


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

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 - 5:30 pm - KC Corn and Brat picnic
 Tues., Sept 3 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting at the rectory
 Fri., Sat., Sept 6 & 7 - Redeemed Eucharistic Congress, Jamestown Civic Center
 Tues., Sept 10 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting at the rectory
 Wed., Sept 11 - 6:30 pm - RE Opening Mass at St. Leo's
 Tues., Sept 17 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory

PLEASE NOTE: This month is one of those times where our Saturday Mass is the 5th Saturday of the month and Sunday Mass is the 1st Sunday of the month (Aug. 31/Sept. 1). Please be attentive to the Ministry Schedule in the weeks to follow. Thank you.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Aug 24 5:00 pm St. Leo's	Sunday Aug 25 8:30 am St. Leo's	Sunday Aug 25 10:30 am St. Thomas
 Lector	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Jackie Vavra
Eucharistic Ministers	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Kristi Hovelson Joe Killoran
Altar Servers	Evelyn Roth Joe/Jensen Kappes Beau Parisien	Glennon Family Nolan Ziegelemann	Gavin Besette Hannah Besette
Offertory Collectors	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Dennis & Cristie Killoran
Gift Bearers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Carter Norrie Family
Lead Rosary	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

The Rosary is prayed before each weekend Mass at St. Leo's. **We are in need of persons to lead the rosary** on the 1st and 3rd 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.

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.**

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 **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.

Eucharistic Procession: St. William's Church of Argusville is planning a Eucharistic Procession through the streets near the church after the 10:30 am Mass on **Sunday, September 8th.** Distance will only be about 8 blocks. The procession will include prayer, a little singing and a community blessing. Lunch will be served upon return to the church.

This week's Stewardship moment:

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." ~ John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.



Council 9477

St. Leo's
Knights of Columbus
Corn & Brat Picnic
Thursday, August 22nd
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Free will offering



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.



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

PASTOR'S NOTES

Eucharist – a matter of life or death

Today's reading from John's Gospel contains some powerful challenging words: "if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you have no life in you." [Jn 6:52b] On the other hand he declares, "If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever; the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life world ... He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day." [Jn 6:51b, 53] This proclamation by Christ has become the Church's teaching of Christ's Real Presence in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

How does this presence come to be? How does this happen? In theological circles a lot of words have been spoken about this mystery, and a lot of ink has been spilled dissecting, explaining and trying to make sense of these challenging words by Christ.

One school of thought is that Christ works a miracle every time Mass is celebrated. We believe that God created the world out of nothing in the beginning by simply speaking the word {e.g. - *let there be light and light came to be*}. What is so different from a priest praying the words Christ spoke at the Last Supper {e.g. - *this is my body, this is my blood*} and Christ's body and blood becoming present on the altar? Christ through the instrumentality of his priest works a miracle.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) speaks about this mystery of faith in this manner [cf. CCC 625-627, 663, 1084, 1085, 1104]— At Calvary God did not die because Scripture says corruption can not touch God. [AA 2:27] Since Christ is a divine person he possesses both a human nature and a divine nature. At Calvary Jesus' human nature suffered the separation of body and soul, which happens at each person's death. Christ's divine nature hold this separated body and soul in abeyance for three days. On Easter Sunday of the Resurrection the separated body and soul of Christ are reunited in the glorified existence of resurrected life. In this case Christ's human history never dies, but lives on in divine eternity and is not lost in some long forgotten past event. Therefore, every time we faithfully recall what Christ did for us or asked of us in his history, Christ becomes present in our time as he does in the Eucharist, or at baptism, or the forgiveness of sins, or the anointing of the sick, etc.

This led our patron saint – St. Leo the Great – to declare that '**all Christ accomplished in history has now passed into the sacraments**'.

Of all the sacraments none surpass the glory and majesty of the Eucharist because in this sacrament Christ gives us his very body and blood. **For this reason it is called the Blessed Sacrament.** The Blessed Sacrament is our food for the journey to heaven. It keeps us in constant communion with the Lord. Without it, we are spiritually dead. With it we live into eternity!

Given the supreme magnitude of this sacrament one understands the devotion and reverence given to the Eucharist. Attending Sunday Mass {the day of Lord's Resurrection} is a serious obligation. Upon entry into the church we bless ourselves with holy water recalling Christ's life that came to us in baptism and genuflect to his presence in the tabernacles of our churches; we attend daily Mass when possible; we bring Communion to the homebound and those in hospitals and nursing homes; we make prayer visits to the Blessed Sacrament; we spend time in holy hours or simple adoration; we do a simple bow at the mention of Christ becoming man when we proclaim the Creed; we do a reverential head bow upon both receiving the Lord's Body and the Lord's Blood at Communion, etc.

Eucharist is serious matter. It is a matter of life and death. It is given as a gift and asks of us – thanksgiving, praise, worship and a profound humility in living a life worthy of and commensurate with the divine gift given in our hands and taken to our lips.



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 18, 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 18:

Mon – Aug 19 – 9:00 am – +**Agnes Goldade** by Theresa Dooley

Tues – Aug 20 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Aug 21 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale

Thurs – Aug 22 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Aug 23 – 9:00 am – +**Rick Keller** by Zita & Tony Dietz

Saturday – Aug 24 – 5:00 pm - +Michelle Kulasingham by Margaret Kensok

Sunday - Aug 25 – St. Leo's- 8:30 am - Elizabeth Garman by Casey & Anna Garman

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.

Please join in praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass times.