

PASTOR’S NOTES

Once again - *Thank you* - KCs

Once again St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus did a marvelous job of helping our parish celebrate Deacon Matthew Kensok’s preaching and assisting at his first Mass as a transitional deacon here at last Sunday’s 10:30 a.m. Mass [June 6<sup>th</sup>]. Under the able leadership of Micah Bartholomay and Tony Roth, the Knights from St. Leo’s prepared, set-up, cooked, served and cleaned-up for last Sunday’s egg-bake brunch for family, friends, and parishioners as they acknowledged God calling ‘one of our own’ to serve Him in the ordained ministry. Such a call is both a blessing to and from the parish of St. Leo’s.

Once again our KCs and some of their family members ‘stepped to the plate’ and did all the leg work to make this celebration happen. We see this spirit of service from our KCs time and time again – *monthly breakfasts during the school year; August corn and brat feed, etc.* They are the ‘go to’ group of guys who have richly served our parish life. **Please know this remarkable gift of service is deeply appreciated – Thank you St. Leo’s Knights!!!**

Father’s Day

Next Sunday (*the third Sunday of June*) is designated as Father’s Day in the United States as well as in many other countries throughout the world. Celebrations of fathers and fatherhood have existed for centuries dating back to the Middle Ages. For most of Catholic Europe the celebration of fathers and fatherhood is closely linked to the feast of St. Joseph on March 19<sup>th</sup>. St. Joseph is the foster father of the Jesus, Son of God, and husband to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This celebration was brought across the oceans by the many missionaries who planted the Catholic faith in the Americas. Outside the Catholic tradition Father’s Day was not celebrated in the United States until the 20<sup>th</sup> century and then only sporadically. There was a celebration in 1908 in West Virginia to honor 250 fathers who were killed in a tragic mining accident. There was a celebration in 1910 in Spokane, Washington. A bill was introduced in Congress in 1913 seeking national recognition for a Father’s Day, but over the years Congress resisted such a proclamation fearing it would simply become a commercialized affair. Then, in 1966 Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers with President Nixon making it a permanent national holiday in 1972.

Like Mother’s Day, Father’s Day is spelled in the singular and not the plural. **This day is meant to celebrate each of our particular fathers** and not fatherhood in general. Each of us has a father, who along with our mothers, have brought us to life. Over the years their watchful eyes, wise counsel and fatherly care have guided and protected us. For this we owe our deepest gratitude! With this in mind let us remember our fathers next Sunday!

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration

On Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> Bishop Folda will be hosting the fourth annual *Rural Life Celebration* at the Russ and Mary Mauch farm near Barney, ND. **Barney is a few miles west of I-29 off the Wahpeton exit 23** [Highway 13]. Things will start at 4 p.m. with blessing land and machinery; Mass at 4:30 p.m. followed by meal and entertainment; the event is free and open to all – more information is available on the flyer in the entry way. It is good to remember that economic systems emerge because farmers produce more than they need for themselves freeing the rest of us to engage in other jobs. **Therefore, all economic systems stand on the backs of agriculture, farming and rural life.** This is the spirit that lies behind Bishop Folda’s desire to celebrate rural life. Therefore, **Come and celebrate the “farmer in all of us”.**



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
June 13, 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 June 13:

Mon - June 14 - 9:00 am - +**Ed Mergner** by Marian Watson  
Tues - June 15 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Souls in purgatory**  
*St. Leo’s - NO MASS*  
Wed - June 16 - 9:00 am - +**Henry Sherman** by Lucille Sherman  
Thurs - June 17 - 9:00 am - +**Ken Waldorf** by Gary & Delores Grommesh  
Fri- June 18- **NOTE TIME CHANGE-** 8:30 am - +**John ‘Jack’ Ermer** by Mary Ellen Nilles  
**Sat - June 19 - 5:00 pm - +Deceased Family and Friends by Mary Barnes**  
**Sun - June 20 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Lee Von Bank by Keith & Joni Biggers**  
**St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

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*Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
at St. Leo’s  
4:00 - 4:45 pm *Saturday*  
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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., June 13 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Tues., June 15 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
Tues., June 15 - 7:00 pm - Mom’s Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
Wed., June 16 - 7:00 pm - Mom’s Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
Sun., June 20 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Tues., June 22 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
Tues., June 22 - 7:00 pm - Mom’s Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
Wed., June 23 - 7:00 pm - Mom’s Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
Sat., June 16 - 10:00 am - Memorial Service for Claudia Von Bank at St. Thomas Church in Buffalo  
Sun., June 27 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Sun., June 27 - 4:00 pm - 4th Annual Rural Life Celebration in Barney, ND  
Tues., June 29 - 7:00 pm - Mom’s Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
Wed., June 30 - 7:00 pm - Mom’s Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
Sun., July 4 - There will be **NO Beverage and Bite** after 10:30 am Mass

**Claudia Von Bank Memorial Service:** A memorial service will be held for Claudia on **Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Buffalo.** A lunch will be served afterward at the community center in Buffalo. Everyone is welcome to attend. Claudia passed away on December 2, 2020.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

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|  | <b>Saturday June 19</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | <b>Sunday June 20</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday June 20</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> |
| <i>Lector</i>                                                                      | Renee Anderson                                                | Gary Milbrandt                                               | Steve Carvell                                                |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>                                                       | Richard Muscha                                                |                                                              | Jake Werner                                                  |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>                                                               | Ronnie Burchill<br>Samantha Burchill                          | Gavin Besette<br>Ali Killoran                                | Mikaela Prochnow<br>Katherine Sullivan                       |
| <i>Offertory Collectors</i>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | Frank & Laura Biggers                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | Justin Killoran Family                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     |

NEWS AND NOTES



**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 5th grades this fall.**  
The cost is **\$30 per child with a \$60 family max**  
**and scholarship assistance is available.**

We would also like to ask for assistance with VBS. We are in need of group leaders, station leaders (stations– Bible, Activity, Craft, Music, Skit, and Snack). Decorators, etc. **These are fun ways for our older students (entering grades 6-12) to be involved.**

**Registration forms are in the church entry.**  
***Contact Sue Knoll at 347-4609 if you have any questions.***

**Bible Study For Moms:** Any and All Moms are invited to this Bible Study which is aimed to help teach Moms to look to God for direction in raising children (from newborn to empty nest!) and to look to the Bible for time tested answers to contemporary questions that parents face every day. We will meet at the rectory (712 2nd St N) on **Tuesdays** from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm from **June 15<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>**. Even if you know you can’t make every session, please don’t hesitate to join; the sessions are not necessarily sequential. Childcare will be provided. If you are interested, please reserve a spot by calling St. Leo’s (347-4609).

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**

*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” - 2 Corinthians 5:10*

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us — our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what we did with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

**Cemetery clean up:** Thank you to the volunteers who helped clean up the cemetery on Sat., May 29<sup>th</sup> in preparation for Memorial Day: *Terry Kensok, Dominic Spooner, Jerry Volk, Jerry Christiansen, Richard Muscha, Steve Carvell, Adrian & Susan Kieffer, Micah Bartholomay family, Gary Grommesh family and Kyle Scherweit family.* Your time and hard work are much appreciated. ~ St. Leo’s Cemetery Committee



**God’s Gift Appeal 2021**

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|            | <u>Goal</u> | <u>6/4/2021</u> |
| St. Leo’s  | \$46,373    | \$ 27,918       |
| St. Thomas | \$11,103    | \$ 8,755        |

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.



**Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission:**

Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. There is a wonderful selection for all occasions available for purchase **including Father’s Day cards.** Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.