

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., Sept 22 – 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory
Tues., Sept 23 – 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory
Wed., Sept 24 – RE classes start – see schedule below
Thurs., Sept 25 – 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

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Sept. 24
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



Fall Decorations: Thank you so much to Ann Faught and Shari Kensok for their donations and arranging the fall decorations in front of the church and on the altar!

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Sept 27 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Sept 28 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Sept 28 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Gary Milbrandt
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Evelyn Roth Joe Kappes Jensen Kappes	Claire Glennon Jack Glennon Nolan Ziegelmann	Abigail Killoran Liam Biggers
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Betty Lou Stallman Lisa Zahnow
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Flint & Dee Kasowski
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations to **Devin Rehovsky** and **Abigayle Dahl** who entered into the sacrament of marriage at St. Leo’s on Saturday, September 13th. We pray to God to bless their love for each other and that they may support each other throughout the joys and sorrows of life.

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Brandi Hermann and her family on the death of her father, Brian Anderson. *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.* — Matthew 5:4

Catholic Man Night: Tuesday, September 23rd, at Holy Cross Catholic Church (2711 7th St E, West Fargo). 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration & Confession; 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm meal and talk. The guest speaker is Mike Hagstrom, JPII President Pilgrimage of Hope. Meal is a free will offering. **All men are invited, bring a friend!**

Holy Hour for Life-Respect Life Sunday: Bishop Folda invites all the faithful of the diocese to join him a Mass and Holy Hour on **Sunday, October 5th** at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo. Mass will be at noon followed by a Holy Hour for Life starting at approximately 1:15 pm. A lunch will be served in the social hall after the Holy Hour.



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.

Life-Giving Wounds Support Group-Online: October 6 – December 1, 2025. The Life-Giving Wounds peer support group is a unique opportunity for healing for adults (18+) whose parents have divorced, separated, or left broken families, to reflect on the wounds caused by their family’s breakdown and to heal from them, together with others who know this pain and knowledgeable, compassionate leaders, who are also predominantly adult children of divorce or separation themselves. For more information and to register visit: www.fargodiocese.org/lgw-sg Questions, contact Jennie Korsmo at the Diocese: jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org

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.

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).” ~ Luke 16:13
Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run “neck and neck” as top priority. Is money a “god” that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide for all that we need.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Upcoming Appeals —

In the next couple of weeks there will be two financial appeals to help alleviate some very basic human struggles of people far and near.

First —

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.”

Your generosity in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Second —

Catholic Charities North Dakota will be conducting their annual Fall Appeal to all Catholic parishes in the state of North Dakota. In many ways the great work of Catholic Charities often ‘flies under the radar’ when it comes to serving some of the most basic works of charity in the state of North Dakota.

- > There are hundreds of children in North Dakota living in the foster care system and looking for a ‘forever home’. This work of vetting parents and homes, arranging and finalizing adoptions as well as post-adoption follow-up belongs to the caring work of Catholic Charities North Dakota.
- > There are hundreds of court-appointed adults with intellectual disabilities as well as vulnerable adults who need the protective care and guidance of guardians in their lives so as not to be exploited or be taken advantage of. This work involves numerous visits with clients as well as meetings on their behalf. This mission belongs to the caring work of Catholic Charities North Dakota.
- > There are those cases of caring and helping persons struggling with unplanned pregnancies; of caring and helping couples who struggle with infertility issues and are wanting to pursue adoption options; assisting persons doing adoption searches; as well as providing counseling services for individuals, couples and families. Such tasks belong to caring work of Catholic Charities North Dakota.

Again, please be generous when asked to help in these great works of charity!

Fall Dinner

Mark your calendar!!

St. Leo’s Fall Beef Roast Dinner & Bazaar is scheduled for Sunday, November 2nd from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

As usual we will have a cash raffle (tickets will be coming soon), kids games, a country store, auction items, etc.



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



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 21, 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 Sept 21:

Mon – Sept 22 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**
Tues – Sept 23 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **+Richard Bemis** by Keith & Joni Biggers
NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – Sept 24 – 9:00 am – **+Don Nilles** by Richard Muscha
Thurs – Sept 25 – 9:00 am – **+Theresa Dooley** by Her children
Fri – Sept 26 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**
Saturday – Sept 27 – 5:00 pm – +Gerry Huwe by Gary & Delores Grommesh
Sunday – Sept 28 – 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.

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