

PASTOR’S NOTES

While our elevator is ‘down and out’ . . .

On April 10th our elevator maintenance man informed us that St. Leo’s church elevator was no longer operational and would need to be modernized and updated. The elevator’s operational board ‘was shot’ and this elevator type (Ascension) was no longer being made. Therefore, there are no available parts to fix it.

With that being the case, we solicited two bids for modernizing and updating our elevator. Our Pastoral Council and Finance Committee reviewed the bids and selected the one from Otis Elevator Company. As we sign this contract and move forward **it will take at least ten (10) weeks before we will have an operational elevator.**

In the meantime we do have a handicap ramp in the alley between the church and the rectory. The ramp connects to the walkway between the rectory and church. Once in that walkway one can get to the church and through the church to the parish offices but there is no access to the church’s lower level.

Until we have an operational elevator the door to the walkway from the handicap ramp will be open before and during daily and weekend Mass times. If you should find that door locked or know that you will need that door unlocked at some other time, please call the parish office (347-4609) and one of us will make sure that door is open for your use. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding regarding this matter. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me.

Some Psalm prayers for these days —

The Old Testament book of Psalms are prayers of the Jewish people who both sometimes basked in the glory of triumph as well as lamented in times of trial and defeat. It seems these prayers still speak today:

In the frustration and disappointment of these pandemic days Psalm 137 says,

*By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion. ...
If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!
May my tongue cleave to my palate
if I remember you not,
If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.*

As we see some ‘opening up’ and anticipate better days ahead, Psalm 122 says,

*I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the Lord.”
or as Psalm 126 says,
When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with rejoicing.
Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.*



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 10, 2020

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 May 10:

Mon - May 11 - 9:00 am - +**Deceased Bosch Family members** by Helen Franck
Tues - May 12 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Ray Killoran**
St. Leo’s - NO MASS
Wed - May 13 - 9:00 am - +**Audrey Sando** by Tom & Myra Nowak
Thurs - May 14 - 9:00 am - +**Leona Janitell** by Ron & Lorraine Kensok
Fri - May 15 - 9:00 am - +**Vivian Wrest** by Stan & Angeline Mathias
Sat - May 16 - 5:00 pm - +**Henry Sherman** by Lucy Sherman
Sun - May 17 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - +**Kelly Breidenbach** by Don & Mary Ellen Nilles

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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

Tues., May 12 - 7:00 pm - Education Committee meeting with physical distancing.
There will be **NO** Beverage and Bite for the month of May.

When we return to regular events you will be notified by email.

After Sunday, May 3rd for those who cannot attend, Sunday and Daily Masses can be viewed on the Fargo Diocese website.
Go to: www.fargodiocese.net
on the home page you can either click right on the video
or
Scroll down under the heading **‘Watch the Daily Mass from St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo’**
click on the blue highlighted words **Diocese of Fargo YouTube** page and you
can watch the Sunday Mass or the Daily Mass (all videos are dated).

Votive Candles: Due to the painting of the church the votive candles have been moved to the south side sacristy (room located to the south of the sanctuary (altar). You are most welcome to come and light a candle and say a prayer.

	Saturday May 16 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday May 17 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday May 17 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Renee Anderson	Larry Zaun	Steve Carvell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Due to concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) St. Leo’s and St. Thomas will temporarily suspend the distribution of the Precious Blood. At this time only Father Ermer will be distributing the Body of Christ.</i>		
<i>Altar Servers</i>	TBD	Gavin Besette	TBD
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	JoEllen Killoran	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Procession of gifts is omitted until further notice.		

NEWS AND NOTES

St. Leo’s Prayer Chain: Did you know that St. Leo’s has a prayer chain? In September of 2015 a number of parishioners re-started a prayer chain for all people requesting prayer support. Bea Bachmeier was appointed head of the St. Leo’s Prayer Chain with Kelsey Lako serving as secondary head.

All prayer requests are to be directed to Bea, who will gather pertinent and necessary information and forward each prayer request to all members of the Prayer Chain. If Bea is unable to be contacted people are asked to direct their request to Kelsey. Telephone numbers for **Bea** {701-347-5555} and **Kesley** {701-793-7088} can be found on the front page of the church bulletin in the box listing staff persons.

If anyone has any questions about how the ‘ins and outs’ of how the Prayer Chain works or would like to become a member of the Prayer Chain please feel free to contact Bea or Delores at the parish office, 347-5609.

Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program helping married couples with a hurting marriage find new hope and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. For more information visit HelpOurMarriage.com or call (701)356-7962, or via email at: RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org.

Beginning Experience: June 26 - 28, 2020 at the Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. Beginning Experience is a program that helps people going through the difficult time of loss of a spouse whether widowed, separated or divorced. For more information please contact Frank (218-790-4202), Marlene (218-998-4300) or Jason (701-840-8951). You can also check the website: beginningexperience-easternnd.org

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” - 1 Peter 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fr. Ermer will continue hear confessions on Saturday’s from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. For physical distancing he will hear confessions in the side sacristy (where the Mass servers get ready for Mass). It is located in the Northeast corner of the sanctuary. Use the door by the entry to the Spirit of Life Center. He will light a candle by the doorway when he is there. The room is large enough to have the option to go face-to-face or behind the screen. You can still call Fr. Ermer to schedule a time for the sacrament of Reconciliation as well. 347-4609.



Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission:
Father’s Day cards are available. Cards are located in the in the magazine rack in church entry. Cost of cards is .50 cents, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.