

PASTOR'S NOTES

St. Leo's Feast Day

This Sunday, November 10th is the feast day for the patron saint of St. Leo's Church – St. Leo the Great!

The details of his early life are quite sketchy with tradition saying his father was from present day Tuscany. His education seems limited to the Christian and Latin culture, which makes him the first great Latin speaking Pope and the first Italian theologian.

St. Leo was the 45th pope in the history of the Catholic Church. He was elected Pope in 440 and died in 461. During his years of service to the Church, he confronted many false teachings about both the humanity and divinity of Christ, and Christ's relationship to God the Father and the Holy Spirit. His greatest triumph is his writing about what is now the accepted and fundamental Christian teaching about Christ – **He is a divine person in whom resides both a divine and human nature (*known in theology as the hypostatic union*)**.

Pope St. Leo is also credited with saving the city of Rome from the ravages of Attila the Hun in 452. Only two popes have the honorific title of Great – St. Leo and St. Gregory who was pope from 590-604.

Our patron saint is a person of great courage, faith, strength of character and intellectual prowess. Let us not be afraid to seek his intercession in our times of struggle and lack of understanding about the many conundrums of life.

A winning team

The preliminary numbers are in, and to date our 2019 Fall Dinner & Raffle has grossed \$20,799. We still need to subtract dinner food expenses and a few kid games expenses. Next week we should have a final tally and compare it to previous years. Right now it looks like 2019 was an average year.

- > We served 568 total meals *vs. 605 in 2018*;
- > sold 775 raffle tickets with 129/264 households contributing *vs. 740 tickets with 131/267 households contributing in 2018*;
- > had \$1200 in Country Store sales *vs. \$1680 in 2018*.

All of this happened because of a great team of volunteers who pitched in and 'stepped to the plate' to fill the 200+ work slots. There is a lot of work that goes into preparing, serving and restocking food – *potatoes, meat, gravy, coleslaw, veggies, coffee, water, lemonade, our many desserts, food snacks for kids games, etc.*

then there are those who clean and restock dining room tables, sell tickets, host and supervise the dining room and kid games, tend the country store, the silent auction tables, etc.

in addition there are those who clean dishes, wash pots and pans, set-up, tear-down and clean all of these facilities, etc.

To those who did their part in making our 2019 Fall Dinner & Raffle such a success, we tip our hats and say a very gracious – **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



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THIRTY– SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 10, 2019

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 Nov 10:

Mon - Nov 11 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS**

Tues - Nov 12 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **+Ed Mergner** by Marian Watson
St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Nov 13 - 9:00 am - **+Stephen Levitsky**

Thurs - Nov 14 - 9:00 am - **+Brian Holzer** by Tony & Elise Holzer

Fri - Nov 15 - 9:00 am - **Cameron Alex** by Patti Alex

Sat - Nov 16 - St. Leo's - 5:00 pm - +Gene Cederberg by Bob & Donna Schauer

Sun - Nov 17 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am Mass - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am Mass - +Eileen Grommesh by Gary & Delores Grommesh

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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                                                                                     |
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| Mon., Nov 11 - 7:00 pm - Confirmation Parent meeting in big class room lower level of church               |
| Tues., Nov 12 - 7:00 pm - Education Committee meeting at the rectory                                       |
| Wed., Nov 13 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas                                                          |
| Wed., Nov 13 - 6:30 pm - RE classes at St. Leo's, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm<br>6:15 pm - Junior class meets |
| Thurs., Nov 14 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center                     |
| Sun., Nov 17 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center                                         |
| Mon., Nov 18 - 7:00 pm - Finance Committee meeting at the rectory                                          |
| Wed., Nov 20 - 8:00 pm - KC meeting at the rectory                                                         |
| Sun., Nov 24 - 7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at St. Leo's                                      |
| Mon., Nov 25 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory                                           |

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Diane Poulson and her family on the death of her mother, Bev Ehlers.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4*

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | Saturday Nov 16<br>5:00 pm<br><i>St. Leo's</i> | Sunday Nov 17<br>8:30 am<br><i>St. Thomas</i> | Sunday Nov 17<br>10:30 am<br><i>St. Leo's</i>                           |
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| <i>Lector</i>                                                                     | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                        | Gary Milbrandt                                | Steve Carvell                                                           |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>                                                      | Gary Grommesh<br>Delores Grommesh              | Jurgen Suhr<br>Larry Zaun                     | Joan Carvell<br>Jeff Grommesh<br>Tom Nowak<br>Deb Werner<br>Jake Werner |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>                                                              | Ronnie Burchill<br>Cassie Bartholomay          | Courtney Hovelson<br>Hallie Besette           | Andy Garman<br>Logan Prochnow<br>Alex Sullivan                          |
| <i>Offertory Collectors</i>                                                       | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                        | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                        | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                                                 |
| <i>Greeters</i>                                                                   | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                        |                                               | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                                                 |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>                                                               | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                        | David Biggers<br>Terri Biggers                | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                                                 |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Special Prayers and blessings** to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:

**Stan & Angeline Mathias - 55 years on Nov 14**  
**Keith & Sharon Monilaws - 53 years on Nov 25**  
**Frank & Ruth Kasowski - 64 years on Nov 26**  
**Gerry & DeLilah Volk - 55 years on Nov 26**  
**George & Mary Ann Waxler-72 years on Nov 27**

**Congratulations to our St. Leo's 2019 Fall Dinner raffle winners:**

|        |                  |
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| \$1000 | Amanda Gunkel    |
| \$500  | Mike Johnson     |
| \$250  | Lois Titus       |
| \$250  | Phillip Keller   |
| \$100  | Sharon Monilaws  |
| \$100  | Judy Hamre       |
| \$100  | Angeline Mathias |
| \$100  | Judy Hamre       |
| \$100  | Darby Flynn      |

**Thank you** to the following people/businesses who generously made a donation to help make our Fall Dinner a success:

|                         |                 |               |
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| Richard & Janice Muscha | Pizza Ranch     | Wangler Foods |
| Hornbacher's            | Cash Wise Foods | Sams Club     |

**Life in the Spirit 2019:** A weekend of renewal and faith on Nov. 15-17 at St. Philip Neri Church in Napoleon, ND. The weekend will include Mass, adoration, praise and worship. Meals provided, free will offering. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board. To register, go to: [fargolifeinthespirit@gmail.com](mailto:fargolifeinthespirit@gmail.com) or by calling (701)208-1124.

### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, Nov., 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
in the

Spirit of Life Center  
Serving French Toast & sausage.  
Free will offering, proceeds will  
benefit Real Presence Radio.

**Catholic Collage Fall Session:** Join us Thurs., Nov. 14 & 21 for a Catholic Collage mini session at St. Anthony's Church, Fargo. The evening will begin with a free will offering simple supper at 6 pm. The presentations will be from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board with details on the topics and presenters.

**Reminder:** There are a number of baking pans left in the kitchen from the Fall Dinner. Please remember to come pick up your pans and if you have picked up your pans please check that they are yours, if not please return them to the church so we can get them to their rightful owners. Thanks you.

**Community of Care Estate Planning Presentation:** Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 7:30 pm. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information and how to register.

#### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loves us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."- 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-17*

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.