

PASTOR'S NOTES

A belated royal congratulations!!

Central Cass High School's recent Homecoming Court had three (3) notable representatives from St. Leo's parish. They were: **Lauren Glennon, Cole Holzer and Elise Wisniewski** and to top it all off — **Elise Wisniewski was crowned 2023 Homecoming Queen!!** Congratulations to all of you for that honor and for your attendance at St. Leo's 12th grade RE classes. Your peers certainly knew what they were doing when they elected you. You make St. Leo's parish proud. Keep up the great work.

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 Sunday, October 15th.*

A month out ... It's coming !!!!

St. Leo's Fall Dinner and Raffle will be held on Sunday, November 5th from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Our many Fall Dinners and Raffles have happened because of the wonderful support offered by St. Leo parishioners.

Once again we will need your help in three (3) ways:

- 1) **your sale of raffle tickets** that you received in the mail, which will allow us defray the cost of some big facility projects that we have done (e.g. - kitchen remodeling, elevator replacement, etc.);
- 2) **your time and talent** in getting things ready and service on the actual day of the Dinner. Once sign-up sheets are put on the tables in the office hallway please sign up to help. We are asking our high school students to clean and reset tables, and our middle school students to help with the 'Kids games';
- 3) **your gift of 'goodies':**
 - (a) nice desserts for our dessert table;
 - (b) crafts and homemade items for our Country Store;
 - (c) prize items for the 'Kids games' (e.g.- 2 liter bottles of pop; cakes; small packages of carmel corn, etc.)

A couple of facility notes:

- 1) This past week we finally got our outside light over the front steps replaced. It has been a journey tracking down the correct LED fixture with the right size of lumen output. We would like to thank Joel Baarstad for the electrical work and Otter Tail Power Company for the use of their boon truck to reach the height of the new LED light. This fixture is projected to last well over 50,000 hours of operation.
- 2) If all works out, this week Tricorne Audio of Fargo is expected to work on our speaker in the church proper. 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- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 8, 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 8:

Mon - Oct 9 - 9:00 am - +**Harvey Fiala** by Mike & Lil Eberhardt

Tues - Oct 10 - St. Thomas- 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed - Oct 11 - 9:00 am - +**Shirley Marek** by Jon & Toni Watt

Thurs - Oct 12 - 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri - Oct 13 - 9:00 am - +**Rosetta Olson** by Lori Blauwet

Sat - Oct 14 - 5:00 pm - +Fr. Edward Sherman by Mike Bolgrean

Sun - Oct 15 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - +Ken Habiger by Keith & Joni Biggers

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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

Tues., Oct 10 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns meeting at the rectory  
 Sun., Oct 15 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Mon., Oct 16 - 7:00 pm - KC Rosary for Vocations  
 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  
 Sun., Nov 5 - 11:00 am to 1:30 pm - St. Leo's Fall Dinner serving Roast Beef

### Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Oct. 11<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 B and 11<sup>th</sup> grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

**This week's Eucharistic Reflection Question:** *What is the most complete form of receiving communion? ~ CCC 1390*

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|                                                                                   | <b>Saturday Oct 14</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of October</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 15</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 15</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of October</b> |
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|  | Mark Voss                                                                                            | Gary Milbrandt                                              | Steve Carvell<br>Elise Wisnewski                                                                    |
| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     |                                                                                                      |                                                             |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | Bill Franck<br>Nicole Scherweit                                                                      | Jurgen Suhr<br>Penny Zaun                                   | Micah Bartholomay<br>Joan Carvell<br>Jake Lako<br>Deb Werner<br>Jake Werner                         |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Addison/Noah Hushka<br>Sophie Scherweit                                                              | Carly Hovelson<br>Claire Halland                            | Elise Bartholomay<br>Brynne Bartholomay<br>Kayleigh Prochnow                                        |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                             | Arnie & Barb Buhr<br>Jackie Vavra                           | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                            |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                             | JoEllen Killoran<br>Betty Lou Stallman                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                            |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Richard Muscha                                                                                       |                                                             | Jessica Enge                                                                                        |

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**Don & Audrey Cramer - 53 years on Oct 9**

**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**

**Celebrate Baptism** - We give thanks to God for the Baptism of Eli Jacob Ottmar, son of Jamie and Dana.

*We pray that the Spirit of Christ may guide him to live as a child of God.*

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone (adult/middle school/high school) is welcome to join us. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10am to run through these songs for that day's Mass: #311 #461, #357, #337, #437. (YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand).

**SEARCH for Christian Maturity** is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16 and 17) along with young adults (ages 18 and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian community. The SEARCH retreat will be held November 3-5 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. More details and the application are at [www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm](http://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm) or call Dori at (952)210-2219 with questions. Applications are due no later than Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." ~ Matthew 21:42*

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we too, are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some, but to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!



**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** Serving Pancakes and sausage on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering.

**St. Leo's Knights of Columbus will be praying a Perpetual Rosary for Vocations** on Sunday, **Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> before the 10:30 am Mass** and on Monday, **Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. All parishioners are welcome to come and pray the rosary with the Knights.

**2nd Annual Community of Care Health Screening Fair** for individuals 60 years of age and up. **Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** at Martin's Lutheran Church, Casselton. (Lunch is **not** part of the event). Students from NDSU and MSUM will be doing blood pressure, pulse, oxygen, and hearing tests along with other assessments. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more detailed information.



**Fall Decorations:** Thanks so much to Ann Faught and Shari Kensok for their donations and arranging the fall decorations in the front of the church and on the altar!



**Fall Dinners** - Please see the flyers on bulletin board for more details on all the area churches Fall Dinners.