

PASTOR'S NOTES

It takes a parish – thank you very much!!

2023 Raffle and Fall Dinner {initial numbers} —

St. Leo's 2023 Raffle and Fall Dinner was very successful. The initial numbers look good. We grossed around \$25,000. Expenses still need to be counted and taken off this gross amount. That would include the higher price we paid for beef this year. We served a little over 500 people this year, which is about 60 less than last year. Within a couple weeks we will have a report of net income and a comparative account of how we have done over the last few years.

This kind of success is the result of 'the magic' of a parish coming together with many parishioners doing their part "to make it happen". When all is said and done it looks like nearly 400 parishioners played their part in preparing & serving a great meal, buying/selling raffle tickets, supplying/providing — *fine desserts, kids treats, country store goodies & crafts, silent auction items, etc.*

A special thank you goes out to Delores Grommesh who once again organized and 'trail-bossed' our wonderful roast beef dinner and accoutrements. This is Delores' 12th year of heading up the Fall Dinner along with her able assistants. Our hats are off to Delores and her Dinner helpers!!! Besides their hard work nearly 400 parishioners stepped up to the plate in one way or another. Here is break-down of the 2023 Raffle & Fall Dinner workers by the numbers ----

I. Preparatory work —

- > purchase food: [1]
- > set-up: *tables, signs, warming equipment, dining room, Country Store, auction site, kids games* [14];
- > potatoes: *wash* [5], *peel and cut* [12];
- > meat and gravy: *prepare and cut* [5];
- > bring treats for kids games [33];
- > dessert table: *make pumpkin pies* [12], *make apple pies* [8], *make other home-made desserts* [20];
- > Raffle tickets: *parish households who sold or bought tickets* [130];
- > Silent auction: *provided auction items* [15];
- > Country Store: *provided crafts, goodies, etc.* [15]

II. The Event itself —

- > cook and mash potatoes [7]
- > prepare and replenish cole slaw and vegetables [4]
- > make and replenish coffee, water & lemonade [4]
- > serve and restock meat [5]
- > manage dessert table [5]
- > manage take-out meals [3]
- > ticket sellers and host couples [6]
- > adult dining room supervisors [7]
- > high school dining room helpers [28]
- > Country Store workers [4]
- > kids games supervisors [12]
- > middle school helpers with kids games [15]

III. Clean-up & Take-down

- > run dish washing machine [7]
- > wash pots & pans [4]
- > wash tables, vacuum floors, return tables, warming equipment and pots & pans, take down signs, dismantle Country Store, consolidate left over food, set up table for remaining crafts & Country Store items [15]

A very special Thank-you to all who made this happen!!



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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 12, 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 Nov 12:

Mon - Nov 13 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Keith & Barb Marschke

Tues - Nov 14 – St. Thomas– 9:00 am – **NO MASS**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Nov 15 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Thurs – Nov 16 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Nov 17 – 9:00 am – +**Eileen Grommesh** by Gary & Delores Grommesh

Sat - Nov 18 – 5:00 pm - **Nieces & Nephews of Bill & Mona Franck**

Sun - Nov 19 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +**Bill Grieve** 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.

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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., Nov 13 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy Committee meeting at the rectory  
 Wed., Nov 15 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory  
 Sun., Nov 19 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Sun., Nov 19 - 7:00 pm - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Canaan Moravian Church  
 Mon., Nov 20 - 6:30 pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Confirmation Meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Tues., Nov 21 - 7:00 pm - Finance Committee meeting at the rectory

### Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>


St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo's RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm  
 Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)  
 Grades 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
 Grade 7 - Class A and 12<sup>th</sup> grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

**Book of Remembrance:** All are invited to write down the names of your deceased loved ones and we will pray for them at the Daily and Weekend Masses during the month of November. The Book of Remembrance is located in the church entry.

**This week's Eucharistic Reflection Question:** *What name does the church give to the Eucharist when it is received just prior to death? ~ CCC 1392, 1517, 1524-1525*

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Nov 18</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Nov 19</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Nov 19</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i>                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | Lee Ann Monilaws<br>Mallory Poulson                          | Jackie Vavra                                                | Steve Carvell<br>Elise Wisnewski                                            |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | Paulette Schmitt<br>Mona Franck                              | Joe Killoran<br>Linda Milbrandt                             | Micah Bartholomay<br>Joan Carvell<br>Jake Lako<br>Deb Werner<br>Jake Werner |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Hayden Faleide<br>Burchill Family                            | Abigail Killoran<br>Ali Killoran                            | Elise Bartholomay<br>Brynne Bartholomay<br>Kayleigh Prochnow                |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                    |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Jurgen & Barb Suhr                                          | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                    |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Mona Franck                                                  |                                                             | Jessica Enge                                                                |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** "Choir Sunday" will be will be **Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is to sing. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10am that day to run through these songs: #691, #472, #439, #582. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

**Music at the Casselton Heritage Museum:** Come and enjoy an afternoon of music at the Casselton Heritage Museum (stone church next to St. Leo's) on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.** Music will be provided by Kathie Brekke and the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Band. Free will donation. For more information visit: [www.kathiebrekke.com](http://www.kathiebrekke.com)

**Made for More:** World renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione are coming to Sts. Anne and Joachim Church (5202 25th St S, Fargo) on **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Through live music, art and a dynamic presentation, the event unfolds the deepest questions the human heart hungers for: Why am I here? What is the purpose of my life? Where am I going? For more information about the event, or to purchase tickets, go to: <https://m4mfargo.eventbrite.com/> Tickets are \$25. Information is also available on the bulletin board in the church entry.

**Thank you** to the following people/businesses who generously made a donation to help make our Fall Dinner a success: *Richard Muscha, Pizza Ranch, Hornbacher's, Sam's Club and Cash Wise Foods.*

### Congratulations to our St. Leo's 2023 Raffle winners:

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| \$1000 Dawn Lubbers    |                       |
| \$500 Gary Garman      | \$250 Kaylie Broden   |
| \$250 Travis Skonseng  | \$100 Marvin Ebach    |
| \$100 Carli Fletschock | \$100 Kaylyn Grommesh |
| \$100 Mary Jendro      | \$100 Paul Olsen      |

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** Serving French toast and sausage on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering.

**Tie Blankets for Veterans:** The Knights of Columbus will once again be providing tie blankets for veterans again this year for anyone who would like to complete a blanket for the veterans. Blanket kits are provided by the Knights and are available in the Spirit of Life Center and will need to be completed and returned to the church by the end of November. Any questions please call the church office at (701)347-4609. Thank you.

**Theology of the Body and the Eucharist:** Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo. Christopher West will present a daylong seminar on how the Theology of the Body provides a lens to understand and encounter the Eucharist in a way that is both profound and transformative. The cost is \$50 and lunch is provided. Questions or for more information and how to register contact Brad Gray at (701)356-7903 or visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter)

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner:** Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 210 5th Ave W, West Fargo, ND. Dinner is served 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Take out meals are available, no deliveries. Free-will offering.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." ~ Matthew 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are to busy. We have all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to us your gifts today? Do not delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.