

PASTOR'S NOTES

Religious Education [RE] — *this coming year*

As you can well imagine the coming of August means our parish planning efforts turn towards our Religious Education program. **This year means incorporating safety precautions created by the current pandemic effecting our country and the world.**

This past Friday the Diocese of Fargo sent a letter to all parishes and religious education programs outlining concerns and considerations that need to be incorporated into each parish's health and safety plan for their RE programs (e.g.- the congregating of students and parents, physical distancing, taking attendance, limited sharing of materials, responding to positive tests for COVID-19, etc.)

The Diocese is requiring that each parish begin the school year with a parent meeting explaining the details of that parish's health and safety plan for their RE program. Tentatively we have selected two dates for our parent meeting (Wednesday, August 19th and Monday, August 24th). Both meetings will begin at 7 p.m. in the Spirit of Life Center. We will be sending a letter to all parish households with RE-aged students regarding this matter. A parent will only need to attend one of the two scheduled meetings. Such a meeting will help insure all parents are getting the same information as well as hear questions and their answers all at the same time.

All RE registration will be done at the end of these meetings!! In that way we can know our parents have been informed of changes that are taking place within our RE program. If you should have any initial questions, please be in contact with Sue.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) On Friday, August 7th our seminarian, **Matthew Kensok, will be installed as an acolyte** in the Catholic Church. For those studying for the priesthood, being installed as an acolyte is usually the step taken before one is ordained as a transitional deacon. An acolyte is commissioned to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ universally throughout the Catholic Church. An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is only appointed for a particular local church. The next step for Matthew will his ordination to being a transitional deacon, which should happen next summer. Let us keep Matthew in our prayers!!
- 2) On Saturday, August 8th three (3) men will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Fargo. They are:
 - > **Riley Durkin**, from Inkster, ND, who is assigned as associate pastor of Holy Cross parish in West Fargo;
 - > **Jered Grossman**, from Harvey, ND, who is assigned as associate pastor of St. Michael's parish in Grand Forks;
 - > **Eric Seitz**, from Fargo, ND, who is assigned as associate pastor of St. John's parish in Wahpeton.
- 3) Saturday, August 15th is the Holy Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven.

Masses for the Assumption will be:

- + Friday, August 14th at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas in Buffalo
- + Saturday, August 15th at 9 a.m. at St. Leo's in Casselton



St. Leo's Catholic Church
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



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 2, 2020

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 Aug 2:

Mon - Aug 3 - 9:00 am - **Casey Garman** by Anna Garman

Tues - Aug 4 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **+Nichole Waters** by Harold & Marian Kasowski

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Aug 5 - 9:00 am - **+Theresa Fritel** by Bea Bachmeier

Thurs - Aug 6 - 9:00 am - **+Stephen Levitsky**

Fri - Aug 7 - 9:00 am - **+Ed Mergner**

Sat - Aug 8 - 5:00 pm - Andrew Garman by Casey & Anna Garman

Sun - Aug 9 - St. Leo's - 8:30 am - +Kenny Habiger by Missy Poulson
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes

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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

Mon., Aug 3 - 11:00 am - Bishop Folda's Charity Golf Classic at Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo  
 Sat., Aug 8 - 10:00 am - Priest ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral  
 Sun., Aug 9 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass following the current CDC COVID19 guidelines  
 Tues., Aug 11 - 7:00 pm - Education Committee meeting  
 Fri., Aug 14 - 7:00 pm - Holy Day-Assumption of Mary - Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo  
 Sat., Aug 15 - 9:00 am - Holy Day-Assumption of Mary - Mass at St. Leo's  
 Wed., Aug 19 - 7:00 pm - RE Parent meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Mon., Aug 24 - 7:00 pm - RE Parent meeting in the Spirit of Life Center

**Thank You/Newsletter from Friends of Chimbote** is posted on the bulletin board for all parishioners to read. Please place the newsletter back on bulletin board once you have read it so that all may have a chance to read it. Each year the monies collected from our Children's Envelopes is sent to Friend of Chimbote in Peru. This mission was started by Fr. Jack Davis, a priest with the Diocese of Fargo.

**64<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Prairies:** Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Carmel of Mary Monastery, Wahpeton, ND. 2 pm - Guest Speaker, Fr. Kurtis Gunwall, 3 pm - Rosary/Confessions, 5 pm - Holy Mass with Bishop John Folda, 6 pm - picnic. For more information phone (701)640-6152 or the monastery at (701)642-2360. Website: [carmelofmary.org](http://carmelofmary.org)

|  | <b>Saturday Aug 8<br/>5:00 pm<br/>St. Leo's</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Sunday Aug 9<br/>8:30 am<br/>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday Aug 9<br/>10:30 am<br/>St. Thomas</b> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | Mark Voss                                                                                                                                             | Shari Kensok                                  | Keith Biggers                                   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | <i>Due to concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) St. Leo's and St. Thomas will temporarily suspend the distribution of the Precious Blood.</i> |                                               |                                                 |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Hayden Faleide<br>Sophie Scherweit                                                                                                                    | Katie Kempel<br>Melody Kempel                 | Gavin Besette                                   |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                                                                              | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                        |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                                                                              | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                      |                                                 |

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Mass Schedule for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri., Aug 14<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm Mass at St. Thomas  
 Sat., Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - 9 am Mass at St. Leo's

**Appreciating the Gift of the Holy Priesthood.** St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church will be honoring the priests in our area around the Feast of St. John Vianney, the patron of priests. We invite you to join the celebration by offering a spiritual bouquet or supportive comments about your pastor or a beloved priest. These can be emailed to [jschaefer@ideaone.net](mailto:jschaefer@ideaone.net) or mailed to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 710 10th St S, Fargo, ND 58103. Your offerings and support messages will be compiled and given to the priests in early August as an offering of our continued prayer and support of their ministry.

**Strengthened in the Presence of Christ—A Retreat for Mothers & Daughters**—August 13-15, 2020. Spend time with Jesus together in prayer, adoration & Mass with the Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen. Includes fellowship with other Catholic moms & daughters, recreation at Lake Else, bonfire with s'mores, book exchange & ice cream shop. Cost: \$200 for each mother & daughter pair includes room, meals & activities. Each additional daughter add \$75 (18+), \$50 (12-17 yrs) 425 (5-11 yrs). Nursing babies, grandmothers & Godmothers welcome! Call Heather Hanson to register at 218-751-0735. Franciscan Retreat & Conference Center—102 6th St. SE, Hankinson, ND 58041.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give the some food yourselves.'"* - Matthew 14:16

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.



### **St. Leo's Knight of the Month**

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

**St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Corn & Brat Feed** has been cancelled for this year. Instead the KC's will be selling fresh sweet corn. Please watch further bulletins for more detailed information.



### **Help Support our Cameroon Card**

**Mission:** Cards are located in the in the magazine rack in church entry. Cost of cards is .50 cents, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.