

PASTOR’S NOTES

Upcoming dates of note ----

- > **Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> [Chrism Mass]**  
Bishop Folda will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** at 11 a.m. at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo.  
*Originally this Mass had been scheduled for Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, but was cancelled due to a storm.* At the Chrism Mass the three oils of the Church [Oil of the Catechumens, Oil of the Sick and Sacred Chrism] will be blessed, consecrated and then brought to our diocesan churches to be used throughout the year in the sacramental life of the Church. Also, during the Chrism Mass the priests of the Diocese of Fargo will renew their priestly vows.
- > **Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> [Closing RE Mass]**  
Closing Mass at 6:30 p.m. for this year’s Religious Education (RE) program followed by an ice cream social. **All parishioners are invited to attend.**
- > **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> [Mother’s Day] [St. Thomas’ Graduation Mass & Brunch]**  
Let us rejoice and give thanks for the mothers of our lives!!!  
St. Thomas will honor this year’s graduates from Maple Valley and Hope-Page High Schools.
- > **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> [St. Leo’s Graduation Mass & Brunch]**  
St. Leo’s will honor this year’s graduates from Central Cass High School.

Lenten Canisters – a preliminary look

Here is a simple summary of the last few year and our present numbers for 2023:

	2016	2018	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total # canisters:	135	143	123	118	138	107
Total # RE canisters:	53	61	55	64	80	53
Total amount of money:	\$4839.12	\$5814.92	\$7802.12	\$8633.73	\$7422.81	\$7691.38

A final note: If you still have your 2023 Lenten canister at home and would like to contribute to our 2023 charities, please return that canister within the next couple of weeks so we can close our books on this and sent 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 April Sunday Offertory envelopes there is one marked **Catholic Home Mission Appeal**. 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 since 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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St. Thomas Catholic Church  
401 Third St. North  
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Buffalo ND  
633-5150



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 30, 2023

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 April 30:

Mon - May 1 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Lydia Muscha  
Tues - May 2 - 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**  
*St. Leo’s — NO MASS*  
Wed – May 3 – 9:00 am - +**Janice Muscha** by Stan & Angeline Mathias  
Thurs– May 4 – 9:00 pm - +**Madeline Marschke** by Keith & Barb Marschke  
Fri – May 5 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**  
**Sat - May 6 – 5:00 pm - +Carol Lommen by Darin & Judy Hamre**  
**Sun - May 7 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**  
**St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - +Hank Weber by Pam Spooner**

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St. Leo’s Directors: Dave Glennon & Micah Bartholomay  
St. Thomas Directors: Gary Milbrandt & Flint Kasowski

*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

Tues. May 2 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy Committee meeting at the rectory  
Wed. May 3 - RE Classes — see below  
Tues. May 9 - 11:00 am - Chrism Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo  
Wed. May 10 - 6:30 pm - RE closing Mass followed by ice cream social  
Sun. May 14 - 11:30 am - **St. Thomas** Graduation brunch after 10:30 am Mass honoring 2023 graduates  
Sun. May 21 - 11:30 am - **St. Leo’s** Graduation brunch after 10:30 am Mass honoring 2023 graduates  
Wed. May 24 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory

REMINDER: Please remember to return your Lenten canisters.

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., May 3rd  
St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm  
St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm  
Grades K, 1, 2, 3 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)  
Grades 4-8 & 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Grade 9 - Class A and 11th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm



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 purchase. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.

| Upcoming Ministry Schedule |                                        |                                       |                                                                              |
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|                            | Saturday May 6<br>5:00 pm<br>St. Leo’s | Sunday May 7<br>8:30 am<br>St. Thomas | Sunday May 7<br>10:30 am<br>St. Leo’s                                        |
| Lector                     | Tricia Geggelman<br>Lois Titus         | Jackie Vavra                          | Anna Garman                                                                  |
| Eucharistic Ministers      | Lucy Wagner<br>Alex Richard            | Penny Zaun<br>Joni Biggers            | Kristi Dutchuk<br>Lori Howard<br>Pam Spooner<br>Lucas Steckler<br>Mark Weber |
| Altar Servers              | Tristan Lako<br>Ethan/Olivia Richard   | Carly Hovelson<br>Meyer Wendel        | Isabelle Dutchuk<br>Garman Family                                            |
| Offertory Collectors       | Volunteers needed                      | JoEllen Killoran<br>Lisa Zahnow       | Volunteers needed                                                            |
| Gift Bearers               | Volunteers needed                      | Joe & Lora Killoran                   | Volunteers needed                                                            |
| Lead Rosary                | Jessica Enge                           |                                       | Anna Garman                                                                  |

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Ron Kaufman and his family on the death of his uncle, Al Kaufman and to Camry & Carter Nelson on the death of their cousin, Brayden Nelson.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4

Join us to sing from the choir loft! “Choir Sunday” will be May 21st at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone (adult/middle school/high school) is welcome to join us. We will meet in the choir loft from 9-10am to run through these songs for that day’s Mass: #732, #383, #693, #583, #582. (Youtube is a great way to practice at home beforehand). This will be our last one until September, so try it out!

St. Mary’s Cathedral Spring Celebration weekend – Join us for a another weekend of fun, great food and prizes at the Cathedral’s Spring Celebration, themed “Country Fair” on Saturday, May 6th from 6 - 8 pm. KC Burger baskets (\$12). Live entertainment and a live auction where you can bid on a supper for 8 with Bishop Folda at the Bishop’s residence and a dinner for 8 hosted by Monsignor Goering at the rectory. Also featuring a silent auction and bake sale all weekend. On Sunday, May 7th 11 am - 1:30 pm Swedish Meatball dinner; Adults \$12, Children ages 6-12 \$10, \$50 per family, kids 5 & under are free, a kids’ carnival, dollar auction, raffle drawing with many great cash prizes to win, including a \$1500 top prize! We hope to see you there! 604 Broadway N, Fargo. Please call Jayme at 701-235-4289 with questions. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Real Presence Radio’s annual Spring Live Drive is coming your way May 10-12th. Phone lines will be open daily from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. Donate and you will be entered into a drawing for one of the many great prizes awarded throughout the drive. Call in with your support to 877-795-0122 or donate online at RealPresenceRadio.com/donate.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...” ~ Acts 2:38  
The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within — a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.



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St. Leo’s Knight of the Month: The Knight for the month of April is Jared Nelson. Thank you Jared for all you do for the KC’s. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus Gardening Seminar  
“Kick-Starting Lawns, Gardens and Flowerbeds in a Late Spring”  
by Don Kinzler  
Sunday, May 7th at 7:00 pm  
in the Spirit of Life Center  
Doors open at 6:30 pm  
Open to the public and refreshments will be served.



God’s Gift Appeal 2023

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|            | Goal     | 4/21/2023 |
| St. Leo’s  | \$56,112 | \$34,145  |
| St. Thomas | \$10,992 | \$ 3,615  |

Thank you to all parishioners who have made their gifts to the 2023 God’s Gift Appeal. Pledge cards/donations may be placed in the offertory collection basket or dropped off at the parish office and we will see they get to the Diocese.