

PASTOR'S NOTES

Pentecost – a promise come to fruition —

With the celebration of Pentecost the 50 day season of Easter season comes to a close. We often speak of Pentecost as the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. **That is not quite true!!** The Holy Spirit has been active in history from the beginning and has come full circle in this feast called **Pentecost**. Let us look at this ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in history:

- > it was the presence of the Holy Spirit that hovered above the waters of creation and the bringing forth of life;
- > it was the presence of the Holy Spirit who invited Abraham to leave the Ur of the Chaldeans and gave promises of descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and land *flowing with milk and honey*;
- > it was the presence of the Holy Spirit in the clouded-shrouded Mt. Sinai and the giving of the Law;
- > it was the presence of the Holy Spirit who took up residence in the lives of the prophets who spoke about a promised Messiah, a suffering servant, a faithful remnant in spite of sin and corruption, dry bones coming to life, etc.;
- > it was the presence of the Holy Spirit who raised up John the Baptist and his message of repentance and *'preparing the way of the Lord'*;
- > it was the presence of the Holy Spirit who came upon the Blessed Virgin Mary, overshadowed her, and she conceived a son;
- > it was the presence of the Holy Spirit who led this son into the desert for forty days where he was tempted by the devil;
- > it was the presence of the Holy Spirit at the Last Supper where Christ promised to send an Advocate to his apostles at the Last Supper table so as to remind them and us of all that he said and did;

Christ gave up his spirit on Calvary [Mt. 27:50; Lk. 23:46; Jn. 19:30] **only to release his risen Spirit at Pentecost to take up residence in His Church, the sacrament of salvation, and the seven sacraments of the Church.**

All of history is caught up in the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit of the Risen Christ does not just act in the solemn acts of church councils and the Pope, but accompanies and is found in the many activities of the Church – Scripture, prayer, the charisms and ministries of the church, the witness of the saints, and as is often forgotten – in the constant activity of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments. As Pope St. Leo the Great was fond of saying *'all that Christ accomplished in history has now passed into the sacraments'*. **The risen Christ is truly present in every sacrament** - his risen life in Baptism, his missionary spirit in Confirmation, his Body and Blood in the Eucharist as the food of spiritual lives, his healing power in the anointing of the sick, his forgiving love in reconciliation, his faithful love in marriage, and his shepherding spirit in Holy Orders.

Such is the glory of Pentecost!!

Memorial Day

On this Memorial Day 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 29th) will be at 9:00 a.m.**



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211 Langer Ave North
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633-5150



Pentecost Sunday **May 28, 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 May 28:

Mon - May 29 – 9:00 am – ++**Andrew & Hilda Hulm** by Bill & Mona Franck

Tues - May 30 - 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – May 31 – 9:00 am - +**Art Muscha** by Richard Muscha

Thurs – June 1 – 9:00 am - +**Bob Volk** by Ann Cederberg

Fri – June 2 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Sat - June 3 – 5:00 pm - +Deceased relatives and friends by Mary Barnes

Sun - June 4 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - Fr. Ermer

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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.

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

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun. June 4 - Fr. Ermer's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination  
 Tues. June 6 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory  
 Tues. June 13 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting at the rectory  
 Tues. June 20 - 5:30- 8:30 - Catholic Charities ND 100th Anniversary Celebration at Bonanzaville  
 Tues. June 20 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory  
 Tues. June 27 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo's Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory  
 Sun. July 2 - 2:00 pm - 6th Annual Rural Life Celebration in Crary, ND  
 Mon. - Thurs. July 24-27 - 1:00-4:00pm - St. Leo's VBS


**Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 of Priestly Ordination to  
 Father Ermer  
 Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for Beverage & Bite after  
 10:30 am Mass to honor Father Ermer.

**Celebrate Baptism** - We give thanks to God for the Baptism of Grayson Wray Marschke, son of Jordan and Megan.

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

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday June 3<br/>5:00 pm<br/>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday June 4<br/>8:30 am<br/>St. Thomas</b> | <b>Sunday June 4<br/>10:30 am<br/>St. Leo's</b>                              |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | Tricia Gegelman<br>Lois Titus                    | Gary Milbrandt                                  | Anna Garman                                                                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | Lucy Wagner<br>Alex Richard                      | Joni Biggers<br>Keith Biggers                   | Kristi Dutchuk<br>Lori Howard<br>Pam Spooner<br>Lucas Steckler<br>Mark Weber |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Tristan Lako<br>Ethan/Olivia Richard             | Clay Hovelson<br>Layla Norrie                   | Isabelle Dutchuk<br>Garman Family                                            |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                         | Frank & Laura Biggers                           | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                     |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                         | Carter Norrie Family                            | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                     |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Lucy Wagner                                      |                                                 | Anna Garman                                                                  |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Special prayers and blessings** to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:

**Alan & Mary Lou Radermacher - 58 years on June 3**

**Summer Camps for Youth:** There are many wonderful summer faith-based camp opportunities for youths entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up. St. Leo's Education Committee has put together a brochure available for you to pick up at the church with information on the various camps and how to register. **One of the camps listed in the brochure is Trinity Youth Camp, at Camp Metigoshi, Bottineau, ND for grades 4-8, July 12-16 or July 26-30.** Students will learn important values and experience God through sacraments, friendships, nature, songs, games and more.

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group starting in June:** Do you have someone in your life who is living with the challenges of Alzheimer's? These meetings are open to caregivers, family and friends who are looking for support and information. We will meet **Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** from 10-11 am at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Casselton. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or call Cindi at Community of Care at 347-0032.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration:** Please join the parishioners of St. Joseph's in Devils Lake on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at Terry and Paulette Haman's Farm, 9361 46th St. NE, Crary, ND 58327. The farm is located .25 miles North and .5 miles east of Crary. For more information visit [www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life](http://www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life). Please RSVP by June 26<sup>th</sup> at: (701) 662-7558 or [stjosephschurch@gondtc.com](mailto:stjosephschurch@gondtc.com). Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for a list of the days events and time. The event is FREE.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." ~ 1 Corinthians 12:7*

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything, we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.



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### St. Leo's Knight of the Month:

The Knight for the month of **May** is **Paul Olsen**. Thank you Paul for all you do for the KC's. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

**Altar Servers Red Hawks Game:** The KC's will be taking Altar Servers to the Red Hawks game on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. They invite all Altar servers from St. Leo's and St. Thomas to sign up before June 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the game and supper will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Please call the parish office, 347-4609 for more information.

**Made for Greatness Men's Retreat:** For the first time ever in the Diocese of Fargo, Bishop Folda will be presenting the Made for Greatness Men's Retreat on July 14-16 at Stiklestad Lodge near Fort Ransom, ND. Made for Greatness retreats are known for their invigorating brotherhood, great food, and profound spiritual insights, all within a fully masculine context. Situated in the midst of the National Eucharistic Revival, the theme for the retreat will be "My flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51). You can find out more information and how to register on bulletin board in the church entry or at [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat). They expect this retreat to fill up quickly, so be sure to secure your spot today.