

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

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  
 Wed., Jan 29 - RE class — see below  
**Sun., Feb 2 - 11:30 am - St. Leo's Annual Parish Meeting in the Spirit of Life Center**  
 Tues., Feb 4 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy Committee meeting at the rectory  
 Tues., Feb 11 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery Committee meeting at the rectory  
 Mon., Feb 24 - 6:30 pm - KC meeting at the rectory

### Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Jan 29


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 B and 11<sup>th</sup> 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

	<b>Saturday Feb 1 5:00 pm St. Leo's</b>	<b>Sunday Feb 2 8:30 am St. Thomas</b>	<b>Sunday Feb 2 10:30 am St. Leo's</b>
			
<b>Lector</b>	Megan Bolda Lois Titus	Keith Biggers	Karren Bartholomay
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun	Kristi Dutchuk Jared Nelson Nicole Scherweit Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Richard Family Tristan/Ingnatius Lako	Layla Norrie Damien Norrie	James Diemert Garman Family
<b>Offertory Collectors</b>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Gary & Linda Milbrandt	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Mike & Lisa Zahnnow	Kyle Scherweit Family
<b>Lead Rosary</b>	Lucy Wagner		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Harlan Volk and Rod and Dina Volk on the death of their wife and mother, Sandra.

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

**Special prayers and blessings** to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:

**Bob & Anne Pyle - 52 years on January 29**

**REFORM Wellness Seminar:** Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church in Fargo beginning at 8 am. Join Jackie Mulligan and Dr. Bridget Vander Woude for a seminar on the integration of the health of body and soul together. They will be covering nine pillars of wellness, including faith, stress management, sleep, nutrition, functional movement, play, community, space and personal growth. The event is free and open to the public. Free registration and RSVP (to help prepare ahead) is available at: <https://stsaaaj.org/reformhome/>

**Golf Scramble for the Knights of Columbus and their families:** Women's Care Center is sponsoring a Suite-heart Golf Knight on Thursday, **February 13<sup>th</sup>** at Suite Shots in Fargo. This is a family golf scramble event that features contests, games, and prizes as you golf on a simulation course of California's Pebble Beach Golf Links. There are three tee times to choose from: 3 pm, 5:30 pm & 8 pm. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or email: [lisa@wwccnd.com](mailto:lisa@wwccnd.com) Top council will win bragging rights and a traveling trophy.



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

**GIVING HEARTS DAY - Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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 13<sup>th</sup> at [www.GivingHeartsDay.org](http://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.

For information on Diocesan retreats, please see the bulletin board in the church entry or visit the Fargo Diocese website at: [www.fargodiocese.org](http://www.fargodiocese.org)

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." ~*

*Nehemiah 8:10*

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part — to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Word of God Sunday — *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

On September 30, 2019 Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be celebrated as *Word of God Sunday*. September 30, 2019 was the 1600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St. Jerome, who translated the Hebrew language of the Old Testament and the Greek language of the New Testament into the Latin language. That Latin Bible became known as the Vulgate Bible, which was the gold standard of biblical translations until the 1500s when vernacular translations came on to the scene. It is St. Jerome, who declared, ***“ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ”***.

In declaring the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as *Word of God Sunday* Pope Francis reminds us that the relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to Scripture, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth; without the Scriptures the mission and ministry of Jesus would remain incomprehensible.

In his Declaration Pope Francis speaks of the place of Scripture in our lives —

*“Since faith comes from hearing and what is heard is based on the word of Christ, believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in their personal prayer and reflection.”*

On the journey to Emmaus Jesus explain the Scripture and that journey *“ended with a meal” ... (this) clearly demonstrate the unbreakable bond between sacred Scripture and the Eucharist.”*

*“Apart from the Scriptures, (Christ’s) death and resurrection can not be rightly understood.”*

Ecumenically *“Scripture points out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.”*

*“Scripture belongs above all to those called to hear its message and recognize themselves in its word.”*

As St. Paul tells Timothy, *“all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”* [2 Tim. 3:16]

May the *Word of God Sunday* remind us of the nearness and dearness of Holy Scripture.

### Annual Parish Meeting — *Come one, Come All* —

Next Sunday (February 2<sup>nd</sup>) St. Leo’s will be having its **annual parish meeting after the 10:30 Sunday Mass in the Spirit of Life Center**. There will a **free meal**, which is intended for all parishioners including children who will have a special meal and gathering space downstairs.

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 vibrancy of parish life by honoring our heritage, expressing gratitude for work well done and offering insights into parish life.

A parish is not just a place where sacraments are distributed and religion classes are taught. Hopefully a **parish is a community of people** who encounter one another as believers and disciples of Christ. Their lives become interwoven with one another through a common life in the grace of the sacraments and a deepening understanding of the mysteries of faith. In turn this community (parish) gives witness to its faith in Christ by lives of service to the many needs of the human family always believing the best lies ahead when the Lord says, *“Well done good and faithful servant! Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.”*

***This is the spirit of St. Leo’s annual meeting. All parishioners are welcome!***



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211 Langer Ave North  
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Casselton ND  
347-4609

St. Thomas Catholic Church  
401 Third St. North  
PO Box 22  
Buffalo ND  
633-5150



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 26, 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 26:

Mon – Jan 27 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory

Tues – Jan 28 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **Justin Gullekson Family**

*NO Mass at St. Leo's*

Wed – Jan 29 – 9:00 am – +**Bob Von Bank** by Don & Mary Ellen Nilles

Thurs – Jan 30 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory

Fri – Jan 31 – 10:30 am – **Funeral Mass for Sandra Volk**

**Saturday – Feb 1 – 5:00 pm – +Jim Kieffer by Keith & Joni Biggers**

**Sunday - Feb 2 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Marvin Ries by Minnie Ries**

**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.