

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., Apr 15 – RE Classes – see below  
 Sun., Apr 19 – 9:00 am– KC Breakfast; last one until the Fall  
 Mon., Apr 20 – 7:00 pm– Finance Committee meeting at the rectory  
 Wed., Apr 22 – 12:00 pm– Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Mon., Apr 27 – 6:30 pm– KC meeting at the rectory  
 Tues., Apr 28 – 7:00 pm– Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory

### Religious Education Class Times — Wed., April 15<sup>th</sup>


St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo's RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm  
 Grades K- 5, 7, 8, 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
 Grades 6 & 9 - Class A — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm



**REMINDER: Please remember to return your Lenten canisters.**

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	<b>Saturday Apr 18</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> <b>St. Leo's</b>	<b>Sunday Apr 19</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <b>St. Thomas</b>	<b>Sunday Sun Apr 19</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <b>St. Leo's</b>
			
<b>Lector</b>	Mallory Poulson Lee Ann Monilaws	Judy Von Bank	Nick Voss
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Kristi Hovelson Cynthia Comprendio	Micah Bartholomay Jake Lako Collin Miller Deb Werner Jake Werner
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ann Burchill Grant Burchill	Damian Norrie Cole Hovelson	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh Prochnow Natalie Prochnow
<b>Offertory Collectors</b>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Joe & Lora Killoran	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Travis Besette Family	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
<b>Lead Rosary</b>	Mona Franck		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**Jerry & Jean Fletschock - 60 years on Apr 15**

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is to sing. **Gentlemen, we need you too!** We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #177, #353, #366, #338, #191. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Contact Wanda Mangin with any questions at [wanda.mangin@yahoo.com](mailto:wanda.mangin@yahoo.com)

**Catholic Home Missions:** Special Diocesan collection **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. This collection helps strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories by providing pastoral services including, evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups. The envelope for this collection can be found with your regular collection envelopes. Please consider giving generously.

**Confirmation 2026 Advance Notice:** This year St. Leo's Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Folda will be held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the 5 pm Mass with 17 students being confirmed. There will be reserved seating for the Confirmation students and their families and the Mass will be longer than 1 hour and will have a bigger attendance than normal for a Saturday 5 pm Mass. **For those who usually attend this Mass, you may want to attend one of the Sunday Masses that weekend (St. Leo's- 8:30 am; St. Thomas- 10:30 am) given the limited amount of seating available at the 5 pm Mass.**

### This week's Stewardship moment:

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" ~ John 10:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.



**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** Serving pancakes and sausage **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering.

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**Rachel Vineyard Retreat-Hope and Healing:** Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the physical, emotional, or spiritual effects of a past abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** offers a safe, non-judgmental and confidential weekend retreat for anyone – including women, men, couples, grandparents or siblings - who struggle with the feelings of loss or guilt that can accompany an abortion experience. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in the Diocese of Fargo is scheduled for **April 17-19, 2026**. For more information, contact, Sherry at 701-520-1229 or Tim at 701-799-2051 or email [rvregister@yahoo.com](mailto:rvregister@yahoo.com). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Catholic Man Night:** Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church (8547 Front St, Horace, ND). 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration & Confession; 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm meal and talk. The guest speaker is NDSU Basketball Coach, Dave Richman. Meal is a free will offering. **All men are invited, bring a friend!**

**Save the Date!!** Father Ermer's retirement/going away party has tentatively been set for Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at 3:30 pm, with evening prayer and picnic to follow.

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday (April 12<sup>th</sup>) is *Divine Mercy Sunday* and its twenty-sixth anniversary on the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church.

This particular devotion comes out of the life of a Polish nun, Sr. Faustina, who was born in 1905 and joined the Sisters of our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. On February 22, 1931 she was given a vision of Jesus with two (2) rays of mercy streaming from around the area of his heart. Jesus told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it, 'Jesus, I trust in you'. The pale ray stands for 'the water that makes souls righteous and the red ray stands for the blood which is the life of souls'. **Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to promote devotion to God's mercy so that all could find shelter in his merciful love.**

There are a number of aspects to this devotion particularly the daily prayer of the chaplet of divine mercy using the beads of the rosary to recite certain prayers associated with God's mercy in place of the regular 'Our Fathers' and 'Hail Marys'. It is encouraged to recite this chaplet around the 3 p.m. hour when Christ died on the Cross displaying God's infinite mercy to the world. Other aspects of this devotion include the regular celebration of the great sacraments of God's mercy – Reconciliation and Eucharist; doing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy as well as making a novena to God's mercy from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday with each day of the novena having a special intention of mercy.

On the table in the church entry there are some photographic renditions of the Divine Mercy painting as well as prayer cards containing instructions on how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You are encouraged to take the photos and prayer cards and be blessed in God's great mercy for the human race.

### A very warm and gracious welcome to —

> **Don Krueger** and **Hunter Krueger** who were baptized, confirmed and received Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil;

> **Hanna Barnes, Andrew Fraase, Jacob Schultz** (of St. Thomas in Buffalo) and **Emma Weber**, who were confirmed and received into full communion with the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil.

All six of our newest church members began their journey into the Church last September by attending a number of classes on Catholic beliefs and practices (**aka - Inquiry Class**). In addition there were meetings about Catholic devotional life and practices; 'how to go to Confession'; making a Holy Hour in which we prayed both a rosary and Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours; attended a Stations of the Cross service; were acknowledged (along with others joining the Church) by Bishop Folda at the Cathedral in a special prayer service at the beginning of Lent. Hopefully this will be just a beginning for them of experiencing the rich life of the Catholic faith and being active members in the life and work of the Church. They were a great group of people to teach and be around. We are blessed by their presence in our midst.

### Thank you to the 200+

Our Holy Week celebration was the work of hundreds of persons giving of their time and talent to celebrate the Lord — **musicians, coordinators, bread makers, servers, readers, foot washers, oil carriers, cross bearers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, those who built our 'Easter tomb', decorated the church, dressed the altar, carried our Easter water, prepared, served and cleaned up after our Easter vigil reception, etc.** Your spirit of service lifted up our spirit of praise and worship.

**Our deepest thanks!**



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Casselton ND  
347-4609

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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

April 12, 2026

### 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 Apr 12:

Mon – Apr 13 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**

Tues – Apr 14 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **NO MASS**

Wed – Apr 15 – 9:00 am – **+Marilyn Kaiser** by Bryce Radermacher

Thurs – Apr 16 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Apr 17 – 9:00 am – **+Jane Sinner** by Richard Muscha

**Saturday – Apr 18 – 5:00 pm – Liam Ertelt by Missy Poulson**

**Sunday – Apr 19 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am – +Bernice Wolsky by Keith & Joni Biggers**

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

### 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 or by appointment.

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Please join in praying the Rosary  
25 minutes before the Saturday evening  
and Sunday morning Mass times.