

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., Oct 8 – RE classes – see schedule below
Thurs., Oct 9 – 7:00 pm – Inquiry Class on the Catholic faith in lower level of St. Leo’s church
Tues., Oct 14 – 7:00 pm – Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory
Wed., Oct 15 – 12:00 pm – Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
Sun., Oct 19 – 9:00 am – KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center
Thurs., Oct 23 – 7:00 pm – Inquiry Class on the Catholic faith in lower level of St. Leo’s church
Fri., Oct 31 – 5:30 pm – St. Thomas – All Saints Day Vigil Mass
Sat., Nov 1 – 9:00 am – St. Leo’s – All Saints Holy Day Mass

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Oct. 8th
St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
Grades K- 5, 7, 8, 10 — 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Grades 6 & 9 – Class A — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
11th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to the families of Jane Sinner on her death and to Scott & Lucy Wagner and their family on the death of their daughter, Jill Flack.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Oct 11 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Oct 12 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Oct 12 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Mark Voss	Shari Kensok	Alecia Killoran
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Lori Howard Bill Franck	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faight Mary Jendro Susan Kempel Paul Olsen	Cynthia Comprendio Kristi Hovelson
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Addison Hushka Noah Hushka Payton Neumann	Melody Kempel Quinn/Riley Gunkel Emma Rupp	Layla Norrie Claire Halland
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Arnie & Barb Buhr Jackie Vavra
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Dave Killoran Family
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Richard Muscha	Deb Werner	

NEWS AND NOTES

MagnifiKid! Beginning this weekend we will again be offering the MagnifiKid handout for children to use during Mass. They will be available on the tables behind the last pew in the church. MagnifiKid is a colorful weekly missalette and prayer guide for children to help them understand and participate in Mass. It also offers morning and evening prayers, games and activities.

Join us to sing from the choir loft! “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, October 19th** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is to sing. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #546, #405, #342, #594. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Contact Wanda Mangin with any questions.

40 Days for Life: September 24th – November 2nd, 2025. 40 Days for Life is a worldwide mobilization for all Christians to pray and fast for an end to abortion. All are invited to participate in daily vigils being held outside the Red River Women’s Clinic located at 302 Highway 75 N, Moorhead, MN. For more information on how to sign up to volunteer at one of these vigils, please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit their website: 40daysfor-life.com/moorehead



Fall Dinners: It’s that time of year again! Please see the flyers on bulletin board for more details on all the area church Fall Dinners.

Martin’s Lutheran Church Fall Dinner: Sunday, October 5th, 10:45 am to 12:30 pm. Serving Meatballs, gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies and dessert. Adults: \$15; Children (6-12): \$6; under 6: free; Family: \$40.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.”~ Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything – all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?



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Knights of Columbus Breakfast:
Serving pancakes and sausage **Sun., Oct. 19th** 
from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center.
Free will offering.

Mercy Hour Eucharistic Healing Service for Young Adults: Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 218 10th St S, Moorhead, MN. College students, single or married young adults are invited to join Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Diocese of Crookston and Bishop John Folda for this special hour of Adoration and prayer.

Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart – Women’s Healing Retreat: November 20-22, 2025: Join us for the Undone Women’s Conference, where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty, and transformation, as the knots of Eve’s disobedience are “undone” through Mary’s model of radical receptivity. Presented by the John Paul II Healing Center, this event will be held at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo. The retreat is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online for either experience at <https://fargodiocese.net/undone> Registration opens August 18. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts are available. Contact JPiIretreatFargoND@gmail.com for more information.

PASTOR’S NOTES

War-torn Gaza

Since October 7, 2023 there has been an armed conflict in the Gaza Strip between Israel and Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups. That surprise attack by Hamas killed 1195 Israeli and foreign nationals along with hostages being taken captive.

In these ensuing two years thousands of Palestinians have been killed and injured. The people of this region including Catholics and other Christian groups have suffered immensely from the lack of food and basic necessities to survive.

Archbishop Timothy Broglio, who is the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB], has asked all bishops in the United States to take up a special collection for our brothers and sisters suffering tremendous human plight in Gaza. This is not meant to be construed as taking sides in this military conflict but to provide the most basic necessities of life (e.g. - food). As Archbishop Broglio writes:

“Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that “Gaza is starving”. Please consider a donation that will be used by our international Catholic organizations Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) that are working to provide food, shelter, and care.”

At our recent Presbyterate Days in Valley City, Bishop Folda said the Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem is deeply respected by all sides in this matter and the aid that is given will get to the people in this time of great need. There are envelopes attached to your bulletin for your support.

Your generosity in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Less than a month out – it’s coming!!

St. Leo’s Fall Dinner & Raffle will be held on Sunday, November 2nd from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Our many Fall Dinners and Raffles have happened because of the wonderful support by St. Leo’s parishioners.

Once again we need your help in three (3) ways:

- 1) **your sale of raffle tickets** that you received in the mail. This allows us to replenish some of the funds that have gone into capital improvement projects (e.g. - the Spirit of Life kitchen remodel, church lighting, elevator replacement, sanctuary flooring, etc.)
- 2) **your time and talent** in getting things ready/set-up, as well as service on the actual day of the Dinner. **Sign-up sheets will soon be out. Please be generous with your time and talent.** We are asking our high school students to clean and reset dinner tables, and our middle school students to help with ‘Kids games’ in the lower level.
- 3) **your gift of ‘goodies’:**
 - (a) nice desserts for our dessert table;
 - (b) home-made baked goods (e.g. - *homemade bread/buns, jams, jellies, salsa, etc.*) as well as crafts for our Country Store;
 - (c) prize items for the ‘Kids games’ (e.g. - *2 liters bottles of pop, cakes, small packages of carmel corn, etc.*)



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Buffalo ND
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 5, 2025

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 5:

Mon – Oct 6 – 9:00 am – +**Margaret Kensok** by Richard Muscha
Tues – Oct 7 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**
NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – Oct 8 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale
Thurs – Oct 9 – 9:00 am – +**Carol Dahl** by Keith & Joni Biggers
Fri – Oct 10 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**
Saturday – Oct 11 – 5:00 pm – +**Deceased Family & Friends** by Mary Kempel
Sunday – Oct 12 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am – +**Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries

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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

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 or by appointment.

Please join in praying the Rosary
25 minutes before the Saturday evening
and Sunday morning Mass times.