

PASTOR’S NOTES

National Eucharistic Congress
~~ an array of activities and events ~~

Starting this Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Indianapolis, Indiana will come alive with a procession to Lucas Oil Stadium for the beginning of the 10th national Eucharistic Congress ever held in the United States of America. This Congress will last until Sunday noon (July 21st).

The time between Wednesday evening and Sunday noon will be filled with a vast array of events and activities centered around the Eucharist, which is “the source and summit” of Christian life and living.

A typical day at the Congress will begin at 8 a.m. praying a Family Rosary across America. This will be followed by:

- 1) various *Impact Sessions* in the mornings conducted at various locations by 42 different speakers addressing the gift of the Eucharist as it speaks to general audiences, family life, youth, lay ministers, priests, and strategies for evangelists.
- 2) In both the mornings and afternoons, liturgies (the Mass) will be celebrated in different ethnic languages as well as according to different rites within the Catholic Church (e.g. - Maronite, Chaldean, etc.). 14 different music groups will offer their services for these liturgies as well as other settings.
- 3) The afternoons will have numerous *break-out sessions* at various locations conducted by 85 different speakers.
- 4) There will be an Expo Hall open all day featuring numerous vendors of religious articles, books, tapes, etc.
- 5) Each evening closes with a *Revival Session* led by 13 different speakers.
- 6) On Thursday afternoon there will be a Eucharistic procession through downtown Indianapolis.
- 7) Throughout all of this there will be many times and locations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration.
- 8) The National Eucharistic Congress will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 21st at which a delegate for Pope Francis will be in attendance.

Let us all keep the Congress and attendees in our prayers for a bountiful outpouring of God’s graces upon our nation and ever-deepening appreciation of Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist.

St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Beginning Monday, July 22nd St. Leo’s four-day Vacation Bible School will start at 1 p.m.

This year’s theme is titled – **SCUBA**. Our kids will take a deep dive into God’s boundless love. Each day will feature Scripture time, crafts, outdoor fun, music, a saint for the day, snacks, etc. One day we will visit St. Leo’s cemetery and pray for deceased loved ones. We will conclude our final day on Thursday with Mass at 3 p.m. This Mass is open to all parishioners.

There is still time to register. In order to have enough supplies, **Registration closes on Thursday, July 18th.** Registration forms can be found on the table in the church entry way. It is open to all kids starting Kindergarten and entering into the 5th grade. There are still some slots for older kids (6th graders and above) to serve as helpers, as well as at least one adult supervisor. Please call the parish office for directions.



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211 Langer Ave North
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St. Thomas Catholic Church
401 Third St. North
PO Box 22
Buffalo ND
633-5150



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 14, 2024

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 14:

Mon - July 15 – 9:00 am – **Leo Kieffer** by Sandie Nystrom
Tues - July 16 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **+Souls in purgatory**
NO MASS at St. Leo’s
Wed – July 17 – 9:00 am – **+Jim Schmitt** by Gary & Delores Grommesh
Thurs – July 18 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**
Fri – July 19 – 9:00 am – **Special Intention** by Michelle Kieffer
Saturday – July 20 – 5:00 pm - +Doris Brandenburg by Paulette Schmitt
Sunday - July 21 – St. Leo’s- 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Lillian Von Bank by Keith & Joni Biggers

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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.

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


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., July 14 - Beverage and Bite after Mass
July 17– 21 –National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, IN –please pray for the congress
Sun., July 21 - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Mon. - Thurs. - July 22-25 - 1 to 4 pm - Vacation Bible School
Mon., July 22 - 6:30 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
Sun., July 28 - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Mon., Aug 5 - 11:00 am - 18th Annual Bishop’s Charity Golf Classic, Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo

The Rosary is prayed before each week-end Mass at St. Leo’s. **We are in need of persons to lead the rosary** on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. This would be about 20 minutes before the 10:30am Masses on these days. Call the parish office if you can help.

DID YOU KNOW... Community of Care provides transportation to medical appointments for older adults **FREE** of charge. Our dedicated volunteers provide these important rides for older adults to receive their medical care. If you are 65+, living in Cass County and need a ride to your doctor appointment, give them a call at **(701)347-0032**. Volunteer Coordinator, Tammy Schempp, will do her best to arrange a ride. You must be able to independently transfer in and out of the vehicle. **They do request a one week notice to arrange for a ride.**

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday July 20 5:00 pm St. Leo’s	Sunday July 21 8:30 am St. Thomas	Sunday July 21 10:30 am St. Leo’s
Lector	Mallory Poulson Lee Ann Monilaws	Gary Milbrandt	Steve Carvell
Eucharistic Ministers	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Linda Milbrandt Jurgen Suhr	Micah Bartholomay Jake Lako Collin Miller Deb Werner Jake Werner
Altar Servers	Hayden Faleide Burchill Family	Ali Killoran Damien Norrie	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh Prochnow
Offertory Collectors	Volunteers needed	Jurgen & Barb Suhr	Volunteers needed
Gift Bearers	Volunteers needed	Flint & Dee Kasowski	Volunteers needed
Lead Rosary	Mona Franck		Volunteer Needed

NEWS AND NOTES

Catechist Retreats: One day retreat, your choice Friday, August 16th or Saturday, August 17th , 2024 at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. The day will begin at 9 am and end at 4 pm. The theme this year will be on prayer in preparation for the Jubilee year of 2025. There will be time for silent reflection, Mass, lunch, sharing and a chance to enjoy the beautiful grounds. All participants are asked to bring their bible, paper and pen to journal. Registration deadline is Friday, August 9th. Registration fee is \$25 per person. Register on line at: www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat: Hope and Healing: September 13-15, 2024
Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the physical, emotional, or spiritual effects of a past abortion? **Rachel’s Vineyard** offers a safe, non-judgmental and confidential weekend retreat for anyone – including women, men, couples, grandparents or siblings - who struggle with the feelings of loss or guilt that can accompany an abortion experience. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in the Diocese of Fargo is scheduled for **September 13-15, 2024**. For more information, contact Ruth at 701-219-3941, rruch68@gmail.com or Sherry at 701-520-1229. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Diocese of Fargo: For events, upcoming retreats and more information about what is happening throughout the diocese, please visit: www.fargodiocese.org or see the flyers on the bulletin board in the church entry.



The July Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Monday, July 22nd at 6:30 pm at the church rectory.

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Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain and Lourdes: October 21-31, 2024

Bishop Folda personally invites you to join him on a pilgrimage where they will visit the holy sites of Fatima and Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to young people with her messages of conversion, peace and healing. In Fatima, we join thousands for the Rosary and candlelight procession. Lourdes, as you may know, is the place of the miraculous waters of healing that millions of people visit every year. We will visit the birthplace of St. Anthony of Portugal and see the burial place of St. Teresa of Avila along with many other saints and martyrs. There will also be a special stop to visit a church with a Eucharistic miracle. To visit and worship in these holy places can bring a renewal I our spiritual lives and greater understanding of the universal Church. Price of the trip is \$4900 based on double with flights out of Fargo. More information and registration is available at: www.fargodioces.org/pilgrimages For questions please contact Mary Hanbury at-(701)356-7909 or mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org

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 in 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.