

PASTOR'S NOTES

Who is telling us *'the Good News'* ?

For the remainder of this church year, i.e., through Saturday, November 26th, our Sunday Gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. **Who is Luke, the Gospel writer?**

As with all four Gospels, the Gospel writer is never specifically mentioned in any Gospel text attributed to that writer. That leads to an obvious question — **how do we know Luke wrote the Gospel attributed to him?**

A number of ancient writers/writings dating back to the late 100s attribute this Gospel to Luke (e.g. - Irenaeus [130-200 A.D.], Tertullian [160-220 A.D.], etc.).

The Gospel writer Luke is considered to be a Gentile (non-Jewish) convert to Christianity, who is closely associated with the apostle Paul. The person of Luke is specifically mentioned three times in the New Testament [Philemon 24, Colossians 4:14, and 2 Timothy 4:11]. The Colossians' reference notes Luke as a physician. In each of these references Luke is a companion of the Apostle Paul as he journeys throughout the Middle East. In addition the Acts of the Apostles has a number of *'We-sections'* implying that Paul and Luke have an ongoing relationship in spreading the Gospel throughout the missionary journeys of St. Paul. With this information many biblical scholars believe that Luke also authored the *Acts of the Apostles*.

For Luke, history is the story of salvation that climaxes with Jesus of Nazareth. It is a journey that begins in the obscurity of Nazareth in Galilee and ending with Jesus in Jerusalem. From Jerusalem the Gospel of Christ is taken to Rome *{the center of the known world at that time}*. Ultimately Christ's journey ends in the heavenly Jerusalem. Jerusalem represents the covenant God made with Israel and Rome represents the known world with the heavenly Jerusalem representing the destiny of the human race. Heaven is where God and the human race will exist in a communion of life and love for eternity.

For Luke this work of salvation began in earnest when Christ makes a firm decision to go to Jerusalem. Luke's Gospel narrates, *"When the days for Jesus being taken up was fulfilled, he resolutely determined to go to Jerusalem..."* [Lk. 9:51]. The journey to Jerusalem is a major theme in Luke's Gospel. **Jerusalem is Christ's city of destiny and also ours!** As Jesus himself will say, *"no prophet can be allowed to die anywhere except in Jerusalem"* [Lk. 13:33]. In that city he will be crucified, but also be raised from the dead and ascend to eternal life with his heavenly Father. From that heavenly home he and the Father will send Christ's risen Spirit into human history *{the story of Pentecost}* to teach us everything and remind us all of what Christ has told us. Christ's heavenly destiny is also the destiny for all who faithfully conform their lives to him.

Christ's journey to Jerusalem is also our journey. He teaches many lessons about the spiritual life. Hopefully we will take these lessons to heart, make them our own and become more Christ-like in our thoughts, words and deeds.

With this being the focus of our attention, we become aware that life is a journey and there is a destiny for all of us. May this journey be to, *"the holy city Jerusalem ... (where) .. nothing unclean will enter it ... Only those will enter whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."* [Rev. 21:10, 27].

This Sunday [July 24th] — Happy Grandparents and the Elderly Day!!

Next Sunday [July 31st] — 5th Annual Rural Life Celebration {Rugby, ND}

— further details on flyer in church entryway



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 24, 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 24:

Mon - July 25 – 9:00 am - +Gus Seberger by Greg & Susan Kempel and Girls

Tues - July 26 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +Souls in purgatory

St. Leo's — NO MASS

Wed – July 27 – 9:00 am - Nicole Hushka by Anna Garman

Thurs – July 28 – 3:00 pm - VBS closing Mass - NO 9 am Mass

Fri – July 29 – 9:00 am - +Souls in purgatory

Sat - July 30 - 5:00 pm - ++Clem & Irene Pollock by Missy Poulson

Sun - July 31 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Tammy Aljoe by Keith & Joni Biggers

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

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 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  
**Thurs., July 28 - 3:00 pm - VBS Closing Mass, NQ 9 am Mass - all parishioners are welcome**  
 Sun., July 31 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Sun., July 31 - 11:30 am - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration, Rugby, ND  
 Mon., Aug 1 - 11:00 am - Bishop Folda's Annual Putt 4 a purpose golf event  
 Sun., Aug 14 - 7:00 pm - St. Thomas - Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass  
 Mon., Aug 15 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo's - Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." ~ Luke 11:9*

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday July 30<br/>5:00 pm<br/>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday July 31<br/>8:30 am<br/>St. Thomas</b> | <b>Sunday July 31<br/>10:30 am<br/>St. Leo's</b> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tony Roth                                         | Jackie Vavra                                     | Darcee Rehovsky                                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Delores Grommesh                                  |                                                  | Mark Rehovsky                                    |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Nikita Howard<br>Ben Metzger                      | Clay Hovelson<br>Travis Besette                  | Paris/Parker Mack<br>Alex/Daniel Sullivan        |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                          | Jurgen & Barb Suhr                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                         |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                          | Travis Besette Family                            | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                         |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                 | Richard Muscha                                    |                                                  | Alexia Kieffer                                   |

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>. An email will be coming from Micah Bartholomay, KC Grand Knight, with more details/information.

**Rural Cass County Emergency Mobile Food Pantry** will take place on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at 602 1st St N, Casselton. All in need of food assistance are welcome to attend and receive food at no cost. No pre-registration is required. You will be asked to fill out a short intake form.

**5<sup>th</sup> 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 62<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life). Please RSVP at: (701) 776-6388 or [lfparish@gondtc.com](mailto: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.

**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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> player for free! Register online at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> or Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>. Both retreats will be held at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. Come away for 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 19<sup>th</sup>. Please register on-line at: [www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat](http://www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat) Any questions please contact [mary.hanbury@fargodioces.org](mailto: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](http://stleosnd.org)
- click on the **Weekly Bulletins** link
- click on bulletin you wish to view

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