

PASTOR'S NOTES

Welcome - *Patty and Nicole*

Patty Roth and Nicole Scherweit have been hired to coordinate St. Leo' Religious Education (RE) program. As you know Sue Knoll, who has been with us the past 11 years, has decided to retire and spend more time with family and grandchildren. She will be doing a 'soft retirement', i.e., help make the transition for Patty and Nicole as smooth as possible.

Patty is married to Tony and together they have 3 daughters. She originates from the Langdon area and has been married to Tony for 19 years and members of St. Leo's since that time. Specifically, Patty will coordinate all the work that goes into running our Wednesday evening RE classes.

Nicole is married to Steve and together they have 2 daughters and a son. Nicole originates from the New Rockford area and has been married for 16 years and have been members of St. Leo's for the past nine years. Specifically, Nicole will coordinate the work involved in the sacramental preparation of Reconciliation for second graders and Confirmation and Eucharist for third graders. This includes the parent classes, retreats, interviews and the sacramental celebrations themselves.

Thank you – *Patty and Nicole* -- for saying 'yes' to working with our young people and the gift of passing on of the Catholic faith.

Special Collection

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has asked the bishops throughout the United States to take up a voluntary special collection for the many thousands of people who have been ravaged by natural disasters, especially those in Haiti. Haiti was first hit with an earthquake, which was followed by a tropical storm. These kinds of disasters have devastating effects on impoverished countries like Haiti.

Our support of brothers and sisters in such dire need is deeply appreciated. Attached to this week's church bulletin is an envelope for that purpose. May the dire needs of others find a home in the generosity of our hearts!

Dates to keep in mind

- > Wed., Sept. 1st – 6:30 p.m. – RE Teacher orientation - Spirit of Life Center
- > Tues., Sept. 7th – 7:00 p.m. – Liturgy Committee meeting – at the Rectory
- > Wed., Sept. 8th – 6:30 p.m. – Opening Mass for Religious Education
- > Sun., Sept. 12th – 7:00 p.m. – Parent planning meeting for Youth group activities-Spirit of Life
- > Mon., Sept. 13th – 7:00 p.m. – St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting
- > Tues., Sept. 14th – 7:00 p.m. – Cemetery Committee meeting – at the Rectory
- > Wed., Sept. 15th – 6:30 p.m. – First RE class for this year (*Simple Supper at 6 p.m.*)
- > Sun., Sept 19th – ***following the 10:30 Mass*** –

Farewell party for Sue Knoll in the Spirit of Life Center



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211 Langer Ave North
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St. Thomas Catholic Church
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TWENTY– SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 29, 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 Aug 29:

Mon - Aug 30 - 9:00 am - +**Vincent Nicolai** by Sandie Nystrom

Tues - Aug 31 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Josephine Pfeifer** by Joe & Lora Killoran

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Sept 1 - 9:00 am - +**Msgr Joseph Senger**

Thurs - Sept 2 - 9:00 am - +**Ernest Watson** by Marian Watson

Fri - Sept 3 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS**

Sat - Sept 4 - 5:00 pm - +deceased family members of Mary Kempel

Sun - Sept 5 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Mike Vavra by Keith & Joni Biggers

St. Leo's - 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

Sun., Aug 29 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Wed., Sept 1 - 6:30 pm - RE Teacher Orientation meeting  
 Sun., Sept 5 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Tues., Sept 7 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting at the rectory  
**Wed., Sept 8 - 6:30 pm - RE opening Mass**  
 Thurs., Sept 9 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Sun., Sept 12 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Sun., Sept 12 - 7:00 pm - Parent planning meeting for Youth group activities in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Wed., Sept 15 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas  
 Wed., Sept 15 - 6:30 pm - RE classes at St. Leo's; Simple Supper at 6 pm  
 6:15 pm - Senior class meets  
 Tues., Sept 14 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting at the rectory  
 Sun., Sept 19 - 11:30 am - Farwell party for Sue Knoll after the 10:30 am Mass in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Mon., Sept 20 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Lori Howard and her family on the death of her mother, Kathy Bacon and to Leo Kieffer, Jim Kieffer and Lillian Eberhardt and their families on the death of their sister-in-law, Phyllis Kieffer.

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

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Sept 4</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Sept 5</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Sept 5</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tricia Gegelman<br>Lois Titus                                | Judy Von Bank                                               | Anna Garman                                                 |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Mona Franck                                                  |                                                             | Leo Kieffer                                                 |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Nikita Howard<br>Ethan Richard                               | Rudi Wendel<br>Ali Killoran                                 | Addison Hushka<br>Lucas Miller<br>Andy or Anthony Garman    |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Betty Lou Stallman<br>Lisa Zahnow<br>Jennaca Killoran       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     |                                                             | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Beginning Experience "Coping with Life Alone":** A 10 week program offered for widowed, divorced or separated persons. Helping to understand the grieving process and the stages of grief. Led by teams of peers who have experienced similar losses in their own lives. Starts on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Brethren Lutheran Church, 1702 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Fargo. Registration at 6 pm and sessions starts at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$45. Information line, please call 701-277-8784 to leave a message.

**Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages:** Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally in Fargo the weekends of October 22-24, 2021, March 11-13, 2022 and October 7-9, 2022. For more information visit: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact them at (701)356-7962 or via email at: [RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org) Retrouvaille weekends are also held in St. Cloud and Minneapolis MN. For more information please see the brochures on the bulletin board.

**Catholic Daughters to Meet:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 PM; meal to follow (Unit 1 serving) and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food pantry donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com).

**Special Collection for Haiti:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked all parishes to take up a special collection to support Haiti which suffered a massive earthquake and tropical storm. **An envelope is attached to this weeks bulletin to use for this special collection.** Make checks payable to St. Leo's and return you donation to the church office or place in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

**Diocese of Fargo Events:** There are many events happening within the Fargo Diocese in the next few weeks. Please see the bulletin board for more information on these events or visit the Diocese website at: [www.fargodiocese.org](http://www.fargodiocese.org). You can also follow them on Facebook or twitter at:

[www.facebook.com/fargodiocese](http://www.facebook.com/fargodiocese)  
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### 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.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." ~ James 1:22*

It is easy to understand the definition of stewardship — living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?