

## PASTOR'S NOTES

**Final Tallies** – from our Fall Dinner & Raffle for the last five years:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net Dinner Income	\$3897	\$1290	\$2713	\$4925	<b>\$3854*</b>
Net Raffle Income	\$13,007	\$10,270	\$13,284	\$14,311	<b>\$13,491</b>
Country Store	\$1221	COVID	\$1460	\$1430	<b>\$1086</b>
Silent Auction	\$345	COVID	\$403	\$624	<b>\$379</b>
Net Kid games	<u>\$184</u>	COVID	<u>\$225</u>	\$196	<b>\$99</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$18,654	\$11,560	\$18,085	\$21,487	<b>\$18,911</b>
<b>Total dinner tickets</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>503</b>

\*In 2019 roast beef cost \$4.98/lb; in 2023 roast beef cost \$7.59/lb. {\$2.61 more per pound}

### Thanksgiving

Every year on the fourth Thursday of November we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, and perhaps recall some history of Pilgrims and Native Americans coming together to share the fruit of the harvest. With the march of time this day and time of the year has become highly commercialized, but Thanksgiving does afford us an opportunity to review the many blessings that have come our way. **As I see it there is thanks to be given:**

- > for the bounty of this land and its opportunities to pursue life, liberty and happiness;
- > for the gift of family/friends and neighbors as we live in care and concern of others and together seek the common good;
- > for the gift of faith and its call to 'do what is right, love what is good and walk humbly with our God';
- > for the gift of hope that reminds us 'our citizenship is in heaven';
- > for the gift of love by which God reconciles the human family into a people who 'bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things';
- > for the gift of Church as the sacrament of salvation and the 7 sacraments through which Christ lives with us "until the end of the world";
- > for the gift of eternal life and all who have heard said to them "well done good and faithful servant ... come inherit the Kingdom prepared for you ...".

**For all of this we surely give thanks!** You are invited to the Casselton Area Ministerial **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services at Canaan Moravian Church {4465 159<sup>th</sup> Ave., SE, Davenport}** this Sunday (November 19<sup>th</sup>) at 7 p.m., You are invited to bring a canned food item to this service and/or contribute to a free-will offering that will be given to those in need.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at St. Leo's at 9 am.**

### The National Black and Indian Mission Collection

Your box of Sunday Offertory envelopes for the month of November has a special envelope marked — The National Black and Indian Collection. This collection was established in 1884 to meet the dire needs in impoverished rural and reservation communities. These communities have many spiritual and pastoral needs that can not be met by these communities themselves. They need the help of us – *their brothers and sisters in the Lord!*

**Money from this national collection comes back to the Diocese of Fargo** to help our brothers and sisters in Fort Totten; Tokio; St. Michael's; Belcourt and St. John's.

Your generosity to this collection is deeply appreciated.



**St. Leo's Catholic Church**  
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



## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 19, 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 19:

Mon - Nov 20 – 9:00 am – +**Jim Kieffer** by Carol Nilles  
Tues - Nov 21 – St. Thomas– 9:00 am – +**Deceased relatives of Cynthia Comprendio**  
*NO MASS at St. Leo's*  
Wed – Nov 22 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**  
Thurs – Nov 23-Thanksgiving – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Rose & Arnold Seefeld  
Fri – Nov 24 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**  
**Sat - Nov 25 – 5:00 pm - +++Clem, Irene & Patrick Pollock by Penny Zaun**  
**Sun - Nov 26 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**  
**St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Gary Zeeb by Keith & Joni Biggers**

### Parish Staff:

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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  
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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

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  
 Wed., Nov 22 - **NO** Religious Education classes at St. Leo's or St. Thomas  
**Thurs., Nov 23 - 9:00 am - Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Leo's**  
 Thurs., Nov 30 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Thurs., Nov 30 - 7:00 pm - Education Committee meeting at the rectory

**St. Leo's Ministry Schedule for Thanksgiving Weekend:** Because next weekend is Thanksgiving weekend, this is one of those times (*because a lot of people leave town*) we have sign up sheets out to help fill the schedule. If this is your normally scheduled weekend, and you are going to be here, **please sign up for you regular time slot.** Thank you for your help.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|                                                                                   | Saturday Nov 25<br>5:00 pm<br>St. Leo's                           | Sunday Nov 26<br>8:30 am<br>St. Leo's | Sunday Nov 26<br>10:30 am<br>St. Thomas |
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|  |                                                                   |                                       | Alecia Killoran                         |
| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | <b>Please see<br/>Sign-Up Sheets<br/>in the<br/>Church entry.</b> |                                       | Jurgen Suhr<br>Penny Zaun               |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      |                                                                   |                                       | Damien Norrie<br>Layla Norrie           |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              |                                                                   |                                       |                                         |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | Volunteers needed                                                 | Volunteers needed                     | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                  |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | Volunteers needed                                                 | Volunteers needed                     | Bob & Judy Von Bank                     |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Michelle Kappes                                                   | Sandra Keller                         |                                         |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** "Choir Sunday" will be will be **Sunday, Dec. 17<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: #71, #62, #702, #67, #70. 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) **today, 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)

**Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service:** The Casselton Area Ministerium is having an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** at Canaan Moravian Church, 4465 159th Ave SE, Davenport, ND. Bars and fellowship will follow the service. All are invited.

**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.

**Diocese of Fargo Events:** There are many events/retreats happening within the Fargo Diocese in the coming months. For more information on these events/retreats you can visit the Diocese website at: [www.fargodiocese.org](http://www.fargodiocese.org). You can also follow them on Facebook or twitter at:  
[www.facebook.com/fargodiocese](https://www.facebook.com/fargodiocese)  
[www.twitter.com/fargodiocese](https://www.twitter.com/fargodiocese)

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."* ~ Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He does not want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.



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### St. Leo's Knight of the Month:

The Knight for the month of **November** is **Paul Puhr**. Thank you Paul for all you do for the KC's. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.



### Knights of Columbus Breakfast:

Serving French toast and sausage today, Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering. Proceeds will benefit the Jeremiah Project.

### 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.

### 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.