

PASTOR’S NOTES

Buona Pasqua (a little Italian for Easter greetings!)

The mystery of Easter – here are some words from an ancient homily on Holy Saturday. *Something strange is happening — there is a great silence on earth today ... The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear. He has gone in search of our first parents, as for a lost sheep ... he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory ... He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying ‘Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light’ ... I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated ... Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven ... the throne formed by cherubim awaits you ... the bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.*

In the spirit of this thought Delores, Patty, Nicole, Sue, Paul, Sherry and I truly pray this Easter season will be a time to savor the glory of the Resurrection and what that mystery of faith means for the life of the world.

Thank you!!

A very deep and grateful thank you to all who made our Holy Week liturgies so beautiful – musicians, coordinators, bread makers, servers, readers, foot washers, oil carriers, cross bearers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, those who dressed the altar, carried our Easter water, prepared our Easter vigil reception, and a special thanks to those who built our ‘Easter tomb’ and decorated the church. Your spirit of service has lifted up our spirit of praise and worship. Again our deepest thanks!

Lenten canisters

At the beginning of Lent we were given Lenten canisters to show forth a generous spirit of almsgiving – *care for brothers and sisters throughout the world, in our nation and our local community who find themselves needy, destitute, and impoverished.*

If you have not done so at this time, please return your canister this Easter week.

I thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you have unused canisters from previous years, please return them also. This allows us to be good stewards by not having to purchase new canisters each year.



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The Resurrection of the Lord



April 17, 2022

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 17:

Mon - Apr 18 – 9:00 am - **Myra Mayville** by Hanna Schneider
Tues - Apr 19 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **+Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo’s — NO MASS
Wed – Apr 20 – 9:00 am - **+Linus Kensok** by Ann Faught
Thurs – Apr 21 – 9:00 am - **+Marie Hong Tran** by Lisa Tran
Fri – Apr 22 – 9:00 am - **+Souls in purgatory**
Sat - Apr 23 - 5:00 pm - +Joe Franck by Bill & Mona Franck
Sun - Apr 24 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Ava Marie Dufner 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.

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

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., Apr 19 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory
Wed., Apr 20 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas
6:30 pm - St. Leo’s RE classes; Simple Supper at 6 pm
K/1st grade - Group A meets
6:15 pm - Senior Class meets
Thurs., Apr 21 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
Sun., Apr 24 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Wed., Apr 27 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
Sun., May 1 - 5:00 pm - Confirmation/1st Eucharist with Bishop Folda
Tues., May 3 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting at the rectory
Tues., May 10 - 7:00 pm - Education committee meeting at the rectory

REMINDER: Please remember to return your Lenten canisters.

Ukrainian Relief Collection: As of April 8th the total amount collected throughout the Diocese of Fargo parishes is \$142,327.77. Thank you to all you have donated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Apr 23 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Apr 24 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Apr 24 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Judy Von Bank
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Paulette Schmitt	Denise Bartholomay	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Lilly Roth Olivea Roth Evelyn Roth	Sarah Monilaws Glennon Family	Jami Vavra Abigail Killoran
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Joe & Lora Killoran
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Kelly Rexine Family	Mark Parisien Family	Corey Hovelson Family

NEWS AND NOTES

Thank you to all who donated to the Easter environment:
at St. Leo’s:
Bea Bachmeier in memory of Vince Bachmeier and Joe Bachmeier
Jerry & Jane Christiansen in memory of Matt Cegla and Peter Kieffer
Don & Audrey Cramer in honor and memory of all living & deceased family and friends
Theresa Dooley in memory of deceased members of Gene Dooley & Frank Muscha families
Skip & Audrey Doyle for all living and deceased members of St. Leo’s parish
Ann Faught in memory of Linus Kensok and in honor of Margaret Kensok
Bill & Mona Franck in honor of Helen Frank & Caroline and Lincoln
Margaret Kensok in memory of Linus Kensok
Ron & Lorraine Kensok in honor of living family members
Kent & Terri Monilaws in memory of Barbara Korynta
Richard & Janice Muscha in memory of Joe & Margaret Muscha and Jake & Evelyn Schlenker
Ralph & Barb Nelson in memory of Ralph Paul Nelson
Don & Mary Ellen Nilles in memory of deceased Duval and Nilles family members
Sandra Nystrom in memory of Teresa Nicolai and Vincent S Nicolai
Jim & Paulette Schmitt in memory of Leonard & Doris Brandenburg and Ray & Clarice Schmitt
Lois Titus in memory of Al J., Sally and Neil Artz
Hank Weber in memory of Dona Weber

Catholic Home Missions: Special Diocesan collection **Sunday, April 24th**. 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.

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” ~ Acts 10:38
We cannot give what we do not have. Open your heart to receive God’s love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God’s adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, “we are made for greatness.” Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

Women’s Care Center has an opening for a full-time or part-time nurse or sonographer. Seeking special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills. Will train. Please forward your resume to angela@wccnd.com or call 701-532-1928 for further details or questions.



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