

PASTOR'S NOTES

St. Leo's parish and its Annual Parish Meeting

This coming Sunday (February 2nd) St. Leo's will be having its **annual parish meeting** after the 10:30 am Sunday Mass in the Spirit of Life Center. There will a **free meal** of pork chops, mashed potatoes and 'all the fixings' plus dessert. This meal is intended for all parishioners including children who will have their special meal and gathering downstairs.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to review the state of the parish and to see what the future may hold. The annual meeting provides an opportunity for parishioners to gather, share a meal, enjoy one another's company, review the state of the parish and look to the future — *the color scheme for painting the church's interior, whether to recarpet or put stone tile in the sanctuary, how to better accomplish adult faith formation, a look at life in our mission parish in Cameroon, Africa, etc.* At the meeting numerous handouts regarding parish life will be available as well as year-end financial statements for each parish household.

The vibrancy of parish life is a concerted effort of all parishioners as they honor and remember their faith heritage, review their efforts, express gratitude for work well done, offer their insights, and firmly believe the best lies ahead when the Lords says to us, *"Well done good and faithful servant! Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world."*

This is the spirit of St. Leo's annual meeting. All parishioners are welcome!
Please come!

Catholic Collage — *Savoring our Catholic Faith*

On three successive Sunday afternoons during the month of February (*February 9, 16 and 23*) Catholic Collage will offer six (6) classes on topics related to our Catholic Faith. Catholic Collage is a local deanery organization attempting to offer adult education classes for anyone interested in exploring the Catholic culture and the treasures of our faith.

Three of this year's six classes will be offered in **Session One**, which runs from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. The other three classes will be offered in **Session Two**, which runs from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Class information and registration forms are on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Our own parishioner, Shari Kensok has this to say about Catholic Collage:

"It seems like every time I turn around, there's more to learn about our Catholic Faith. And it seems like the more I learn, the more I fall in love with our Lord and my faith deepens! Catholic Collage is one of those opportunities! I have been going every year for several years and I learn something new that deepens my faith every year! Catholic Collage is like Religious Education (RE) for adults. Another installment is coming up in a few weeks. There are six "classes" to choose from, and you can pick two. It amazes me that in one respect, our faith is so simple, and then once you have that foundation, there are so many layers, so many devotional options, so many nuances that can strengthen and deepen that trust in God and love for Him. How can we pass up such a wonderful opportunity to show that God is our #1 priority, to learn more about Him, and to discover another beautiful layer of our faith?!"

You are certainly encouraged to take advantage of these faith-education opportunities.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 26, 2020

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 Jan 26:

Mon - Jan 27 - 9:00 am - +**Leroy Scherr** by Helen Franck

Tues - Jan 28 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Souls in purgatory**

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Jan 29 - 9:00 am - +**Ernie Fritel** by Bob & Marge Volk

Thurs - Jan 30 - 9:00 am - +**Myrtle Mergner** by Marian Watson

Fri - Jan 31 - 9:00 am - +**Audrey Cleary** by Gary & Delores Grommesh

Sat - Feb 1 - St. Leo's - 5:00 pm - ++Joe & Helen Krumm by Helen Franck

Sun - Feb 2 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am Mass - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am Mass - +Ken Habiger by Mary Barnes

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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.

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


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., Jan 28 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory  
Wed., Jan 29 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas  
Wed., Jan 29 - 6:30 pm - RE classes at St. Leo's, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm  
6:15 pm - Junior class meets  
**Sun., Feb 2 - 11:30 am - St. Leo's Annual meeting in the Spirit of Life Center**  
Tues., Feb 4 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns Committee meeting at the rectory  
Sun., Feb 9 - 1:00- 4:30 pm - Catholic collage at Shanley High School, Fargo  
Mon., Feb 10 - 7:00 pm - Reconciliation parent meeting in big classroom in lower level of church  
Tues., Feb 11 - 7:00 pm - Education Committee meeting at the rectory  
Thurs., Feb 13 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
Sun., Feb 16 - 1:00- 4:30 pm - Catholic Collage at Shanley High School, Fargo  
Sun., Feb 23 - 1:00- 4:30 pm - Catholic Collage at Shanley High School, Fargo  
Wed., Feb 26 - Ash Wednesday - 5:00 pm - Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo  
7:00 pm - Mass at St. Leo's



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

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | Saturday Feb 1<br>5:00 pm<br>St. Leo's | Sunday Feb 2<br>8:30 am<br>St. Thomas | Sunday Feb 2<br>10:30 am<br>St. Leo's                                           |
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| Lector                                                                             | Tricia Gegelman<br>Lois Titus          | Keith Biggers                         | Anna Garman<br>Gavin Oberlander                                                 |
| Eucharistic Ministers                                                              | Lucy Wagner<br>Mona Franck             | Larry Zaun<br>Penny Zaun              | Micah Bartholomay<br>Kristi Dutchuk<br>Leo Kieffer<br>Pam Spooner<br>Jerry Volk |
| Altar Servers                                                                      | Jonika Howard<br>Ethan Richard         | Jami Vavra<br>Rudi Wendel             | Jacob Dutchuk<br>Isabelle Dutchuk<br>Eva or Olivia Garman                       |
| Offertory Collectors                                                               | Volunteer needed                       |                                       | Volunteer needed                                                                |
| Gift Bearers                                                                       | Volunteer needed                       |                                       | Ray White Family                                                                |

NEWS AND NOTES

**Stress Management in the Rural Setting:** Becky Kopp-Dunham from Lutheran Social Services will be at the Buffalo Community Club, Buffalo, ND on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> speaking on Stress Management in the Rural Setting. Supper will start at 6 pm with the presentation to begin at 6:30 pm.

**GIVING HEARTS DAY** - What is Giving Hearts Day? Giving Hearts Day was started in 2008 by Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation as the region's first one-day 'virtual' fundraising event to create awareness for many charities in ND and western Minnesota and for individuals to make donations. This year's Giving Hearts Day is **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**, with over 400 charities to choose from, **including a number of local charities.** For more information on Giving Hearts Day and to make a donation please visit: [www.GivingHeartsDay.org](http://www.GivingHeartsDay.org).

**Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages** will be held locally February 7-9 in Fargo. 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. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or call (701)356-7962, or via email at: [RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org). More information about Retrouvaille is posted on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

**Catholic Collage:** February 9, 16 & 23, 2020 at Shanley High School. Please see the flyer and registration forms on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Visit: [www.catholiccollage.com](http://www.catholiccollage.com) for more information and to register online.



**St. Leo's Knights of Columbus will be praying a Perpetual Rosary for Respect of Life** on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm both nights. All parishioners are welcome to come and pray the rosary with the Knights.

**Catholic Daughters to meet:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's Church (710 10th St S, Fargo) beginning with Mass at 5:15 pm, with meeting to follow at 6:30 pm. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Members are invited to bring food pantry donations. Call Lupita at 520-840-2418 with any questions.

**Redeemed Women's Conference 2020:** March 27-28 at the Avalon Events Center, 2525 9th Ave S, Fargo, ND. Space is limited. Early registration before March 1 is \$50, after March 1 the cost is \$75. To register on line and for more information go to: [FargoDiocese.org/RedeemedWomen](http://FargoDiocese.org/RedeemedWomen)

Registration forms are also available on the church bulletin board along with more information about the conference.

**This week's Stewardship moment:**  
*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." - Matthew 4:22*  
Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.