

PASTOR’S NOTES

With Sue’ decision to leave parish ministry so as to spend more time with family and grandchildren, St. Leo’s is looking to hire someone to cover Sue’s duties with music, liturgy and Religious Education. In terms of Religious Education –

**Religious Education Coordinator/Director:** St Leo’s parish in Casselton is looking for a part-time coordinator of Religious Education for grades K-12. A suitable candidate would be a practicing Catholic who has a deep love and passion for passing on the gift of the Catholic faith to young men and women. For more information and to apply, please contact Fr. James Ermer at (701) 347-4609.

A pro-life note

There is a movement afoot in the United States Congress to discontinue its support of the Hyde amendment. The Hyde amendment was passed 45 years ago (1976) by the U.S. House of Representatives on a 312-93 vote to insure that federal funds, especially allocated to the Department of Health and Human Services, **not to be used** to fund abortions except to save the life of the woman or if the pregnancy arises from incest or rape.

The Hyde amendment has been signed into law every year since 1976 whether the Congress and White House were led by Republicans or Democrats. Before the Hyde amendment went into effect an estimated 300,000 abortions were performed annually using taxpayer funds.

The Church strongly supports the Hyde amendment and desires it remain in place. Americans should not be forced to subsidize the taking of innocent life. Here are a couple of links to provide further information: This link is to sign a petition supporting the retention of the Hyde amendment by the United States Congress — [notaxpayerabortion.com](http://notaxpayerabortion.com) This second link provides some ready-to-use tools — [respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](http://respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion)

World-wide Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

On January 31, 2021 Pope Francis announced a new celebration for honoring all grandparents and the elderly — **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. It is to be celebrated every fourth Sunday of July. The fourth Sunday of July will always fall closest to July 26<sup>th</sup> which is the memorial that honors Sts. Anne and Joachim, **grandparent to Jesus**. For us the first year celebrating grandparent and the elderly falls on next Sunday—July 25<sup>th</sup>.

In our present times grandparents and the elderly can often get lost in the ‘hustle and bustle’ of life. Added to this, the pandemic had a devastating effect on lives of many elderly people — isolation and even death without the accompanying presence of family and friends.

Pope Francis writes about the vocation of grandparents and the elderly. When Christ ascended into heaven, he commissioned all of us to ‘teach them to observe all that he commanded us’. In particular the vocation of grandparents and the elderly is “to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones. Think about it: what is our vocation today at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones. Never forget this.”

He goes to speak about the fact that “No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters. We need to build fraternity and social friendships for the world tomorrow. Grandparents and the elderly are needed to help build this edifice. Among the three pillars that grandparents and the elderly bring to this enterprise are **dreams, memory and prayer**. Dreams of justice, of peace and solidarity make it possible for the young to have visions. Hard memories of war or immigration give birth to hope of building a humane and welcoming world. The prayer of grandparents and the elderly is a precious resource and the deep breath of the Church that can protect the world. **Such is the gift of grandparents and the elderly!!!!**



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
July 18, 2021

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 July 18:

Mon - July 19 - 9:00 am - **For rain**  
Tues - July 20 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **+Souls in purgatory**  
*St. Leo’s - NO MASS*  
Wed - July 21 - 9:00 am - **+Greg Dimmer** by Renee Anderson  
**Thurs - July 22- 3:00 pm– Closing VBS Mass– No 9 am Mass- +Lois Sinner**  
Fri- July 23 - 9:00 am - **+Myrtle Mergner** by Marian Watson  
**Sat - July 24 - 5:00 pm - +John ‘Jack’ Ermer by Tony & Patty Roth**  
**Sun - July25 - St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**  
**St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Carol Beilke by Keith & Joni Biggers**

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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.


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

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., July 18 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
**Mon.,- Thurs., July 19– 22 - 1:00 to 4:00 pm - VBS at St. Leo's**  
 Tues., July 20 - 7:00 pm - Last night of Mom's Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
 Wed., July 21 - 7:00 pm - Last night of Mom's Bible Study in the lower level of the Rectory  
 Sun., July 25 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Wed., July 28 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting  
 Tues., Aug 10 - 7:00 pm - Education Committee meeting at the rectory  
 Sun., Aug 15- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo  
 10:30 am Mass at St. Leo's in Casselton

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:** Pope Francis established a *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* to take place each year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July. He chose this date because it is closest to the feast day of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This observance will take place next Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information about World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and to find Pope Francis' message to grandparents and the elderly visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/grandparents-day](http://www.fargodiocese.org/grandparents-day)

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday July 24</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday July 25</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday July 25</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>St. Thomas</b> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tony Roth                                                     | Fred Eldridge                                               | Judy Von Bank                                                 |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Sandie Nystrom                                                | Mark Weber                                                  |                                                               |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Lillian Roth<br>Olivea Roth<br>Evelyn Roth                    | Claire Glennon<br>Sarah Monilaws                            | Courtney Hovelson<br>Hannah Besette                           |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | Jurgen & Barb Suhr                                            |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | Bryce Kasowski Family                                         |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**The Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen in Hankinson, ND** invite you to join them for their annual Mother-Daughter Days. Session is July 26-28. Spend some quality time together, have a little fun, nourish your spiritual life and even learn a little about the life of Sisters. To register contact Sr. Jean Louise, OSF at [ndfanciscan@yahoo.com](mailto:ndfanciscan@yahoo.com) or text her at 701-208-1245.



**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic - Putt 4 a Purpose:** Bishop Folda invites you to *Putt 4 a Purpose* benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo. Day will include a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4<sup>th</sup> player for free! Register on line at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose)  
 Please see flyer and brochures on the bulletin board for more information.

**Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages:** 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. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally in Fargo the weekends of October 22-24, 2021, March 11-13, 2022 and October 7-9, 2022. For more information visit: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact them at (701)356-7962 or via email at: [RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org)  
 Retrouvaille weekends are also held in St. Cloud and Minneapolis MN. For more information please see the brochures on the bulletin board.

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Joyce Schmaltz and family on the death of her father, Bennie Muscha and to Richard Muscha and Shirley Marek and families, Bennie's siblings.

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



### 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. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.

**Thank You:** We have received a number of thank yous from our Lenten canister recipients. They are posted on the bulletin board for all to read.

**Job Opportunities:** There are many job openings within the Fargo Diocese area. Check out the list on the bulletin board in the church entry.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." ~ Mark 6:31*

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.