

PASTOR’S NOTES

All Saints Day/All Souls Day — *different, but connected*

Every November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the Church celebrates All Saints Day {Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>} followed by All Souls Day {Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>}. At the heart of these two day stands the reality of death, which begs the questions - **What happens at death?** At the very moment of death a particular judgement will be rendered on each person’s life because death ends our freedom to accept or reject Christ. At death our destinies may differ - the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches:

- (1) “Those who die in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ” in **heaven** [CCC 1023];
- (2) For those who “die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God’s merciful love ... remaining separated from him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called **hell**.” [CCC 1033];
- (3) “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified” [CCC 1030] undergo purification in **Purgatory** so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven [Rev. 21:27]

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> celebrates All Saints Day.** This day is one of five Holy Days in the life of the Church and 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Masses for All Saints Day**, which is a Holy Day, will be at St. Thomas in Buffalo on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and at St. Leo’s in Casselton on Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> celebrates All Souls Day.** This day is set aside for us to pray for deceased loved ones undergoing the purification of Purgatory. At death many spiritual lives may need to be purified for **not** having done their ‘level best’ to —  
~ *build their house on rock*; ~ *provide good soil for the seed of God’s Word*; ~ *render on to God the things that are God’s*; ~ *sell all that they had for the ‘pearl of great price’*; ~ *take up their Cross and follow Christ*; ~ *give God his share of the harvest*; ~ *love God with all their hearts, mind and strength*; ~ *etc.* ;  
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.

On **All Souls Day {November 2<sup>nd</sup>}** there will be 10:30 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Leo’s. At 7 p.m. St. Leo’s will host an Evening Prayer Remembrance Service. All who have lost a loved one — *this year or in years gone by* — are invited to attend this Evening Prayer Remembrance Service. Praying for the living and the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. The service will be followed by a simple reception in the Spirit of Life Center.

Book of REMEMBRANCE

After the All Saints Day liturgy, a book titled Book of Remembrance can be found at the church entrance. Parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in that book. During the month of November and lasting until the end of this church year the names in that book will be remembered at the Masses offered at St. Leo’s and St. Thomas. Our last Mass for this church year will be Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.



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  
October 30, 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 30:

Mon - Oct 31 – 9:00 am – +**Leonard Brandenburg** by Jim & Paulette Schmitt  
**Mon - Oct 31 - 5:30 pm - St. Thomas– All Saints Day/Holy Day Mass**  
**Tues - Nov 1 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo’s - All Saints Day/Holy Day Mass - +Fr. Michael Parrota**  
*St. Thomas — NO 9 am Daily Mass*  
Wed – Nov 2 – 10:30 am – **Funeral Mass for Hank Weber**  
Thurs – Nov 3 – 9:00 am - +**Marie Hong Tran** by Lisa Tran  
Fri – Nov 4 – 9:00 am - **Special intention** by Jackie Anderson  
**Sat - Nov 5 - 5:00 pm - +Dick Barnes by Mary Barnes**  
**Sun - Nov 6 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - Larry Zaun**  
**St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

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**St. Leo’s Directors:** Mark Rehovsky & Dave Glennon  
**St. Thomas Directors:** Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

**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.

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., Oct 31 - 5:30 pm - All Saints Day/Holy Day Vigil Mass - St. Thomas  
Mon., Oct 31 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo’s Holy House in lower level of church  
Tues., Nov 1 - 7:00 pm - All Saints Day/Holy Day Mass - St. Leo’s  
Wed., Nov 2 - RE classes - see below  
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  
Sun. Nov 6 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life center

**Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm  
St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm  
All classes will attend All Souls Day Service at 7:00 pm.  
- NO 5:15 pm class sessions. Those classes will meet together with their fellow classmates at 6:30 pm in their regular class rooms.  
- All other classes start at regular times.  
- Both sessions of 9<sup>th</sup> grade (A & B) will meet at 6:15 pm  
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade will have a combined class at 6:15 pm

*Prayers and Sympathy:* Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Mark and Todd Weber and their families on the death of their father, Hank Weber.  
*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4*

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	<b>Saturday Nov 5</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> <i>St. Leo’s</i>	<b>Sunday Nov 6</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <i>St. Thomas</i>	<b>Sunday Nov 6</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <i>St. Leo’s</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tricia Gegelman Lois Titus	Gary Milbrandt	Anna Garman
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mona Franck		Micah Bartholomay
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Tristan Lako Ethan Richard Olivia Richard	Jami Vavra Piper Koller	Isabelle Dutchuk 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>	Bryce Kasowski Family	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Jessica Enge		Anna Garman


NEWS AND NOTES

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**Remember:** Next weekend Daylight Savings time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clocks back one hour!

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**  
*“...But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’” ~ Luke 19:8*  
We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means not everyone is called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?




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



**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:**  
Serving french toast and sausage on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering. Proceeds will benefit Women’s Care Center.



**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!!**