

PASTOR’S NOTES

An upcoming action-packed week

> Sun., Oct. 30th (Fall Dinner & Raffle) – 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This is St. Leo’s only major fundraising effort of the year. With ‘*all hands on board*’ we will have another great year. This week’s bulletin insert reminds us of remaining tasks to be done – selling/buying raffle tickets; volunteer slots to be filled; remaining food items for kids games and country store, etc.. As the old adage goes – ‘*many hands make for light work*’. Thanks for all you do!!

> Mon., Oct. 31st (Holy House & Halloween)

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to **St. Leo’s Holy House from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** where the kids will be escorted by spirits of hospitality to meet some saints and hear stories from their lives as well as receive candy and treats {*all thanks to the talents of our 9th grade students*}. Come and enjoy an *All Hallowed Eve* - the original name for this evening – the evening which preceded the celebration of *All Saints Day* on November 1st. It promises to be a great time!!

Note: St. Thomas at Buffalo will celebrate a vigil Mass for the All Saints Day Holy Day at 5:30 p.m. on Monday [October 31st].

> Tues., Nov. 1st (All Saints Day)

All Saints Day is a Holy Day in the life of the Catholic Church. **Holy Day Masses** will be at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas in Buffalo on Monday, October 31st [as noted above] and at **7 p.m. at St. Leo’s in Casselton** on Tuesday, November 1st. (*There will **no** daily Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Thomas on Tuesday, November 1st.*)

> Wed., Nov. 2nd (All Souls Day)

A day of prayer set aside for all of our deceased loved ones, not just those who have recently died. Besides All Souls Day Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Leo’s, there will be our annual **Prayer Service of Remembrance at 7 p.m.** followed by a light social in the Spirit of Life Center. Join us for this simple half-hour prayer service. Everyone is invited to attend. It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for the living and the dead. As the traditional prayer goes – *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them* –

Questions about the Bible? — next Inquiry class topic —

1) *What makes the Bible more important literature than Shakespeare?* 2) *How did we get from the person of Jesus to the bibles we have in our homes?* 3) *Why do Christians have so many differing books in their bibles?* 4) *Why are the bibles used in ordinary bible study classes so different from one another?* 5) *What is involved in understanding and interpreting the bible?*
If anyone has these and/or other questions about the Bible, everyone is invited to the next Inquiry class on **Thursday, October 27th at 7 p.m. in the large classroom in the St. Leo’s lower level.** Each week’s Inquiry class is separate from the previous week’s class. Come and join whichever class(es) might interest you.



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211 Langer Ave North
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Casselton ND
347-4609

St. Thomas Catholic Church
401 Third St. North
PO Box 22
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 23, 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 Oct 23:

Mon - Oct 24 – 9:00 am – +**Frances Farrell** by Paul Nelson
Tues - Oct 25 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo’s — NO MASS
Wed – Oct 26 – 9:00 pm – +**Henry Sherman** by His family
Thurs – Oct 27 – 9:00 am - +**Marie Hong Tran** by Lisa Tran
Fri – Oct 28 – 9:00 am - +**Fr. Michael Parrotta**
Sat - Oct 29 - 5:00 pm - Bill & Mona Franck children
Sun - Oct 30 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Joy Kilen by Keith & Joni Biggers
St. Leo’s - 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., Oct 23 - *Happy Birthday Fr. Ermer!*  
Wed., Oct 26 - RE classes - see below  
Thus., Oct 27- 7:00 pm- Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith - *see Pastor’s Notes on back page for class topic*  
**Sun., Oct 30 - 11:00 am - 1:30 pm - St. Leo’s Annual Fall Dinner**  
Mon., Oct 31 - 5:30 pm - All Saints Day/Holy Day Vigil Mass - St. Thomas  
Tues., Nov 1 - 7:00 pm - All Saints Day/Holy Day Mass - St. Leo’s  
Wed., Nov 2 - 7:00 pm - All Souls Day Service followed by refreshments  
Thurs., Nov 3 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith in the big classroom in lower level of church  
Sun. Nov 6 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life center

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm  
Grades K, 1, 2, 3 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)  
Grades 4-8 & 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Grade 9 - Class A and 11<sup>th</sup> grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

*It’s Fall Dinner time! Please see the bulletin board in the church entry for information and flyers on all the area church dinners.*

| Upcoming Ministry Schedule                                                         |                                                              |                                                             |                                                             |
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|  | <b>Saturday Oct 29</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 30</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 30</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> |
| <i>Lector</i>                                                                      | Tony Roth                                                    | Keith Biggers                                               | Darcee Rehovsky                                             |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>                                                       | Denise Bartholomay                                           |                                                             | Mark Rehovsky                                               |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>                                                               | Ben Metzger                                                  | Carly Hovelson<br>Hannah Besette                            | Paris Mack<br>Parker Mack                                   |
| <i>Offertory Collectors</i>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Arnie & Barb Buhr<br>Jackie Vavra                           | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     |                                                             | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |
| <i>Lead Rosary</i>                                                                 | Richard Muscha                                               |                                                             | Alexia Kieffer                                              |

NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations to **David Faught** and **Kristina Holtgard** who entered into the sacrament of marriage at St. Leo’s on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. We pray to God to bless their love for each other and that they may support each other throughout the joys and sorrows of life.

**All Saints Day - Holy Day Mass Schedule:**

Mon., Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:30 pm - St. Thomas in Buffalo  
Tues., Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 pm - St. Leo’s in Casselton  
**NO** 9 am Mass at St. Thomas on Tues., Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

**All Soul’s Day Evening of Remembrance:** Join us on Wednesday, 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.

**Medicare Part D** open enrollment runs October 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Community of Care is booking appointments at their offices in Casselton (BankNorth Bank) and Arthur (inside the Arthur Mall). Call now to schedule your Part D appointment 347-0032.

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**

*“...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” ~ Luke 18:14*  
Pride and ego are not the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God’s incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.



**St. Leo’s Holy House**  
**Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**6:00-7:00pm**  
**St. Leo’s- Downstairs**  
Come meet and learn about some special saints and be sweetly “treated” by some holy men and women! *Make this a part of your Halloween celebration!*  
***Everyone is welcome!!***

**Fr. Michael Parrotta**, who was a priest at St. Leo’s and St. Thomas from 2003-2004, passed away on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in Wellington, FL. Funeral Mass for Fr. Parrotta will be on Wednesday, October 26 at 12:00 pm (CDT) at St. Rita Catholic Church, Wellington, FL. Live-stream of the Funeral Mass will be available on the church’s web-site at: <http://www.saintrita.com> You will need to click on the live stream link and then choose YouTube to watch the funeral. Condolences can also be sent to his family in care of: Ms. Antonia Parrotta, 2000 N Congress Ave, #121, West Palm Beach, FL 33409.