

PASTOR’S NOTES

Some Financial Musings — 2024

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 6/30/2024 Sunday adult giving has amounted to \$144,000 —

commentary: this is \$3000 less than last year. We have had a couple of deaths and people move, who were generous givers. This present giving comes from 142 households [HH] out a total of 260 registered households. 46 of these 142 HHs use some form of monthly auto pay which averages \$7735/monthly. We graciously thank those who give so faithfully and generously!!!

(2) Through 6/30/2024 Children’s envelopes have amounted to \$437 —

commentary: this is on track with last year’s number, but is a big slip from the \$620 we had received through 6/30/2018. We have more students today than in 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. **Parents – thanks for your efforts in this matter!**

(3) Through 6/30/2024 loose/plate collection has amounted to \$7437 —

commentary: this is about the same as last year, but down \$2300 from our best year [2022].

(4) Through 6/30/2024 Cemetery envelope offerings has amounted to \$665 —

commentary: this is roughly the same as last year 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 6/30/2024 the Diocesan Capital Campaign has raised \$200,660 in pledges

commentary: Thirty seven (37) very generous donors have brought us to this point. St. Leo’s has been asked to raise \$289,086, which means we still need to raise \$88,426 to meet goal. Your support is deeply appreciated!!!

(6) Through 6/30/20224 St. Leo’s Endowment Fund stands at \$155,117 —

commentary: this fund began in 2015 with a \$5000 gift followed by a gift of \$6215 in 2017. Since March 2018, \$143,902 has been added to this fund with \$116,590 of those funds coming from one parish household, who has since moved to another State. That is 75% of total endowment funds. What a great blessing to St. Leo’s!! **Thank you!**

(7) Through 7/12/2024 St. Leo’s has pledged \$38,958 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 69 parish house holds have pledged on average - \$564 - towards St. Leo’s goal of \$61,723. *A most gracious thank-you to those donors* If each remaining household (190) pledged – \$120 – 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 2024 contribution there are God’s Gift Appeal envelopes at the back of the church.



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 21, 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 21:

Mon - July 22 – 9:00 am – **Special Intention** by Lee & Jackie Anderson
Tues - July 23 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **+Souls in purgatory**
NO MASS at St. Leo’s
Wed – July 24 – 10:30 am – **St. Thomas - Funeral Mass for Robert Von Bank**
Thurs – July 25 – 3:00 pm – VBS Closing Mass
Fri – July 26 – 10:30 am – **Funeral Mass for Mary Ann Waxler**
Saturday – July 27 – 5:00 pm - +Elaine Kline by Theresa Dooley
Sunday - July 28 – St. Leo’s- 8:30 am - +Rick Keller by Zita & Tony Dietz
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes

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St. Leo’s Directors: Dave Glennon & Micah Bartholomay
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 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
Tues., Aug 5 - 7:00 pm - Education committee meeting at the rectory
Fri., Sat., Sept 6 & 7 - Redeemed Eucharistic Congress, Jamestown Civic Center

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 27 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday July 28 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday July 28 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Jackie Vavra
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Penny Zaun Joni Biggers
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Evelyn Roth Joe/Jensen Kappes Beau Parisien	Glennon Family Nolan Ziegelmann	Layla Norrie Gavin Besette
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Jurgen & Barb Suhr
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	David Killoran Family
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to George Waxler and his family on the death of his wife, Mary Ann and to Judith Von Bank and her family on the death of her husband, Bob.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4

22nd Annual ND Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament: ND Knights of Columbus 4-person Scramble Golf Tournament at the Jamestown Country Club in Jamestown, ND is coming up on Friday, August 2nd. Registration starts at 8 am with a shotgun start at 9 am. Entry fee is \$85/person, or \$340/team (includes green fees, golf cart, prizes and lunch). Register online at: www.nd-kofc-foundation.com Any questions please call (701)730-2130 or email: cory.badinger@outlook.com

68th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Prairies: Sunday, August 11 at the Carmel of Mary, Wahpeton, ND. Event starts at 2 pm. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit: carmelofmary.org

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



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 said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” ~ Mark 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some “alone” time with God.