

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Aug 25 - 11:30 am - St. Thomas RE registration after the 10:30 am Mass
 Fri., Sat., Sept 6 & 7 - Redeemed Eucharistic Congress, Jamestown Civic Center
 Mon., Sept 9 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting at the rectory
 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
 Wed., Sept 18 - RE Classes begin, watch further bulletin with class times
 Mon., Sept 23 - 6:30 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
 Tues., Sept 24 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo's Pastoral Council 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 31 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i> 5 th Sun of August	Sunday Sept 1 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Sept 1 10:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i> 1 st Sun of September
Lector	Megan Bolda	Alecia Killoran	Elise Wisnewski
Eucharistic Ministers	Mona Franck Delores Grommesh	Linda Milbrandt Jurgen Suhr	Kristi Dutchuk Jared Nelson Nicole Scherweit Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler
Altar Servers	Volunteers Needed	Gavin Besette Hannah Besette	James Diemert Garman Family
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Mike & Lisa Zahnow Betty Lou Stallman	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Jacob Schultz Family	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Lead Rosary	Mona Franck		Volunteer Needed

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
Information and registration form is in this weeks bulletin insert and also 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 by 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:

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." ~ Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Susan Kieffer and her family on the death of her mother, Uneva Dobrinz.

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



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.

Holy Hour for Life - Respect Life Sunday: Bishop Folda invites all the faithful of the diocese to join him in a Mass and Holy Hour for Life on Respect **Sunday, October 6th.** It will be held at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church (5202 25th St S, Fargo). There will be Mass at 12:30 pm followed by a Holy Hour for Life. A lunch will be served in the social hall following the Holy Hour.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Eucharist – the pearl of great price

This Sunday's Gospel reading is the last of our 5-week examination of the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, famously known as the *Bread of Life Discourse*. In that discourse Jesus declares himself to be the Bread of Life come down from heaven. This bread is his flesh for the life of the world and all who eat of it will live forever and be raised up on the last day. **These are phenomenal statements.** Some walk away. Others see Jesus as the Holy One of God. What do you think? Do we take Jesus at his word?

John 6 is foundational to the Church's teaching of Christ Real Presence in the Eucharist. **This Presence is not figurative language nor symbolic words.** This is Christ's life given for the life of the world. To eat of it is to live forever. Not to eat of it is to have no life. **The Eucharist is a matter of life and death!**

Out of this conviction of faith has come a number of Eucharistic practices:

- (1) **Most prominently** — the serious obligation of regularly **attending Sunday Mass**. To knowingly and willfully miss what Christ has asked of us – *to do this in remembrance of him* – would be a serious sin. Sunday celebrates the day of Christ's Resurrection and at Sunday Mass he feeds us with his risen and glorified body and blood. St. Hilary of Potiers spoke of the seriousness of this matter when he declared: *"Christ will take to himself only the flesh of those who have received his flesh."*
- (2) **Daily Mass** – beside Sunday Mass the Church celebrates daily Mass. In many ways this copies the fact that for 40 years God miraculously fed his people with daily bread from heaven called manna during their Exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land of Israel. Daily Mass spiritually fulfills what we pray in the Lord's prayer – **"give us this day our daily bread"**.
- (3) The gift of the Lord's Body and Blood is not just for those who can make it to Mass, but **taking Communion to the homebound and hospitalized** is a treasured and essential gift of Eucharistic outreach. Never hesitate to call your parish and ask to have Communion brought to loved ones who find themselves so constrained.
- (4) **Viaticum** – This Latin word gets translated as *'being with you on the way'*. At the end of our earthly lives receiving the Lord's Body and Blood (in Communion) would be the greatest gift one can possess as one passes over from this world to the next.

Being in communion with the Lord's Body and Blood means eternal life. Offering the Lord's Body and Blood in Communion stands at the heart of Church life and with that life comes many fruits as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches [CCC 1391-1401]:

- > foretaste of the promise of heavenly glory;
- > preserves, deepens, increases and renews the life of baptismal grace;
- > cleanses us from venial sins and preserves us from future mortal sins;
- > strengthens our charity and commits us to the poor;
- > enkindles our hearts and minds to pray and work for the restoration of Christian unity.

Such is the glory of the Eucharist and being in communion with the Lord's Body and Blood.

With St. Paul we can say —

"Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? ... Yet in all of this we are more than conquerors because of him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord." [Rom. 8:35-39]



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 25, 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 25:

Mon – Aug 26 – 9:00 am – **Special Intention** by Lee & Jackie Anderson

Tues – Aug 27 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **+Bob Von Bank** by Joe & Lora Killoran

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Aug 28 – 9:00 am – **+Bruce Dooley** by Theresa Dooley

Thurs – Aug 29 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Aug 30 – 9:00 am – **+Jim Schmitt** by Keith & Barb Marschke

Saturday – Aug 31 – 5:00 pm - +Kenny Habiger by Mary Kempel

Sunday - Sept 1 – St. Thomas- 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - +Dick Sinner by Keith & Joni Biggers

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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.