

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

**Sat., Aug 10 - 6:00 pm - St. Leo's RE registration after 5 pm Mass**  
**Sun., Aug 11 - 9:30 am - St. Leo's RE registration after 8:30 am Mass**  
 Sun., Aug 11 - 2:00 pm - 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Prairies, Whapeton  
 Wed., Aug 14 - 7:00 pm - St. Thomas- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Vigil Mass  
**Wed., Aug 14 - 8:00 pm - St. Thomas Rel. Education registration after the 7 pm Holy Day Mass**  
 Thurs., Aug 15 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo's- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Mass  
**Thurs., Aug 15 - 8:00 pm - St. Leo' RE registration after the 7 pm Holy Day Mass**  
**Sat., Aug 17 - 6:00 pm - St. Leo's RE registration after the 5 pm Mass**  
**Sun., Aug 18 - 11:30 am - St. Leo's RE registration after the 10:30 am Mass**  
 Mon., Aug 19 - 6:30 pm - KC meeting at the rectory  
 Mon., Aug 19 - 7:00 pm - St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting  
**Wed., Aug 21 - 6:30 pm - 'First-time Families' in Religious Education Parent Meeting**  
 Thurs., Aug 22 - 5:00 pm - KC Corn and Brat picnic  
 Fri., Sat., Sept 6 & 7 - Redeemed Eucharistic Congress, Jamestown Civic Center

The Rosary is prayed before each weekend Mass at St. Leo's . **We are in need of persons to lead the rosary** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month. This would be about 20 minutes before the 10:30am Masses on these days. Call the parish office if you can help.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Aug 17 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i>	Sunday Aug 18 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Aug 18 10:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i>
			
<b>Lector</b>	Lee Ann Monilaws Mallory Poulson	Gary Milbrandt	Steve Carvell
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Joni Biggers Keith Biggers	Micah Bartholomay Jake Lako Collin Miller Deb Werner Jake Werner
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Hayden Faleide Burchill Family	Layla Norrie Damien Norrie	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh Prochnow
<b>Offertory Collectors</b>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Dennis & Cristie Killoran	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Gary & Linda Milbrandt	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<b>Lead Rosary</b>	Mona Franck		<b>Volunteer needed</b>

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

Wed. Aug 14<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm Mass at St. Thomas  
 Thur. Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm Mass at St. Leo's  
***NO** 9 am Mass at St. Leo's on Thurs. Aug 15<sup>th</sup>*

**Redeemed Eucharistic Congress:** September 6 & 7, 2024 at the Jamestown Civic Center (212 3rd Ave NE). **Early registration has been extended to Aug. 30. At that time online registration will close.** To register on line visit – [www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed](http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed)  
***Registration forms and information are available on the tables behind the last pews in the church.***

Registration will also be available at the door, the fee will be \$50.



**Support Group for Adult Children of Divorce: Sept. 14-Nov.16, 2024** The Life-Giving Wounds peer support group is a unique opportunity for young adults (18+) and adults whose parents have divorced, separated, or left broken families to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown and to heal from them, together with others who know this pain and knowledgeable, compassionate leaders, who are also predominantly adult children of divorce or separation themselves. The group starts on September 14. Find out more information or register by visiting [www.fargodiocese.org/lgw-sg](http://www.fargodiocese.org/lgw-sg).

**Diocese of Fargo:** For events, upcoming retreats and more information about what is happening throughout the diocese, please visit: [www.fargodiocese.org](http://www.fargodiocese.org) or see the flyers on the bulletin board in the church entry.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" ~ 1 Kings 19:7*

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

**FACEBOOK:** St. Leo's does have a facebook page, established in 2014. The page name is **St. Leo Catholic Church, Casselton ND.** It is used mainly to share information about upcoming events, such as special Mass times, Fall Dinner, Religious Education announcements, and more.

There is another *unofficial* page (**St. Leo's Parish**) that can make it confusing when looking for current information. If anyone knows where that page originated, please call the parish. (701)347-4609 We want to have only one page. The official Facebook page is **St. Leo Catholic Church, Casselton ND.**



### Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages: September 27-29, 2024

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. The Red River Retrouvaille program will be held locally on September 27-29, 2024 in Fargo. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at [rrretrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:rrretrouvaille@gmail.com).

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### ***Eucharist – Real, Alive and Present!***

In this third reflection on our Sunday Gospel reading from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel (**The Bread of Life Discourse**) we hear Jesus say, "... *whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*" [Jn. 6:51]

On the surface this sounds cannibalistic or something from a primitive, pagan religion. Yet the Last Supper accounts in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Christ declare this same reality – "*This is my body*" ... "*This is my blood*". In the life of the Catholic Church this teaching has become known as the **Real Presence** of Christ in the Eucharist. His presence is not a symbolic or figurative presence. Christ seems to sense this possible misinterpretation after declaring himself to be the Bread of Life. So he doubles down in verse 51 and following declaring this Bread of Life to be his flesh. **This is truly his body, blood, soul and divinity!!**

This teaching by Christ about his Real Presence has nurtured numerous Eucharistic beliefs/practices in the life of the Catholic Church:

**During the Mass:** (1) **the consecration** – after consecrating the bread and wine (*proclaiming the same words Christ used at the Last Supper*), the priest genuflects and the people proclaim one of three acclamations acknowledging Christ's saving death and resurrection now present among us and on the altar as his body and blood; (2) **the sacrifice of the Mass** – since Christ's presence is his saving death and resurrection, the church encourages the offering of Masses for deceased loved ones who need our prayers to be purified of the residual effects of their sins; for petitioning the health and well being for those struggling with illness or tragic life circumstances; for thanking God for the blessings of life, marriage, good harvests, etc. No prayers are more efficacious than those joined to the Lord as he gives himself (Body and Blood) in the Eucharist; (3) **fullness of Communion** – the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the "*sign of Communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly.*" [1390] People are encouraged to receive both the Body and Blood of Christ each time they receive Communion; (4) **reverence for chalice(s) and paten(s)** – after the distribution of Communion, the paten(s) and chalice(s) are reverently purified (cleaned) acknowledging they had contained the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Beyond Mass:** With the consecration of the bread and wine at Mass, Christ's presence perdures and extends into time. This is particularly seen in: (1) **the presence of tabernacles**, which house Christ's body and blood primarily to be given to those who are homebound or hospitalized. For this reason upon entering a church we genuflect to Christ's presence in the tabernacles of our churches; (2) **visits to the Blessed Sacrament** – since Christ's perduring presence lives among us in our tabernacles, believers are encouraged to come before the tabernacle and offer short prayers of petition, intercession and thanks; (3) **Eucharistic Adoration** – on occasion the Blessed Sacrament (Christ's Body and Blood) is placed in a monstrance on the altar (*called Exposition*) for the purpose of adoring Christ's abiding love in our midst and in our lives. A few churches may have *Perpetual Adoration*, which goes 24/7, 365 days a year, or adoration for a *Holy Hour* which honors Christ request in the Garden of Gethsemane for Peter, James and John to spend an hour in prayer with him [(Mt. 26:40)], while other churches may host adoration for a *40 Hours Devotion* approximating the time Christ spent in the tomb before rising from the dead. Periods of Eucharistic Adoration end with *Benediction* in which the monstrance holding the Blessed Sacrament is held aloft and people are blessed with the Sign of the Cross. On the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, which occurs the second Sunday after Pentecost some churches carry the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle in procession along a designated route singing hymns of praise. These are known as *Corpus Christi processions*.

With Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist he is ever near to his people desiring their Communion at Mass and living among them in the tabernacles of our churches. **As he is never far from us, may we never be far from him.**



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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 11, 2024

### **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 11:**

Mon - Aug 12 – 9:00 am – **Leo Kieffer** by Lil Eberhardt

Tues - Aug 13 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **+Souls in purgatory**

*NO MASS at St. Leo's*

Wed – Aug 14 – 9:00 am – St. Leo's – **+Gary Doerr** by Lee & Jackie Anderson

**Wed - Aug 14 - 7:00 pm– St. Thomas– Assumption of Mary Holy Day Vigil Mass**

**Thurs – Aug 15– 7:00 pm– St. Leo's– Assumption of Mary Holy Day Mass– +Fr. Bill Ovsak**

*NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo's*

Fri – Aug 16 – 9:00 am – **+Paul Grommesh** by Gary & Delores Grommesh

**Saturday – Aug 17 – 5:00 pm - +Dick Sinner by Francis & Liz Kritzberger**

**Sunday - Aug 18 – St. Thomas- 8:30 am - +Lillian Von Bank by Luella Grieve**

**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*

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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.