

PASTOR’S NOTES

Mark your calendars – *Sunday, September 19th*
St. Leo’s parish will be hosting a farewell reception for Sue Knoll after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 19th.

Sue has been with us for the past 11 years and has generously given of herself as coordinator of both our Religious Education program and served as musician and liturgist for countless celebrations of weekend Masses, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter celebrations, funeral liturgies, baptismal and wedding celebrations, etc. We have all been the beneficiaries of her servant leadership!
She sees herself as retiring and spending more time with family and grandchildren. We certainly wish her all the best in the weeks, months and years ahead. In grateful thanks all parishioners are cordially invited to her farewell reception. Come and bid her farewell and extend your best wishes. A very short program will follow a nice luncheon meal. **See you there!**

‘Troubles’ in your marriage?? —

For those couples whose marriages have come upon ‘tough times’ and there are serious issues in communications, conflict resolution, partner habits, struggling to stay together, etc., a **Retrouvaille Weekend** may be for you!! Retrouvaille is a French word meaning ‘rediscovery’.
A retrouvaille weekend is specifically oriented to marriages that are going through troubled times. It is meant to help married couples who are struggling to communicate, who are struggling to stay together, who are cold and distant from one another, or who are separated or divorced, but want to try again. It is not a sensitivity group, a seminar, social gathering nor a spiritual retreat. The weekend is organized around helping each couple listen to couples who themselves have experienced marital difficulties and ways in which they have ‘rediscovered’ communication patterns and gained insights about themselves as individuals and as a couple. After each presentation each couple takes some personal private time to reflect and write about what has been presented and then in turn discusses their writings with their spouse. Retrouvaille is open to any married couple struggling in their relationship regardless of faith tradition.

The weekend is followed by post sessions (*usually 6 meetings over the course of 3 months*). These post sessions focus on family of origin issues, personality styles, the art of effective listening, conflict resolution, how to forgive and to trust, etc.

Research shows that couples in happy marriages live longer, have greater wealth, and enjoy a better standard of living with their children being happier, healthier, more secure and do better in school.

There are tri-fold brochures at the back of the church explaining Retrouvaille in more detail and giving you telephone numbers for registration information as well as listings of upcoming weekends in Fargo, St. Cloud and Minneapolis. For more information please call Red River Retrouvaille at **701-356-7962**.

Dates to keep in mind

- > Sun., Sept. 12th – 7:00 p.m. – Parent planning meeting for Youth group activities—
St. Leo’s Spirit of Life Center
- > Mon., Sept. 13th – 7:00 p.m. – St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting
- > Tues., Sept. 14th – 7:00 p.m. – Cemetery Committee meeting – at the Rectory
- > Wed., Sept. 15th – 6:30 p.m. – First RE class for this year (*Simple Supper at 6 p.m.*)



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TWENTY– FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 12, 2021

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 Sept 12:

Mon - Sept 13 - 9:00 am - +**Wilfred ‘Willie’ Muscha** by Delores Grommesh
Tues - Sept 14 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo’s - **NO MASS**
Wed - Sept 15 - 9:00 am – +**Myrtle Mergner** by Marian Watson
Thurs - Sept 16 - 9:00 am - +**Joe Franck** by Bill & Mona Franck
Fri - Sept 17 - 9:00 am - +**Fr. Charles Leute**
Sat - Sept 18 - 5:00 pm - +**Deceased family & friends of Mary Barnes**
Sun - Sept 19 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - **For the people of our parishes**
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - +**Julie Levos by Keith & Joni Biggers**

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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.

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

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Sept 12 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Sun., Sept 12 - 7:00 pm - Parent planning meeting for Youth group activities in the Spirit of Life Center
Mon., Sept 13 - 7:00 pm - St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting at the church in Buffalo
Wed., Sept 15 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas
Wed., Sept 15 - 6:30 pm - St. Leo’s RE classes; Simple Supper at 6 pm
K/1st grades - Group A meets
6:15 pm - Senior class meets
Tues., Sept 14 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting at the rectory
Sun., Sept 19 - 11:30 am - Farwell party for Sue Knoll after the 10:30 am Mass
Mon., Sept 20 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory
Tues., Sept 21 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory
Wed., Sept 22 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
Sun., Sept 26 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass



Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission: Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. There is a wonderful selection for all occasions available for purchase. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Sept 18 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Sept 19 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Sept 19 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Renee Anderson	Larry Zaun	Steve Carvell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Delores Grommesh		Deb Werner
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Cassie Bartholomay	Jami Vavra Abigail Killoran	Daniel Sullivan Alex Sullivan
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Betty Lou Stallman Lisa Zahnow Jennaca Killoran	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	David Biggers/Terri Biggers	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

NEWS AND NOTES

Catholic Daughters to Meet: Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, September 14th at St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 PM; meal to follow (Unit 1 serving) and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food pantry donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

4th Annual Evening on the Harvest Hope Farm Fundraiser: Jason and Lynn Kotrba, founders of Harvest Hope Farm, 9695 10th St NW, Moorhead, MN invite you to the 4th Annual Fundraiser on Saturday September 18, 5-8 pm. This family friendly event is for all ages. Free will donation meal, silent auction, bake sale, kids games, llama walks and a 6:30pm program!! We look forward to seeing you at the farm! Learn more at www.harvesthopefarm.org
Eric Genuis in Concert: All are invited to an inspiring concert featuring the music talents of Eric Genuis. Don’t miss this “Carnegie Hall” performance on Monday, September 20 at 7 pm at Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

40 Days for Life — North Dakota starts Sept 22: The National 40 Days for Life campaign will take place Sept 22 — Oct 31. This campaign provides a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of the Fargo abortion facility from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day of the campaign. Person can sign up for an hour of prayer by contacting the Pregnancy Help Center at 701-284-6601, or in Fargo 701-356-7979. Email: phc@polarcomm.com or visit: www.40daysforlifend.com

Free 40 Days for Life Yard Signs: The Diocese of Fargo is giving away **free 40 Days for Life yard signs**. They are available at the Diocese office at 5201 Bishops Blvd in Fargo. This is a great way to show your support for LIFE – and they are free. For more information, contact the Farog Diocese at 701-356-7900.

Real Presence Radio Awaken Fall Drive: September 15-17. Tune in to hear their new format, new hosts and guests and new opportunities to deepen your Catholic Faith while supporting Real Presence Radio. You can call in between 7 am to 7 pm to donate, (877)795-0122 or anytime online at realpresencera-dio.com/donate. Stations include: 1370AM (Grand Forks), 1280AM (Fargo/Moorhead), 91.1FM (Harvey), 99.7FM (Jamestown) and 98.9FM (Belcourt). Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program helping married couples with a hurting marriage find new hope and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. The next Retrouvaille weekend is October 22-24, 2021 in Fargo. For more information visit: HelpOurMarriage.com or call (701) 356-7962, or via email at: RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org

Women’s Care Center is looking for a part-time counselor position is available. Degree in counseling, social work, nursing, or other service-related background is preferred. Degree and non-degree candidates are encouraged to apply. Will train. Please forward your resume to angela@wccnd.com or call 701-532-1928 for further details or questions.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” ~ Mark 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.