

PASTOR’S NOTES

Catholic Charities Sunday

At next weekend’s Masses (October 1st and 2nd) the bishops of the two dioceses in North Dakota [Bishop John Folda of Fargo and Bishop David Kagan of Bismarck] have asked that each parish show a short video highlighting the work of Catholic Charities North Dakota (CCND).

As you well know there are many wonderful organizations doing charitable work in helping people in their times of need. In many ways the work of CCND is not as well known as more publicized groups like shelters and food pantries. CCND’s work is connected to long term projects that entails relationship skills. Presently the work of CCND is grouped under 4 headings:

- 1) **Guardianship services** to: [1] almost 100 vulnerable elderly individuals, possibly with dementia of Alzheimer’s or vulnerable in some other way **and** [2] over 500 individuals with intellectual disabilities and have no family or friends available to serve in that capacity. A guardian is assigned to each of these persons who need support with decision-making to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation. These services includes visits and attending meetings and appointments to insure each guardian’s well-being. In addition CCND operates a 24 hour emergency/assistance line. In the state of North Dakota there are waiting lists beyond the present ones being helped.
- 2) **Adults Adopting Special Kids {AASK}** works with finding permanent and stable homes – **forever homes** – for children in foster care. Most recently 928 kids received AASK services with some of them being adopted, others being returned to their parental homes and still others being placed in foster care. As with the Guardianship program there are many on waiting lists to receive care.
- 3) **Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Services {PPAS}** help people who are unprepared for pregnancy to learn about options for parenting and adoption. In addition to those unprepared for pregnancy, there are couples who desire the gift of a child and seek the services of an adoption agency. CCND’s adoption services deal with North Dakota infant adoptions, relative adoptions as well as out-of-state and international adoptions, and help with adoption searches and disclosures.

- 4) **Counseling services** are for individuals, couples and families who are coping with crisis, stress and change in their lives.

There will be an envelope attached to next week’s bulletin soliciting your financial support of these charitable works of Catholic Charities North Dakota. The brochure racks in the church entry contains a tri-fold brochure detailing CCND programs as well as a recent Annual Report of CCND activities explaining revenues and expenditures.

I strongly encourage your support of these charitable works.

Troubled marriages ...

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!!

The weekend is not a spiritual retreat, a sensitivity group, a social gathering nor a counseling session. It is a weekend experience in which couples learn to re-establish communications and gain new insight into themselves as individuals and couples.

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



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 25, 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 25:

Mon - Sept 26 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**
Tues - Sept 27 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **NO MASS**
St. Leo’s — NO MASS
Wed – Sept 28 – 9:00 pm – **NO MASS**
Thurs – Sept 29 – 9:00 am - **+Irene Scoular** by Jackie Anderson
Fri – Sept 30 – 9:00 am - **+Gerry Huwe** by Gary & Delores Grommesh
Sat - Oct 1 - 5:00 pm - +Gus Seberger by Mary Kempel
Sun - Oct 2 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - +Jerry Volk

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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.

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

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., Sept 28 - RE classes— see below
Wed., Sept 28 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
Tues., Oct 4 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory
Thurs., Oct 6 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith in the big classroom in lower level of church
Thurs., Oct 13 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium in the Spirit of Life Center
Thurs., Oct 13- 7:00 pm - Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith in the big classroom in lower level of church
Sun., Oct 16 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Sept 28th

St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
Grades K, 1, 2, 3 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)
Grades 4-8 & 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Grade 9 - Class B and 12th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

It’s Fall Dinner time! Please see the bulletin board in the church entry for information and flyers on all the area church dinners.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Oct 1 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Oct 2 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Oct 2 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tricia Gegelman Lois Titus	Gary Milbrandt	Anna Garman
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Lucy Wagner		Pam Spooner
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Tristan Lako Ethan Richard Olivia Richard	Gavin Besette Ali Killoran	Isabelle Dutchuk Garman Family
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteers needed	Arnie & Barb Buhr Jackie Vavra	Volunteers needed
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteers needed	Bryce Kasowski Family	Volunteers needed
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Jessica Enge		Anna Garman

NEWS AND NOTES

Martin’s Lutheran Church Annual Fall Dinner & Country Store: Sunday, October 2nd, 10:45 am to 1 pm. Adults- \$12, Kids- \$6, Family- \$30. Serving Meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, beets and homemade desserts. The country store will have craft items, baked goods and canned items.

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 Folda 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.

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 or contact us at (701)356-7962 or via email at: RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Couples Retreat: A healing retreat for any couple that has experienced any type of pregnancy or early infant loss. . Saturday, October 15th, at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 619 7th St N, Fargo from 8 am to 4 pm. A Mass for God’s Children with Bishop Folda will be held at 2 pm. For more information or to register visit: www.fargodiocese.org/child-loss-retreat

Living in the Presence of God-A Retreat for Young Women: Friday, October 21st, 7:00 pm through Sunday, October 23rd 11:00 am at St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND. Young women, aged 18-45, are invited to spend time reflecting on the impact of living in the presence of God. The Franciscan Retreat Center in Hankinson provide a prayerful atmosphere to relax and allow God to love you... let someone else do the cooking while you pray & visit! Suggested donation for the retreat is \$175 and includes room, board and retreat materials. For more information and to register, please contact Sr. Mary Ruth Huhn at: srmaryruth@sfcetrements.org or (701) 242 -7195.

Catholic Charities Sunday: Next weekend is Catholic Charities Sunday. A short video will be shown highlighting how Catholic Charities North Dakota assists thousand of individuals, couples and families all across North Dakota through the following services: Adults Adopting Special Kids(AASK), Counseling, Guardianship services for Vulnerable Adults and those with Intellectual Disabilities, Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption (PPAS). Next week’s bulletin will have information on how you can support Catholic Charities North Dakota. To learn more about Catholic Chairites North Dakota visit: www.CatholicCharitiesND.org

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“My child, remember that you received what is good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” ~ Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world, He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.