


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., June 4 – Fr. Ermer’s 47th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Fri., June 6 – 7:00 pm – Diaconate Ordination at Holy Cross Church, West Fargo
Sat., June 7 – 10:00 am – Priesthood Ordination at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo
Tues., June 10 – 7:00 pm – Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory

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

PLEASE NOTE: This month is one of those times where our Saturday (May 31) Mass is the 5th Saturday of the month and Sunday (June 1) Mass is the 1st Sunday of the month. Please be attentive to the schedule for that weekend and the following weekends. Thank you.

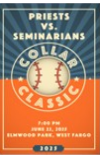
Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday May 31 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i> 5th Sat of May	Sunday June 1 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday June 1 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i> 1st Sun of June
<i>Lector</i>	Megan Bolda	Alecia Killoran	Karren Bartholomay
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mona Franck Delores Grommesh	Kristi Hovelson Cynthia Comprendio	Kristi Dutchuk Jared Nelson Nicole Scherweit Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers Needed	Damien Norrie Gavin Besette	James Diemert Garman Family
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Frank & Laura Biggers	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Gary & Linda Milbrandt	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed

NEWS AND NOTES

Teams of Our Lady for Your Marriage: Are you interested in enriching your couple/marriage spirituality on a journey with other Catholic like-minded couples? Join us to learning more at our June session, Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 pm at Holy Cross Church, West Fargo.
All couples (BOTH husband and wife) wishing to join TEAMS are *required to attend the session*. For more information, e-mail fargosectorinformation@gmail.com More information can also be found on the TEAMS website at www.teamsofourlady.org

Bone Builders Class coming to Tower City: Starting Tuesday, June 10th at the Tower City Community Center. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 to 10:00 am. Trained volunteers will lead the classes. There is no fee to attend, you will need to have your physician complete paperwork once you start the class. Bone Builders is presented by Community of Care. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information about Bone Builders.

Beginning Experience for divorced, separated, and widowed people will be held June 20-22 in Hankinson, ND. Please see the brochures on the bulletin board for more information and to register or call (701)277-8784. If interested to learn more visit: www.beginningexperience-easternnorthdakota.org



Annual Collar Classic Softball Game: Priests vs. Seminarians will be held Sunday, June 22nd at Elmwood Park, West Fargo. 5:30 pm picnic, 7:00 pm softball game. Bring a lawn chair. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board.



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St. Leo’s Knight of the Month:
The Knight of the month is **Collin Miller**. Thank you Collin for all you do for the KC’s. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

There will be NO KC meeting in the month of June. Next meeting will be July 28th at 6:30 pm.

St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Dazey, ND invites you to their 120th Eucharistic Procession for the feast of Corpus Christi on Saturday, June 21st. Bishop John Folda will celebrate Mass at 10:00 am followed by a Eucharistic Procession. There will be a free will offering meal, fellowship and outdoor kid’s games. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Blessed Sacrament Jubilee Pilgrimage:
All are invited to join Blessed Sacrament Church, West Fargo, on a pilgrimage to four of the six designated Jubilee sites in the Fargo Diocese. Friday, July 11th from 9 am to 6:45 pm. Cost is \$35 (does not include lunch). Sites that will be visited:
St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo
Our Lade of Guadalupe Adoration Chapel, Fargo
St. James Basilica, Jamestown
Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City

For a full itinerary please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church entry. To reserve your seat on the bus contact Blessed Sacrament Church at (701)282-3321 or email MaryBeth@bscwf.org

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” ~ John 14:27

“Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or feat creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

PASTOR’S NOTES

A Graduation message

On the cusp of graduation ceremonies we extend our sincere congratulations to those who will be graduating from Maple Valley and Central Cass high schools. Graduation is a time filled with a number of emotions —

Thankfulness for all who have fed into this milestone in one’s life – **parents, family, friends, teachers, church, etc.** Graduation is a time to give thanks for those who have fed our spirits with virtuous and faithful living, for those who have challenged our minds to seek the truth wherever it may be found, for those who have shaped our hearts and minds to live for God.

Hope – to do great things, to be faithful to all that is true and to leave the world a better place by enriching the lives of others. Perhaps graduation is that time when the best thing a person can do is to renew one’s covenant (relationship) with God. In the Old Testament, Joshua graduated into leadership after the death of Moses, and after having lived a long life he speaks that life is a great choice between serving the one God or parading after the many allusions claiming to be god. Joshua says, *“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”* [Joshua 24:15] I pray graduation will be the same for our graduates – a life serving the Lord will ‘all their hearts, with all their minds, with all their strength’.

A deep remembrance that in the greatness of graduation day — let us not forget from whence we came and to where we go — **God!** As St. Paul so aptly said to the people of Athens as he spoke of our origins in God – *“In him we live and move and have our being”* [AA 17:28]. *Therefore, in the pursuit of the sheepskin* {aka the graduation diploma} **do not forget the Shepherd!!**

May your graduation be a commencement in more deeply forming your conscience in the fear of the Lord by embracing the humility to love God above all things, glorying in nothing but friendship with God, and reverencing without equal the gift of salvation. **Happy Graduation!!!**

Memorial Day

Since 1971 the last Monday in May is celebrated and known as **Memorial Day** — a day to remember and honor those people who have died serving in the United States Armed Forces. Before 1971 Memorial Day had been celebrated on May 30th , but in 1968 Congress passed legislation moving 4 holidays from their traditional dates to a Monday so as to create a convenient 3-day holiday.

There is dispute as to the place of origin for this holiday, but it began in earnest after the Civil War in the 1860s with numerous celebrations honoring the 600,000+ soldiers who died serving both the Union and Confederate causes. In those earlier days **Memorial Day was known as Decoration Day** because of the placement of small flags and/or flowers on the graves of those who have fallen in battle in service of their country.

Memorial Day remembers the sacrifice of men and women for the causes of freedom, justice and peace. As some have said - the sacrifice of war and the ‘baptism of blood’ that happens on battlefields foster bonds of brotherhood between peoples and ethnic groupings. In these very real ways Memorial Day carries with it religious themes that cut across denominational boundaries and calls the world to live in peace as only the Lord gives peace!

On this Memorial Day and in its spirit let us recall with honor and respect those who died serving the greater cause of peace, justice and freedom and securing us from the vileness of tyranny, oppression and evil.

Mass on Memorial Day (Monday, May 26th) will be at 9:00 a.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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 25, 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 May 25:

Mon – May 26 – 9:00 am – **+For All Fallen Soldiers** by Cecilia Gonzalez
Tues – May 27 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **+Souls in purgatory**
NO Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – May 28 – 9:00 am – **+Charlie Radermacher** by His Family
Thurs – May 29 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**
Fri – May 30 – 9:00 am – **+Bruce Dooley** by Theresa Dooley
Saturday – May 31 – 5:00 pm – +Margaret Kensok by Ann Faught
Sunday – June 1 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am – Justin Gullekson Family

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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.