

PASTOR’S NOTES

VBS (Vacation Bible School) — another successful year!!

On Thursday we finished our 4-day 2020 VBS with the celebration of Mass followed by some ice cream treats. This year’s VBS was limited to 20 students in order to maintain safety concerns connected with COVID-19.

Each day was divided into 4 parts: (1) Bible stories; (2) craft time; (3) outdoor activities; and (4) church time. The children made lots of crafts and learned about a number of things: how God saved Peter and Paul in times of trouble; how to bless oneself and genuflect to the tabernacle when coming into church; how our stained glass windows are ‘old time movies’ about the church from the story of creation until life in heaven; were given wheat seed to be planted in good soil (not on the pavement at the reservoir, nor on the stony ground, nor in the weeds); told about the staircase to heaven; visited St. Leo’s cemetery and prayed at specific graves and for all the deceased. All in all it was a good year!

All of this happened because of a great group of volunteers for this year’s High Seas Expedition: Bryce Radermacher (Captain Jack) and Station Leaders: Karren Bartholomay for Bible stories, Sherry Radermacher and Lilly Roth for craft projects, and Olivea Roth, Andy Garman and Anthony Garman for outdoors sports. In addition to the station leaders there were our Group leaders: Addison Hushka; Olivia Garman and Evelyn Roth.

Our hats are off to all of you who made this another great year!

Flooring in the sanctuary (the altar area)

As we near the end of our painting project of St. Leo’s church interior (the choir loft remains to be painted), our attention turns to the final part of that project – replacing the carpet in the sanctuary.

Initially there were two (2) suggestions: (1) re-carpet or (2) put down honed stone tile. Our liturgical consultant suggested color schemes for both the carpet and the honed stone tile that would look nice with our newly painted church interior. As that process unfolded in our requests for bids and material samples, a third option emerged – CORETEC Stone. We now have samples and quotes for the above listed material.

As I noted in previous bulletins, samples and quotes would be available for parishioners’ review and comments after Masses this weekend (July 25th and July 26th). We would ask that you share any comments with any of the Pastoral Council members by Thursday, August 6th (the Feast of the Transfiguration). After that time, the Pastoral Council will make a decision on how we should proceed.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 26, 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 July 26:

- Mon - July 27 - 9:00 am - +Ernest Watson by Marian Watson
Tues - July 28 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - NO MASS
St. Leo’s - NO MASS
Wed - July 29 - 9:00 am - +Conrad Barnes by Don & Mary Ellen Nilles
Thurs - July 30 - 9:00 am - NO MASS
Fri - July 31 - 9:00 am - +Kenny Habiger by Mary Barnes
Sat - Aug 1 - 5:00 pm - +Joe Franck by Bill & Mona Franck
Sun - Aug 2 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - +Arnold Seefeld by Jerry & DeLilah Volk

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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.

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

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS


Sun., Aug 2 – 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass following the current CDC COVID19 guidelines
Mon., Aug 3 - 11:00 am - Bishop Folda’s Charity Golf Classic at Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo
Sat., Aug 8 - 10:00 am - Priest ordination at St. Mary’s Cathedral
Tues., Aug 11 - 7:00 pm - Education Committee meeting
Fri., Aug 14 - 7:00 pm - Holy Day-Assumption of Mary - Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo
Sat., Aug 15 - 9:00 am - Holy Day-Assumption of Mary - Mass at St. Leo’s

Mass Schedule for
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri., Aug 14th - 7 pm Mass at St. Thomas
Sat., Aug 15th - 9 am Mass at St. Leo’s

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Janice Diemert on the death of her sister-in-law, Helen Diemert.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4


	Saturday Aug 1 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Aug 2 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Aug 2 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>
Lector	Tricia Gegelman Lois Titus	Jackie Vavra	Anna Garman Gavin Oberlander
Eucharistic Ministers	<i>Due to concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) St. Leo’s and St. Thomas will temporarily suspend the distribution of the Precious Blood.</i>		
Altar Servers	Ethan Richard	Jami Vavra	Jacob Dutchuk Isabelle Dutchuk Eva or Olivia Garman
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteers needed</i>		<i>Volunteers needed</i>

NEWS AND NOTES

Music: As we get back into the swing of Mass here at St. Leo’s, we would like to invite any singers or piano players we might have to be a part of our Music Ministry. We are always looking to add new volunteers to assist in the leading of music at our weekend Masses. Young and old alike are invited to join us, singers and instrumentalists, all are welcome! If you are interested in finding out more about how to get involved, call Sue at 701-347-4609 or 701-261-2047.

Community of Care Virtual Totally Tables Event: This year’s Totally Tables will be online only. Steffes Auction is hosting an online auction which begins Friday, July 24th at 8 am and runs through Tuesday, July 28 until 4 pm. A live zoom event will be held Tuesday, July 28 at 6 pm. Visit communityofcarend.com for all the details.

Putt 4 a Purpose: Bishop Folda’s Charity Golf Classic to help fund Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. 11:00 am on Monday, August 3, 2020 at Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo, ND. More information and to register a team of 4 is available on the bulletin board or online at: <http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose>.

	God’s Gift Appeal 2020
	<u>Goal</u> <u>7/17/2020</u>
St. Leo’s	\$48,052 \$38,406
St. Thomas	\$10,884 \$ 7,483

Thank you to all parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 God’s Gift Appeal. Pledge cards and donations may be dropped off at the parish office and we will see they get to the Diocese.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” - Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God’s plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



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.

Appreciating the Gift of the Holy Priesthood. St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church will be honoring the priests in our area around the Feast of St. John Vianney, the patron of priests. We invite you to join the celebration by offering a spiritual bouquet or supportive comments about your pastor or a beloved priest. These can be emailed to jschaefer@ideaone.net or mailed to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 710 10th St S, Fargo, ND 58103. Your offerings and support messages will be compiled and given to the priests in early August as an offering of our continued prayer and support of their ministry.