

PASTOR’S NOTES

Deacon to Father . . .

On Saturday, June 3, 2023 Deacon Matthew Kensok is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo. He is presently during diaconal duties at St. Michael’s parish in Grand Forks. As a native son of St. Leo’s parish in Casselton, we could not be more proud to have a priest from our parish. He is the son of Terry and Shari Kensok of St. Leo’s parish and brother to Amanda (Jim) Fedor of Bayport, Minnesota, and Elizabeth Kensok of Fargo. We are looking forward to Deacon Matthew’s ordination and celebrating his First Mass at St. Leo’s parish on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. **Mark your calendars!!**

Thanksgiving Notes

> The Casselton Area Ministerial Association (CAMA) will be hosting an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service this Sunday (November 20<sup>th</sup>) at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Casselton beginning at 7 p.m. There will be a free-will offering for local charities as well as accepting food items for our local food pantry.

> **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be at 9:00 a.m. at St. Leo’s on Thursday (November 24<sup>th</sup>). The collection taken that day will be given by our Social Concerns committee to a local charity. The spirit of Thanksgiving Day goes back to our Founding Fathers and their thanks for making ‘*a go of it*’ in those first couple years of living in America. Certainly the Lord blessed this part of America this year with timely rains and good weather to harvest a good crop. **Thanksgiving Day Mass is a good time to thank the Lord for that blessing and all the many good things that have come our way this past year.**

Parish Self Reflection Survey

Parishioners of both St. Thomas and St. Leo’s parishes are reminded and highly encouraged to either go on-line at [fargodiocese.org/synod](http://fargodiocese.org/synod) or fill out the paper copy of the Parish Self Reflection survey that was mailed to your homes last week. There are also copies available at the back of the church to fill out. **The deadline for that survey is Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.** This survey is an important step towards the diocesan synod that is scheduled to be held in April of 2024. The data that is ‘mined’ from these surveys will be the grist for the 16 listening sessions scheduled throughout the diocese in the months of January and February 2023. As we get closer to those dates I will keep you informed of those sessions along with their dates and times.

Communion under both forms

The new church year begins at next weekend’s Masses of the First Sunday of Advent. Beginning with those Masses we will return to the practice of receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ. A number of weeks ago Bishop Folda informed the priests of the Diocese that returning to that practice was allowed thus suspending the covid restrictions. Our Mass servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) have been given instructions and reviewed our protocols regarding receiving both the Body and Blood Christ at Communion.

When speaking about the Eucharist the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** and the **General Instruction of the Roman Missal** state: “... *the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly.*” In that spirit we restart the practice of receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion.



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
November 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 Nov 20:

Mon - Nov 21 – 9:00 am – +**Verna Farrell** by Paul Nelson  
Tues - Nov 22 - 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**  
*St. Leo’s — NO 9 am Daily Mass*  
Wed – Nov 23 – 10:30 am – +**Don Kensok** by Theresa Dooley  
Thurs – Nov 24– Thanksgiving Day Mass - 9:00 am - +**Fr. Michael Parrotta**  
Fri – Nov 25 – 9:00 am - +**Marie Hong Tran** by Lisa Tran  
Sat - Nov 26 - 5:00 pm - +**Henry Sherman** by His family  
Sun - Nov 27 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes  
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +**Mary Ann Floyd** by **Keith & Joni Biggers**

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**St. Leo’s Directors:** Dave Glennon & Micah Bartholomay  
**St. Thomas Directors:** Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

*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., Nov 20 - 7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Tues., Nov 22 - 6:30 pm - Education committee meeting at the rectory  
Wed., Nov 23 - **NO** Religious Education classes at St. Thomas or St. Leo's  
Thurs., Nov 24 - 9:00 am - Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Leo's  
Mon., Nov 28 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory  
Wed., Nov 30 - RE classes at St. Thomas and St. Leo's  
Thurs., Dec 1 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith  
Tues., Dec 6 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory  
Wed., Dec 7 - 7:00 pm - Immaculate Conception/Holy Day Vigil Mass at St. Leo's  
Thurs., Dec 8 - 7:00 pm - Immaculate Conception /Holy Day Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo

This week's Stewardship moment:

“...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.” ~ Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Nov 26 5:00 pm St. Leo's	Sunday Nov 27 8:30 am St. Leo's	Sunday Nov 27 10:30 am St. Thomas
Lector	Please see Sign-Up Sheets in the Church entry.		Alecia Killoran
Eucharistic Ministers			
Altar Servers			Hallie Besette Claire Halland
Offertory Collectors	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Gary & Linda Milbrandt
Gift Bearers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	David Killoran Family
Lead Rosary	Lucy Wagner	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

**St. Thomas Church Annual Fall Drive:** St. Thomas is once again holding their annual Fall Drive. We ask each family to donate \$20 and each single person to donate \$10. Donations may be given to Linda Milbrandt, Treasurer, after Mass.

**Music Performance at the Casselton Heritage Center,** (stone church next to St. Leo's) Buffalo native Deb Wald will hold a music performance of spiritual and older tunes at the Casselton Heritage Center today, Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Free will offering and refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend.

**Casselton Area Ministerium Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service:** Today, Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Casselton. Refreshments will be served following the service. All are invited to attend.

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

Keith & Sharon Monilaws - 56 years on Nov 25  
Frank & Ruth Kasowski - 67 years on Nov 26  
George & Mary Ann Waxler-75 years on Nov 27



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

**KC Christmas coloring contest** for grades Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be handed out to the students on November 30<sup>th</sup> and need to be returned by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** In the Spirit of Life Center Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm serving Biscuits and gravy with scramble eggs. Free will offering with proceeds supporting the Jeremiah Project.

**Christmas Tee:** The KC's are looking for a Christmas tree for St. Leo's church. There are some size requirements, but if you have one and it is accessible to cut and move, please contact Jerry Christiansen, (701)238-6819 or Micah Bartholomay, (701)404-0527 by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Doing your Christmas shopping on-line this year? Do you shop Amazon? Did you know there is another way to support St. Leo's?**

**Shop AmazonSmile!**

Every time you make an AmazonSmile purchase, Amazon will donate .5% of your eligible purchases to St. Leo's parish — at no cost to you! When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) you will find the exact same shopping experience as on Amazon.com.

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- 2) Type in **St Leos Church Casselton** as your charity;
- 3) Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com or add the page to you home screen to make it easy to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

If you should have any questions talk to Delores [347-4609] in the parish office. Thanks for your support.

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