

PASTOR’S NOTES

Raffle Tickets & Roast Beef and Gravy TAKE-OUT

All parish households should have received their annual Raffle tickets in the mail. Over the years your generous support of these ticket sales has enabled us to do many facility improvement projects that were listed in the letter that accompanied the mailing. **Your continual support is deeply appreciated!**

Also included in that mailing was a **take-out order for just roast beef and gravy** on Sunday, November 1st when we normally would have had our full Fall Dinner. Given these pandemic days many local parishes are doing modified versions of their Fall Dinners. Since St. Leo’s is noted for their roast beef and gravy we thought ***selling JUST roast beef & gravy*** was something that could be safely done on a take-out basis. Your mailing included a take-out order form as well as instructions.

Please note: all take-out orders **must be pre-paid** and in the parish office by **Sunday, October 25th**. On Monday, October 26th we will put in our order for the roast beef. Again your support of this fund-raising effort is deeply appreciated!

Who ????????

Who assists/helps — *mentally disabled & vulnerable adults? ... children in foster care? ... those unable to conceive or those with unplanned pregnancies? ... individuals, marriages or families in need of faith-based counseling?* **The answer to all of these questions is Catholic Charities North Dakota!**

Catholic Charities North Dakota (CCND) is the Catholic Church’s pastoral arm of mercy reaching out across the state of North Dakota.

As you well know there are many wonderful organizations doing charitable work in helping people in their times of need. In many ways the work of CCND is not as well known as more publicized groups like shelters and food pantries. CCND’s work is connected to long term projects that entails relationship skills. Presently the work of CCND is grouped under 4 headings:

- 1) **Guardianship services** to over 500 vulnerable adults with intellectual disabilities. A court-appointed guardian is assigned to each of these persons who need support with decision-making to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation. CCND services includes visits and attending meetings and appointments to insure each guardian’s well-being. In addition CCND operates a 24 hour emergency/assistance line. In the state of North Dakota there is a long waiting list beyond the present ones being helped.
- 2) **Adults Adopting Special Kids {AASK}** works with finding ‘forever’ homes for children in foster care. Most recently over 800 kids received AASK services. As with the Guardianship program there are many on waiting lists to receive care.
- 3) **Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Services {PPAS}** help people who are unprepared for pregnancy to learn about options for parenting and adoption. In addition to those unprepared for pregnancy, there are couples who desire the gift of a child and seek the services of an adoption agency. CCND adoption services also help with adoption searches and disclosures.
- 4) **Counseling services** are provided for individuals, couples and families who are coping with crisis, stress and change in their lives.

As a person can see the work of Catholic Charities North Dakota touches a lot of homes who are need of help and the tender mercy of God. CCND works at healing and reconciling the ‘woundedness’ of the human condition and deserve our deepest appreciation and support.



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TWENTY– NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 18, 2020

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 Oct 18:

- Mon - Oct 19 - 9:00 am - **+Donald Mergner** by Marian Watson
- Tues - Oct 20 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **+Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo’s - NO MASS
- Wed - Oct 21 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS**
- Thurs - Oct 22 - 9:00 am - **+Stephen Levitsky**
- Fri - Oct 23 - 9:00 am - **++ John & Mary Ermer**
- Sat - Oct 24 - **5:00 pm - +Brian Holzer by Tony & Elsie Holzer**
- Sun - Oct 25 - **St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Rita Halland by Dennis & Dora Elbert

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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., Oct 18 - 4:00 pm - RE 10<sup>th</sup> grade class meets in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Tues., Oct 20 - 7:00 pm - 1st Reconciliation Parent meeting in the Spirit of Life center  
 Wed., Oct 21 - **NO** Religious Education classes  
 Thurs., Oct 22 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life center  
 Thurs., Oct 22 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith in large classroom in lower lever of church  
 Fri., Oct 23 - Happy “71<sup>st</sup>” Birthday to Fr. Ermer  
 Sun., Oct 25 – 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass following current CDC COVID19 guidelines  
 Wed., Oct 28 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas - Group B  
 Wed., Oct 28 - 6:30 pm - RE classes at St. Leo’s - Group B, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm  
                     6:15 pm - Junior class meets  
 Wed., Oct 28 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting in the Spirit of Life center  
 Thurs., Oct 29 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith in large classroom in lower lever of church

***Prayers and Sympathy:*** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Brad and Sue Braaten and their family on death of Brad’s dad, Rueben Braaten.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4*

### *Upcoming Ministry Schedule*

|  | <b>Saturday Oct 24<br/>5:00 pm<br/>St. Leo’s</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 25<br/>8:30 am<br/>St. Leo’s</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 25<br/>10:30 am<br/>St. Thomas</b> |
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| <b><i>Lector</i></b>                                                               | Tony Roth                                        | Fred Eldridge                                  | Jackie Vavra                                     |
| <b><i>Eucharistic Ministers</i></b>                                                | Paulette Schmitt                                 | Denise Bartholomay                             |                                                  |
| <b><i>Altar Servers</i></b>                                                        | Lillian Roth<br>Olivea Roth<br>Evelyn Roth       | Lauren Glennon<br>Sarah Monilaws               | Courtney Hovelson                                |
| <b><i>Offertory Collectors</i></b>                                                 | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                         | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                       | Arnie & Barb Buhr<br>Jackie Vavra                |
| <b><i>Gift Bearers</i></b>                                                         | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                         | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                       |                                                  |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Medicare Part D** open enrollment runs through Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. If you or a loved one are 65 and older, it is recommend you review your Part D plan every year. In 2020, Community of Care is providing appointments only in our offices in Casselton (BankNorth Bank) and Arthur (inside the Arthur Mall) where we can control the environment by cleaning and sanitizing. Call now to schedule your Part D appointment 347-0032. Masks are required for anyone attending an appointment.

**Annual Fall Food Drive:** BankNorth is holding their annual food drive during the month of October to benefit The Rural Cass County Food Pantry in Casselton. The food pantry is currently in need of the following items: pork & beans, bake beans, chili beans, kidney beans, peas, canned potatoes, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, Spam, tuna, chicken, canned pasta, chili, Manwich, beef stew, soups, pears, applesauce, pineapple, mandarin oranges, boxed potatoes, Rice sides, Pasta sides, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, cereal, mayo, ranch and French dressings, ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce, peanut butter, honey, jelly, pancake syrup, pancake mix, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice, oil, sugar, flour, snacks, ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, shampoo, dish soap, fabric softner, dryer sheets, detergent and household cleaner. **Items can be dropped off at TruCore Fitness in Casselton and Mary’s Market in Arthur.** Also, all monetary donations will be matched by BankNorth up to \$5000. Monetary donations can be mailed directly to: RCCEFP, PO Box 392, Casselton, ND 58012 Thank You.

**Catholic Charities North Dakota Sunday:** During the weekend Masses of October 24-25 a short video will be shown highlighting clients, staff and supporters as to how they are adapting to reach those in need during the pandemic. This year there has been an increased need for charity and other services, so they especially need our support. For more information about Catholic Charities and their programs please visit: [www.CatholicCharitiesND.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesND.org)

**2020 Natural Disaster Collection:** St. Leo’s collected \$1030. Thank you to all who gave so generously.



### **God’s Gift Appeal 2020**

|            | <u>Goal</u> | <u>10/9/2020</u> |
|------------|-------------|------------------|
| St. Leo’s  | \$48,052    | \$44,672         |
| St. Thomas | \$10,884    | \$ 9,053         |

Thank you to all parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 God’s Gift Appeal. Pledge cards and donations may be dropped off at the parish office and we will see they get to the Diocese.

### **This week’s Stewardship moment:**

*“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” - Matthew 22:21*

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.