

PASTOR’S NOTES

Church Time

Most people call this time of year - summer time, but when you come to church on Sunday we hear the word - Ordinary Time. That is because church time has a very different orientation from the way our daily lives are lived.

A typical year in everyone’s life consists of 52 weeks divided into 12 months and further broken up into 4 different seasons – spring, summer, fall and winter – with the calendar year beginning on January 1st.

In the life of the Church, time is measured differently. We still are governed by the sun and the moon, but the very year in which we live [i.e., 2021] is measured by the birth of Jesus Christ. From this point of reference every calendar year of 365+ days is divided according the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. **[Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon of the spring equinox.]** That is why Easter Sunday varies from year to year. In all ways the birth of Jesus into history and his resurrection from the dead frames the Church’s understanding of time.

In Church time — there are five (5) seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.

In Church time — a church year begins with the **season of Advent** [4 weeks]. Advent is a time which recognizes the incompleteness or brokenness of human existence and longs for that which will make us whole and complete.

In Church time — **the Christmas season** [2 weeks] celebrates the coming of God into our broken existence with the fullest measure of life and love. God comes in the flesh and blood of his only begotten Son as the measure of all that is right and true.

In Church time — **the season of Lent** [6 weeks] reveals God’s indomitable love in allowing his Son to suffer and die at the hands of humanity whose heart is rife with sin and ignorance.

In Church time — **the Easter season** [7 weeks] celebrates the raising of God’s Son from the dead. God’s love conquers sin and death. The human condition is no longer bound to the cords of death and the fear of dying. For those who come to believe and give themselves to Christ will inherit the Kingdom of heaven and its gift of eternal life. Believers are led to this life of the Kingdom of heaven by the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, who was most deeply bestowed on the human race at Pentecost. This gift of the Holy Spirit is nothing less than the risen life of God’s only begotten Son.

In Church time — the 33/34 weeks of **Ordinary Time** is the working of the Holy Spirit in our ordinary lives. Ordinary Time is the fulfillment of what Christ promised at the Last Supper when he told his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit, and that Spirit, “*will instruct you in everything and remind you of all I told you*” [Jn. 14:26] because ‘the Spirit is the Spirit of truth’ [Jn. 16:13]. This year the Holy Spirit will be guiding us each Sunday through the lens of Mark’s Gospel to see again and anew the person of Christ.

4th Annual Rural Life Celebration

This Sunday (June 27th) Bishop Folda is 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.



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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 20, 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 20:

Mon - June 21 - 9:00 am - **+Gene Rosholt** by Emily Eisenbeisz
Tues - June 22 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **+Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo’s - NO MASS
Wed - June 23 - 9:00 am - **+Dona Weber** by Hank Weber
Thurs - June 24 - 9:00 am - **+Lois Myers** by Marian Watson
Fri- June 25 - 9:00 am - **+Fr. John Fallon**
Sat - June 26 - 5:00 pm - +Dam Chi Dung by Ron & Thuy Kaufman
Sun - June 27 - St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Claudia Von Bank by Frank & Laura Biggers

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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., 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  
Tues., July 6 - 7:00 pm - Mom’s Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
Wed., July 7 - 7:00 pm - Mom’s Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory

Congratulations to the couples who entered into the sacrament of marriage at St. Leo’s last weekend:  
**Sheyenne Weber and Cooper Bierscheid - Friday, June 11**  
**Kyle Peterson and Megan Meza - Saturday, June 12**  
We pray to God to bless their love for each other and that they may support each other throughout the joys and sorrows of life.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

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|  | <b>Saturday June 26</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | <b>Sunday June 27</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | <b>Sunday June 27</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
| <i>Lector</i>                                                                      | Tony Roth                                                     | Fred Eldridge                                               | Larry Zaun                                                    |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>                                                       | Paulette Schmitt                                              | Denise Bartholomay                                          |                                                               |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>                                                               | Lillian Roth<br>Olivea Roth<br>Evelyn Roth                    | Lauren Glennon<br>Sarah Monilaws                            | Clay Hovelson<br>Abigail Killoran                             |
| <i>Offertory Collectors</i>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | Frank & Laura Biggers                                         |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | Bryce Kasowski Family                                         |

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.**

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

**World Youth Day:** Every three years, the Catholic youth of the world (ages 16-35) come together for one incredible week as one body, one faith, one voice. World Youth Day 2023 (WYD) will be held in beautiful Lisbon, Portugal’s capital and largest city. Pilgrims will come to celebrate with one another, deepen their faith, hear from the Pope himself, and be inspired.

Dates are yet to be announced but the Diocese of Fargo has already begun planning a WYD pilgrimage! Join us for a fun, one-hour virtual info session where you’ll hear from diocesan leaders, get a rundown of the trip itinerary by our pilgrimage leader, Verso Ministries, and learn why YOU should plan to sign up for this trip of a lifetime! Past pilgrim, Kristina Lahr, will also be on hand to share her experience of attending WYD.

The WYD Info Session will take place on Tuesday, June 22, at 7:00 p.m. CT via Zoom. To attend (or access the recording at a later date), please register at <https://bit.ly/3ya3CVI>. We hope to see you there!

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**

*“Then he asked them, ‘Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?’” - Mark 4:40*

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.



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There will be **NO**  
**KC meeting in June.**  
**Next meeting will be**  
**the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in**  
**July.**

**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.



**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. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.

