

PASTOR’S NOTES

Retrouvaille – ‘a bridge over troubled “Married” waters’

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. **A Retrouvaille weekend will be held locally October 7-9 in Fargo.** For more information or to register, visit: HelpOurMarriage.com or contact them at **701-356-7962** or via email at RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org.

Inquiry Class — overview of the Catholic faith

Beginning Thursday, October 6th at 7 p.m. in the large classroom in the lower level of St. Leo’s Church I will be teaching *An Inquiry Class*

Over the course of a number of class sessions an *Inquiry Class* attempts to explore the beliefs, teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. The world of religion can be a vast and confusing enterprise. An *Inquiry Class* offers the opportunity for a person to get answers to many question he/she may have about the Catholic Church. Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic religion is invited.

An *Inquiry Class* is great for:

- > any Catholic interested in learning more about their faith;
- > a Catholic who has been baptized, but never confirmed and would like to be confirmed;
- > any non-Catholic who is simply interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church
- > any non-Catholic who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church.

In essence, all interested persons are invited to the *Inquiry Class* series beginning Thursday, October 6th at 7 p.m.



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 11, 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 Sept 11:

Mon - Sept 12 – 9:00 am – +Dennis Voeller by Rick Voeller
Tues - Sept 13 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +Souls in purgatory
St. Leo’s — NO MASS

Wed – Sept 14 – 6:30 pm– RE Opening Mass - NO 9 am Daily Mass
Thurs – Sept 15 – 9:00 am - +Marie Hong Tran by Lisa Tran
Fri – Sept 16 – 9:00 am - +Eugene Sherman by His family
Sat - Sept 17 - 5:00 pm - +Tim Barnes by Mary Barnes
Sun - Sept 18 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - +Avalee Kaufman by Ron & Thuy Dung Kaufman

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St. Thomas Directors: Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

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., Sept 11 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Tues., Sept 13 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery Committee meeting at the rectory  
**Wed., Sept 14 - 6:30 pm - RE Opening Mass followed by an ice cream social**  
Sun., Sept 18 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Mon., Sept 19 - 7:00 pm - Finance Committee meeting at the rectory  
Tues., Sept 20 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory  
Fri., Sept 23 - Sat., Sept 24 - Redeemed Eucharistic Conference  
Sun., Sept 25 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Wed., Sept 28 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**  
“Everything I have is yours.” ~ Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

| Upcoming Ministry Schedule                                                         |                                                               |                                                              |                                                              |
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|  | <b>Saturday Sept 17</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | <b>Sunday Sept 18</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Sept 18</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> |
| <i>Lector</i>                                                                      | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                                       | Keith Biggers                                                | Steve Carvell                                                |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>                                                       | Gary Grommesh                                                 |                                                              | Deb Werner                                                   |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>                                                               | Burchill Family<br>Hayden Faleide                             | Ali Killoran<br>Rudi Wendel                                  | Cassie Bartholomay<br>Elise Bartholomay<br>Mikaela Prochnow  |
| <i>Offertory Collectors</i>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | Jennaca Killoran<br>Betty Lou Stallman<br>Mike & Lisa Zahnow | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | Darren Halland Family                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     |
| <i>Lead Rosary</i>                                                                 | Mona Franck                                                   |                                                              | Alexia Kieffer                                               |

NEWS AND NOTES

**Beginning Experience** of Eastern ND, Fargo Chapter will be offering: *"Moving Forward with Hope...Coping with Life Alone"*. Offered for widowed, divorced or separated persons. Helping to understand the grieving process and the stages of grief. It will be at Liberty Brethren Lutheran Church, 1702 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Fargo. This 10 week program starts on Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be at 6:00 pm and session will start at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$45.00 which includes your Coping book. For more information, visit: [www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org](http://www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org) or contact Bonnie at 701-318-0949 or call the information line at 701-277-8784 and a leave message.

**Catholic Daughters to Meet:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 pm; meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com).

**Catholic Man Night:** Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 6 – 8 pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2711 7<sup>th</sup> St E, West Fargo. 6 pm - Adoration & Confessions. 7 pm - Meal with talk presented by Fr. Jayson Miller, Priest Secretary to Bishop Folda. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**Secular Franciscan Order** is forming in Fargo. There will be a “Come and See” gathering on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Church in West Fargo. If interested in wanting to know more about this order or to join, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

**Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages:** Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally October 7-9, 2022 in Fargo. For more information or to register, visit: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701)356-7962 or via email at: [RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org)



**Redeemed Eucharistic Conference: Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, at the Delta Hotel, Fargo. Cost is \$75. The conference will feature presentations by Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Diocese of Crookston, MN and head of the National Eucharistic Revival for the USCCB; Monsignor James Shea, President of the University of Mary in Bismarck; Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT; and Dr. Mary Healy, professor of Scripture, author, and international speaker. To learn more, please see the flyer on the bulletin board. Register on-line at: [www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed](http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed) or call (701) 356-7900.

The annual diocesan Eucharistic procession, **“Walk with Christ for Life”**, is scheduled to be held on Respect Life Sunday, October 2nd, at the Cathedral of St. Mary, 604 Broadway, Fargo. The day’s events begin with Holy Mass with Bishop Foda at 12:00 noon, followed by a prayerful, peaceful procession to the state’s former abortion facility where a short prayer service will be held. The procession will then return to the Cathedral for Eucharistic Benediction and a meal in the social hall.

**Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University:** Martin’s Lutheran Church will be hosting a 9 week course on Dave Ramsey’s common-sense, biblical money principles. The course will start on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm. Learn how to save for emergencies, pay off debt fast, spend wisely and invest for your future. There is a \$80 registration fee. For more information and to register, contact Martin’s church office at (701)347-4289 if interested.