

PASTOR’S NOTES

The Spirit of Lent
– some saintly thoughts –

“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]*

“In the beginning God created Adam, not because he needed man, but because he wanted to have someone on whom to bestow his blessings ... nor did the Lord need our service ... it adds nothing to God ... In proportion to God’s need of nothing is man’s need for communion with God.” *St. Irenaeus [130-200 – bishop of Lyons, France, who was a strong defender of Christianity in the Roman Empire]*

“Recognize to whom you owe the fact that you exist, that you breathe, that you understand, that you are wise ... What benefactor has enabled you to look upon the beauty of the sky, the sun in its course, the circle of the moon ... Who has blessed you with rain, with different kinds of food, with the arts ... Who has given you dominion over animals ... Who has made you lord and master of everything on earth? ... Is it not God who asks you now in turn to show yourself generous ... Because we have received from him so many wonderful gifts, will we not be ashamed to refuse him this one thing only, our generosity?” *St. Gregory Nazianzen [330-389 – bishop of Constantinople who wrote significantly about the role of the Holy Spirit in history]*

“If someone wishes to love himself he must not allow himself to be corrupted by indulging his sinful nature. If he wishes to resist the promptings of his sinful nature he must enlarge the whole horizon of his love to contemplate the loving gentleness of the humanity of the Lord. Further, if he wishes to savor the joy of brotherly love with greater perfection and delight, he must extend even to his enemies the embrace of true love.” *St. Aelred [1110-1167 – An English monk and abbot who wrote extensively on the suffering humanity of Christ]*

Catholic Man Night

On this coming Thursday, March 24th St. Leo’s will be hosting *Catholic Man Night*. This evening is simply a causal evening of faith, food, and fellowship. It hopes to bring Catholic men closer to Christ by enriching their faith lives and thereby helping them become role models in their families and faith communities.

Catholic Man Night has been successfully rotating among the parishes in Fargo and West Fargo for the past few years. They have asked St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus Council to host one at St. Leo’s with Bishop John Folda being the guest speaker.

The night will begin with some quiet prayer time in St. Leo’s church from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. along with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). At 7 p.m. St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus will host a nice meal in the Spirit of Life Center for all who attend. The meal will be followed by a short talk by Bishop Folda with some follow-up discussion time. Hopefully things will wrap up around 8:15 - 8:30 p.m.

All men are welcome. Bring a friend as well. Hope to see you there!



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 20, 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 Mar 20:

Mon - Mar 21 – 9:00 am - +**Alice Wiest** by Keith & Barb Marschke
Tues - Mar 22 – 9:00 am St. Thomas - +**Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo’s — NO MASS
Wed- Mar 23 – 9:00 am - +**Beth Radermacher** by Bill Radermacher
Thurs - Mar 24 – 9:00 am - +**Marie Hong Tran** by Lisa Tran
Fri., Mar 25 – 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**
Sat - Mar 26 - 5:00 pm - Special Intention by Kathy Quinn
Sun - Mar 27 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - +Donald Sando by Tom & Myra Nowak
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes

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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 20 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Sun., Mar 20 - 6:30 pm - Ecumenical Prayer Service– Westminister Presbyterian Church; 6 pm– Supper
Wed., Mar 23 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas
6:30 pm - St. Leo’s RE classes; Simple Supper at 6 pm
K/1st grade - Group B meets
6:15 pm - Junior class meets
Wed., Mar 23 - 6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas in Buffalo
Wed., Mar 23 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
Thurs., Mar 24 - 6:00 pm - Catholic Man Night at St. Leo’s, all men are invited
Fri., Mar 25 - 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Leo’s; 6 pm– Soup & Sandwich Supper
Sun., Mar 27 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Sun., Mar 27 - 6:30 pm– Ecumenical Prayer Service– Crossroads Evangelical Church; 6 pm– Supper
(602 2nd St N, Casselton– formally Martins Lutheran Church)
Wed., Mar 30 - 6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas in Buffalo
Fri., Apr 1 - 5:00 pm– Holy Hour at St. Leo’s
Fri., Apr 1 - 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Leo’s; 6 pm– Soup & Sandwich Supper
Sun., Apr 3 - 6:30 pm– Ecumenical Prayer Service– Goshen Moravian Church, 6 pm– Supper
Wed., Apr 6 - 6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas in Buffalo

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Mar 26 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Mar 27 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Mar 27 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Keith Biggers
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Paulette Schmitt	Terri Monilaws	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Lilly Roth Olivea Roth Evelyn Roth	Sarah Monilaws Glennon Family	Clay Hovelson Emercyn Killoran
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Keith & Joni Biggers
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Kris Poulson Family	Corey Rood Family	Arnie & Barb Buhr

NEWS AND NOTES

Calling all Musicians: We are hoping that you would consider joining us to lead the music for the Holy Triduum– Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday– April 14-17, 2022. Here is a schedule of our practice times. **Practices will be Sundays in the choir loft. See the scheduled listed below for dates and times.**

Practice schedule:
Sun., Mar 27– 9:30– 10:30 am
Sun., Apr 3– 9:00– 10:00 am
Sun., Apr 10– 9:30-10:30 am

A music binder will be ready for you when you get to rehearsal. We would love to have you join us for all (or some) of these great liturgies! Call if you have any questions! Sue Knoll (701)262-2047

Attention Deer Hunters! We are looking for deer/ homemade sausage donations for the Saturday, April 16th 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.

Community of Care is looking for volunteers to help the elderly in our communities with rides to medical appointments, minor home repairs and light yard work. If interested please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information or contact Tammy Schempp at Community of Care, 347-0032.

Catholic Man Night: Thursday, March 24th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at St. Leo’s Church. 6:00 pm - Adoration and Confessions. 7:00 pm - Meal with a talk presented by Bishop John Folda. The event is hosted by the St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus and all men are invited to attend. See the poster board in the church entry for more information.

Parish Mission: St. Anthony’s Church, 710 10th St S, Fargo, will be holding a Parish Mission **Sunday, March 20th and Monday, March 21st.** Sunday, March 20th will begin at 12:00 pm with a Youth Gathering followed by a parish talk at 4 pm and on Monday, March 21st there will be a parish talk at 7 pm. The theme is *‘Made for More’* with guest speaker Fr. Josh Waltz, Pastor of St. Joseph’s Church in Mandan. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information and how to register.

Lenten Canisters - One recipient of our Lenten canisters is **Camp ReCreation**. Camp ReCreation is a national charity and is a Christian summer camp for people with developmental disabilities. Camp ReCreation aims to pair young adult counselors with camper s who have special needs on a one-to-one basis. As they participate in each day’s activities, this paring builds bridges of understanding and friendship and promotes respect, community involvement and volunteerism. Please be generous in supporting our Lenten charities. We will collect these canister during Holy Week.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“...He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” ~ Luke 13:7
We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do your generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.