

Hope to see you there!!!

Thank you!!

A very deep and grateful thank you to all who made our Holy Week liturgies so beautiful – musicians, coordinators, bread makers, servers, readers, foot washers, oil carriers, cross bearers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, those who dressed the altar, carried our Easter water, prepared our Easter vigil reception, and a special thanks to those who built our 'Easter tomb' and decorated the church. Your spirit of service lifted up our spirit of praise and worship. Again our deepest thanks!



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The Resurrection of the Lord



Easter Sunday
March 31, 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 Mar 31:

Mon - Apr 1 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale

Tues - Apr 2 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Apr 3 – 9:00 am – +**Fr. Gerald L. Meyers**

Thurs – Apr 4 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Apr 5 – 9:00 am – +**Gerry Huwe** by Gary & Delores Grommesh

Saturday – Apr 6 – 5:00 pm - ++Henry & Kenneth Mack by Kris & Christi Mack

Sunday - Apr 7 – St. Thomas- 8:30 am - +Allen Morris 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

Thurs., Apr 4 - **Catholic Man Night** - 6:45 pm - Meal/Talk ; {5:45- 6:45pm Prayer Time in Church}
 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
 Tues., Apr 16 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory
 Tues., Apr 23 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory

REMINDER: Please remember to return your Lenten canisters.

Religious Education Class Times — Apr. 3rd

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 B and 11th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Tyler and Kailen Waslien on the death of their nephew, Ethan Monshaugen. *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4*

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | Saturday Apr 6 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i> | Sunday Apr 7 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i> | Sunday Apr 7 10:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i> |
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| Lector | Lois Titus Megan Bolda | Gary Milbrandt | Elise Wisnewski |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Lucy Wagner Alex Richard | Kristi Hovelson Joe Killoran | Kristi Dutchuk Nicole Scherweit Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler Mark Weber |
| Altar Servers | Ethan/Olivia Richard Tristan/Ignatius Lako | Rudi Wendel Piper Koller | James Diemert Garman Family |
| Offertory Collectors | <i>Volunteers needed</i> | Joe & Lora Killoran | <i>Volunteers needed</i> |
| Gift Bearers | <i>Volunteers needed</i> | Jurgen & Barb Suhr | <i>Volunteers needed</i> |
| Lead Rosary | Lucy Wagner | | <i>Volunteer needed</i> |

NEWS AND NOTES

Thank you to all who donated to the Easter environment at St. Leo's

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| Lee & Jackie Anderson | in honor of Lee & Jackie Anderson family |
| Bea Bachmeier | in memory of Vince Bachmeier |
| Jim & Sandy Bowles | in memory of Joseph & Margaret Muscha and Jake & Evelyn Schlenker |
| Don & Audrey Cramer | in honor and memory of all living & deceased family members |
| Skip & Audrey Doyle | in honor of St. Leo's parishioners |
| Bill & Mona Franck | in honor of Helen Franck and in memory of Joseph & Helen Krumm, Gerald & Cathy Hulm and Joseph Franck |
| Paul & Kaylyn Grommesh | in memory of Pete Lindstrom |
| Darin & Judy Hamre | in memory of Jeffrey & Tyson Jewison, Steve Lund, Cathy Spear & Butch Hamre |
| Doug & Lori Howard | in memory of all deceased family members |
| Margaret Kensok | in memory of Linus Kensok |
| Bob Miller | in memory of Janice Miller |
| Ralph & Barb Nelson | in memory of Bart & Ralph Nelson |
| Don & Mary Ellen Nilles | in memory of the deceased Nilles and Duval family members |
| Sandra Nicolai Nystrom | in memory of Vincent Nicolai & Dale Nystrom |
| Kari Muscha | in memory of Russel Muscha |
| Richard Muscha | in memory of Janice Muscha |
| Paul Puhr | for the people of our parishes |
| Bill Radermacher | in memory of Beth Radermacher |
| Stu & Kim Romsdal | in memory of Arnie Schafer & John Romsdal |
| Joyce Schmaltz | in memory of Robert Schmaltz, Bennie & Glennis Muscha |
| Paulette Schmitt | in memory of Jim Schmitt, Ray & Clarice Schmitt and Leonard & Doris Brandenberg |
| Lois Titus | in memory of Al, Sally and Neil Artz |
| Anonymous | in honor of St. Leo's Singers |



Knights of Columbus Breakfast:
 Serving pancakes and sausage
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.

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 is 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.

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.



Council 9477

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