

PASTOR'S NOTES

Ostergrusse (a little German for Easter greetings!)

The **mystery of Easter** – here are some words from an ancient homily on Holy Saturday.

Something strange is happening — there is a great silence on earth today ... The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone in search of our first parents, as for a lost sheep ... he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory ...

He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying 'Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light' ... I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated ...

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven ... the throne formed by cherubim awaits you ... the bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

In the spirit of this thought Delores, Sue, Paul, Sherry, and I truly pray this Easter season will be a time to savor the glory of the Resurrection and what that mystery of faith means for the life of the world.

Thank you!!

A very deep and grateful thank you to all who made our Holy Week liturgies so beautiful – musicians, coordinators, bread makers, servers, readers, foot washers, oil carriers, cross bearers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, those who dressed the altar, carried our Easter water, prepared our Easter vigil reception, and a special thanks to those who built our 'Easter tomb' and decorated the church. Your spirit of service lifted up our spirit of praise and worship. Again our deepest thanks!

Lenten canisters

At the beginning of Lent we were given Lenten canisters to show forth a generous spirit of almsgiving – *care for brothers and sisters throughout the world, in our nation and our local community who find themselves needy, destitute, and impoverished.*

If you have not done so at this time, please return your canister this Easter week. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you have unused canisters from previous years, please return them also. This allows us to be good stewards by not having to purchase new canisters each year.



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The Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 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 4:

Mon - Apr 5 - 9:00 am - +**Ed Mergner** by Marian Watson

Tues - Apr 6 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **Larry Zaun** by Jim & LuElla Grieve
St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Apr 7 - 9:00 am - +**John 'Jack' Ermer** by Brian & Linda Skjerseth

Thurs - Apr 8 - 9:00 am - +**Gerry Huwe** by Gary & Delores Grommesh

Fri - Apr 9 - 9:00 am - +**Alan Rode** by Stan & Angeline Mathias

Sat - Apr 10 - 5:00 pm - +Dam Chi Dung by Ron & Thuy Kaufman

Sun - Apr 11 - St. Leo's - 8:30 am - +Janice Miller by Donna Siverson
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes

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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

Wed., Apr 7 - 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  
 Thurs., Apr 8 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life center  
 Sun., Apr 11 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Sun., Apr 11 - 4:00 pm - RE 10th grade class meets in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Tues., Apr 13 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting in the Spirit of Life center  
 Sat., Apr 17 - 10:00 am - Confirmation/Eucharist retreat  
 Tues., Apr 20 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting in the Spirit of Life center  
 Fri., Apr 23 - 6:30 pm - Confirmation/Eucharist rehearsal  
 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

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

**Thank You:** Please see the thank you posted on the bulletin board in the church entry from the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation of Valley City, for our Parish mission donation to them for the people of Cameroon, Africa.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Apr 10</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday Apr 11</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday Apr 11</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>St. Thomas</b> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Mark Voss                                                    | Shari Kensok                                               | Gary Milbrandt                                               |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Bill Franck                                                  | Mary Jendro                                                |                                                              |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Hayden Faleide<br>Sophie Scherweit                           | Sarah Kempel<br>Melody Kempel                              | Gavin Besette                                                |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   | Joe & Lora Killoran                                          |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   | Arnie & Barb Buhr                                            |

## NEWS AND NOTES

Thank you to all who donated to the Easter environment:  
at St. Leo's:

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| Bea Bachmeier           | in memory of Vince Bachmeier, Ernie Fritel & Janice Fritel         |
| Don & Audrey Cramer     | in honor and memory of all living and deceased family & friends    |
| Theresa Dooley          | in memory of all deceased Dooley & Muscha family members           |
| Skip & Audrey Doyle     | in honor of St. Leo's parishioners                                 |
| Linus & Margaret Kensok | in memory of their deceased parents                                |
| Ron & Lorraine Kensok   | in memory of their deceased parents                                |
| Sharyn Melting          | in memory of Elizabeth Kautzman                                    |
| Sandra Nystrom          | in memory of Vincent Nicolai & Dale Nystrom                        |
| Kim & Stu Romsdal       | in memory of Arnie Schafer & John Romsdal                          |
| Jim & Paulette Schmitt  | in memory of Leonard & Doris Brandenburg and Ray & Clarice Schmitt |
| Lois Titus              | in memory of Aloysius, Marcella & Neil Artz                        |



### God's Gift Appeal 2021

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|            | <u>Goal</u> | <u>3/26/2021</u> |
| St. Leo's  | \$46,373    | \$20,244         |
| St. Thomas | \$11,103    | \$ 7,545         |

Thank you to all parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 God's Gift Appeal. Pledge cards and donations may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office and we will see they get to the Diocese.



### 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.

**PT Administrative Assistant:** Diocese of Fargo is currently accepting applications for a part-time Administrative Assistant/Ecclesiastical Notary in the Tribunal Office. Duties will include reception, transcription of audio, correspondence, data entry, maintaining files and other general office support duties. Approximately 20 hours per week. Successful candidate will have understanding of the Catholic Church and terminology, ability to maintain confidentiality, excellent interpersonal communication skills, attention to detail and proficient computer skills. Submit cover letter, resume and three references to [barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org](mailto:barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org) Position open until filled.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - Colossians 3:2*

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.