




PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., Oct 28 - 6:30 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
Wed., Oct 30 - RE Classes— see below
Thurs., Oct 31 - 5:30 pm - St. Thomas– All Saints Day/**Holy Day Vigil Mass**
Fri., Nov 1 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo’s– All Saints Day/**Holy Day Mass**
Sat., Nov 2 - 5:00 pm - St. Leo’s– Mass and All Soul’s Day Remembrance Service
Sun., Nov 3 - 11:00 am– 1:30 pm - St. Leo’s Fall Dinner

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Oct. 30
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 B and 11th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

 **Reminder:** Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 3rd. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour next weekend.

 **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			
	Saturday Nov 2 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Nov 3 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Nov 3 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Lois Titus Megan Bolda	Alecia Killoran	Karren Bartholomay
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Joe Killoran Kristi Hovelson	Kristi Dutchuk Jared Nelson Nicole Scherweit Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Richard Family Tristan/Ignatius Lako	Hannah Besette Carly Hovelson	James Diemert Garman Family
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Gary & Linda Milbrandt	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Jackie Vavra	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Lucy Wagner		<i>Volunteer needed</i>

NEWS AND NOTES

All Saints Day - Holy Day Mass Schedule:
Thus., Oct 31st - 5:30 pm - St. Thomas in Buffalo
Fri., Nov 1st - 7:00 pm - St. Leo’s in Casselton
NO 9 am Daily Mass at St. Leo’s on Fri., Nov 1st

Join us to sing from the choir loft! “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, November 17th** 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.

Legacy Planning Event: Community of Care is sponsor-ing a Legacy Planning Event on Thursday, Nov. 7th 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

The Rural Cass County Food Pantry (in Casselton) is in need of the following items: canned beef stew, tomato sauce, sugar, Manwhich, dish soap, laundry soap, personal care items, shampoo and conditioner. Items can be dropped off at TruCore Fitness in Casselton and Mary’s Market in Arthur. To contact the food pantry please call: (701)347-2566. Monetary donations can be mailed di-rectly to: RCCEFP, PO Box 392, Casselton, ND 58012

Trunk or Treat at Martin’s Lutheran Church: Sunday, October 27th, 4-6 pm. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.



Catholic Healthcare Retreat: November 8-10 at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. A retreat for women healthcare workers to find rest, renewed hope, and reconnect with the Lord. Please email Nichole Haugen with questions: catholicnurse-coach@outlook.com or call/text (701)320-8469. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Women’s Reading Retreat: November 22-24, Maryvale, Valley City. Retreat goers will be reading *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. This retreat is filled with reading time, discussion, prayer, Mass and more. Sug-gested donation \$170-\$210 depending on lodging. For more information contact Carrie Nice at Carrie.Nice@MaryvaleND.org or (701) 845-2864.

Upcoming Fall Dinners:
Please see the flyers on the bulletin board for more details.
Sun., Nov 3– St. Leo’s Church-Casselton– 11 am– 1:30 pm - Roast beef dinner
Sun., Nov 10– Sts. Anne & Joachim Church– Fargo– 4 to 7 pm - Pork Roast Dinner

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.” ~ Mark 10:52
Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don’t happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God’s active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Upcoming elections – *some thoughts*

Enclosed in this week’s bulletin are two flyers regarding our upcoming November elections:

One flyer is a two-sided flyer about voting **N0** on Measure 5 that is being proposed to North Dakota voters about legalizing the use of recreational marijuana, its production and sale. Both North Dakota Catholic bishops – *John T. Folda of Fargo* and *David D. Kagan of Bismarck* – are asking that this initiated measure be voted down. One side of the enclosed flyer is their letter with the back side summarizing their reasons of op position.If a person would like more in-depth information about the harmful effects of legalizing recreational marijuana one can visit the website – <https://www.yourfaithyourvote.org/measure52024/>. This website is also listed at the bottom of the flyer listing the bishops’ reasons for their opposition.

The **second flyer** is a voter’s guide to the upcoming national elections put out by the USCCB [**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**]. Voting and elections are not neutral events. They carry moral content and have consequences. This moral guide is meant to help voters come to the polls with an informed conscience. All voting should be done with an informed conscience. May this guide be of assistance.

Different, *but deeply connected*, days

On **November 1st** and **November 2nd** the Church celebrates two different, but very deeply connected, realities in our lives of faith.

Both of these days remind us that death will come to all of us. **What happens at death is not the same for everyone.** At the very moment of death a particular judgement will be rendered on each person’s life. For some death may mean entry into the eternity of heavenly life; for some it may mean a time of purification [**Purgatory**]; for some it may mean entry into the eternity of hell. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) paragraphs 1023-1029 detail teachings about heaven; paragraphs 1030-1032 explain Church teachings on purgatory; paragraphs 1033-1037 speak about the reality of hell.

November 1st (All Saints Day) is one of the five Holy Days in the United States. All Saints Day acknowledges there are many more saints than those officially recognized or listed on the church calendar (*i.e.—possibly deceased family and friends*). On November 1st we celebrate and seek the intercession of all holy men and women who live in heaven surrounded by and immersed in the blessedness of God himself.

November 2nd (All Souls Day) is a day set aside for us to pray for deceased loved ones undergoing the purification of Purgatory. It is our offering of Masses, prayers and almsgiving that assist them in being purified from their vestiges of sin and help them attain their final glory of heavenly life and the beatific vision of God.

Masses for All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day, will be at St. Thomas in Buffalo on Thursday, October 31st at 5:30 p.m. and at St. Leo’s in Casselton on Friday, November 1st at 7 p.m.

On **All Souls Day (November 2nd)** St. Leo’s will host our annual Evening Prayer Remembrance Service in conjunction with our 5 p.m. Saturday evening Mass. All who have lost a loved one – *both this year or in years gone by*—are invited to attend this Mass and Remembrance Service. After Communion people will be invited to light a candle in the name of a deceased loved or in the name of deceased family members and place that candle near our banner of deceased loved ones.



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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



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 27, 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 Oct 27:
Mon – Oct 28 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**
Tues – Oct 29 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **+Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries
NO MASS at St. Leo’s
Wed – Oct 30 – 9:00 am – **+Lyle Wicken** by Jackie & Lee Anderson
Thurs – Oct 31 – 9:00 am – **+Leonard Brandenburg** by Paulette Schmitt
Thurs – Oct 31– St. Thomas- 5:30 pm– All Saints Day/Holy Day Vigil Mass
Fri – Nov 1– St. Leo’s– 7:00 pm– All Saints Day/Holy Day Vigil Mass- +Fr. William Ovsak
NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo’s
Saturday – Nov 2 – 5:00 pm - +Souls in purgatory
Sunday - Nov 3 – St. Thomas- 8:30 am - +Bob Von Bank by Joe & Lora Killoran
St. Leo’s - 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
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.