

PASTOR’S NOTES

Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday.

On April 30, 2000 the late Pope John Paul II canonized a Polish nun named Sr. Faustina and declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Her feast day is October 5th.

St. Faustina (Helen Kolwaski) was born into a poor Polish family in 1905 and before 20 years of age entered the convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. She died on October 5, 1938.

On February 22, 1931 Sr. Faustina saw a vision of Jesus with two (2) rays of mercy streaming from around the area of his heart. He told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it, ‘Jesus, I trust in you’. A painting of this vision is on the tripod stand at the front of St. Leo’s church for this second Sunday of Easter. 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.** This devotion is often called the *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy*.

Sr. Faustina left a 600-page diary of her visions from the Lord. Out of that diary has emerged a strong devotion to God’s Divine Mercy culminating in Pope John Paul II’s declaration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

Some particular aspects of this devotion include:

- 1) 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;
- 2) a particular emphasis on the regular celebration of the great sacraments of God’s mercy – **Reconciliation and Eucharist**, especially on the 8 days before and after Divine Mercy Sunday;
- 3) 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, *i.e.* - *sinners, priests and religious, the faithful, those who do not believe in God, those separated from the Church, little children, those who venerate and glorify God’s mercy, those in purgatory, those who are lukewarm;*
- 4) doing deeds of mercy (e.g. - **the spiritual and corporal works of mercy**).

A few tri-fold copies of how to pray the *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy* can be found on the wood ledges behind the back pews in the church.

Very generous —

The parishes of St. Thomas and St. Leo’s collected \$6,109 for the Ukrainian Relief Collection. That was a very generous offering from 47 households. Please keep the people and the country of Ukraine in your prayers. This very unjust war has inflicted tremendous destruction upon the land of Ukraine and more significantly – the horrific extermination of human life!! Such evil is only conquered by the power of prayer.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
April 24, 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 24:

Mon - Apr 25 – 9:00 am - **NO MASS**
Tues - Apr 26 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **NO MASS**
St. Leo’s — NO MASS
Wed – Apr 27 – 9:00 am - **+Souls in purgatory**
Thurs – Apr 28 – 9:00 am - **Olivia Garman** by Casey & Anna Garman
Fri – Apr 29 – 9:00 am - **++Joe & Helen Krumm** by Bill & Mona Franck
Sat - Apr 30 - 5:00 pm - +Eddie Kaufman by Ron & Thuy Kaufman
Sun - May 1 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - +Jerry Volk by Tom & Myra Nowak

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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

Sun., Apr 24 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Tues., Apr 26 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo’s Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory
Wed., Apr 27 - 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 B meets
6:15 pm - Junior Class meets
Wed., Apr 27 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
Fri., Apr 29 - 6:30 pm - Confirmation/1st Eucharist rehearsal at St. Leo’s; Supper at 6 pm
Sun, May 1 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Sun., May 1 - 5:00 pm - Confirmation/1st Eucharist with Bishop Folda at St. Leo’s
Tues., May 3 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting at the rectory
Sun., May 8 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Tues., May 10 - 7:00 pm - Education committee meeting at the rectory
Sun., May 15 - 9:30 am - St. Thomas breakfast honoring 2022 Confirmation Students and Graduates
Sun., May 15 - 11:30 am - St. Leo’s graduation breakfast honoring 2022 Graduates

REMINDER: Please remember to return your Lenten canisters.

PLEASE NOTE: Next weekend’s Ministry Schedule is one of the times when Saturday Mass is the 5th Saturday of the month and Sunday Mass is the 1st Sunday of the month. Please follow the schedule shown below.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Apr 30 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i> 5 th Sat of April	Sunday May 1 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday May 1 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i> 1 st Sun of May
<i>Lector</i>	Tony Roth	Gary Milbrandt	Anna Garman
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Delores Grommesh		Kristi Dutchuk
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Nikita Howard Ben Metzger	Gavin Besette Meyer Wendel	Isabelle Dutchuk Garman Family
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteers needed	JoEllen Killoran Lisa Zahnow	Volunteers needed
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteers needed	Bryce Kasowski Family	Volunteers needed

NEWS AND NOTES

St. Mary’s Cathedral Spring Celebration weekend – Join us for a weekend of fun, great food and prizes at the Cathedral’s Spring Celebration, themed “Country Fair” on April 30 and May 1. Stop in on Saturday at 6pm for our awesome KC Burger Baskets for \$10. Stay for live entertainment including our live auction where you can bid on a supper for 8 with Bishop Folda and a dinner for 8 with Monsignor Goering, among other items up for bid. Also featuring a silent auction and bake sale all weekend. On Sunday, visit our kids’ carnival and enjoy our famous Swedish Meatball dinner beginning at 11:00am; Adults \$12, Children ages 6-12 \$10, \$50 per family, kids 5 & under are free. A raffle drawing is on Sunday at 1:30pm with many great cash prizes to win! We hope to see you there! 604 Broadway N, Fargo. Please call Jayme at 701-235-4289 with questions. All proceeds go toward the Fargo Cathedral. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board located in the church entry.

Beginning Experience Weekend to be Held: June 24-26, 2022 at the Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. The BE weekend is a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon program for adults grieving the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce or separation. It is presented by people who have suffered the loss of a loved one. They are willing to share their experience to help others. Team members lead participants through a program of presentations, personal private reflection and small group sharing. The BE weekend is our core program and the foundation of the Beginning Experience ministry. If you or someone you know could benefit from coming to the BE weekend, please contact the BE line at 701-277-8784 and leave a message for more information and an application. More information can also be found on the website at: www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ~ John 20:21

Peace — the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life whom you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

St. Thomas Parish will honor their 2022 Confirmation students and High School gradates with a light breakfast following the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 15th. Please join us in celebrating with them!

Olive Wood Religious Items for Sale: After the weekend Masses of May 7-8, 2022 a representative from *Shepherds of the Good Shepherd* will be in the Spirit of Life center displaying religious items for purchase. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.



God’s Gift Appeal 2022

Goal 4/14/2022

St. Leo’s	\$51,011	\$24,420
St. Thomas	\$12,214	\$ 3,974

Thank you to all parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 God’s Gift Appeal. Pledge cards/donations may be placed in the offertory collection basket or dropped off at the parish office and we will see they get to the Diocese.



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. All proceeds go to the mission.