## **PASTOR'S NOTES**

## Thank you kindly —

For me these past few weeks have been filled with a multitude of activities and emotions including my mother's death, my brother's serious surgery and my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. That does not include numerous parish and diocesan commitments and responsibilities.

In all of this I want to graciously thank you for your many kindnesses, expressions of condolences as well as the best wishes, cards and gifts on the occasion of my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

All of your support and thoughtfulness has been deeply appreciated and made me keenly aware of the gift of Church, the Body of Christ and the community of the faithful. You have been the richest of blessings to me in the many ways you have given yourself in support of me in time of sorrow, time of concern and time of joy. **Thank you ever so kindly**—

#### It's here . . .

St. Leo's 2019 Fall Dinner & Raffle have arrived!!

The success of an event of this size and magnitude 'rises or falls' on the volunteer spirit of our parishioners. For those who willingly put their names on the sign-up sheets we extend our deepest thanks. **You got the 'ball rolling'.** For those who responded to phone calls and emails to help fill the remaining time slots on the sign-up sheets, you secured the day! Without the help of those young parishioners who made 30+ apple pies, our high school students who served the tables, our junior high students who ran the 'kids games', and all the rest of you we could not do this dinner.

To all volunteers and for those who sold/purchased raffle tickets — Thank you for the life you bring to St. Leo's.

Next week's bulletin will contain the initial results of this year's Dinner & Raffle.

## **Book of REMEMBRANCE**

At the entrance of the Church is a book titled **Book of Remembrance**.

Parishioners are invited to write the names of <u>deceased</u> loved ones in that book. During the month of November and lasting until the end of this church year the names written in that book will be remembered at Masses offered at St. Leo's and St. Thomas. Our last Mass for this church year will be Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

The new church year commences with Saturdy evening Mass on November 30<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent.

# A spiritual thought for November

Have you ever thought of having a Mass offered for a deceased loved one?

The month of November begins with celebrating those 'brothers and sisters' who are in heaven (All Saints Day). That day is followed by **All Souls Day**. These are deceased 'brothers and sisters' who have not yet entered the realm of heavenly life. At the time of their deaths there were still vestiges of sin that accompanied them to the afterlife. Revelation 21:27 declares, "nothing profane shall enter it {heaven}." Such lives need to be purged and purified of these vestiges of sin.



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# THIRTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 3, 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 3:**

Mon - Nov 4 - 9:00 am - Father Ermer

Tues - Nov 5 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - NO MASS

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Nov 6 - 9:00 am - NO MASS

Thurs - Nov 7 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS** 

Fri - Nov 8 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS** 

Sat - Nov 9 - St. Leo's - 5:00 pm - +Harold Holm by Ron & Dung Thuy Kaufman Sun - Nov 10 - St. Leo's - 8:30 am Mass - For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am Mass - +Lila McDermott by Keith & Joni Biggers

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<u>St. Leo's Directors</u>: Mark Rehovsky & Mark Wieland <u>St. Thomas Directors</u>: 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

Tues., Nov 5 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy Committee meeting at the rectory

Wed., Nov 6 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas

Wed., Nov 6 - 6:30 pm - RE classes at St. Leo's, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm

6:15 pm - Senior class meets

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

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 Ann & Mike Faught on the death of Mike's father, Roy Faught.

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

**Upcoming Ministry Schedule** 

*	Saturday Nov 9 5:00 pm St. Leo's	Sunday Nov 10 8:30 am St. Leo's	Sunday Nov 10 10:30 am St. Thomas
Lector	Renee Anderson	Shari Kensok	Keith Biggers
Eucharistic Ministers	Bill Franck  Volunteer needed	Ann Faught Mary Jendro Susan Kempel Terry Kensok Richard Muscha	Joe Killoran Linda Milbrandt
Altar Servers	Theo Metzger Ben Metzger	Sarah Kempel Melody Kempel Angelica Quiroz	Jami Vavra Rudi Wendel
Offertory Collectors	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Gary & Linda Milbrandt
Greeters	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	
Gift Bearers	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Travis Besette Family

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

Congratulations to

#### Harrison Weber and Emma Ilvedson

who entered into the sacrament of marriage at St. Leo's on Saturday, October 26. We pray to God to bless their love for each other and that they may support each other throughout the joys and sorrows of life.

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

Linus & Margaret Kensok - 68 years on Nov 3 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

Celebrate Baptism - We give thanks to God for the Baptism Lily Christine Biggers, daughter of Jim & Cardell.

We pray that the Spirit of Christ may guide her to live as child of God.

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 or by calling (701)208-1124.

## St. Leo's Knight of the Month



The Knight for the month of **November** is Mark Dooley. Thank you Mark for your dedication and the works Council 9477 you do for the KC's. It is greatly appreciated.

#### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Sunday, Nov., 17th 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.

## Fall Dinners - Please see the flyers on bulletin board for more details on fall dinners:

Sun., Nov 10 - Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo, Pork Roast Dinner, 4:00 to 7:00 pm

## This week's Stewardship moment:

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Luke 19:8

We are called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?