

PASTOR’S NOTES

Another successful Vacation Bible School {VBS}

This past week saw the conclusion of another successful four-day VBS with the celebration of Mass and ending with an ice cream social. We had 31 registered attendees of young persons entering Kindergarten through 5th grade.

The overall theme of this year’s VBS was called – MONUMENTAL – and was set in the middle of a desert theme with a different desert animal each day who would teach the kids about the awesomeness of God. **The kids were geared to learn:** that God loves us no matter what; that God is with us everywhere; that God is in charge; that God acts in surprising ways. Each day Scripture unfolded in the story about Joseph of the Old Testament and how God was in charge of his life and used him to help save his family from famine by leading them to Egypt for food. In much the same way Christ so loved us, he died for us and left us the food of the Eucharist for our journey to heaven.

Each of the four days were broken into a number of sessions: *daily introductions & conclusions; a bible lesson; a craft time; outdoor time; etc. On the second day we visited St. Leo’s cemetery and prayed at some special grave sites all the while teaching our young ones about remembering and praying for our deceased loved ones.*

As you can well imagine a project of this scope does not just happen. **It demands a lot of volunteer help.** We had quite a handful of volunteers (young and old) to set up things in the Spirit of Life Center and downstairs rooms.

Beside setting things up there were the various Station Leaders: **Kaaren Bartholomay** for the Scripture lessons; **Sherry Radermacher & Lillian Roth** for the crafts; and **Mary Richard** for the snacks. Then there were the volunteer crew leaders: *Elise B., Claire G., Eva G., Noah H., Quinn P., Evelyn R., Molly R., Olivia R., Emma S., and Sophie S.*

To top it all off – there were are co-directors: **Mallory Poulson and Patty Roth!!!**

- To all of you -

Our deepest thanks and appreciation for all you did to make our 2022 VBS a monumental success. May God continue to bless your servant hearts!

A ‘heads-up’ —

Monday, August 15th is the **holy day** of Mary’s Assumption into heaven. Holy Day Masses will be:

Sunday evening (August 14th) 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas in Buffalo;

Monday evening (August 15th) 7:00 p.m. at St. Leo’s in Casselton

A note of thanks —

Todd Mickelson, who is the Executive Director of *Friends of Chimbote*, recently sent a note of thanks for the gift of money we recently sent to him from this year’s Sunday Offertory collection from the children’s envelopes of St. Leo’s students. The note of thanks is posted on St. Leo’s church entry bulletin board. *Friends of Chimbote* has been an ongoing mission project for many parishes in the Diocese of Fargo and throughout the United States for the last 50 years. Chimbote is located in Peru, South America and was initially started by Fr. Jack Davis, an ordained priest for the Diocese of Fargo who spent most of his priestly life helping the ‘poorest of the poor’ in Chimbote. Once again, students, keep up the great work of helping those in need.



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 31, 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 31:

Mon - Aug 1 – 9:00 am - **Special intention** by Nicole Hushka
Tues - Aug 2 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **+Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo’s — NO MASS
Wed – Aug 3 – 9:00 am - **Casey Garman** by Anna Garman
Thurs – Aug 4 – 9:00 am - **++Eugene & Lila Meehan**
Fri – Aug 5 – 9:00 am - **NO MASS**
Sat - Aug 6 - 5:00 pm - **Helen Franck** by Bill & Mona Franck
Sun - Aug 7 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - **+Irene Pollock** by Larry & Penny Zaun
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 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  
Tues., Aug 2 - 7:00 pm - Education Committee meeting at the rectory  
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  
Fri., Aug 26 - 9:00 am - Catechist Retreat at Maryvale, Valley City  
Sat. Aug 27 - 9:00 am - Catechist Retreat at Maryvale, Valley City

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**  
“Take care to guard all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” ~ Luke 12:15


The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our “invisible” gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from “emptying” ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

| Upcoming Ministry Schedule                                                        |                                                             |                                                            |                                                            |
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|  | <b>Saturday Aug 6</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | <b>Sunday Aug 7</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Aug 7</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> |
| <i>Lector</i>                                                                     | Tricia Gegelman/<br>Lois Titus                              | Alecia Killoran                                            | Anna Garman                                                |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>                                                      | Mona Franck                                                 |                                                            | Micah Bartholomay                                          |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>                                                              | Tristan Lako<br>Ethan Richard<br>Olivia Richard             | Hallie Besette<br>Claire Halland                           | Isabelle Dutchuk<br>Garman Family                          |
| <i>Offertory Collectors</i>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | Dennis & Cristie Killoran                                  | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | David Biggers<br>Terri Biggers                             | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   |
| <i>Lead Rosary</i>                                                                | Jessica Enge                                                |                                                            | Anna Garman                                                |

NEWS AND NOTES

Another Monumental **Vacation Bible School** is in the books! Our 31 K–5<sup>th</sup> grade attendees had epic adventures exploring our faith through **Monumental** themed “**Celebrating God’s Greatness**”. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success: Mallory Poulson as co-director, Mary Richard for Oasis treats, Sherry Radermacher and Lillian Roth with the crafts, Karren Bartholomay with Bible Adventures and Fr. Ermer for the Cemetery Field Trip. Also, a Monumental shout out to our Crew Leaders for all their hard work: Olivia R., Emma S., Elise B., Evelyn R., Claire G., Eva G., Quinn P., Sophie S., Noah H., and Molly R.

**66<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Prairies:** Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at Carmel of Mary Monastery, 17765 78<sup>th</sup> St SE, Wahpeton, ND. The days events will include:  
2 pm - Conference on the Blessed Mother  
3 pm - Rosary  
5 pm - Holy Mass with Bishop John Folda  
6 pm - Picnic  
For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit their website at: [carmelofmary.org](http://carmelofmary.org)

 **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.



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**St. Leo’s Knight of the Month:** The Knight for the month of **July** is **Harrison Weber**. Thank you Harrison f for all you do for the KC’s. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

**One – Day 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 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

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**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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