


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., Apr 22 – 7:00 pm – Finance Committee meeting at the rectory
Wed., Apr 23 – Religious Education classes– **see below**
Thurs., Apr 24 – 12:00 pm – Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
Thurs., Apr 24 – 6:30 pm – Confirmation/1st Eucharist Rehearsal; 6 pm Supper
Fri., Apr 25 – 5:00 pm – Confirmation/1st Eucharist Liturgy with Bishop Folda at St. Leo’s
Sun., Apr 27 – 9:00 am – KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center
Sun., Apr 27 – 11:30 am – St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting
Sun., Apr 27 – 7:00 pm – Don Kinzler Gardening presentation in the Spirit of Life Center
Mon., Apr 28 – 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory
Tues., Apr 29 – 7:00 pm – St. Leo’s Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., April 23
St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm
St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
Grades K & 3 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)
Grades 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Grade 5 - Class A and 12th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Janice Diemert and her family on the death of her son-in-law, Marcel Sluke.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Apr 26 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Apr 27 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Apr 27 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Alecia Killoran
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Joni Biggers Keith Biggers
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Evelyn Roth Joe Kappes Jensen Kappes	Claire Glennon Jack Glennon Nolan Ziegelmann	Damien Norrie Layla Norrie
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Joe & Lora Killoran
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Flint & Dee Kasowski
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES


Thank you to all who donated to the Easter environment at St. Leo’s
James & Sandy Bowles in memory of Janice Muscha
Don & Audrey Cramer in honor and in memory of all living and deceased family & friends
Skip & Audrey Doyle in honor of all St. Leo's parishioners
Mike & Ann Faught in memory of Linus & Margaret Kensok
Bill & Mona Franck in memory of Helen & Joe Krumm, Cathy & Gerald Hulm, Joe Franck and in honor of Helen Franck and Franck grandchildren

Cole & Mary Jendro in memory of all deceased family members
Perry & Dawn Lubbers in memory of Christopher Lubbers, Donald & Laverne Mahar and Monica & Byron Lubbers

Kari Muscha in memory of Russel Muscha
Richard Muscha in memory of Joseph & Margaret Muscha and Jake & Evelyn Schlenker
Don & Mary Ellen Nilles in memory of all Nilles & Duval deceased family members
Stu & Kim Romsdal in memory of Arnie Schafer & John Romsdal
Paulette Schmitt in memory of Jim Schmitt
Lois Titus in memory of Aloysius J & Marcella Artz and Neil Artz
Richard Voeller in memory of Bette Zacher

Join us to sing from the choir loft! “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, May 18th** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is to sing. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #624, #150, #342, #334, #177. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

St. Thomas parish will be honoring their 2025 confirmands and their 2025 high school graduates following the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 4th. Please join un in celebrating them.



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Knights of Columbus Breakfast:
Serving French toast and sausage
Sunday, April 27th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering.

St. Leo’s KC’s Gardening Seminar:
“Spring Lawn Care and Tips for Shopping in a Garden Center” presented by Don Kinzler. **Sunday, April 27th at 7:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Catholic Home Missions: Special Diocesan collection **Sunday, April 27th**. 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 can’t give what we don’t 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!

PASTOR’S NOTES

Ostergrusse (a little German 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, Paul, Sherry, Sue 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 lifted up our spirit of praise and worship. Again our deepest thanks!

This would not have happened without YOU!! Thanks so very much.

Lenten canisters

At the beginning of Lent we were given Lenten canisters to show forth a generous spirit of alms giving – *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.


Also, 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.

‘Good times keep on rolling’


Easter has come but good things keep on coming. Please keep the following parish event in mind, on your calendars and part of your prayer:


Confirmation rehearsal on Thursday, April 24th at 6:30 pm; {light supper at 6 p.m.}

Confirmation with Bishop Folda on Friday, April 25th at 5 p.m.



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



The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025

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 April 20:

Mon – Apr 21 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

Tues – Apr 22 – 9:00 am – **+Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries

NO Mass at St. Leo’s

Wed – Apr 23 – 9:00 am – **+Mary Gietzen** by Sandie Nystrom

Thurs – Apr 24 – 9:00 am – **+Frances Fettig** by Rick Voeller

Fri – Apr 25 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

Saturday – Apr 26 – 5:00 pm – +Harriet Dimmer by Carolyn Heimerick

Sunday – Apr 27 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - +Jim Schmitt by Paulette Schmitt

St. Thomas - 10:30 am- For the people of our parishes

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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 or by appointment.

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