

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### What is World Mission Sunday??

In your packet of Sunday Offertory envelopes the month of October has one marked as **World Mission Sunday**. Exactly what is World Mission Sunday?

There are over 1150 mission territories throughout the world that, at best, can only sporadically have the Gospel preached, celebrate the sacraments, do basic charitable works. World Mission Sunday is contrasted with Home Mission Sunday (done in April), which offers assistance to mission dioceses within the United States who struggle to offer the services of the Church in an continuing manner. In contrast the World Mission territories are found in Asia, Africa, Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and eastern Europe.

Although World Mission Sunday was established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, the call to do missionary work began when Christ ascended to heaven and commanded his apostles to "make disciples of all nations" [Mt. 28:19]. **Missionary works stands at the heart of the Church.**

Prior to 1926 the missionary work of the Church was carried out through the organization called – ***The Society for the Propagation of the Faith***. In the early 1800s monies raised in Europe through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was given to the vast diocese of Louisiana in the United States. At that time this vast diocese of Louisiana along with its mission of Kentucky extended from the Florida Keys to Canada and west to our present-day West Coast.

As we in the United States were helped in our early days as the Church in the new world, **now it is our turn to sustain the mission work of the Church to the far reaches of our world today**. Our gifts support the training of priests and religious on their journey to priesthood and the religious life; support the work of religious in the running of orphanages, schools and medical clinics; enable catechists to share the Gospel and pass on the teachings of the Faith; etc.

Taking his cue from the Emmaus story in Luke's Gospel [Lk. 24:13], Pope Francis has titled this year's World Mission as — ***Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move***. He invites us "to set our hearts ablaze with faith and put our faith in action ..."

**I encourage your generous support!!**

### Ever thought of becoming Catholic ... joining the Church????

A couple of persons have inquired about joining the Church. I am thinking of having them use my Inquiry Class tapes & class outlines and meeting with them every so often to answer questions and insure their understanding of the material. ***If anyone else may be interested in joining this group, please contact Fr. Ermer by this Sunday – October 15<sup>th</sup>.***

### Facility Note

We had hoped to have Tricorne Audio of Fargo work on our speaker in the church proper this past week. **That will be delayed until October 25<sup>th</sup>**. It is believed the tweeter speakers in the top box of our 3-layered speaker box are not working and need to be replaced. This will involve some scaffolding to access that speaker box and to do the work. Hopefully that will improve the quality of our church's microphone system.



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## TWENTY– EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 15, 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 Oct 15:

Mon - Oct 16 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Keith & Barb Marschke

Tues - Oct 17 – St. Thomas– 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

*NO MASS at St. Leo's*

Wed – Oct 18 – 9:00 am – +**Janice Miller** by Bob Miller

Thurs – Oct 19 – 9:00 am – ++**Ed & Marianne Braxton** by Cathy Braxton

Fri – Oct 20 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

**Sat - Oct 21 – 5:00 pm - Grandchildren of Bill & Mona Franck**

**Sun - Oct 22 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

**St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Don Fiebiger by Keith & Joni Biggers**

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**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

Mon., Oct 16 - 7:00 pm - KC Rosary for Vocations  
 Wed., Oct 18 - **NO Religious Education Classes at St. Leo's or St. Thomas**  
 Mon., Oct 23 - Happy 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday Fr. Ermer!  
 Wed., Oct 25 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory  
 Thurs., Oct 26 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Tues., Oct 31 - 5:30 pm - All Saints Day/Holy Day Vigil Mass at St. Thomas  
 Wed., Nov 1 - 7:00 pm - All Saints Day/Holy Day Mass at St. Leo's  
 Thurs., Nov 2 - 7:00 pm - All Souls Day Remembrance Service at St. Leo's; reception to follow  
 Sun., Nov 5 - 11:00 am to 1:30 pm - St. Leo's Fall Dinner serving Roast Beef

**This week's Eucharistic Reflection Question:** *What is required for worthily receiving communion? ~ CCC 1415*



**Fall Dinners** - Please see the flyers on bulletin board for more details on all the area churches Fall Dinners.  
 Sun., Oct 15 - 11am to 2 pm - Blessed Sacrament Church, West Fargo - Fried Chicken Dinner  
 Sun., Oct 22 - 1 to 3 pm - Holy Cross Church, West Fargo - Meatball Dinner

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Oct 21</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of October</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 22</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sun of October</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 22</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | Lee Ann Monilaws<br>Mallory Poulson                                                                  | Fred Eldridge                                                                                      | Jackie Vavra                                                 |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | Mona Franck<br>Bill Franck                                                                           | Virjean Cramer<br>Dave Glennon<br>Patty Glennon<br>Terri Monilaws<br>Richard Muscha                | Joni Biggers<br>Keith Biggers                                |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Hayden Faleide<br>Burchill Family                                                                    | Nolan Ziegelmann<br>Glennon Family                                                                 | Abigail Killoran<br>Ali Killoran                             |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                             | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                           | Arnie & Barb Buhr<br>Jackie Vavra                            |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                             | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                           | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                                       |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Mona Franck                                                                                          | Sandra Keller                                                                                      |                                                              |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Special prayers and blessings** to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:

**Ron & Lorraine Kensok - 70 years on Oct 17**  
**Marvin & Minnie Ries - 71 years on Oct 18**  
**Keith & Barb Marschke - 54 years on Oct 18**  
**Ken & Ida Breidenbach - 58 years on Oct 23**  
**Don & Mary Ellen Nilles - 58 years on Oct 23**  
**Dennis & Kerry Radermacher - 55 years on Oct 26**

**St. Thomas Parish Annual Fall Drive:** St. Thomas is once again asking their parishioners to participate in their annual Fall Drive. We ask each family to donate \$20 and each single person to donate \$10. Donations may be given to Linda Milbrandt, Treasurer.

**Catholic Man Night:** Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Catholic Church (2711 7th St E, West Fargo). 6:00 pm—7:00 pm Adoration & Confession. 7:00 pm—8:00 pm Meal with talk and short discussion with featured speaker Fr. James Ermer. Free will offering. All men are invited, bring a friend!

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fargo Diocese Parish Musicians Workshop:** "Sacred Music, Popular Piety and the Parish Musician" **November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>** at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church, Fargo. Includes time for prayer and Mass, music rehearsal, singing in choir for Mass, breakout sessions. For more information and how to register please see the flyer on the bulletin board or go to: [www.fargodiocese.org/sacredmusic](http://www.fargodiocese.org/sacredmusic) \$50 registration: includes food and materials. Students are free.

**St. Leo's Knights of Columbus will be praying a Perpetual Rosary for Vocations** on Monday, **Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** All parishioners are welcome to come and pray the rosary with the Knights.

**The Presentation Prayer Center** will hold a fundraiser on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Sanctuary Events Center. Prakash Mathew, award-winning author and F-M Senior of the Year, will present "When Called to Lead, We Are Called to Serve: How Do We Respond?" Tickets are \$40, available from Eventbrite.com or the Prayer Center (701-532-0610). Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information and how to purchase tickets.

**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. Kelsey Lako will also be selling tickets for the event after Mass on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." ~ Philippians 4:19*

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This very difficult for people that do not live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's jus coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month — be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for you needs.