

PASTOR’S NOTES

Comparing final tallies . . .

Here are the final tallies from our Fall Dinner & Raffle for the last five years:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Net Dinner Income	\$4174	\$3665	\$3864	\$3672	\$3878
Net Raffle Income	\$13,756	\$13,056	\$12,918	\$12,194	\$12,887
Country Store	\$890	\$1625	\$1298	\$1702	\$1221
Silent Auction	---	\$850	\$505	\$547	\$345
Net Kid games	\$95	\$210	\$192	\$104	\$184
TOTALS	\$18,942	\$19,407	\$18,777	\$18,220	\$18,516
Total dinner tickets	627	585	611	608	568

Once again we thank all of the workers who made our 2019 Fall Dinner & Raffle a great success. I would especially like to offer a special thank you to our **32 of our 44 senior high students** who faithfully served our dining room tables: *Cassie Bartholomay, Chris Broeren, Olivia Broeren, Peyton Buhr, Claire Christianson, Delaney Cotton, Jaylin Cotton, Klaire Cotton, Jacob Dutchuk, Darby Flynn, Jordan Flynn, Rylie Holzer, Jonika Howard, Nikita Howard, Katie Kempel, Sarah Kempel, Sara Larson, Paris Mack, Parker Mack, Ben Metzger, Theo Metzger, Sarah Monilaws, Camry Nelson, Abby Nicholson, Gavin Oberlander, Ian Oberlander, Logan Prochnow, Mikaela Prochnow, Lillian Roth, Olivea Roth, Jacob Schneider, Owen Wiersma*, and our **13 of our 19 junior high students** who willingly helped with the Kids’ games: *Kamren Baarstad, Marcus Biffert, Ronnie Burchill, Samantha Burchill, Avah Cotton, Isabelle Dutchuk, Andy Garman, Anthony Garman, Lauren Glennon, Cole Holzer, Chase Monilaws, Lois Schneider and Evan Volk*.

One more week to go ...

Next Sunday (November 24th) will be the last Sunday of our current church year. The last Sunday of every church year ends with the solemnity of -- **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** -- or more simply known as Christ the King Sunday.

For the past 22 weeks our Sunday readings have been taken from the Gospel of Luke and Christ’s deliberate journey to Jerusalem. This is the city of his death and resurrection. For us, Christ’s journey ultimately symbolizes our journey to the heavenly city of Jerusalem. It has been a walk of discipleship. The many incidents and stories of this journey have been told so as to shape our lives of discipleship.

These stories and incidents have been a clarion call to genuine and generous love of those in need [**Good Samaritan, inviting the poor and the lame**]; making the spiritual life a priority [**Martha and Mary**]; praying right-fully and always [**Lord’s prayer, tax collector & publican**]; being vigilant about virtuous living [**Master arriving late**]; being people of faith and thanksgiving [**10 lepers, having faith the size of a mustard**]; illusionary nature of wealth [**building bigger graineries, dishonest manager, rich man & Lazarus**]; coming to know God’s mercy [**Prodigal Son, Zacchaeus**]; not just going through the ‘hoops’ [**closed door**].

On the church walls in St. Leo’s we have tried to capture each week’s theme of discipleship with an image from that week’s Gospel story. Perhaps it would be good for us to ‘visit’ each of these images and review our walk of discipleship before these images are taken down for the new church year that begins with Saturday evening Mass on November 30th.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service — next Sunday (November 24th) at St. Leo’s at 7 p.m.



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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



THIRTY– THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 17, 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 17:

Mon - Nov 18 - 9:00 am - +**Kathryn Kent** by Bill Kent
Tues - Nov 19 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo’s - NO MASS
Wed - Nov 20 - 9:00 am - +**Kenny Habiger** by Bea Bachmeier
Thurs - Nov 21 - 9:00 am - **Kym Alex** by Patti Alex
Fri - Nov 22 - 9:00 am - +**Ernest Watson** by Marian Watson
Sat - Nov 23 - St. Leo’s - 5:00 pm - +**Karen Yoshihara** by **Stephen & LaRae Madesn**
Sun - Nov 24 - St. Leo’s - 8:30 am Mass - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am Mass - +**Clem Pollock** by **Larry & Penny Zaun**

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St. Leo’s Directors: Mark Rehovsky & Mark Wieland
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.


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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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| 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 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas                          |  |  |  |
| Wed., Nov 20 - 6:30 pm - RE classes at St. Leo’s, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm |  |  |  |
| 6:15 pm - Senior class meets                                               |  |  |  |
| 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           |  |  |  |
| Thurs., Nov 28 - 9:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass at St. Leo’s                  |  |  |  |

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to John Grommesh and his family on the death of his sister, Susie Huseh.

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

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | Saturday Nov 23<br>5:00 pm<br>St. Leo’s    | Sunday Nov 24<br>8:30 am<br>St. Leo’s                                         | Sunday Nov 24<br>10:30 am<br>St. Thomas |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Lector                                                                            | Tony Roth                                  | Fred Eldridge                                                                 | Judy Von Bank                           |
| Eucharistic Ministers                                                             | Paulette Schmitt<br>Denise Bartholomay     | Virjean Cramer<br>Mark Dooley<br>Dave Glennon<br>Terri Monilaws<br>Mark Weber | Penny Zaun<br>Joni Biggers              |
| Altar Servers                                                                     | Lillian Roth<br>Olivea Roth<br>Evelyn Roth | Lauren Glennon<br>Sarah Monilaws<br>Sophie Scherweit                          | Gavin Besette<br>Claire Halland         |
| Offertory Collectors                                                              | Volunteer needed                           | Volunteer needed                                                              | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                  |
| Greeters                                                                          | Volunteer needed                           | Volunteer needed                                                              |                                         |
| Gift Bearers                                                                      | Volunteer needed                           | Volunteer needed                                                              | Frank & Laura Biggers                   |

| NEWS AND NOTES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |          |                        |        |                                 |          |                |        |                   |           |                  |             |
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| <p><b>Christmas Music:</b> Time to get ready! The first practice for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day liturgies will be on Sun., Dec. 1st, <b>9-10:00am</b>. Again this year we would like to invite everyone to join in the music-making! Singers and instrumentalists of all kinds- we have room for you! Adults and students in 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome and if you have any college students who may be home- let us know! We will practice on the Sundays in December, after the 8:30a Masses (9:30-10:30a), and before the 10:30a Masses (9- 10:00a). If you have any questions, please call Sue. 347-4609/ 261-2047.</p>        | <p><b>Knights of Columbus Breakfast</b><br/>Today, Sunday, Nov., 17<sup>th</sup><br/>9:00 am to 12:30 pm<br/>in the<br/>Spirit of Life Center<br/>Serving French Toast &amp; sausage.<br/>Free will offering, proceeds will<br/>benefit Real Presence Radio.</p>                                                                                                                                         |               |          |                        |        |                                 |          |                |        |                   |           |                  |             |
| <p><b>Christmas Kids:</b> On Wed., Dec. 4th, we will have a meeting and <b>Christmas music practice for kids in grades 2-7, from 5:15-6p</b>, (before the Simple Supper) in the church. Again this year, we would like to have our students participate in our Christmas Eve liturgy with a couple musical selections and the procession to the manger. If your family will be in town for Christmas, please consider having your kids take part in this! But even if you will be gone, your kids are welcome to come to the practices and have fun singing carols and songs of Christmas. We will get together Weds., Dec. 4, 11, and 18, from 5:15-6:00p.</p> | <p><b>Fall Dinner Recap:</b></p> <table><tr><td>Country Store</td><td>1,221.00</td></tr><tr><td>Kid’s Games-net profit</td><td>184.26</td></tr><tr><td>Dinner (568 served) -net profit</td><td>3,878.86</td></tr><tr><td>Silent Auction</td><td>345.00</td></tr><tr><td>Raffle-net profit</td><td>12,887.50</td></tr><tr><td>Total Net Profit</td><td>\$18,516.62</td></tr></table>                      | Country Store | 1,221.00 | Kid’s Games-net profit | 184.26 | Dinner (568 served) -net profit | 3,878.86 | Silent Auction | 345.00 | Raffle-net profit | 12,887.50 | Total Net Profit | \$18,516.62 |
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| <p><b>93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Concordia Christmas Concert:</b> December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup>. Experience the region’s grandest musical tradition “<i>My Spirit Sings</i>” performed by more than 350 student musicians. For tickets call (888)477-0277 or visit: ConcordiaChristmas.com. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information about the concert.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p> <b>Reminder:</b> 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.</p> |               |          |                        |        |                                 |          |                |        |                   |           |                  |             |
| <p><b>Community of Care Estate Planning Presentation:</b> 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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |          |                        |        |                                 |          |                |        |                   |           |                  |             |

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**

“...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.” -

2 Thessalonians 2: 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don’t go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.