



PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., Nov 6 - RE Classes— see below  
Mon., Nov 11 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting at the rectory  
Thurs., Nov 14 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
Sun., Nov 17 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center  
Tues., Nov 19 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory  
Sun., Nov 24 - 7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at the Casselton Methodist Church  
Mon., Nov 25 - KC meeting at the rectory  
Tues., Nov 26 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory  
Thurs., Nov 28 - 9:00 am - Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Leo’s

**Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Nov. 6**  
St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm  
St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm  
Grades K & 3 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)  
Grades 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Grade 5 - Class A and 12<sup>th</sup> grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

 **St. Thomas Parish Annual Fall Drive:** St. Thomas is once again asking their parishioners to participate in 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.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

**Book of Remembrance:** In November the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the entryway of the church and will be available for parishioners to write the names of loved ones who have gone before us. The names of the individuals will be prayed for during our daily and weekend Masses throughout the month of November.

**Legacy Planning Event:** Community of Care is sponsoring a Legacy Planning Event on Thursday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8pm at St. Leo’s Spirit of Life Center. The event is designed to provide information regarding Charitable Giving options, tax savings, planning, etc. The event is open to the public. There is no cost and you will not be asked to make a donation or commitment.. From 7 to 8 pm there is a panel discussion with a financial advisor, attorney, funeral director and foundation director. For questions contact Myrna at Community of Care at (701) 347-0032 or [mhanson@communityofcarend.com](mailto:mhanson@communityofcarend.com)

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. Any-one middle school and older is welcome. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30– 10:00 am that day to run through these songs: \$436, #678, #71, #474, #580. You-Tube is great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

**Radiating Joy-The Michelle Duppong Story:** The story of Servant of God, Michelle Duppong, whose life bore witness to heroic Christian suffering and passion to invite others to be transformed by the love of Christ **is being shown at Fargo Marcus Theatre**, as the investigation into Michelle’s cause for sainthood continues. Michelle’s story of unwavering faith and joy in the face of a courageous battle with cancer is a powerful reminder of the peace that comes from trusting in God’s plan. Her journey invites us all to re- flect on the power of faith that comes from living for Christ. The movie “Radiating Joy” will be at Fargo Marcus Theatre on Nov. 12, 2024. Check out **FanthomEvents.com** for more details.

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**

*“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ~ Mark 12:33*

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.



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

**Knights of Columbus—Spirit of Life “Gating”:** Come one, come all, the Knights of Columbus would like to have a Monday Night Football, cards and more night in the **Spirit of Life Center, Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. All are welcome to bring their favorite foods and drinks. This is an all-ages event so bring the kids, young and old, to enjoy the fun. All kids 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. For more information please see the flyer posted on the entries to the church. Contact Tony Roth for any details or questions.



**Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission:** Cards are available for purchase in the church entry. A selection of different occasions is available. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Belated Thanks

With the flurry of activities that goes with setting up the Fall Dinner & Raffle, I want you to know I deeply appreciated all the greetings, cards and gifts that I received on the occasion of my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday (*yes – 3/4 of a century!!*). Outside of my time on the farm, St. Leo’s and St. Thomas parishes have been my longest ‘home’ life. Certainly occasions such as these remind me of what Jesus told his apostles, “*There is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or land for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel, who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age...*” [Mk. 10:29-30] **Thank you very much!**

2024 Fall Dinner & Raffle

As we host our annual 2024 Fall Dinner & Raffle I want to thank all parishioners who have purchased tickets and volunteered to help make this happen. **It could not be done without your generous gift of time, talent and treasure.** In the weeks ahead we will give a summary of this year’s Fall Dinner & Raffle.

The National Black and Indian Mission Collection

Your box of Sunday Offertory envelopes for next Sunday (*November 10<sup>th</sup>*) has a special envelope marked — **The National Black and Indian Collection**. This collection was established in 1884 to meet the dire needs in impoverished rural and reservation communities. These communities have many spiritual and pastoral needs that can not be met by these communities themselves. They need the help of us – *their brothers and sisters in the Lord!*

**Money from this *national* collection comes back to the Diocese of Fargo** to help our brothers and sisters in *Seven Dolors Catholic Mission* in Fort Totten; *Christ the King Catholic Mission* in Tokio; *St. Michael’s Catholic Mission* near Devils Lake; *St. Ann’s Catholic Church* in Belcourt and *St. Benedict’s Catholic Church* in St. John’s.

Your generosity to this collection is deeply appreciated.

Events of Note [weekend of November 23 & 24]

- > Husam Hannuneh of the Shepherd of the Good Shepherd will be offering olive wood carvings of religious articles for sale after the St. Leo’s weekend Masses of 5 p.m. on Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday [Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>]. Support of projects like this is one of the few ways Christians in the Holy Land are able to support themselves. Christians often find themselves in hostile environments among the dominant religions of Islam and Judaism in that region of the world. Businesses such as these keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. **Your support is deeply appreciated!**
- > Bishop Folda will celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**. Penny Zaun and her committee is planning some food and drink after Mass allowing Bishop Folda to have some time to visit with parishioners. Mark your calendar!
- > The Casselton Area Ministerium Association [CAMA] will be hosting an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday evening, November 24<sup>th</sup>** at the Casselton Methodist Church beginning at 7 p.m. and followed by some light refreshments.



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



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
November 3, 2024

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 3:

Mon – Nov 4 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**  
Tues – Nov 5 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **NO MASS**  
*NO MASS at St. Leo’s*  
Wed – Nov 6 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**  
Thurs – Nov 7 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**  
Fri – Nov 8 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**

**Saturday – Nov 9 – 5:00 pm - +Dick Sinner by Jane Sinner**  
**Sunday - Nov 10 – St. Leo’s- 8:30 am - ++Luvern & Genevieve Tamerius by Cecilia Gonzalez**  
**St. Thomas - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

Parish Staff:

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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**  
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**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.