

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Nov 2 – 11:00 am - 1:30 pm – St. Leo’s Annual Fall Dinner
Sun., Nov 2 – 7:00 pm – All Souls Day Remembrance Service at St. Leo’s; reception to follow
Wed., Nov 5 – RE classes – see schedule below
Mon., Nov 10 – 6:30 pm – 1st Eucharist Parent meeting in the Spirit of Life center
Thurs., Nov 13 – 7:00 pm – Inquiry Class on the Catholic faith in lower level of St. Leo’s church
Sun., Nov 16 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center
Tues., Nov 18 – 7:00 pm– Finance committee meeting at the rectory
Sun., Nov 23 – 7:00 pm – Casselton Ministerium Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at St. Leo’s
Mon., Nov 24 - 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Nov. 5th
St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm
St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
Grades K– 5, 7, 8, 10 — 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Grades 6 & 9 – Class B — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
12th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

 **St. Thomas Ladies Aid** 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. Thank you.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Nov 8 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Nov 9 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Nov 9 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Mark Voss	Shari Kensok	Alecia Killoran
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Bill Franck Lori Howard	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faught Mary Jendro Susan Kempel Paul Olsen	Joe Killoran Linda Milbrandt
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Addison Hushka Noah Hushka Payton Neumann	Melody Kempel Quinn/Riley Gunkel Emma Rupp	Abigail Killoran Liam Biggers
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Gary & Linda Milbrandt
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Jacob Schultz Family
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Richard Muscha	Deb Werner	

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Lillian Eberhardt and her family on the death of her husband, Mike.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4

All Soul’s Day Evening of Remembrance: Join us on Sunday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm for a prayer service remembering those who have died this past year. During the service we will remember them by praying for them and inviting you to light a candle in their honor. Anyone who has had a family member, relative or friend pass away this past year or in the year’s past is invited to attend. An informal social will follow in the Spirit of Life Center after the service.

Book of Remembrance: Beginning on November 1st there will be a Book of Remembrance in the church entry. We invite you to write down the name(s) of your deceased loved ones and we will pray for them at daily Masses during the month of November.

Catholic Daughters to Meet: Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, November 11th at St. Anthony’s Church (710 10th St. S, Fargo) beginning with Mass at 5:15 PM; meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food item donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com

Join us to sing from the choir loft! “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, November 16th** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is to sing. **Gentlemen, we need you too!** We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #47, #677, #572, #462, #586. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“...because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me...”~ John 6:38
When praying the “Our Father”, say the words slowly so you truly recognize what you are saying. Every day when praying this prayer, we repeat what Jesus said in the scripture passage – “thy kingdom come, they will be done.” Even though we say these words, do our actions reflect those words? This is the difference between saints and the rest of us. Saints were faithful and obedient to God’s will. Start today – start aligning your words and actions with God’s will for you.



St. Leo’s Knight of the Month:
The Knight of the month is **Jerry Christiansen**. Thank you Jerry for Council 9477 all you do for the KC’s. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast:
Serving French toast and sausage
Sun., Nov. 16th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering.

Medicare Part D open enrollment begins on Wednesday, October 15th and runs through December 5th. Community of Care provides assistance with reviewing your Medicare Part D, appointments are needed for this service. To schedule an appointment please call Community of at Care at (701)347-0032.

Community of Care is in need of Transportation Volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments within the FM area. To volunteer please call Natalie at (701)347 -0032 or email at: Natalie@communityofcarend.Com

Catholic Man Night: Thursday, November 20th, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (701 Oak St, Lisbon, ND). 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration & Confession; 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm meal and talk. The guest speaker is Bishop John Folda. Meal is a free will offering. **All men are invited, bring a friend!**

PASTOR’S NOTES

Death – a multi-layered reality ...
... Spiritual truths to ponder while living ...

As we enter the month of November and celebrate saints in heaven and souls in purgatory listed below are a number of spiritual truths about **death** that are found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraphs 1020-1060.

> **Death itself** marks the end of a time open for a person to either accept or reject the divine grace manifested in Christ. There is no repentance once a person dies.

> **A Particular judgement** is rendered immediately upon death. “Each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith.” One of two possible rewards exist:

(1) “the blessedness of heaven
 + either immediately
 or
 + through a purification”

(2) “immediate and everlasting damnation”

> **Heaven** is for “those who die in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified...” They will see God face to face [**Beatific Vision**]. It is the “state of supreme, definitive happiness.” It is a communion of life and love with the Trinity, the Virgin Mary, the angels and the blessed and the full and perfect possession of the fruits of redemption. Heaven is truly a mystery beyond all understanding and description.

> **Purgatory** is for those “who have died in God’s grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified (and) are assured of their eternal salvation.” They undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness to enter the joy of heaven as spoken in Scripture (e.g. - Rev. 21:27; Mt. 12:31-32; 2 Maccabees 12:38-46). Those in purgatory are helped by our prayers, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. “The Church also commends indulgences, almsgiving and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.”

> **Hell** is the “state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and blessed.” Hell is “the willful turning away from God (mortal sin) (and) persistence in it until the end.” One can not be united with God unless one freely chooses to love Him. Hell’s chief punishment is eternal separation from God. Scripture is full of ‘hellish’ images – *Gehenna; furnace of fire; eternal fire; wailing and gnashing of teeth; darkness*. “The Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity.”

> **The Last Judgment** is when all the dead will rise from the dead – both the just and the unjust. “In the presence of Christ ... the truth of each man’s relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life.” All will come to know the ultimate meaning of creation and God’s plan of salvation and understand how God’s providence led everything to its final end. At that time the just will go to the resurrection of eternal life and the unjust to the resurrection of damnation. Only the Father knows the hour and day of the coming of this event.

> **The End Time** is when the righteous will reign with Christ glorified in body and soul. Creation itself will be renewed. There will be no more tears, no more death nor mourning nor crying out in pain. The visible universe will be transformed and the world will be restored to its original state. This will be the final realization of the unity of the human race.

Such teachings are meant to be “a call to the responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny.” [CCC 1036]



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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS DAY)
November 2, 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 Nov 2:
Mon – Nov 3 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory
Tues – Nov 4 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – NO MASS
 NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – Nov 5 – 9:00 am – NO MASS
Thurs – Nov 6 – 9:00 am – NO MASS
Fri – Nov 7 – 9:00 am – NO MASS
Saturday – Nov 8 – 5:00 pm – +JoAnne Sad by Sue Knoll
Sunday – Nov 9 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - ++Ted & Shirley Kaiser by Bryce Radermacher
 St. Thomas - 10:30 am –For the people of our parishes

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St. Leo’s Directors: Dave Glennon & Micah Bartholomay

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

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.

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