

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Congratulations — 'to our fully initiated' —

This Sunday (April 25<sup>th</sup>) Bishop John Folda will be at St. Leo's to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist for the first time at 5 p.m. with students from St. Leo's of Casselton, St. Benedict in Wild Rice and St. Maurice of Kindred.

With the reception of those sacraments these students will be fully initiated into the life of the Church. Confirmation and Eucharist for the first time sets them firmly in the life of the Church, but faith formation is a life-long responsibility. The parishes of St. Leo's, St. Benedict's and St. Maurice look forward to seeing these young ones in Church and forming them in their Catholic faith through their high school years.

### Lenten Canisters – a preliminary look

St. Leo's and St. Thomas had another very successful year with our Lenten canisters. In fact this year we collected the most money we ever had – \$8589.66!!! Congratulations! [each year we usually get some generous gifts. This year we received two very generous gifts – \$3000 and \$500].

It is not unusual for us to receive a few more canisters over the course of the next few weeks. At that time we will give a final report for our Lenten canisters.

#### Here is a simple summary of the last few years and our present numbers for 2021:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Total # of canisters:</u>	135	159	143	139	123	<b>112</b>
<u>Total # of RE canisters:</u>	53	63	61	63	55	<b>61</b>
<u>Total amount of money:</u>	\$4839.12	\$5677.83	\$5814.92	\$6652.98	\$7802.12	<b>\$8589.66</b>

**A final note:** If you still have your 2021 Lenten canister at home and would like to contribute to our 2021 charities, please return that canister within the next couple of weeks so we can close our books on this and send our checks to our Lenten charities. **If you happen to have unused canisters at home from previous years, please return them so we can reuse them for next year and save us from purchasing them next year at a cost of nearly \$1 per canister.** Thanks for your cooperation.

### Catholic Home Mission Appeal

— where Catholics are few and the Church is poor and fragile —

In your packet of Sunday Offertory envelopes there is one marked **Catholic Home Mission Appeal** for this Sunday (April 25<sup>th</sup>). Every year at this time the Catholic Church in the United States asks fellow Catholics to support mission projects in the United States *where Catholics are few and the Church is poor and fragile*. This **Home Mission** project has been ongoing for the past 97 years (1924).

There are many regions in the United States where the Church is fragile – *the wilderness of Alaska, the deep South, in Appalachia, Pacific islands like the American Samoa, Puerto Rico, etc.* These places struggle with a limited number of priestly ordinations and find it difficult to provide the basic pastoral works of the Church because of insufficient facilities, lack of training programs, huge geographical spaces between parishes, etc. Each year millions of dollars are given to some 90 'home mission dioceses' in the United States.

As is often said, "**charity begins at home**". It is in that spirit that the Catholic Church asks us to support the work of home missions.

**Your generosity and support is deeply appreciated!!**



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Buffalo ND  
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 25, 2021

### 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 Apr 25:

Mon - Apr 26 - 9:00 am - +Dale Cox by Linus & Margaret Kensok

Tues - Apr 27 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +Mary Castellano

*St. Leo's - NO MASS*

Wed - Apr 28 - 9:00 am - Olivia Garman by Casey & Anna Garman

Thurs - Apr 29 - 9:00 am - +Tom Newcomb by Emily Eisenbeisz

Fri - Apr 30 - 9:00 am - +John 'Jack' Ermer by Linda & Brian Skjerseth

Sat - May 1 - 5:00 pm - +Janice Miller by Carol & Joe Nilles

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

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - +Pete Lindstrom by Kaylyn Grommesh

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**St. Leo's Directors:** Mark Rehovsky & Dave Glennon

**St. Thomas Directors:** Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Leo's

4:00 - 4:45 pm Saturday

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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

Sun., Apr 25 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
**Sun., Apr 25 - 5:00 pm - Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist with Bishop Folda**  
 Mon., Apr 26 - 7:00 pm - St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting  
 Tues., Apr 27 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo's Pastoral Council meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Wed., Apr 28 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas - Group A  
     6:30 pm - Re classes at St. Leo's - Group A, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm  
     6:15 pm - Senior class meets  
 Wed., Apr 28 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Sun., May 2 - 4:00 pm - RE 10<sup>th</sup> grade class meets in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Tues., May 4 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Wed., May 5 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas - Group B  
     6:30 pm - Re classes at St. Leo's - Group B, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm  
     6:15 pm - Junior class meets  
 Tues., May 11 - 7:00 pm - Education committee meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Wed., May 12 - 6:30 pm - RE Closing Mass, everyone is welcome to attend. NO 9 am Daily Mass  
 Thurs., May 13 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center

**REMINDER: Please remember to return your Lenten canisters.**

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday May 1<br/>5:00 pm<br/>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday May 2<br/>8:30 am<br/>St. Thomas</b> | <b>Sunday May 2<br/>10:30 am<br/>St. Leo's</b>           |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tricia Gegelman<br>Lois Titus                   | Keith Biggers                                  | Anna Garman<br>Gavin Oberlander                          |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Delores Grommesh                                |                                                | Jerry Volk                                               |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Nikita Howard<br>Ethan Richard                  | Clay Hovelson<br>Ali Killoran                  | Addison Hushka<br>Lucas Miller<br>Andy or Anthony Garman |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                        | JoEllen Killoran<br>Lisa Zahnow                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                 |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                        | Ron & Carol Howitz                             | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                 |

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Graduation Sunday: Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

**St. Thomas Church** at the 8:30 am Mass

**St. Leo's Church** at the 10:30 am Mass

A celebration after Mass at each of the churches will follow to honor its graduates. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The Church

The Cathedral of St. Mary (604 Broadway, Fargo) presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and many have been come about through this ministry. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**Celebrate Baptism** - We give thanks to God for the Baptism of Andi Marie Monilaws, daughter of Lance & Lee Ann.

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

**The Sts. Anne & Joachim Choir** will be presenting "I Lift Up My Eyes": Choir Music and Memories on Sunday, May 2,

at 7:00 p.m. at Sts. Anne & Joachim church (5202 25th St S, Fargo). Please join us for a night of beautiful music and memories!



### Help Support our

#### Cameroon Card Mission:

Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. There is a wonderful selection for all occasions available for a reasonable purchase. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.



**Teams of Our Lady:** Interested in knowing more about Teams of Our Lady? Interested in enriching your couple/marriage spirituality on a journey with other Catholic like-minded couples? The Fargo Sector of Teams of our Lady now has 11 teams comprised of 59 area couples and has been going strong for 16 years! Join us to learn more at our spring Information sessions!

**Info Session #1 - Thursday, May 6 7:00-8:00 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua (upstairs)**

**Info Session #2 - Sunday, May 16 4:00-5:00 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua (upstairs)**

All couples (BOTH husband and wife) wishing to join TEAMS are required to attend one of these two meetings. Mark your calendar as these will be the only two information sessions this year! For more information, call Lorine Bernhardt at 701-781-2249 or e-mail [fargosectorinformation@gmail.com](mailto:fargosectorinformation@gmail.com).

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16*

*When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quite whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.*