

PASTOR’S NOTES

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – a reflection

Today’s solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ has a very deep history in the life of the Church.

Its present manifestation began with a vision to an Augustinian nun in 1209 in Liege, Belgium with the Lord desiring a feast celebrating the Eucharist within the Church’s annual cycle of feasts. The bishop of Liege introduced such a feast in 1246 and by 1264 it was extended to the whole Church. It was originally titled Festum Ss. Corporis Christi [*Feast of the Most Holy Body of Christ*] and eventually became titled Ss.mi Corporis et Sanguinis Christi Solemnitas [**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**].

But the Church’s deep reverence of the Eucharist certainly predates the 1200s. In today’s second reading St. Paul reiterates the very words Christ used at the Last Supper and the fact that we are to do this in remembrance of him (Christ). In doing so, we “*proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.*” Since Christ’s death is a saving death, the Eucharist is a mystery of the deepest measure knowing that salvation itself is tied to its proper celebration.

In the middle of the 300s St. Cyril becomes bishop of Jerusalem and in a series of catechetical lessons writes this about the Eucharist:

*“In approaching the (Eucharist) make thy left hand a throne for the right as for that which is to receive a King. And having hollowed thy palm receive the Body of Christ, saying over it, Amen ... Then after thou hast partaken of the Body of Christ draw near also to the Cup of His Blood ... and saying with an air of worship and reverence, Amen ...”*

St. Albert the Great [1206-1280], a German Dominican priest who taught St. Thomas Aquinas, once offered these words as he reflected on the Gospel of Luke’s Last Supper command of Jesus to ‘**do this in remembrance of me**’ after he had blessed the bread and wine and declared it to be body and blood [Lk. 22:19] ---

*“Certainly he would demand nothing more profitable, nothing more pleasant, nothing more beneficial, nothing more desirable, nothing more similar to eternal life ...*

*This sacrament is profitable because it grants remission of sins; it is most useful because it bestows the fullness of grace on us in this life...*

*Nor can we do anything more pleasant. For what is better than God manifesting his whole sweetness to us...*

*He could not have commanded anything more beneficial, for this sacrament is the fruit of the tree of life. Anyone who receives this sacrament with the devotion of sincere faith will never taste death...*

*Nor could he have commanded anything more loveable, for this sacrament produces love and union. It is characteristic of the greatest love to give itself as food... I have loved them and they have loved me so much that I desire to be within them, and they wish to receive me so they may become my members. There is no more intimate or more natural means for them to be united to me, and I to them.*

*Nor could he have commanded anything which is more like eternal life.”*

**Such is the glory and splendor of this day!**



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*The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*  
June 19, 2022

**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 19:**

Mon - June 20 – 9:00 am - +**Marie Hong Tran** by Lisa Tran  
Tues - June 21 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**  
*St. Leo’s — NO MASS*  
Wed – June 22 – 9:00 am - **Special intention**  
Thurs – June 23 – 9:00 am - +**Ann Marschke** by Bill & Mona Franck  
Fri – June 24 – 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**  
**Sat - June 25 - 5:00 pm - +AvaLee Kaufman by Ron & Thuy Kaufman**  
**Sun - June 26 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**  
**St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Jon Jones by Keith & Joni Biggers**

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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 19 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Tues., June 21 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory  
Sun., June 26 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Tues., June 28 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory  
*NO KC meeting in the month of June.*

**REMINDER - St. Leo’s/St. Thomas Weekly Bulletins** are on line! To view the weekly bulletin go to:

- [stleosnd.org](http://stleosnd.org)
- click on the **Weekly Bulletins** link
- click on bulletin you wish to view

*Don’t forget to also like us on Facebook at: [www.facebook/stLeoCatholic.Casselton/](http://www.facebook/stLeoCatholic.Casselton/)*

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**

*“They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.” ~ Luke 9:17*

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn’t seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.

*Upcoming Ministry Schedule*

|  | Saturday June 25<br>5:00 pm<br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | Sunday June 26<br>8:30 am<br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | Sunday June 26<br>10:30 am<br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
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| <i>Lector</i>                                                                      | Tony Roth                                       | Fred Eldridge                                 | Jackie Vavra                                    |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>                                                       | Paulette Schmitt                                | Terri Monilaws                                |                                                 |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>                                                               | Lily Roth<br>Olivea Roth<br>Evelyn Roth         | Sarah Monilaws<br>Glennon Family              | Hallie Besette<br>Claire Halland                |
| <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>                      | JoEllen Killoran<br>Betty Lou Stallman          |

NEWS AND NOTES

**Rural Cass County Emergency Mobile Food Pantry** will be take place on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at 602 1<sup>st</sup> St N, Casselton. All in need of food assistance are welcome to attend and receive food at no cost. No pre-registration or referrals are required. You will be asked to fill out a short intake form.

**2022 Summer Camps and Events:** There are a number of summer camps and events available for youths to participate in this summer. Please see the display in the entrance of the church for information and to pick up a brochure. Also watch our Facebook page for posts on more events for our youth in the coming months.

**Trinity Youth Camp:** for youth entering grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> fall of 2022. Summer camp dates are:  
June 22– 26 Red Willow, Binford, ND  
July 13– 17 Pelican Lake, Bottineau, ND  
July 20– 24 Camp of the Cross, Garrison, ND  
July 26– 31 Pelican Lake, Bottineau, ND

This year’s theme is ***Call on His Name***. Learn how to hear God’s voice through the sacraments. Together we’ll encounter God’s grace through his healing, sacrifice and calling. God is calling YOU to join us this summer and to live a life filled with the Spirit. For more information and to register go to: [trinityyouthcampnd.com](http://trinityyouthcampnd.com)  
Information is also available in the brochure in the entry of church.

**St. Francis de Sales Pilgrimage to Mexico:** Latino leaders from St. Francis de Sales Church, Moorhead are interested in taking people on a Pilgrimage to different places in Mexico, including our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica and the Sanctuary of Cristo Rey. The pilgrimage is planned for May 17 - May 24, 2023. If interested in being a part of this pilgrimage please see the poster on the bulletin board in the church entry. If you register to go on the pilgrimage before June 30 there is a \$200 discount for the trip.



***Into His Likeness– Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ Women’s Retreat:*** July 22<sup>nd</sup> — July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Maryvale in Valley City, ND. The retreat begins at 7:00 pm on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and concludes by 12:30 pm on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Suggested donation is \$95. If anyone is unable to make this donation, the Spiritual Life Center will accept any offering within their means. A simple private room with a single bed, bedding, pillow, chair, desk, bible and meals are provided. You may bring your own bible if you prefer. Other items to bring: leisurely clothing, face mask, and toiletry items. Please register by Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> by calling Amanda at Maryvale (701)845-2684 or by emailing; [maryvalesmp@gmail.com](mailto:maryvalesmp@gmail.com)

**Putt 4 a Purpose — Golf Event:** Bishop John Folda invites you to *Putt 4 a Purpose*, at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop’s Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 11:00 am for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring you Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4<sup>th</sup> player for free! Register online at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose)

If you are not a golfer, please consider sponsoring a priest or seminarian or a hole on the golf course. Your contribution will help support the event and defray costs. For further information, please contact Steve Schons in the Diocese Stewardship and Development Office at (701)356-7926 or email [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org)  
Brochures are available on the bulletin board in the church entry for more information on the event.