

PASTOR’S NOTES

Save the date(s) -

On **Saturday, June 3rd at 10 a.m.** Deacon Matt Kensok is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Fargo at St. Mary’s Cathedral Parish in Fargo. He will be the only priest ordained this year for the Diocese of Fargo. Since he is a native son of St. Leo’s parish in Casselton we are hoping St. Leo’s and St. Thomas parishioners will fill the Cathedral for that celebration. Many people have never attended an ordination liturgy. This would be a great opportunity for both young and old to be part of that special event.

On **Sunday, June 4th at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass**, Father Matt Kensok will celebrate his first Mass as a priest here at St. Leo’s parish. His first Mass will be followed by a nice meal in St. Leo’s Spirit of Life Center served by St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus Council. We are hoping you can join us for both Fr. Kensok’s First Mass and the celebration that follows.

Further details will be forthcoming, but we wanted to make sure that you got these two events on your calendar. **Having a priest ordained from one’s parish is a very big deal!** It should bring a lot of pride for us to have one of our own ordained to serve the many people of eastern North Dakota for (*hopefully*) many years to come. His priesthood will be a great blessing to the many who will be richly served by Fr. Matt’s celebrations of baptismal life, of daily gifting people with the Lord’s Body and Blood, of bestowing God’s merciful love in the sacrament of Reconciliation, of preparing and witnessing the pledge of married love, of anointing and being present to those touched by disease, illness, or impending death. Beyond that, there will be the many teaching occasions about moral and spiritual matters, daily prayer for oneself and the people he serves, counseling and spiritual advising our call to holiness, etc. Such is the threshold that Deacon Matt will cross on June 3rd of this year.

Please plan on joining us in celebrating this important event!

Two events on the same day —

This coming Friday (**March 24th**) there will be both an eating event and a prayer activity!!!

> **Friday, March 24th — Fish Fry begins at 5:30 p.m. and goes until 7 p.m.**

St. Leo’s KCs will be serving beer-battered cod (**both baked and fried**), baked potato, along with cole slaw, garlic toast, ice cream dessert. It will be a free-will offering but they are hoping to get \$15 per adult; \$8 for children 4-12 years old; and a free will offering for children 3 and under.

> **Friday, March 24th — Living Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.**

Once you have eaten at the Fish Fry, you are invited to attend the *Living Stations of the Cross* in St. Leo’s church presented by our 9th grade Religious Education (RE) students. *Living Stations* is a mime dramatization of Christ’s walk to Calvary accompanied by commentary. Our students have always done a great job with this prayer activity. All parishioners are invited to this prayer time. I believe our younger parishioners would really enjoy this prayer time.

A Lenten thought —

“The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins... Initially men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there is still required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life.” St. Leo the Great {a strong Pope from 440-461 who has given us our teaching that Christ is a divine person having both a human and a divine nature}.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 19, 2023

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 19:

Mon - Mar 20 – 9:00 am – **+Deceased Schall Family members** by Bill & Mona Franck
Tues - Mar 21 - 9:00 am - **+Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo’s — NO 9 am Daily Mass
Wed – Mar 22 – 9:00 am - **+Beth Radermacher** by Bill Radermacher
Thurs – Mar 23 – 9:00 am - **+Larry Spiekermeier** by Keith & Barb Marschke
Fri – Mar 24 – 9:00 am - **+Souls in purgatory**
Sat - Mar 25 - 5:00 pm - **+Hank Weber** by Sue Knoll
Sun - Mar 26 – **St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - +Craig Hocking** by Kathryn McGuire
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes

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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.

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

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Mar 19- 6:30 pm– Ecumenical Prayer Service– Westminister Presbyterian; 6 pm– Soup/Sandwich
Wed., Mar 22 - 6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas in Buffalo
Wed., Mar 22 - RE Classes — see below
Wed., Mar 22 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
Thurs., Mar 23 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
Fri., Mar 24 - 5:30 pm– 7:00 pm - KC Fish Fry in the Spirit of Life Center
Fri., Mar 24 - 7:00 pm - Living Stations of the Cross at St. Leo’s
Sun., Mar 26- 6:30 pm– Ecumenical Prayer Service– Martins Lutheran Church; 6 pm– Soup/Sandwich
Fri., Mar 31 - 7:00 pm - Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Leo’s

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., March 22nd
St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm
St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
Grades K, 1, 2, 3 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)
Grades 4-8 & 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Grade 9 - Both Class A & B will meet at 6:15 pm
12th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm



Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission: Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. There is a wonderful selection for all occasions available for purchase. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Mar 25 5:00 pm St. Leo’s	Sunday Mar 26 8:30 am St. Leo’s	Sunday Mar 26 10:30 am St. Thomas
Lector	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Judy Von Bank
Eucharistic Ministers	Mona Franck Paulette Schmitt	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Keith Biggers Joe Killoran
Altar Servers	Olivea/Evelyn Roth Beau Parisien Joe Kappes	Lauren Glennon Claire Glennon Jack Glennon	Carly Hovelson Layla Norrie
Offertory Collectors	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Keith & Joni Biggers
Gift Bearers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Darren Halland Family
Lead Rosary	Lucy Wagner	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

EASTER CANTATA
Sunday, April 2nd
3:00 pm
St. Leo’s Catholic Church
All are Welcome
Refreshments to follow.



Council 9477

St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus
FISH FRY
Friday, March 24th,
5:30 to 7:00 pm
Everyone welcome.



Catholic Man Night: Tuesday, March 21st at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (1420 7th St N, Fargo). 6:00 pm—7:00 pm Adoration & Confession. 7:00 pm—8:00 pm Meal with talk and short discussion with Mark Hollcraft, Executive Director of Real Presence Radio. Free will offering. All men are invited, bring a friend!

Called & Gifted Workshop: Did you know Christ call you to stand in his place with your families, children, friends, and co-workers? Come and begin to discover how Christ calls and equips you for a unique work of love only you can do. A teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute of Colorado Springs will offer the *Called & Gifted* workshop on Saturday, April 22nd from 9 am to 3:30 pm at St. James Basilica in Jamestown. Everyone is invited to participate. The cost of the workshop is \$35 per person. A small breakfast & lunch is included. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church entry. To register or find out more, contact Katie at the Basilica office at 252-0119.

Attention Deer Hunters! We are looking for deer/homemade sausage donations for the Saturday, April 8th Easter Vigil reception. If you have any you would be able to share, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office at 347-4609 if you can help. Thank you.

Will and Estate Planning: Steve Schons, Director of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Fargo will hold a seminar on Will and Estate Planning on Tuesday, March 28th at 6:00 pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral of Fargo (604 N Broadway) in the social hall. Whether you are planning to create a will or simply updating the one you already have, the seminar will cover the key elements of a will, explanation of terminology, and a booklet to get you started with organizing your information. All are welcome to attend.

Lenten Canisters – One recipient of our Lenten canisters is **Covenant House**. Covenant House is a national organization and one of the largest privately funded agencies in the America’s providing food, shelter, immediate crisis care and essential services to homeless kids. Covenant House fosters confidence, encouraging young people to believe in themselves and make smart life choices.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” ~ 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. However, none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.