

PASTOR’S NOTES

Religious Education (RE) – begins with Dad and Mom!

There is an axiom that says, “Faith is caught before it is taught”. This suggests that what we model in life has a more dominant effect than what we preach or teach. Religious Education programs assume that parents are the first teachers of the faith and they have told their children the basic story of faith —

that God exists; that God has created all things; that God has an unbelievable love affair with the human family; that the human family fell into sin and needed to be saved; that God the Father sent his son as savior and by whose dying on the cross, rising from the dead, and ascending to heaven has opened the gates of heaven which had been closed since the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise.

In grateful love for God, mothers and fathers model for their children a life of faithful living by — *teaching basic prayers, forming consciences of knowing right from wrong, attending Sunday Mass, being generous and sacrificial in the giving of time, talent and treasure, growing in their own understanding of Scripture, moral issues and the spiritual life, etc.*

Children need the faithful witness of fathers and mothers, who know that passing on the faith is the most important task they have as parents. As children see their dads and moms supporting them in their academic studies and extracurricular activities (e.g. - sports, theater, speech, music, etc.), **children need to see, at least, that same level of support in their spiritual activities** (e.g. - *always attending Sunday Mass, meal and bed-time prayer, enrollment in RE programs, giving of time, talent and treasure, attending parents classes, etc.*).

Such witness done in authenticity and conviction will telegraph to children the priority that belongs to faith from which springs the hope of heavenly life to those who love God with all their heart, all their soul, all their mind, and their neighbor as themselves.

Religious education builds on this foundation. Thus, faith is caught before it is taught.

Our first classes at both St. Leo’s and St. Thomas will begin on Wednesday, September 16th. This year’s RE program at St. Leo’s will not begin with an opening Mass because we can not accommodate all of our parents and students in the church and still maintain the physical distancing requirements that are in place for these COVID - 19 days.

Nonetheless, your prayers are deeply appreciated for this year’s RE program. With deep hope **we pray** there will be no interruption in what is already a modified program; **we pray** for the safety of all in our program and that everyone will follow the guidelines we have put into place for safety and security; **we pray** for an end to this world-wide pandemic and its devastating consequences; **we pray** for a renewed appreciation of what we have and have often take for granted; **we pray** for discerning hearts and minds to see what spiritual truth and wisdom may be found in these pandemic days. All prayers are welcome!!

Learning more about the Catholic Church

A couple people have expressed interest in learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly joining the Church next spring at Easter time.

If there are others with the same interest, or simply would like to a ‘refresher course’ about the Church and its many practices and beliefs, I am planning on offering an ***Inquiry Class*** this coming Fall beginning in late September or early October probably on Thursday evenings. Just something to keep in mind.



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 30, 2020

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 Aug 30:

Mon - Aug 31 - 9:00 am - +**Bruce Dooley** by Theresa Dooley
Tues - Sept 1 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Mary Castellano**
St. Leo’s - NO MASS
Wed - Sept 2 - 9:00 am - **Ron Browning** by Richard & Joanne Browning
Thurs - Sept 3 - 9:00 am - +**Kenny Habiger** by Keith & Barb Marschke
Fri - Sept 4 - 9:00 am - ++**Vern & Audrey Grommesh** by John Grommesh
Sat - Sept 5 - 5:00 pm - +Katherine Holm by Ron & Thuy Kaufman
Sun - Sept 6 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - +Joe Volk by Gerry & DeLilah Volk

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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
<p>Tues., Sept 1 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting</p> <p>Wed., Sept 2 - 7:30 pm - Religious Education parent meeting in Spirit of Life Center</p> <p>Sun., Sept 6 – 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass following the current CDC COVID19 guidelines</p> <p>Tues., Sept 8 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting</p> <p>Tues., Sept 15 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting</p> <p>Wed., Sept 16 - 6:30 pm - RE classes begin</p> <p>Tues., Sept 22 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting</p>

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Prayer Service: Saturday, September 12th at 11 am at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Fargo. This service is to honor the gravesites of our unborn brothers and sisters.

Having Masses offered is a great prayer practice. In those Masses we offer to God our fondest prayers for the well being of others as well as the deepest yearnings of our own hearts and minds. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, envelopes are available in the church entry. The recommended offering for a Mass intention is \$10.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Sept 5 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i>	Sunday Sept 6 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Sept 6 10:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tricia Gegelman Lois Titus	Keith Biggers	Anna Garman Gavin Oberlander
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Lucy Wagner		Micah Bartholomay
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Nikita Howard	Jami Vavra	Addison Hushka Lucas Miller Andy or Anthony Garman
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Betty Lou Stallman Lisa Zahnow/Jennaca Killoran	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>		<i>Volunteers needed</i>

NEWS AND NOTES	
<p>Congratulations to Martins Lutheran Church on the completion of their new facilities.</p>	<p>St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Corn & Brat Feed has been cancelled for this year. Instead the KC's will be selling fresh sweet corn weather permitting out at Gordy's Service Station corner. For more information and dates when corn will be available please call Grand Knight Micah Bartholomay at (701)404-0527.</p>
<p>Holy Land/Good Friday Collection: As announced in May , because of the COVID-19 outbreak and the suspension of public Masses, Pope Francis authorized moving the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land to Sunday, September 13th. This collection supports the preservation of Holy Sites in the Holy Land, as well as the local communities, including Christians displaced from neighboring countries because of civil unrest. Please keep the Christians of the Holy Land in your prayers. <i>The envelope for this collection was in your March/April envelope packet which you received by mail in February.</i></p>	<p>REBOOT: A Life-changing event featuring acclaimed speaker, author and TV host Chris Stefanick. Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 7:00– 9:30 pm at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1018 18th Ave S, Grand Forks, ND. Tickets: \$25. Information and to purchase tickets: (701)746-1454 or RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.</p>
<p>JPII Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following positions for the 2020-2021 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science Teacher – Shanley High School• Substitute Teachers – All locations• Assistant Cook – Trinity Elementary• Little Deacons Para – Holy Spirit Elementary• After School Workers – All locations• Custodian – Holy Spirit Elementary• Evening Custodian – Shanley High School/Sullivan Middle School <p>For more information on these positions or how to apply visit https://www.jp2schools.org/central-office/careers/ or call 701-893-3231.</p>	<div><p>Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission: Cards are located in the in the magazine rack in church entry. Cost of cards is .50 cents, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.</p></div>

This week's Stewardship moment:

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, *“Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.”* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.