

PASTOR'S NOTES

Synod delegates

Each parish in the Diocese of Fargo has been asked to select a synod delegate for our upcoming Diocesan Synod on April 11-13, 2024, which will be held at Sts. Anne & Joachim parish in Fargo.

Rose Mary Eldridge will represent St. Leo's Catholic Church of Casselton and **Keith Biggers** will represent St. Thomas Catholic Church of Buffalo.

During the next few months each priest and synod delegate will be receiving information packets from the diocese to be read, reviewed and discussed as preparatory work for the Synod itself. As that process unfolds we will keep the parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Leo's informed about the matters at hand. During this time if matters of significant church life issues come to your mind, do not hesitate to share them with Rose Mary, Keith or myself. **I do ask that you keep the Synod in your prayers.**

Fall Dinner notes —

- > Don't forget to **sell (or buy) your raffle tickets** and turn the stubs and money into the parish office. Presently raffle ticket sales seem to be a little behind as compared to the last couple of years;
- > We are still in need of a number of volunteers to fill the many slots of preparing and serving a Fall Dinner. **Most immediately** no one, as of yet, has signed up to **wash potatoes** starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, November 3rd nor has anyone signed up to **peel and cut potatoes** starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 4th. If you could help your time and talent is deeply appreciated. Please put your names on the sign-up sheets in the office hallway.

Upcoming days of note —

- > **All Saints Day (Wednesday, November 1st)**

The Holy Day of All Saints is a time to honor and recognize the many loved ones who have attained the great joy of heavenly life and seek their intercession in our call to be a holy people. On this day the Church acknowledges the blessed lives of countless saints, who have not been officially canonized in the life of the Church but yet enjoy the splendor of heavenly life.

Mass times are as follows:

+ Vigil Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo at **5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31st**;

+ Mass at St. Leo's in Casselton at **7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1st**.

Rumor has it — this Mass will be visited by saints from of old followed by some sweet treats.

- > **All Souls Day (Thursday, November 2nd)**

On this day we remember our deceased loved ones and pray for their communion with God in heaven. No one but God knows the destiny of our deceased loved ones. For our part we are called to offer prayers on their behalf. If their lives are in need of purification our prayers are offered on their behalf as Judas Maccabees did in his life time [cf. 2 Maccabees 12:38-46].

At 7 p.m. St. Leo's will pray the Liturgy of the Hours for our deceased loved ones of this year and years past. **You are highly encouraged to come and offer prayers!!**



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



TWENTY– NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 22, 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 22:

Mon - Oct 23 – 9:00 am – **Father Ermer**

Tues - Oct 24 – St. Thomas– 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Oct 25 – 9:00 am – **+Janice Muscha** by Sue Knoll

Thurs – Oct 26 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Oct 27 – 9:00 am – **+Fr. Scott Sautner**

Sat - Oct 28 – 5:00 pm - +Deceased relatives and friends by Mary Barnes

Sun - Oct 29 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Barb Cole 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

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 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 Rememberance 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

### Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Oct. 25<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

**This week's Eucharistic Reflection Question:** *Can a person receive the Eucharist more than once in a day? ~ CCC 1388, 1417*

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Oct 28</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sun of October</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 29</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 29</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i><br><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sun of October</b> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | Tony Roth                                                                                            | Alecia Killoran                                             | Darcee Rehovsky                                                                                     |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | Paulette Schmitt<br>Mona Franck                                                                      | Kristi Hovelson<br>Joe Killoran                             | Virjean Cramer<br>Susan Kempel<br>Mark Rehovksy<br>Deb Werner<br>Jake Werner                        |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Evelyn Roth<br>Beau Parisien<br>Joe/Jensen Kappes                                                    | Damien Norrie<br>Layla Norrie                               | Isabelle Dutchuk<br>Lucas Miller                                                                    |
| <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>                                                                             | Carter Norrie Family                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                            |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Michelle Kappes                                                                                      |                                                             | Alexia Kieffer                                                                                      |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Alex Richard and his family on the death of his mother, Susan Richard.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4*

**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.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** Are you or someone you know struggling with the pain of an abortion? A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat can bring emotional and spiritual healing to your pain and restore your life. The **October 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>** retreat in the Fargo Diocese has room for you. Contact Carol at (605)374-5639 or at [ckling@sdplains.com](mailto:ckling@sdplains.com) for confidential help and more information.

**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.

**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>.

**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)

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

Sun., Oct. 22- 1 to 3 pm - Holy Cross Church, West Fargo- Meatball Dinner

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ~ Matthew 22:21*

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We are not "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God had given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.