

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Mar 1 – 9:00 am – KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center
 Sun., Mar 1 – 6:30 pm– Ecumenical Prayer Service at Martins Lutheran church; Soup & Sandwich at 6 pm
Mon., Mar 2 – 6:30 pm – Eucharist Parent Meeting #2 in the Spirit of Life Center
 Tues., Mar 3 – 7:00 pm– Education committee meeting at the rectory
 Wed., Mar 4 – 6:00 pm– St. Thomas – Stations of the Cross
 Wed., Mar 4 – RE Classes – see below
 Fri., Mar 6 – 5:30–7:00 pm – KC Fish Fry in the Spirit of Life Center
 Fri., Mar 6 – 7:00 pm – Living Stations of the Cross in the Church

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., March 4th

St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo's RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
 Grades K– 5, 7, 8, 10 — 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
 Grades 6 & 9 – Class A — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
 11th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm



Reminder: Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 am on Sunday, March 8th. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour next week-end.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Mar 7 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i> 1 st Sat of March	Sunday Mar 8 8:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i> 2 nd Sun of March	Sunday Sun Mar 8 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
Lector	Megan Bolda Lois Titus	Shari Kensok	Keith Biggers
Eucharistic Ministers	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faught Susan Kempel Paul Olsen Deb Werner	Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun
Altar Servers	Richard Family Lako Family Bolda Family	Melody Kempel Quinn/Riley Gunkel Emma Rupp	Damien Norrie Cole Hovelson
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Keith & Joni Biggers
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Gary & Linda Milbrandt
Lead Rosary	Lucy Wagner	Deb Werner	

NEWS AND NOTES

Celebrate Baptism - We give thanks to God for the Baptism of Lennon Jean Bierscheid, daughter of Cooper & Sheyenne.

We pray that the Spirit of Christ may guide him to live as a child of God.

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Arnold Buhr and his family on the death of his wife, Barbara.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4

Join us to sing from the choir loft! "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, March 15th** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is to sing. **Gentlemen, we need you too!** We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30 -10 am that day to run through these songs: #519, #520, #427, #463, #426, #486. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Contact Wanda Mangin with any questions at wanda.mangin@yahoo.com

EASTER CANTATA 'How Great Thou Art' Sunday, March 29, 2026 4:00 pm

St. Leo's Catholic Church
 All are Welcome – Free will donation admission.

Lenten Canisters – one recipient of our Lenten canisters is **GiGi's Playhouse**. GiGi's Playhouse is North Dakota's first and only Down Syndrome Achievement Center. This local organization supports local and surrounding area families by offering free educational and therapeutic programs to individuals with Down syndrome from birth to adulthood. Their vision is to see a world where individuals with Down syndrome will be accepted and embraced in their schools and communities. **Please be generous in supporting our Lenten charities. We will collect these canister during Holy Week.**

This week's Stewardship moment:

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that will show you."
 ~ Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."



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Knights of Columbus Breakfast:
 Serving French toast and
 Langdon sausage **Sun., Mar. 1st**
from 9:00 am to 12:00
pm in the Spirit of Life
 Center. Free will offering.



St. Leo's Knights of Columbus
FISH FRY
 Friday, March 6th,
 5:30 to 7:00 pm
 Everyone welcome.

St. Leo's Lenten Challenge: Religious Education classes along with St. Leo's parishioners will be partaking in a Lenten challenge to help fill the shelves of the *Rural Cass County Food Pantry* with much needed **personal care** items– soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. Each student of every class has been asked to bring donations. The winning class will be rewarded accordingly. Parishioners can bring donations to the Spirit of Life Center throughout the Lenten season. Let's come together and overflow the pantry shelves in the true spirit of Lent.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Transfiguration — *what is that??*

Every year on the second Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain and Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling white, a bright cloud overshadows them, Jesus converses with Moses and Elijah and a voice speaks from the cloud.

This second Sunday of Lent and Christ's Transfiguration stands in great contrast to the first Sunday of Lent when Christ is tempted by the devil after having spent 40 days in the desert. **Why such a juxtaposition of images?** It seems odd to have such a glorious happening in the midst of a penitential season. This story is meant to bolster our faith in what is yet to come in this unfolding story of Christ's earthly life --- *an agonizing death will turn into a resurrection, a resurrection will turn into an Ascension, an Ascension will open the gates of heaven.* Life as we know it is transfigured.

Three times during Christ's public ministry in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke Christ announces his upcoming passion, i.e, he must go to Jerusalem where he will suffer, die and be raised up. Peter objects to the suffering dimension of this narrative. Jesus senses his disciples will become distraught when they see Christ's passion unfold. So he takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain and is transfigured.

Christ's transfiguration gives the disciples (*and us*) an opportunity to pause and take in all that Christ is about. He is not just some great story teller and someone with the gift of healing. He is God's anointed One, who encapsulates the Law and the Prophets, who embodies God's full and total care of the human race. God's glory (*the brilliance of light in the story*) is meant to illumine the world. **On our part we must "listen to him"**.

The hope and assurance of the transfiguration story is meant to bolster our faith during the darkest of times, when things turn deadly and there seems to be 'no light at the end of the tunnel'. This foreshadowing of Christ's resurrected life enables us endure the 'scandal of the cross' and the 'dark night of the soul'. **Such is the glory of the Transfiguration!!**

A new pictorial directory??

The Casselton Area Ministerial Association (CAMA) has been approached to see if there is any interest in doing a new pictorial directory for our area parishes/congregations. The last directory was done in 2018. People seem to enjoy using a directory in getting to know other people in the Casselton area. Doing a directory requires the volunteer help of 2 or 3 people from each parish to coordinate the setting up of times for photo sessions, checking off people and getting pertinent information when people come for their photo appointment and reminding people by either phone or email of their scheduled photo session.

What is your interest level? Please call the office or talk to Fr. Ermer. If there is sufficient interest we will *'get the ball rolling'*.

Keep in mind —

> Ecumenical Lenten Services on Sunday evenings *{see Lenten calendar for time & location}*

> Friday, March 6th

KC fish fry — beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Living Stations of the Cross — beginning at 7 p.m.

> Friday, March 20th

Lenten Holy Hour — beginning at 5 p.m. followed by Lenten soup & sandwich at 6 p.m. and concluding with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

> Friday, March 27th

St. Leo's Lenten Reconciliation Service — beginning at 7 p.m.



St. Leo's Catholic Church
211 Langer Ave North
PO Box 340
Casselton ND
347-4609

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2026

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 Mar 1:

Mon – Mar 2 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Tues – Mar 3 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Ray Killoran** by Joe & Lora Killoran

NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo's

Wed – Mar 4 – 9:00 am – +**Bob Lefor**

Thurs – Mar 5 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Mar 6 – 9:00 am – +**Mary Ann Waxler** by her family

Saturday – Mar 7 – 5:00 pm – +Leonard Brandenburg by Paulette Schmitt

Sunday – Mar 8 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am – For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am – +Irene Pollock by Penny Zaun

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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.