

PASTOR’S NOTES

Catching up . . .

I. It had been scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> — now it will be held on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> .

On Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> twenty three (23) of our young parishioners from St. Thomas and St. Leo’s will mark their full initiation into life with Christ and his Church. On that day they will celebrate both the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Like Pentecost was for the apostles, so Confirmation is for our students. On Pentecost the risen and glorified Christ returned in the power and person of the Holy Spirit and forever changed the lives of the apostles (e.g. - the fisherman Peter did not die as a fisherman on the sea of Galilee, but as Christ’s missionary in Rome where he was crucified upside down on a cross and buried in a place called the Vatican gardens). The Church teaches that in Confirmation the Holy Spirit of Pentecost deepens the gifts which were bestowed in the waters of our baptisms. In baptism God took up residence in our lives. Now these 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit (knowledge, wisdom, understanding, counsel, piety, fortitude and fear of the Lord) fashion us, like Peter of old, to become ambassadors for Christ in our world.

Like all life this new life in Christ needs to be constantly nourished by the risen life of Christ. Such is the gift of Eucharist - the Body and Blood of Christ – ‘food for the journey! At his last supper on earth Christ took the bread and wine of the Jewish Passover meal and declared it to be his body and blood and then invited them – ‘Do this in memory of me’! At that same last supper Christ promises to send the Holy Spirit who would be with us always and instruct us in everything and remind us of all he told us.

Without question the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are times of deepest significance. They are not magic, but demand a response of faith from those who enter into the mystery of God’s continual presence in history and our personal lives. I invite you to keep these young men and women in your prayers this week as they become fully initiated into God’s life —

[From St. Thomas parish: Hannah Besette; Carley Halland; Charlsey Kasowski and Ali Killoran;  
From St. Leo’s parish: Elliot Anderson; Elise Bartholomay; Camden Davis; Josi Eggl; Wyatt Faught; Noah Hushka; Easton Klein; Tristan Lako; Konnor Lorenz; Callie Lynnes; Madalynn Masset; Mason Prien; Molly Rexine; Olivia Richard; Olivia Rood; Samuel Schneider; Emma Scherweit; Anna White and Aubrey White]

II. It had been scheduled for Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – now it is scheduled for Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our second graders, who had been studying and preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation and who would have celebrated that sacrament at our Lenten Reconciliation Service, will now celebrate that sacrament with their families on a special date – Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. This great gift of God’s merciful and forgiving love is truly ‘the pearl of great price’. Please keep the following students in your prayers that this sacrament will always be a rich part of their spiritual lives —

Benz Ausk; Ann Burchill; Grant Burchill; Owen Faleide; Adam Garman; Jack Glennon; Joe Kappes; Will Kieffer; Easton Lipp and Tateym Olstad

2020 Lenten Canisters

We have received a few more Lenten canisters and have reached a grand total of \$7745.61. This makes 2020 our best year of collections thanks to some very generous contributions. Next week I will give a more detailed accounting.



St. Leo’s Catholic Church  
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Casselton ND  
347-4609

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



The Most Holy Trinity  
June 7, 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 June 7:

Mon - June 8 - 9:00 am - +Dennis Loewen by Skip & Audrey Doyle  
Tues - June 9 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +Rita Halland by Dennis & Dora Elbert  
St. Leo’s - NO MASS  
Wed - June 10 - 9:00 am - ++John & Mary Ermer  
Thurs - June 11 - 9:00 am - +Ernest Watson by Marian Watson  
Fri - June 12 - 9:00 am - +Kenny Habiger  
Sat - June 13 - 5:00 pm - +Zachery Kaufman by Ron & Dung Thuy Kaufman  
Sun - June 14 - St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes  
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Ray Killoran by Frank & Laura Biggers

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St. Leo’s Directors: Mark Rehovsky & Mark Wieland  
St. Thomas Directors: Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

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

There will be **NO** Beverage and Bite for the month of June. (Hopefully July)

Mon., Jun 8 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy meeting

Tues., Jun 9 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting

**Fri., Jun 12 - 6:30 pm - Confirmation/First Eucharist with Bishop Folda**

Sun., Jun 21 - Father's Day

Sun., July 12 - 1:30 pm - 3rd Annual Rural Life Celebration - Napoleon, ND

Mon., Aug 3 - 11:00 am - Bishop Folda's Charity Golf Classic at Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo

**Special prayers and blessings** to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:

**Mike & Lil Eberhardt - 50 years on June 13**

**Glenn & Diane Lemke - 51 years on June 14**

**Jim & Arlene Kieffer- 57 years on June 15**


**Gary & Linda Milbrandt - 52 years on June 15**

**Arnold & Barb Buhr- 57 years on June 22**



**Help Support our Cameroon Card**

**Mission: *Father's Day cards are available.*** 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.

|  | <b>Saturday June 13</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i>                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Sunday June 14</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday June 14</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Mark Voss                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Shari Kensok                                                | Judy Von Bank                                                 |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | <i>Due to concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) St. Leo's and St. Thomas will <u>temporarily</u> suspend the distribution of the Precious Blood. At this time <u>only</u> Father Ermer will be distributing the Body of Christ.</i> |                                                             |                                                               |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | TBD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | TBD                                                         | Rudi Wendel                                                   |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | Frank & Laura Biggers                                         |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | Procession of gifts is omitted until further notice.                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                             |                                                               |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**JPII Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following teaching positions for the 2020-2021 school year:**

- Spanish Teacher – Shanley High School/Sullivan Middle School (1.0 FTE)
- Social Studies Teacher – Shanley High School (1.0 FTE)
- Pre-Kindergarten Teacher – Trinity Elementary (1.0 FTE)
- Smart Lab Teacher – Trinity Elementary (1.0 FTE)
- Resource Teacher – Trinity Elementary (.6 FTE)
- Art Teacher–Trinity Elementary/Holy Spirit Elementary
- Science/Smart Lab Teacher–Sullivan Middle Schools (1.0 FTE)
- Elementary Teacher – Multiple Locations (1.0 FTE)

For more information on these positions or how to apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/central-office/careers/> or call 701-893-3231.

**Custodian – Holy Spirit Elementary** (1.0 FTE)

JPII Catholic Schools is seeking a custodial at Holy Spirit Elementary to start in August 2020. Under the direction of the School Administrator, plan, coordinate and perform custodial services to maintain a neat, clean, sanitary and safe school and church facility. This position is a shared position between Holy Spirit Elementary and Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Candidates must be able to work appropriately with children. Other requirements include but are not limited to working wide variety of cleaning chemicals and equipment, make minor repairs, and maintain inventory and records. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. For more information or how to apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/central-office/careers/> or call 701-893-3231

**Fr. Damien Schill Cookbook:** Fr. Damien Schill, who previously served St. Thomas in Buffalo, has published a third volume in his cookbook series entitled: *Cooking and Eating with Father Damien and Friends*. This volume is the desserts volume. They are available from Hurley's Religious Goods in Fargo. There are also still some copies of volume two, the entrees volume available.

**3rd Annual Rural Life Celebration:**

As of this time the Rural Life Celebration is still on. Please join the parishioners of St. Philip Neri in Napoleon, ND on Sunday, July 12th at Frank & Helen Braun Farm, north of Napoleon. Guests may begin to arrive at 1:30 pm. Blessing of land, animals, and farm machinery will begin at 1:45 pm followed by a 2:00 pm Mass on the farm. A meal and entertainment will follow. The farm is located 3 miles North of Napoleon on ND Hwy 3. For more information visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life](http://www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life). Please RSVP at: (701)754-2860 or [evangelize@bektel.com](mailto:evangelize@bektel.com) Remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. You may also bring a container of soil from your fields or garden to be blessed. This event is FREE. We will follow ND state guidelines for COVID-19 protections.

**This week's Stewardship moment:**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." - John 3:16*

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.