

PASTOR'S NOTES

Comparing final tallies . . .

Here are the final tallies from our Fall Dinner & Raffle for the last five years:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Net Dinner Income	\$3864	\$3672	\$3897	\$1290	\$2713*
Net Raffle Income	\$12,918	\$12,194	\$13,017	\$10,270	\$13,284
Country Store	\$1298	\$1702	\$1221	<i>COVID</i>	\$1460
Silent Auction	\$505	\$547	\$345	<i>COVID</i>	\$403
Net Kid games	<u>\$192</u>	<u>\$104</u>	<u>\$184</u>	<i>COVID</i>	<u>\$225</u>
TOTALS	\$18,777	\$18,219	\$18,654	\$11,560	\$18,085
Total dinner tickets	611	608	568	195	577

* This year roast beef price was \$2.07 more per pound than in 2020.

Once again we thank all of the workers who made our 2021 Fall Dinner & Raffle a great success. I would especially like to offer a special thank you to **31 of our 38 10th - 12th grade students** who faithfully served our dining room tables: *Cameron Baarstad, Cassie Bartholomay, Marcus Biffert, Eli Buhr, Delaney Cotton, Jaylin Cotton, Klaire Cotton, Aiden Davis, Isabelle Dutchuk, Jordan Flynn, Andy Garman, Lauren Glennon, Cole Holzer, Rylie Holzer, Nikita Howard, Sarah Kempel, Grace Linnard, Paris Mack, Parker Mack, Ben Metzger, Chase Monilaws, Sarah Monilaws, Camry Nelson, , Ian Oberlander, Mikaela Prochnow, Lillian Roth, Olivea Roth, Owen Wiersma, Elise Wisniewski, Frosty Wisniewski, and Isaac Wisniewski* and our **14 of our 23 7th - 8th grade students** who willingly helped with the Kids' games: *Hayden Faleide, Olivia Garman, Melody Kempel, Kash Lorenz, KJ Masset, Lucas Miller, Carter Nelson, Hunter Parisien, Ethan Richard, Olivia Richard, Evelyn Roth, Norah Scherweit, Sophie Scherweit, and Anna White.*

Thanksgiving

Every year on the fourth Thursday of November we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, and perhaps recall some history of Pilgrims and Native Americans coming together to share the fruit of the harvest. With the march of time this day and time of the year has become highly commercialized, but Thanksgiving does afford us an opportunity to review the many blessings that have come our way. **As I see it there is thanks to be given:**

- > for the bounty of this land and its opportunities to pursue life, liberty and happiness;
- > for the gift of family/friends and neighbors as we live in care and concern of others and together seek the common good;
- > for the gift of faith and its call to '*do what is right, love what is good and walk humbly with our God*';
- > for the gift of hope that reminds us '*our citizenship is in heaven*';
- > for the gift of love by which God reconciles the human family into a people who '*bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things*';
- > for the gift of Church as the sacrament of salvation and the 7 sacraments through which Christ lives with us '*until the end of the world*';
- > for the gift of eternal life and all who have heard said to them "*well done good and faithful servant ... come inherit the Kingdom prepared for you ...*".

For all of this we surely give thanks! You are invited to our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services at Martin's Lutheran Church in Casselton this Sunday at 7 p.m. You are invited to bring a canned food item to these services and/or contribute to a free-will offering that will be given to those in need.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at St. Leo's at 9 am.



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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE November 21, 2021

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 Nov 21:

Mon - Nov 22 – 9:00 am - +**Brian Holzer** by Anthony & Elsie Holzer

Tues - Nov 23 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Randy Pfeifer** by Joe & Lora Killoran

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Nov 24 - 9:00 am – +**Marie Hong Tran** by Lisa Tran

Thurs - Nov 25 – Thanksgiving Day - 9:00 am - +Msgr Joseph Senger

Fri - Nov 26 - 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**

Sat - Nov 27 - 5:00 pm - +Zachary Kaufman by Ron & Thuy Kaufman

Sun - Nov 28 - St. Leo's - 8:30 am - +Sandi Olund by Frank & Laura Biggers

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.

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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., Nov 21 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Sun., Nov 21 - 7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at Martin’s Lutheran Church  
Mon., Nov 22 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory  
Wed., Nov 24 - **NO** RE classes at St. Thomas or St. Leo’s  
**Thurs., Nov 25 - 9:00 am - Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Leo’s**  
Sun., Nov 28 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Tues., Nov 30 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo’s Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory  
Sun., Dec 5 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in Spirit of Life center  
Mon., Dec 6 - 7:00 pm - Eucharist Parent meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
**Tues., Dec 7 - 7:00 pm - Immaculate Conception Holy Day Vigil Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo**  
**Wed., Dec 8 - 7:00 pm - Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass at St. Leo’s**  
Thurs., Dec 9 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
Wed., Dec 15 - 6:30 pm - Family Bingo night in the Spirit of Life Center  
Mon., Dec 20 - 7:00 pm - Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Leo’s

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“Jesus answered, ‘ My kingdom does not belong to this world.” ~ John 18:36

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we cannot take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

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|  | <b>Saturday Nov 27</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | <b>Sunday Nov 28</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | <b>Sunday Nov 28</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
| <i>Lector</i>                                                                      | Tony Roth                                                    | Fred Eldridge                                              | Gary Milbrandt                                               |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>                                                       | Paulette Schmitt                                             | Dave Glennon                                               |                                                              |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>                                                               | Lilly Roth<br>Olivea Roth<br>Evelyn Roth                     | Glennon Family<br>Sarah Monilaws                           | Carly Hovelson<br>Hannah Besette                             |
| <i>Offertory Collectors</i>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                                       |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   | Roger & Marsha Kasowski                                      |

NEWS AND NOTES

**Christmas Music:** Time to get ready!  
Again this year we would like to invite everyone to join in the music-making! Singers and instrumentalists of all kinds- we have room for you!  
**Adults and students in 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades** are welcome and if you have any college students who may be home- let us know! We will continue practices on the Sundays in December (5th, 12th, 19th), after the 8:30a Mass (9:30-10:30a), and before the 10:30a Masses (9- 10:00a).  
We sing at the Christmas Eve Mass on Dec. 24th, starting at 9:00pm with carols and Mass at 9:30pm. On Christmas Day we sing at the 10:00 Mass.  
We’ll have music folders ready for you and we’ll meet in the choir loft. If you have any questions, please call Sue at 701-261-2047.

**95th Annual Concordia Christmas Concert:** Experience the region’s grandest musical tradition performed by more than 300 student musicians. “...*And Glory Shone Around*” will be Artistic Directory Michael Culloton’s first in-person Christmas Concert in his new position at Concordia and will be performed in front of a magnificent 176’-wide mural. Concert dates are Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. For tickets call (888) 477-0277 or visit: [ConcordiaChristmas.com](http://ConcordiaChristmas.com)  
Discounted tickets are available for groups of 20 or more.

**Women’s Care Center** is looking for special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills. A part-time or full-time counselor position is available. Degree in counseling, social work, nursing, or other service-related background is preferred. Degree and non-degree candidates are encouraged to apply. Will train. Please forward your resume to [angela@wccnd.com](mailto:angela@wccnd.com) or call 701-532-1928 for further details or questions.

**Baking Dishes/Pie Plates:** A number of baking dishes/pie plates that were brought for the Fall Dinner are still left at the church to be picked up. They are available for pick up anytime on a table in the Spirit of Life Center.



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

**KC Christmas Coloring Contest:** St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a ***COLORING CONTEST*** for students in grades K-6. Coloring sheets were given to all RE students in class on Wed., Nov., 17<sup>th</sup> and are due back to by Wed., Dec., 1<sup>st</sup>. There are also coloring sheets available on a table in the Spirit of Life Center. Pre-schoolers are welcome to participate as well.



**KC Breakfast:** In the Spirit of Life Center Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm serving Biscuits and gravy with scrambled eggs. Free will offering.

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Jake Lako and his family on death of his grandfather, Lowell Albert.  
*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4*

**At Home with the Word:** We will once again order the “*At Home with the Word*” book for anyone who is interested in having this Sunday Scripture book for the year 2022 containing the Sunday readings, insights and practices. A sign up sheet will be available in the back of the church. Please sign up by Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.