

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Our Religious Education (RE) year --- begins Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

On Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> our Religious Education (RE) year begins with an opening Mass at 6:30 p.m.

All great adventures in the life of the Church begin and end in the Lord. Of all the many ways Christ's presence lives among us none is more important than **His Personal and Actual Presence in the Eucharist**. At his last supper, Christ gave himself to us in the Eucharist and asked us to do this in remembrance of him. When he ascends to heaven he promises to be with us until the end the age. The Eucharist is his ongoing personal presence among us.

**Therefore**, we do as he asks. We begin the great adventure of this year's RE program by celebrating the Eucharist and seeking Christ's blessings upon our teachers, students, parents and parishioners as we journey into the world of catechesis. In catechesis we hope to unfold the mystery of faith, meet the person of Christ and fall in love with his wondrous care of us and his unfailing solicitude for the world.

Since there will be no 9 a.m. Mass on Wednesday morning, this liturgy is meant for the whole parish. **Please join us!** A parish ice cream social will follow the Mass.

### Retrouvaille – 'a bridge over troubled 'Married' waters'

For those couples whose marriages have come upon 'tough times' and there are serious issues in communications, conflict resolution, partner habits, struggling to stay together, etc., a **Retrouvaille Weekend** may be for you!! The Diocese of Fargo is sponsoring a Retrouvaille weekend in Fargo on the weekend of October 6-8. Retrouvaille is a French word meaning to 'rediscover'.

A **retrouvaille weekend is specifically oriented to marriages that are going through troubled times**. It is meant to help married couples who are struggling to communicate, who are struggling to stay together, who are cold and distant from one another, or who are separated or divorced, but want to try again. It is **not** a sensitivity group, a seminar, social gathering nor a spiritual retreat. The weekend is organized around helping each couple listen to couples who themselves have experienced marital difficulties and ways in which they have 'rediscovered' communication patterns and gained insights about themselves as individuals and as a couple. After each presentation each couple takes some personal private time to reflect and write about what has been presented and then in turn discusses their writings with their spouse.

The weekend is followed by post sessions (*usually 6 meetings over the course of 3 months*). These post sessions focus on family of origin issues, personality styles, the art of effective listening, conflict resolution, how to forgive and to trust, etc.

Research shows that couples in happy marriages live longer, have greater wealth, and enjoy a better standard of living with their children being happier, healthier, more secure and do better in school. The Retrouvaille experience has proven to be quite successful. For those who go through the weekend and do the follow-up sessions, 70% of couples have reclaimed their married lives and are working on building marriage and family relationships.

There are tri-fold brochures at the back of the church explaining Retrouvaille in more detail and giving you a telephone number for registration information.



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211 Langer Ave North  
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Casselton ND  
347-4609

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401 Third St. North  
PO Box 22  
Buffalo ND  
633-5150



## TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 10, 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 Sept 10:

Mon - Sept 11 – 9:00 am – St. Leo's – +**Shirley Marek** by Jim & Paulette Schmitt

Tues - Sept 12 – St. Thomas– 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

*NO MASS at St. Leo's*

Wed – Sept 13 – 6:30 pm – **RE Opening Mass** - +**Janice Muscha** by Floy Carpenter Lamb

*NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo's*

Thurs – Sept 14 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Sept 15 – 9:00 am – **Special intention** by Bill & Mona Franck

**Sat - Sept 16 – 5:00 pm - +Warren Arndt by Keith & Barb Marschke**

**Sun - Sept 17 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Kris Martin by Keith & Joni Biggers**

**St. Leo's - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

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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

Tues. Sept 12 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery meeting at the rectory

**Wed. Sept 13 - 6:30 pm - RE Opening Mass; all parishioners are invited to attend**


Mon. Sept 18 - 7:00 pm - Finance Committee meeting at the rectory

Tues. Sept 19 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory

Wed. Sept 27 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory

**This week's Eucharistic Reflection Question:** *Of the five senses, which one/ones confirms/confirm Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist? ~ CCC 1389*

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Sept 16</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Sept 17</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Sept 17</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i>                |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | Mark Voss                                                     | Jackie Vavra                                                 | Steve Carvell<br>Elise Wisnewski                                            |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | Gary Grommesh<br>Delores Grommesh                             | Linda Milbrandt<br>Jurgen Suhr                               | Micah Bartholomay<br>Joan Carvell<br>Jake Lako<br>Deb Werner<br>Jake Werner |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Hayden Faleide<br>Burchill Family                             | Carly Hovelson<br>Piper Koller                               | Elise Bartholomay<br>Brynne Bartholomay<br>Lucas Miller                     |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | Betty Lou Stallman<br>Mike & Lisa Zahnow                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                    |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | Flint & Dee Kasowski                                         | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                    |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Mona Franck                                                   | Jessica Enge                                                 |                                                                             |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Community of Care Thank You Meal:** In gratitude for their clients and volunteers Community of Care is having a Thank You Meal on Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm at the Arthur Community Hall, Arthur, ND and on Tuesday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm at Martin's Lutheran Church, Casseton. A short program and door prizes will be at 6 pm both nights.

**Catholic Man Night:** Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church (710 10th St S, Fargo). 6:00 pm—7:00 pm Adoration & Confession. 7:00 pm—8:00 pm Meal with talk and short discussion with featured speaker Blake Ritteman from Real Presence Radio. Free will offering. All men are invited, bring a friend!

**Real Presence Radio** is holding our annual Fall fundraising event on **September 13-15<sup>th</sup>**. Join us as we broadcast from throughout our five-state listening area and bring you inspiring stories of faith and hope. RPR is 100% listener supported and our mission continues only because of you!! Live Drive phone lines will be open daily from 7:00 AM - 7:00 pm CT! Donate and you will be entered into a drawing for one of the many great prizes awarded throughout the drive. Call in with your support to **877-795-0122** or donate online at [RealPresenceRadio.com/donate](http://RealPresenceRadio.com/donate).


**Women's Eucharistic Retreat with Bishop Folda:** The theme of this women's retreat is *"My flesh for the life of the world"* (John 6:51), and it will focus on helping women encounter God in a deeper way through the gift of the Eucharist. The retreat will be held at the Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City on October 6-8, 2023. Registration includes: accommodations, all supplies, meals on Saturday and Sunday. Cost of the retreat is \$250. Contact Jennie Korsmo at [jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org](mailto:jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org) or (701)356-7901 for more information or register at: <https://www.fargodiocese.org/bishop-retreat>

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** "Choir Sunday" will be will be **Sunday, Sept. 17<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: #544, #534, #665, #355, #447. (YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand).

**Theology on Tap:** The Diocese of Fargo Young Adult Ministry is hosing Theology on Tap. These events will take place on Monday nights starting at 7:00 pm at the Crooked Pint Alehouse (3340 13th Ave S, Fargo). Theology on Tap is a free event and open to anyone ages 21-39. During the night we will hear from a keynote speaker, spend time socializing, and grow in community. Below are the fall dates:

- September 18<sup>th</sup>
- October 16<sup>th</sup>
- November 20<sup>th</sup>
- December 18<sup>th</sup>

For more information, visit [fargodiocese.org/youngadults](http://fargodiocese.org/youngadults) or email Drew Luhning at [CorChristi@fargodiocese.org](mailto:CorChristi@fargodiocese.org)

 **Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission:** Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. There is a wonderful selection for all occasions available for purchase. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." ~ Ezekiel 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.