

PASTOR’S NOTES

July Events —

World-wide Day of Grandparents & the Elderly – 2nd Annual

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 was to be celebrated every fourth Sunday of July. The fourth Sunday of July will always fall closest to July 26th, which is the memorial that honors Sts. Anne and Joachim – **grandparents of Jesus**. For us this year that date falls on Sunday, July 24th.

In our present times grandparents and the elderly can often get lost in the ‘hustle and bustle’ of life. But this year’s theme comes from Psalm 92:15 – “*In old age they will still bear fruit*”. In this year’s message Pope Francis reminds us, “Old age is not a time easily understood ... no one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise ... we are tempted to ward off old age by hiding our wrinkles, and pretending to be forever young ... recognition that our strength is ebbing or the onset of sickness can undermine our certainties ... We can resonate with the heartfelt prayer of the Psalmist: ‘Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent’ (71:9).”

Pope Francis writes about the vocation of grandparents and elderly. When Christ ascended to 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 on 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 build this edifice. Among the three pillars that grandparents and 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 the 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!!!**

Rural Life Celebration — 5th Annual

This year’s Rural Life Celebration will take place on **Sunday, July 31st at the Arlen and Charlotte Blessum farm** near Rugby, ND [see flyer in church entry for address]. Things kick off at 12:30 pm with a welcome, followed by a blessing of land, machinery and animals with **Mass to begin at 1:00 p.m.** Mass will be followed by a meal and entertainment. The event is free and open to all. People are encouraged to bring a container of soil or seed from your field or garden to be blessed. **Agriculture and the production of food is the foundation of all economies**. Only when each person can produce more than they need to survive, only then can others be freed up to engage in other enterprises and businesses that creates the market places in which we all live. **Long live our farmers!!**

Vacation Bible School

Parents are reminded of **St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School** being held Monday thru Thursday, July 25-28. This event is open to all who are entering Kindergarten thru 5th grade this coming school year. Registration forms can be found on the table in the church entry. This year’s Vacation Bible School theme is — *Celebrating God’s Greatness*. Hope to see you there!!



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 10, 2022

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 10:

Mon - July 11 – 9:00 am - +**Marie Hong Tran** by Lisa Tran
Tues - July 12 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo’s — NO MASS
Wed – July 13 – 9:00 am - +**Frank Farrell** by Paul Nelson
Thurs – July 14 – 9:00 am - +**Fr. Bill Sherman**
Fri – July 15 – 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**
Sat - July 16 - 5:00 pm - +Joe Franck by Bill & Mona Franck
Sun - July 17 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - +Julie Levos by her family

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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.

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., July 17 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Sun., July 24 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Mon., July 25 - Thurs., July 28 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm - St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School
Sun., July 31 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Sun., July 31 - 11:30 am - 5th Annual Rural Life Celebration, Rugby, ND

‘A Year with the Eucharist’ Book will be available for pick-up this week after Tuesday for all who signed up to receive a book. Reminder - the cost for the book is \$25 and checks can be made payable to St. Leo’s. Thank you.

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” ~ Luke 10:37

This was Jesus’ command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday July 16 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday July 17 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday July 17 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Renee Anderson	Gary Milbrandt	Steve Carvell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Gary Grommesh		Joan Carvell
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Burchill Family Hayden Faleide	Jami Vavra Abigail Killoran	Cassie Bartholomay Elise Bartholomay Mikaela Prochnow
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Jurgen & Barb Suhr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Larry & Penny Zaun	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Mona Franck		Alexia Kieffer

NEWS AND NOTES

2nd Annual Nepomuk Narly Gravel Grinder Bike Ride/Race: St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church and the City of Pisek Announce the 2nd Annual Nepomuk Narly Gravel Grinder Bike Ride/Race in Pisek, ND, Saturday, July 23rd 2022. It is our small town’s attempt to bring life, family fun, and fellowship to Pisek. It is a gravel grinder bike ride/race with a street fair, live music, food trucks, kids’ games, train rides, ice cream and so much more. There is over \$15,000 in cash and prizes being given away. Check out www.bikereg.com/55086 for more info.

5th Annual Rural Life Celebration: Please join the parishioners of St. Therese in Rugby on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at Arlen & Charlotte Blessum’s Farm, 3373 62nd St NE. Guests may begin to arrive at 11:30am. Blessing of land, animals, and farm machinery will begin at 12:30 pm followed by a 1:00 pm Mass on the farm. A meal and entertainment will follow. The farm is located 7.5 miles Southeast of Rugby. For more information visit www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life. Please RSVP at: (701) 776-6388 or lfparish@gondtc.com. Remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. You may also bring a container of soil from your fields or garden to be blessed. This event is FREE.

Women’s Retreat: The Diocese of Fargo is hosting a women’s retreat August 5-7, 2022 at the Franciscan Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND. The retreat starts on Friday evening August 5 at 6 pm to Sunday, August 7 at 1 pm. This retreat will be on the spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux, directed by Ashley Njaa. Spiritual director Fr. Jayson Miller. Price is \$250 per person. Space is limited. Sign up on the Fargo Diocese website: www.fargo diocese.org/retreats

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

Harlan & Sandra Volk - 57 years on July 10

Celebrate Baptism - We give thanks to God for the Baptism of Emma Claire Diemert, daughter of Adam & Cady.
We pray that the Spirit of Christ may guide them to live as a child of God.

Coming this fall: Redeemed Eucharistic Conference: The Catholic Church teaches: “what Jesus did for the salvation of humanity is made present in the celebration of the Eucharist, including his sacrificial Death and Resurrection.” As part of the 3-year Eucharistic Revival, the Diocese of Fargo will host a Redeemed Eucharistic Conference in Fargo, September 23-24. Among the speakers will be Bishop John Folda; Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Diocese of Crookston, MN and head of the National Eucharistic Revival for the USCCB; Monsignor James Shea, President of the University of Mary in Bismarck; Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT; and Dr. Mary Healy, professor of Scripture, author, and international speaker. The weekend also includes Mass, adoration, Reconciliation, healing prayer, a Eucharistic procession, and a social. Don’t miss this chance to gather together to learn, grow in devotion, and celebrate this great gift of our faith! Register before September 5 and the pay \$50, after September 5 the cost is \$75. To learn more and register go to: www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed or call (701) 356-7900.

REMINDER - St. Leo’s/St. Thomas Weekly Bulletins are on line! To view the weekly bulletin go to:

- stleosnd.org
- click on the **Weekly Bulletins** link
- click on bulletin you wish to view

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