

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., Oct 1 – RE classes – see schedule below
Thurs., Oct 2 – 7:00 pm – Inquiry Class on the Catholic faith in lower level of St. Leo’s church
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

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Oct 1

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 B — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm

12th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Sandie Nystrom on the death of her brother, Daryl Anderson.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Oct 4 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Oct 5 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Oct 5 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Megan Bolda Lois Titus	Jackie Vavra	Karren Bartholomay
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Joni Biggers Keith Biggers	Kristi Dutchuk Jared Nelson Nicole Scherweit Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Richard Family Lako Family Bolda Family	Hallie Besette Skylar Norrie	Olivia Garman James Diemert Isaac Diemert
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteer needed	Arnie & Barb Buhr Jackie Vavra	Volunteer needed
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteer needed	Roger & Marsha Kasowski	Volunteer needed
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Lucy Wagner		Volunteer Needed

NEWS AND NOTES

MagnifiKid! Beginning next 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.

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

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.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“My child, remember that you received what was 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.



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St. Leo’s Knight of the Month:
The Knight of the month is **Tony Roth**. Thank you Tony for all you do for the KC’s. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

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

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.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Catholic Charities Sunday

Over the last number of years a Sunday in late September or early October has been designated as Catholic Charities Sunday throughout the state of North Dakota. The purpose of this Sunday is to highlight the work of Catholic Charities and solicit the support of Catholic parishioners in this vital work of Catholic Charities North Dakota [CCND].

Beyond the many charitable works being done in local parishes and since 1923 Catholic Charities is doing charitable works beyond the scope of any one single parish church. Below is a snapshot or fact sheet on the present work of Catholic Charities North Dakota.

Fact Sheet – Catholic Charities North Dakota (CCND) – 2025/26

- Four (4) offices:** Fargo (main)
Bismarck
Grand Forks
Minot
- Budget:** \$9.9 million
- Full time employees:** 98
- Five major programs:**
- 1) AASK [Adults Adopting Special Kids]**
serves 813 court-appointed individuals who find themselves in North Dakota’s foster care system and are looking to be placed in their “forever homes”; largely funded by the state of North Dakota; work includes home visitations and assessments, adoptive placement, adoptive finalizations, post adoption follow-up, etc.
 - 2) GDID [Guardianship Division: Intellectually Disabled]**
serves 556 court-appointed adults with intellectual disabilities who are in need of protective options/ services; largely supported by the state of North Dakota; waiting list of 150+ individuals; work includes individual case visits, meetings on behalf of clients, contacts for emergency situations, etc.
 - 3) GSV [Guardianship Services: Vulnerable]**
served 140 court-appointed vulnerable elderly persons struggling with mental health issues or any type of vulnerability; waiting list of several individuals; work includes individual meetings including 24-hour, 7 days per week on-call coverage.
 - 4) PPAS [Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Services]**
work with women struggling with unplanned pregnancies; families looking to adopt a child(ren); assist individuals in adoption searches; work includes home visitations and assessments, post-adoption follow-ups, host *Bundle Up Your Baby Bump* events with over 1000 people in attendance.
 - 5) Counseling**
offers faith-based counseling for individuals, couples or families coping with mental health issues, stress, change, etc.; have served over 1105 counseling sessions.

Funding: These invaluable services are funded through various means (e.g. - program fees, diocesan God’s Gift Appeal, government contracts) **leaving \$450,000 to be raised annually by fund-raising efforts like this Catholic Charities Sunday**, Giving Hearts Day in February, two annual appeals, *Chip in for Charity* golf opportunity. Envelopes are attached to your bulletins.

Your support is deeply appreciated!!!



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 28, 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 28:

Mon – Sept 29 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**
Tues – Sept 30 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **NO MASS**
NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – Oct 1 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**
Thurs – Oct 2 – 9:00 am – **Justin Gullekson Family**
Fri – Oct 3 – 9:00 am – **+Beth Radermacher** by Bill Radermacher
Saturday – Oct 4 – 5:00 pm – **+Shirley Kaiser** by Bryce Radermacher
Sunday – Oct 5 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - **For the people of our parishes**
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am – **+Al Brandt** by James & Stacie Morowski

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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.