

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Annual Parish Meeting – *Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>*

On Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Following the meal there will be a short presentation on the **state of parish life** here at St. Leo's. Our local Knights of Columbus and the five (5) parish committees – [*Liturgy, Finance, Education, Social Concerns and Cemetery*] – will give brief overviews of their committee's work, pass along handouts for your review, note any upcoming projects, answer questions and listen to comments/concerns you may have. Fr. Ermer will conclude the meeting by giving a short pastoral review of parish life as well as sharing larger diocesan and church-wide happenings impacting parish life.

Parish life has changed dramatically over the last 50 years with the explosion of social media, the ease of transportation, the all-encompassing place of sports, the ever-changing world of technology, etc. **But people of faith and lives of faith still need to be nurtured in the love of God.** Christ left his Church to carry on his mission of celebrating his salvation of the world and the ongoing work of redeeming the lives of the human race.

Parish life carries on the bulk of this work and ministry – *offering places and space for celebrating prayer and the sacramental life; opportunities to grow in virtue by coming to know, understand and live the mysteries of faith; to rally 'a people of the resurrection' in their care and concern when death, disease, destruction and devastation affect our families and communities; etc.* A parish is a community of people who encounter one another as believers and brothers and sisters in Christ. The vibrancy of parish life is the concerted effort of all parishioners engaging with one another in the ongoing work of Christ in our world, believing the best lies ahead when the Lord will say to us, "*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 and encouraged to attend*

### Troubled marriages ...

For those couples whose marriages have come upon 'tough times' and there are serious issues in communications, conflict resolution, partner habits, struggling to stay together, etc., a **Retrouvaille Weekend** may be for you!!

A retrouvaille weekend is not a spiritual retreat, nor a sensitivity group, nor a social gathering, nor a counseling session. It is a weekend experience in which couples learn to re-establish communications and gain new insight into themselves as individuals and couples.

There will be a Retrouvaille Weekend in Fargo on February 3-5. For more information please call **1-800-470-2230**.

### Blessing of Throats

Every February 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate the memorial of St. Blaise, who is often associated with the Catholic sacramental of the *Blessing of Throats*. Blessings of the throat are one of the many sacramentals in the Catholic Church. This blessing is invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

**There will be blessings of the throat on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the conclusion of the 9 a.m. daily Mass.**



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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 29, 2023

### 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 29:

Mon - Jan 30 – 9:00 am – +Verna Farrell by Paul Nelson

Tues - Jan 31 - 9:00 am - +Souls in purgatory

*St. Leo's — NO 9 am Daily Mass*

Wed – Feb 1 - 9:00 am - +Helen Depuydt by Darin & Judy Hamre

Thurs – Feb 2 – 9:00 am - +Marie Hong Tran by Lisa Tran

Fri – Feb 3 – 9:00 am - +Souls in purgatory

Sat - Feb 4 - 5:00 pm - +Janice Muscha by Bea Bachmeier

Sun - Feb 5 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - +Paul Spooner by Sue Knoll

### Parish Staff:

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**St. Leo's Directors:** Dave Glennon & Micah Bartholomay

**St. Thomas Directors:** Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

### 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.

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

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., Jan 30 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral council meeting at the rectory  
 Wed., Feb 1 - RE classes - see below  
 Thurs., Feb 2 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry class on the Catholic Faith  
**Sun., Feb 5- 11:30 am- St. Leo's Annual Parish Meeting (after 10:30 am Mass)- Spirit of Life Center**  
 Sun., Feb 5 - 6:30 pm - Confirmation Parent Meeting  
 Tues., Feb 7 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory  
 Thurs., Feb 9 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry class on the Catholic Faith  
 Tues., Feb 14 - 7:00 pm - Education Committee meeting at the rectory

### Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm


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

Grades K, 1, 2, 3 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)

Grades 4-8 & 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Grade 9 - Class B and 12<sup>th</sup> grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	<b>Saturday Feb 4 5:00 pm St. Leo's</b>	<b>Sunday Feb 5 8:30 am St. Thomas</b>	<b>Sunday Feb 5 10:30 am St. Leo's</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Tricia Gegelman Lois Titus	Jackie Vavra	Anna Garman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Penny Zaun Joni Biggers	Kristi Dutchuk Lori Howard Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler Mark Weber
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ethan Richard Olivia Richard Tristan Lako	Clay Hovelson Ali Killoran	Isabelle Dutchuk 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>	Travis Besette Family	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<b>Lead Rosary</b>	Jessica Enge		Anna Garman


## NEWS AND NOTES

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Seth Hauschulz and his family on the death of his grandmother, Gertrude Halvorson.

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

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine & Dine Event:** Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 5 to 8pm. This annual event features fantastic food paired with wines. It is a lovely occasion, which includes a silent auction, live auction, and games. Tickets are \$60 each and may be purchased at the parish office or through the parish website at [www.holyspiritfargo.com](http://www.holyspiritfargo.com): click the donations button, there will be a Wine Dine button toward the bottom. Proceeds from the evening support parish youth activities. Ticket sales end Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church entry or contact Noelle Korta at [noelle@holyspiritfargo.com](mailto:noelle@holyspiritfargo.com) or call 232-5900.

**Pinocle Party:** All are invited to play pinocle in the Holy Spirit Church Social Hall, 1420 7th St N, Fargo, Sunday afternoon, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Bring a friend! You are welcome to bring a snack to share if you wish. You do not need a card partner. For more information please call the parish office at 232-5900.

 **Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission:** Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. There is a wonderful selection for all occasions available for purchase. **Valentines Day Card are now available for purchase.** Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." ~ Matthew 5:3*

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense — poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping other obtain their basic needs.



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### St. Leo's Knight of the Month:

The Knight for the month of **January is Collin Miller.** Thank you Collin for all you do for the KC's. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

**The Knights of Columbus** will go ice fishing on February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. The fish caught will be used for the KC fish fry to be held on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. All members are encouraged to help. For more information please contact the Grand Knight, Micah Bartholomay at (701)404-0527.

**SEARCH Retreat:** Youth and Young Adults... Want to spend time on a retreat that is put on by your peers? Do you want to grow closer to God? Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and REAL way. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend a SEARCH for Christian Maturity retreat coming up February 24-26<sup>th</sup> at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. Details and application at <https://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm> or call Dori at 952-210-2219. More information is also available on the flyer on the bulletin board in the church entry. Applications are due no later than Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.