

PASTOR’S NOTES

With Sue’ decision to leave parish ministry so as to spend more time with family and grandchildren, St. Leo’s is looking to hire someone to cover Sue’s duties with music, liturgy and Religious Education. In terms of Religious Education —

Religious Education Coordinator/Director: St Leo’s parish in Casselton is looking for a part-time coordinator of Religious Education for grades K-12. A suitable candidate would be a practicing Catholic who has a deep love and passion for passing on the gift of the Catholic faith to young men and women. For more information and to apply, please contact Fr. James Ermer at (701) 347-4609.

Some Financial Musings —

Since we are half way through the year, I thought I would offer some financial facts and commentary on life here at St. Leo’s

- (1) Through 6/30/2021 Sunday adult giving has amounted to \$126,000 —

commentary: this puts us on track to having our best year yet. This giving comes from 104 households out a total of 262 registered households. 45 of these 104 HH use some form of monthly auto pay which averages \$8200/monthly. We graciously thank those who give so faithfully and generously – you are the best!!!
- (2) Through 6/30/2021 Children’s envelopes have amounted to \$278 —

commentary: this is a big slip from the \$620 we had received through 6/30/2018. Parents are reminded that each RE student received personalized Sunday Offertory envelopes to be used for their Sunday giving. Also, there are generic children’s envelopes at the back of church that can be used for those who forgot their personalized ones. Just write your name on the generic envelopes.
- (3) Through 6/30/2021 loose/plate collection has amounted to \$7171 —

commentary: this is pretty much on par with the past four years
- (4) Through 6/30/2021 Cemetery envelope offerings have amounted to \$515 —

commentary: this is a little down from the \$555 we had received through 6/30/2019. Maintaining a Catholic cemetery is a costly operation. It annually costs over \$6000 to just spray and keep the grass mowed. Grave sales alone do not nearly cover these most basic costs. Your support is always welcome.
- (5) Through 6/30/2021 St. Leo’s Endowment Fund stands at \$88,500 —

commentary: this fund began in 2015 with a \$5000 gift followed by a gift of \$6215 in 2017. Since 2018 \$68,000 has come from the monthly giving of one parish household. That is 77% of the total funds. St. Leo’s has been truly blessed!! Thank you!
- (6) Through 7/2/2021 St. Leo’s has pledged \$34,652 to the God’s Gift Appeal—

commentary: the last time St. Leo’s made and exceeded their parish goal for the Diocesan God’s Gift Appeal was 2014. In that year 127 parish households pledged \$40,272. To date 88 parish households have pledged on average - \$394 - towards St. Leo’s goal of \$46,373. If each remaining household (163) pledged \$72 St. Leo’s would make their goal. With each of us doing our part our parish goal is very attainable. If you have not yet made your contribution there are God’s Gift Appeal envelopes at the back of the church.



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St. Thomas Catholic Church
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Buffalo ND
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 11, 2021

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 July 11:

- Mon - July 12 - 9:00 am - +Ed Mergner by Marian Watson

Tues - July 13 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +Souls in purgatory

St. Leo’s - NO MASS
- Wed - July 14 - 9:00 am - ++Luvern & Genevieve Tamerius by Cecilia Gonzalez

Thurs - July 15 - 9:00 am - +Ernest Watson by Marian Watson

Fri- July 16 - 9:00 am - +Mary Castellano
- Sat - July 17 - 5:00 pm - Harriet Dimmer by Renee Anderson

Sun - July18 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - +Janice Miller by Donna Siverson

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St. Leo’s Directors: Mark Rehovsky & Dave Glennon
St. Thomas Directors: Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

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.

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

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., July 11 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Tues., July 13 - 7:00 pm - Mom's Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
 Wed., July 14 - 7:00 pm - Mom's Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
 Sun., July 18 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Mon.,- Thurs., July 19- 22 - 1:00 to 4:00 pm - VBS at St. Leo's  
 Tues., July 20 - 7:00 pm - Last night of Mom's Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
 Wed., July 21 - 7:00 pm - Last night of Mom's Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
 Sun., July 25 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Wed., July 28 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting




### God's Gift Appeal 2021 as of 7/3/2021

|            | <u>Goal</u>     | <u>Pledged</u> | <u>Received to Date</u> |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| St. Leo's  | <b>\$46,373</b> | \$34,653       | \$29,445                |
| St. Thomas | <b>\$11,103</b> | \$9,480        | \$8,855                 |

Thank you to all parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 God's Gift Appeal. Pledge cards and donations may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office and we will see they get to the Diocese.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday July 17<br/>5:00 pm<br/>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday July 18<br/>8:30 am<br/>St. Thomas</b> | <b>Sunday July 18<br/>10:30 am<br/>St. Leo's</b>   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Renee Anderson                                    | Alecia Killoran                                  | Steve Carvell                                      |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Delores Grommesh                                  |                                                  | Tom Nowak                                          |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Cassie Bartholomay                                | Gavin Besette<br>Ali Killoran                    | Logan Prochnow<br>Alex Sullivan<br>Daniel Sullivan |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                          | Jurgen & Barb Suhr                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                           |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                          | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                           | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                           |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Chalk Art at the Cathedral:** This year during the Fargo Downtown Street Fair there will be an opportunity for you to help share our Catholic faith with the community. A local chalk artist, Maria Loh, will be creating a piece of sacred art in chalks on the circle in front of St. Mary's Cathedral. Other religious images will be available for the community to complete with the chalk provided. Join us on Thursday and Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Broadway & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Fargo. Hope to see you there!

**Praise & Worship Night:** Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church (5202 25<sup>th</sup> St S, Fargo, ND) – July 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Please join us for an evening of music, prayer, and praise from 8:00- 9:30 pm in the Main Church of Sts. Anne and Joachim led by Lukas Eisen, Paul Wilburn, and Dusty Njaa.

**The Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen in Hankinson, ND** invite you to join them for their annual Mother-Daughter Days. Session is July 26-28. Spend some quality time together, have a little fun, nourish your spiritual life and even learn a little about the life of Sisters. To register contact Sr. Jean Louise, OSF at ndfanciscan@yahoo.com or text her at 701-208-1245.



**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic - Putt 4 a Purpose:** Bishop Folda invites you to *Putt 4 a Purpose* benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo. Day will include a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4<sup>th</sup> player for free! Register on line at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose) Please see flyer and brochures on the bulletin board for more information.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts." ~ Mark 6:8*

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

## St. Leo's Catholic Church presents

*Vacation Bible School 2021*

**Monday thru Thursday**

**July 19-22<sup>nd</sup>**

**from 1 - 4 pm each day**

**concluding Thursday with  
Mass at 3:00 pm**

**and an Ice Cream Social following.**



VBS is open to children who are entering **Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades this fall.** The cost is **\$30 per child with a \$60 family max** and scholarship assistance is available.

**Registration forms are in  
the church entry.**

**Contact Sue Knoll at 347-4609  
if you have any questions.**

**Thank You:** We have received a number of thank yous from our Lenten canister recipients. They are posted on the bulletin board for all to read.

**Job Opportunities:** There are many job openings within the Fargo Diocese area. Check out the list on the bulletin board in the church entry.