

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS


Sun., June 29 – 4:00 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration, Marion, ND  
**Sun., July 6 – NO Beverage and Bite after Mass**  
Mon., - Thurs., July 21-24 – 1:00 to 4:00 pm – St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Jane Christiansen and her family on the death of her aunt, Mary Mulfinger.  
*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*  
—Matthew 5:4

**St. Leo’s Cemetery Notice:** All artificial flowers and Memorial Day decorations are to be **removed from the cemetery by June 30.** During the summer the decorations are often damaged by the mower and may be covered by dead grass. Thank you.


Important Message

**Ministry Schedule for upcoming Holiday weekend– July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Holiday weekends often find people out of town and regularly scheduled liturgical ministers are looking for substitutes. If you will be around and can help–sign-up sheets are in the main church entry. If regularly scheduled ministers will be around, please sign your names on the sign-up sheets so as to avoid any confusion.


| Upcoming Ministry Schedule  |  |   |   |
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|  | <b>Saturday July 5</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i>   | <b>Sunday July 6</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | <b>Sunday July 6</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
| <i>Lector</i>   | <div>Please see sign-up sheets in the church entry.<br/><br/>If this is your normally scheduled weekend and you will be here, we ask that you please sign up. Thank you.</div> |   | Alecia Killoran   |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>  |  |   | Joe Killoran<br>Linda Milbrandt                             |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>  |  |   | Gavin Besette<br>Hannah Besette                             |
| <i>Offertory Collectors</i>   | Volunteer needed   | Volunteer needed  | Jurgen & Barb Suhr  |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>   | Volunteer needed   | Volunteer needed  | Mike & Lisa Zahnnow   |
| <i>Lead Rosary</i>  |  |   |   |

NEWS AND NOTES

**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-5<sup>th</sup>. More information and registration forms are located on the display in the church entry. Registration deadline is Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are also needed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up and adults.




**Made for Greatness Men’s Retreat — Personal Prayer: The Way of Receiving the Father’s Love:** July 18-20, 2025 at the Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. Led by Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB. More details are available at [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat) or see the flyer on the bulletin board.



**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop’s Charity Golf Classic Putt 4 a Purpose:** Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo, ND beginning at 10 am. Join the fun and fellowship for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4<sup>th</sup> player for free. Register on line at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose) For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Steve Schons at the Diocese at (701)356-7926 or email [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org)

**Upcoming Diocesan Retreats:** There are many retreats available in the coming months for anyone to attend. Please see the bulletin board in the church entry for information or visit the Fargo of Diocese website for more information at: [www.fargodiocese.org](http://www.fargodiocese.org)



There will be **NO** Beverage and Bite on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> after Mass.

**Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages – Sept. 26 – 28, 2025** Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and reclaim the love that initially brought them together. The Red River Retrouvaille program will be held locally on Sept. 26 – 28, 2025 in Fargo. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at [rrretrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:rrretrouvaille@gmail.com).

**FT Accounting Position** – Diocese of Fargo has an immediate opening and is accepting applications for an accounting clerk in the Parish Service Department and Finance Office. This position provides bookkeeping and payroll services to parishes within our diocese. Duties will include accounts payable, bank deposits, payroll, records management and other financial needs and priorities that the parishes may have. Position will also train and cover military training leave for staff member in the Finance Office, moving between departments and software. Looking for someone to start ASAP to allow for training and experience before military leave starts. The successful candidate will have an accounting degree and two plus years of experience. Email cover letter, resume and three references to: [barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org](mailto:barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org).

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**  
*“I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.” ~ 2 Timothy 4:7*  
How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God doesn’t call us to be successful, he call us to be faithful.” How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, “Take one minute each day to remind yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose.”

PASTOR’S NOTES

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

This coming Sunday (June 29<sup>th</sup>) the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration will be hosted on the --  
**Calvin and Linda Leyendecker farm south of Jamestown**  
**[4585 97<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Marion, ND 58466].**

Festivities will be as follows:

- 4:00 p.m. Welcome
- 4:30 p.m. Mass (will be indoors)
- 5:30 p.m. blessing of land, machinery, animals
- 6:00 p.m. meal

This event is free and open to all. Visitors are invited to bring a bag of soil or seed from their farms to be blessed.

As a rural diocese we know the absolute value of farming and the gift of the land. All economists tell us that farming is the absolute building block of all economic systems. The right to life begins by having food to eat. In the most primitive of societies we were all either hunters or gatherers because we needed food to live and food was acquired by either hunting for food or gathering fruit from the land to eat.

As societies became more sophisticated, people became more able to produce more than they needed for themselves. Being able to raise such a surplus of food allows others to engage in many other enterprises of economic life and not spend our lives raising food to feed themselves. **Agriculture and the production of food is the foundation of all economic life.** Only when each person can produce more than they need to survive, only then can others be freed up to engage in other enterprises and businesses that create the market places in which we all live. It is this reality that the Diocese rightly celebrates and acknowledges in annually having a rural life celebration. We are all connected to rural life and owe much to those ‘who farm for us’ and allow us to live the lives we live. **Long live our farmers!**

As the recent storms have demonstrated rural life and agriculture (*and by extension – all of us*) are completely dependent on these forces of nature.

Therefore, it is good for us to pray for good weather and protection from ferocious winds, damaging hail, debilitating droughts, pestilences, etc. On the other hand it is good for us to thank God for his providential gifting us with rich soil, the treasure of sunshine, the timeliness of rain and moisture, etc. For our part we must pray that farmers, farm laborers and ag businesses be blessed with the spirit of good stewardship and care/reverence for all that God has ‘loaned’ them by which to serve the common good.

If possible I invite all parishioners to this year’s Rural Life Celebration at the Calvin and Linda Leyendecker farm near Marion, ND this Sunday.

A belated thank you to our KCs

Once again our Knights of Columbus sponsored our Mass servers to a night out at a Fargo-Moorhead Red Hawks baseball game on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a cool night, but everyone enjoyed their time even though the Red Hawks lost 2-1.

**We truly appreciate the many charitable works that are done by our Knights.** This baseball game is just one of many service projects they do for our church and the larger Casselton region. The KCs is a great organization of Catholic men committed to the work of the Church, passing on the Catholic faith and supporting works of charity and justice.

**I certainly encourage all Catholic men of our parishes to consider becoming a Knight.**



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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



*Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles*  
**June 29, 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 29:

- Mon – June 30 – 9:00 am – **+Karol Utt** by Mike Utt
- Tues – July 1 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **+Souls in purgatory**  
*NO Mass at St. Leo’s*
- Wed – July 2 – 9:00 am – **+Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale
- Thurs – July 3 – 9:00 am – **+Mary Ann Waxler** by Her family
- Fri – July 4 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**
- Saturday – July 5 – 5:00 pm – +Lorraine Kensok by Stan & Angeline Mathias**
- Sunday – July 6 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Hank Middlestead by Keith & Joni Biggers**  
**St. Leo’s - 10:30 am – For the people of our parishes**

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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**  
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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 or by appointment.

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