

PASTOR’S NOTES

Some Financial Musings —

Since we are half way through the year, I thought I would offer some financial facts and commentary on life here at St. Leo’s.

(1) Through 6/30/2022 *Sunday adult giving* has amounted to \$144,000 —

commentary: this put us on track to having a very good year. This giving comes from 150 households [HH] out a total of 266 registered households. 43 of these 155 HH use some form of monthly auto pay which averages \$7685/monthly. We graciously thank those who give so faithfully and generously — you are the best!!!

(2) Through 6/30/2022 *Children’s envelopes* have amounted to \$430 —

commentary: this is \$130 up from last year but is a big slip from the \$620 we had received through 6/30/2018. We have more students to day than in 2018. Parents are reminded that each RE student received personalized Sunday Offertory envelopes to be used for their Sunday giving. Also, there are generic children’s envelopes at the back of church that can be used for those who forgot their personalized ones. Just write your name on the generic envelopes.
Parents – thanks for your efforts in this matter!

(3) Through 6/30/2022 *loose/plate collection* has amounted to \$9751 —

commentary: this is \$2600 more than last year – *thanks so much!*

(4) Through 6/30/2022 *Cemetery envelope offerings* have amounted to \$2145 —

commentary: this is up considerably up from last year. *Thanks so much.* Maintaining a Catholic cemetery is a costly operation. It annually costs over \$7000+ to just spray and keep the grass mowed. Grave sales alone do not nearly cover these most basic costs. Your support is always welcome.

(5) Through 6/30/2022 the *Cemetery Memorial Day Appeal* raised \$6880 —

commentary: this wonderful gift from 48 parishioners goes a long ways in helping to defray the ongoing costs of running a cemetery (e.g. - mowing grass, spraying for weeds, etc.). **Thanks so very much for your support!!**

(6) Through 6/30/2022 *St. Leo’s Endowment Fund* stands at \$129,300 —

commentary: this fund began in 2015 with a \$5000 gift followed by a gift of \$6215 in 2017. Since 2018 \$109,100 has come from the monthly giving of one parish household. That is 84% of the total funds! St. Leo’s has been truly blessed!! Thank you!

(7) Through 7/8/2022 St. Leo’s has pledged \$43,600 to the *God’s Gift Appeal* —

commentary: the last time St. Leo’s made and exceeded their parish goal for the Diocesan God’s Gift Appeal was 2014. In that year 127 parish households pledged \$40,272. To date 80 parish households have pledged on average - \$545 - towards St. Leo’s goal of \$51,011. *A most gracious thank-you to those donors.* If each remaining household (174) pledged \$43 St. Leo’s would make their goal. With each of us doing our part our parish goal is very attainable. If you have not yet made your contribution there are God’s Gift Appeal envelopes at the back of the church.



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 17, 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 17:

Mon - July 18 – 9:00 am - **NO MASS**
Tues - July 19 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **NO MASS**
St. Leo’s — NO MASS
Wed – July 20 – 9:00 am - **+Henry Sherman** by Lucille Sherman
Thurs – July 21 – 9:00 am - **+Marie Hong Tran** by Lisa Tran
Fri – July 22 – 9:00 am - **+Souls in purgatory**
Sat - July 23 - 5:00 pm - +Avalee Kaufman by Ron & Thuy Kaufman
Sun - July 24 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Don Fiebiger 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

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
Wed., July 27 - 7:00 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
Sun., July 31 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Sun., July 31 - 11:30 am - 5th Annual Rural Life Celebration, Rugby, ND

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“... *I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.*” ~ *Colossians 1:25*

We are all called to evangelize — to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday July 23 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday July 24 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday July 24 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Larry Zaun
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Paulette Schmitt	Denise Bartholomay	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Lilly Roth Olivea Roth Evelyn Roth	Glennon Family Sarah Monilaws	Gavin Besette Meyer Wendel
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Jurgen & Barb Suhr
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Mike & Lisa Zahnow
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Lucy Wagner	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

Attention Altar Server Parents: Please watch your email for information pertaining to the RedHawks Altar Server Fun Night hosted by the Knights of Columbus on Friday, August 12th. An email will be coming from Micah Bartholomay, KC Grand Knight, with more details/information.

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.

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

Putt 4 a Purpose — Golf Event: Bishop John Folda invites you to *Putt 4 a Purpose*, at the 16th Annual Bishop’s Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on Monday, August 1st starting at 11:00 am for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring you Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4th player for free! Register online at: www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose

For further information, please contact Steve Schons in the Diocese Stewardship and Development Office at (701)356-7926 or email steve.schons@fargodiocese.org Brochures are available on the bulletin board in the church entry for more information on the event.

Catechist Retreat: Friday, August 26th or Saturday August 27th. Both retreats will be held at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. Come away for a a day of retreat at Maryvale, Valley City where Fr. Andrew Jasinski will direct a retreat with a series of talks reflecting on the Eucharistic Rival. These retreats are primarily for those involved in catechesis, however, all are welcome. The day will begin at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Deadline to register for these retreats is Friday, August 19th. Please register on-line at: www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat Any questions please contact mary.hanbury@fargodioces.org or (701)356-7909

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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