


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., June 4 – Fr. Ermer’s 47th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Fri., June 6 – 7:00 pm – **Diaconate Ordination** at Holy Cross Church, West Fargo
Sat., June 7 – 10:00 am – **Priesthood Ordination** at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo
Tues., June 10 – 7:00 pm – Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory
Wed., June 11 – 6:00 pm – New Mass Servers meeting in the Spirit of Life Center

Mass Server Training: There will be a meeting for **NEW** Mass servers and their parents on **Wed., June 11th at 6:00pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. This is also for **ALL** young persons 3rd grade and up, **presently not serving, but interested** in becoming Mass servers. Pizza will be served! Call the parish office if you plan to attend. (701)347-4609.

PLEASE NOTE: This month’s Ministry Schedule is one of the times when the Saturday and Sunday Masses will be different weeks from each other for the month. **Example:** Next weekend Saturday, June 7th is the 1st Saturday of the month and Sunday, June 8th is the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please follow the schedule shown below.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday June 7 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i> 1st Sat of June	Sunday June 8 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i> 2nd Sun of June	Sunday June 8 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Lois Titus Megan Bolda	Shari Kensok	Keith Biggers
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faight Mary Jendro Susan Kempel Paul Olsen	Joe Killoran Linda Milbrandt
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Richard Family Tristan/Ignatius Lako	Melody Kempel Quinn/Riley Gunkel Emma Rupp	Hannah Besette Hallie Besette
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Frank & Laura Biggers
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Carter Norrie Family
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Lucy Wagner	Deb Werner	

NEWS AND NOTES

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

- Alan & Mary Lou Radermacher - 60 years on June 3**
- Joe & Lora Killoran - 50 years on June 10**
- Mike & Lil Eberhardt - 55 years on June 13**
- Glenn & Diane Lemke - 56 years on June 14**
- Gary & Linda Milbrandt - 57 years on June 15**
- Rob & Jenifer Punton - 52 years on June 20**
- Arnold & Barb Buhr- 62 years on June 22**
- Cole & Mary Jendro - 51 years on June 22**

St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School (VBS)- *True North: Trusting God In A Wild World* – Monday – Thursday, July 21– 24, 2025 for students in grades K-5th. More information and registration forms are located on the display in the church entry. Volunteers are also needed 6th grade and up and adults.

Bone Builders Class coming to Tower City: Starting Tuesday, June 10th at the Tower City Community Center. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 to 10:00 am. Trained volunteers will lead the classes. There is no fee to attend, you will need to have your physician complete paperwork once you start the class. Bone Builders is presented by Community of Care. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information about Bone Builders.

Beginning Experience for divorced, separated, and widowed people will be held June 20-22 in Hankinson, ND. Please see the brochures on the bulletin board for more information and to register or call (701)277-8784. If interested to learn more visit: www.beginningexperience-easternnorthdakota.org

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ~ Revelations 22:13
This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

Happy 47th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination to Father Ermer
Wednesday, June 4th



There will be **NO** KC meeting in the month of June.

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St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Dazey, ND invites you to their 120th Eucharistic Procession for the feast of Corpus Christi on Saturday, June 21st. Bishop John Folda will celebrate Mass at 10:00 am followed by a Eucharistic Procession. There will be a free will offering meal, fellowship and outdoor kid’s games. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.



Annual Collar Classic Softball Game: Priests vs. Seminarians will be held Sunday, June 22nd at Elmwood Park, West Fargo. 5:30 pm picnic, 7:00 pm softball game. Bring a lawn chair. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Diocese of Fargo: For events, upcoming retreats and more information about what is happening throughout the diocese, please visit: www.fargodiocese.org

PASTOR’S NOTES

The Ascension — *no small mystery of faith!*

By way of introduction — The Acts of the Apostles tells us that after Christ’s Resurrection from the tomb he appeared to his disciples “over the course of 40 days” and spoke to them about the reign of God. Then he ascended into heaven. **This 40th day become known as Ascension Thursday** and for centuries was a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church. A number of years ago most diocesan bishops in the United States moved this solemnity and holy day from Thursday to the 7th Sunday of the Easter season. This was done to ensure that the mystery of the Ascension would be celebrated when a large number of the faithful gather in worship of God. Since the 7th Sunday of Easter (*which is actually the 43rd day of the Easter season*) was the closest to this 40th day after Easter, the 7th Sunday of Easter was replaced with the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord.

Great truths imbedded in the Ascension mystery:

- 1) Restored access to heaven and God’s life and happiness . Access to heaven had been closed since the sin of our first parents in the Garden of Eden. When God expelled them from the garden, God “*stationed the cherubim and the fiery revolving sword, to guard the way to the tree of life*” [Gen. 5:24]. In discussing being ‘born again’ with Nicodemus, Christ said, “*No one has ascended into heaven, but he who has descended from heaven, the Son of man*” [Jn. 3:13]. Left to our natural powers humanity does not have access to the Father’s house.
- 2) We are a pilgrim people, simply sojourners in this land. Our real home is heaven. Do not get too attached to the things of this world. They are passing realities. As St. Paul reminds us, “*We do not fix our gaze on what is seen but on what is unseen. What is seen is transitory; what is unseen lasts forever*” [2 Cor. 4:18], and “*Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ*” [Philippians 3:20].
- 3) The deification of human nature. What is radically new in Christ’s Ascension is that he now sits **bodily** at the Father’s right hand because the Son became incarnate (*took on human flesh*) and now the glorified flesh of his humanity is imbedded into the Godhead. When we rise and stand before the throne of God we shall see the human face of Christ. At the end of time, if we find ourselves counted among the saved, like Christ we, too, will receive glorified bodies and find ourselves at the throne of the Father. What we do now in our earthly flesh is of great consequence. If our flesh is to be glorified, we must now live in the flesh in ways that are in keeping with what our glorified existence will someday be.
- 4) Christ now lives in the sacraments. As our patron saint, St. Leo the Great, so richly said when speaking about the Ascension, “*And so our Redeemer’s visible presence has passed into the sacraments.*” Christ has not abandoned us in the Ascension, but lives more fully in the sacraments of his Church. Let us joyfully seek the life of Christ in his seven sacraments.
- 5) Presently the exalted Christ intercedes for us. As Scripture says, “... (Christ) *exercises his priesthood for he ‘always lives to make intercession’ for ‘those who draw near to God through him’* [Heb. 7:25]. As ‘*high priest of the good things yet to come*’ he is the center and principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven” [Heb. 9:11]. As the Creed says, it is from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

Please, keep in your prayers —

- ~ the **one** to be ordained to the priesthood (**Deacon Timothy Kraemer**) on Saturday, June 7th
- ~ the **five** to be ordained deacons (**Garrett Aberle, Brendon Schneibel, Patrick Sorrells, Richard Stenger, Taylor Ternes**) on Friday evening, June 6th



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211 Langer Ave North
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Casselton ND
347-4609

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



The Ascension of the Lord
June 1, 2025

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 1:

- Mon – June 2 – 9:00 am – +**Diane Duff** by Theresa Dooley
- Tues – June 3 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**
NO Mass at St. Leo’s
- Wed – June 4 – 9:00 am – **Fr. Ermer**
- Thurs – June 5 – 9:00 am – +**Harriet Dimmer** by Carolyn Heimerick
- Fri – June 6 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**
- Saturday – June 7 – 5:00 pm – +**Russel Muscha** by **Richard Muscha**
- Sunday – June 8 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am – +**Marvin Ries** by **Minnie Ries**

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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 or by appointment.

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