

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Feb 16 - 9:00 am - KC breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center
 Tues., Feb 18 - 6:30 pm - Parent Confirmation meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
 Mon., Feb 24 - 6:30 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
 Thurs., Feb 27 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
 Thurs., Feb 27 - 6:30 pm - Parent Reconciliation meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
 Tues., Mar 4 - 7:00 pm - Education committee meeting at the rectory

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Feb 19


St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo's RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
 Grades K & 3 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)
 Grades 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Grade 5 - Class A and 12th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm



Cameroon Card Clearance Sale: From now and until Lent begins there is a table set up in the Spirit of Life Center to purchase cards one last time. Monies raised from the card sales is sent to our Mission in Cameroon, Africa. Clearance Sale Cards can be purchased for free will donation.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Feb 22 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i>	Sunday Feb 23 8:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i>	Sunday Feb 23 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
Lector	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Jackie Vavra
Eucharistic Ministers	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Linda Milbrandt Cynthia Comprendio
Altar Servers	Evelyn Roth Joe Kappes Jensen Kappes	Claire Glennon Jack Glennon Nolan Ziegelmann	Abigail Killoran Claire Halland
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Gary & Linda Milbrandt
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Frank & Laura Biggers
Lead Rosary	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

Catholic Man Night: Thursday, February 20th, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church(710 10th St. S, Fargo). 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration & Confession; 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm meal and talk. The guest speaker is Fr. Kevin Lorsung. Meal is a free will offering. **All men are invited, bring a friend!**



Women's Cursillo Retreat: Come and experience a Cursillo (pronounced KER SEE O) weekend, which means "a short course" and spend some time with Lord. Cursillo is an encounter with Christ, and great way to meet and hang out with other faith filled Catholics all the while learning more about the Catholic faith. **The women's retreat will be held February 27th - March 3rd at St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND.** Contact Laurie Weiderrich at (701)320-5448 for more information.



Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages- February 28-March 2, 2025 Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and reclaim the love that initially brought them together. The Red River Retrouvaille program will be held locally on February 28-March 2, 2025 in Fargo. For more information visit HelpOurMarriage.com or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at rrretrouvaille@gmail.com.

Financial Contribution Statements: To help cut down on the cost of postage, financial contribution statements are available for pick after Mass in the church entry or during the week in the church office. Thank you

This week's Stewardship moment:

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name... on account of the Son of Man." ~ Luke 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast: French toast and sausage **today, Sunday, February 16th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering.

SEARCH Retreat for youth ages 16 & 17: **SEARCH for Christian Maturity** is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16 and 17) along with young adults (ages 18 and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian community. **The next retreat will be March 7th - 9th** at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details or at: www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm and for an application no later than **Monday, Feb. 17th**.



Adult Children of Divorce Retreat: April 4th - 6th at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is a unique opportunity for young adults (18+) and adults with divorced or separated parents to reflect on the wounds caused by the their family breakdown. Attendees learn to see how their life-draining wounds can become a life-giving mission of love for themselves and others. For more information or to register for the retreat, visit: www.fargodiocese.org/lgw

PASTOR'S NOTES

Faithful Service & called to Faithful Service

Membership on any of our five (5) parish committees at St. Leo's begins in January each year. Presently committee members are asked to serve for a 3-year term renewable once – *meaning a committee member can serve a maximum of six (6) years.*

Some members are only able to serve their 3-year term. Therefore, each year a number of parishioners are asked to serve open positions on our five committees.

Over the last couple years a number of committee members have ended six years of faithful service to St. Leo's parish. They have 'stepped to the plate' to give of their time and talent in service to parish life at St. Leo's. **With deepest gratitude and thanks** I would like to recognize those who have faithfully served St. Leo's for six years starting with service in either January 2017, 2018 or 2019, and ending in either December 2022, 2023 or 2024:

On the Finance Committee: **Terry Kensok, Collin Miller, Alex Richard and Kristi Dutchuk**

On the Liturgy Committee: **Cindy Voss**

On the Cemetery Committee: **Jake Lako**

On the Education Committee: **Erin Prochnow, Casey Garman**

On the Social Concerns Committee: **Mary Richard, Mary Jendro**

New members starting since January 2024: Jared Nelson, Jordan Marschke, Adam Gunkel, Allison Eggl [**Finance**]; Lori Howard, Bailey Steckler, Karren Bartholomay, Kaylyn Grommesh, Rose Mary Eldridge [**Liturgy**]; Patty Glennon, Mary Richard [**Education**]; Paul Olsen, Gary Grommesh [**Cemetery**]; LeAnn Monilaws, Kari Muscha, Jackie Anderson, Mona Franck, April Masters-Chizek, Amy Nelson [**Social Concerns**]

Would you consider helping —

> **lead the Rosary before 10:30 a.m. Mass** on *either or both* the first and third Sunday of each month. We presently have four different parishioners leading the Rosary before the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday 5 p.m. Masses plus a parishioner for the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass when there is a 5th Saturday in a month, and a parishioner for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass when there is a 5th Sunday in a month. **But we could use help on the regular 1st and 3rd Sunday 10:30 a.m. Masses.** Usually the Rosary begins 25 minutes before Mass time. If you would, on occasion, need to be gone one of the other Rosary leaders could sub for you. Should you have any other questions, please contact Fr. Ermer. If you could help --- please contact the parish office or visit with Fr. Ermer. **Thanks for your consideration.**

> **updating our Cameroon Mission Bulletin Board in the church entry.**

In 2012 St. Leo's Pastoral Council agreed to adopt a mission project in Cameroon, Africa. The Sisters of Mary of the Presentation (SMP) are a French order on nuns, whose American Mother House is located in Valley City. The SMP sisters have had a long time mission in Cameroon. These Sisters run a clinic and school among some of Africa's poorest peoples. Since 2013 we have annually tithed our Sunday adult envelope offertory in support of this mission project. Throughout each year we receive notes of thanks and updates on happenings in that school and clinic. It would be great if a parishioner would be willing *to occasionally* update our bulletin board about some of these happenings so as to keep us abreast of our Cameroon Mission Project. If you would like to help please contact the parish office or visit with Fr. Ermer. **Thanks for your consideration.**



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Buffalo ND
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 16, 2025

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 Feb 16:

Mon – Feb 17 – 9:00 am – +**Jim Schmitt** by Paulette Schmitt

Tues – Feb 18 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries

NO Mass at St. Leo's

Wed – Feb 19 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Thurs – Feb 20 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale

Fri – Feb 21 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Saturday – Feb 22 – 5:00 pm - +**Sandy Volk** by Richard Muscha

Sunday - Feb 23 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +**Mike Vavra** by Keith & Joni Biggers

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St. Thomas Directors: Gary Milbrandt & Flint Kasowski

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.