

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., Jan 21 - 7:00 pm - Finance Committee meeting at the rectory
 Wed., Jan 22 - RE class — see below
Wed., Jan 22 - 6:45 pm - Casselton Ministerium Ecumenical Week of Christian Unity Prayer Service
 Sun., Jan 26 - 11:30 am - St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting at the church
 Mon., Jan 27 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory
 Sun., Feb 2 - 11:30 am - St. Leo's Annual Parish Meeting in the Spirit of Life Center

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Jan 22nd

St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo's RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm

All classes will attend Week of Christian Unity Ecumenical Prayer Service at 6:45 pm


NOTE: All K & 3rd grade 5:15 pm classes will meet at 6:30 pm with their classmates in their respective classrooms.

NOTE: All sessions of 5th grade (A & B) will meet at **6:30 pm**

NOTE: 11th & 12th grade will have a combined class at 6:15 pm

NOTE: All other classes start at regular times.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Jan 25 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i>	Sunday Jan 26 8:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i>	Sunday Jan 26 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
			
<i>Lector</i>	KC Memorial Mass	Fred Eldridge	Alecia Killoran
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>		Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Linda Milbrandt Cynthia Comprendio
<i>Altar Servers</i>		Claire Glennon Jack Glennon Nolan Ziegelmann	Claire Halland Ali Killoran
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Jurgen & Barb Suhr
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Prochnow Family	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Judith Von Bank Cynthia Comprendio
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Joan Carvell and her family on the death of her brother, Matt McLeod. *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4*

PETER'S PENCE: Sunday, January 26th has been designated as *Peter's Pence* Sunday. Envelopes for this collection are found with your regular collection envelopes. This collection supports the charitable works of the Holy Father and provides emergency assistance to those suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and persecution. Please consider giving generously. Thank you.

GIVING HEARTS DAY - Thursday, February 13th.

What is Giving Hearts Day? Giving Hearts Day was started in 2008 by Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation as the region's first one -day 'virtual' fundraising event to create awareness for many charities in ND and western Minnesota and for individuals to make donations to over 600 charities. There are six area Casselton organizations you can donate to. They are: *Casselton Community Medical Foundation, Central Cass Dollars for Scholars, Central Cass Treehouse, Community of Care, Rural Cass Emergency Food Pantry and Sinner Bresnahan Healthy Kids Initiative* along with some other area charities such as - *Catholic Charities, Women's Care Center and The New Life Center*. You can schedule your gift NOW or donate on February 13th at www.GivingHeartsDay.org. Select the organization and make your secure donation. All gifts of \$10 or more are matched, up to a specific amount for each group.

This week's Stewardship moment:

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." ~1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



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St. Leo's Knight of the

Month: The Knight of the month is **Den Bolda**. Thank you Den for all you do for the KC's. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast:

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

Journey to the Heart of the Father -

Retreat for Catholic Women: January 31 - February 2 at St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND. A weekend of speakers, worship, prayer ministry and more. Open your heart and grow closer to the Lord. Cost of the retreat is \$300 and includes accommodations and meals. For details and to register go to: www.ecclesiadomestica.net or contact Deacon Thane Barnier at ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net

For information on other Diocesan retreats, please see the bulletin board in the church entry or visit the Fargo Diocese website at: www.fargodiocese.org



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.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Events of Note

> Wednesday, January 22nd – *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

Over the last number of years the United States Catholic Bishops marked January 22nd as a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. January 22nd had been the infamous day in 1973 when the Supreme Court had legalized abortion in America.

Since the Supreme Court overturned the 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* decision in June 2022, a political firestorm has erupted in this country. Now each of the 50 states are enacting laws regarding the issue of abortion. Some states are outlawing the practice of abortion while others are writing 'the right to abortion' into their state laws. It is obvious the pro-life movement has a long ways to go in cultivating a respect for the life of unborn children in the hearts and minds of millions of Americans. Prayer is a good place to start and it is that spirit that drove the United States Catholic Bishops to set aside a day for such prayer. *Perhaps you could attend daily Mass, pray a Rosary, pray the Stations of the Cross, make a Holy Hour, pray the Divine Mercy chaplet, make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament* – all in the spirit of converting hearts and minds to the gift of unborn life that is threatened by the barbarism of pro-abortion policies and misguided politicians.

> Wednesday, January 22nd – *Ecumenical Prayer & Songfest at 6:45 p.m.*

Each year the Church celebrates an octave of days (8 successive days) for the restoration of Christian Unity. These 8 days fall between January 18 and January 25. The feast day of January 25th celebrates the conversion of St. Paul and his life and ministry of taking the Gospel to the non-Jewish world. That Gospel has Jesus emphatically praying that 'all may be one as he and the Father are one (Jn. 17:21).'

Ecumenism is the work of restoring Christian unity and an essential ministry of the Church. In our small way the Casselton Area Ministerial Association (CAMA) is sponsoring a time of ecumenical prayer and song **on Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:45 p.m. at St. Leo's Church**. This prayer service will be followed with refreshments in the Spirit of Life Center at about 7:30 p.m.

Since the parents of our RE students will be picking up their students at that time, **I highly encourage their attendance and all parishioners** for this time in which we pray for the restoration of Christian unity!

> Sunday, February 2nd – *Annual Parish Meeting*

On Sunday February 2nd St. Leo's parish will have its annual parish meeting after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. **This meeting is open to all parishioners of St. Leo's parish**. It will begin with and free and very delicious meal. Younger children will be fed downstairs along with some entertainment so parents can participate in the meeting upstairs.

The annual meeting provides an opportunity for parishioners to gather, share a meal, enjoy one another's company, review the state of the parish and look to the future. Following the meal there will be a short presentation on the **state of parish life** here at St. Leo's. I highly encourage your attendance and active participation. Your input, questions and suggestions are highly valued commodities of parish life. The meeting should conclude by 1 p.m. **Please mark your calendars!!**



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211 Langer Ave North
PO Box 340
Casselton ND
347-4609

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401 Third St. North
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633-5150



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 19, 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 Jan 19:

Mon – Jan 20 – 9:00 am – +**Lori Awe** by Lee & Jackie Anderson

Tues – Jan 21 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**

NO Mass at St. Leo's

Wed – Jan 22 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale

Thurs – Jan 23 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Jan 24 – 9:00 am – **Terry & Luz Sullivan** by Jill Moore

Saturday – Jan 25 – 5:00 pm - +Fr. Jerald Finnestad

Sunday - Jan 26 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am - +Jim Schmitt by Paulette Schmitt

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.