

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### **Congratulations — Deacon Matthew Kensok**

A most sincere congratulations to Matthew Kensok on his ordination to the transitional diaconate this past Friday evening [June 4<sup>th</sup>], and who is assisting at today's [June 6<sup>th</sup>] Sunday Mass as a deacon at both St. Thomas and St. Leo's parish. **Tonight (June 6<sup>th</sup>) Deacon Matthew will be leading a Holy Hour of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Leo's Church.** Everyone is invited for this hour of prayer with Lord as Jesus encouraged his own disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane [Mt. 26:40].

Ordination is always a time of great joy to the parish from which comes the newly ordained. The last priest to be ordained for the Diocese of Fargo from St. Leo's parish was Fr. Richard Sinner, who was ordained a deacon on June 2, 1951. That is 70 years ago! Some might say 'we are due' for another one. **Thanks for saying 'Yes', Matthew.**

An ordination does not happen in a bubble nor in some isolation chamber. In the case of Matthew he comes from a wonderful family where the gift of faith was richly nourished by parents, Terry and Shari, along with his two sisters, Amanda and Elizabeth.

Of course many other individuals and communities have had a hand in shaping Matthew's life to this point in time — St. Leo's parish, Central Cass school, the city of Casselton, NDSU and its Newman Center, St. Gregory the Great seminary in Nebraska, family and friends, etc. God's providential care and love works in and through many ways and peoples.

For the next couple of months Deacon Matthew will be getting parish life experience at Sts. Anne & Joachim parish in Fargo under the tutelage of its pastor — Fr. Paul Duchscher. In mid to late August Deacon Matthew will be returning to Mt. St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland for his final year of formation before being ordained priest for the Diocese of Fargo a year from now. **That means — a year from now — Fr. Matthew Kensok will be celebrating his first Mass with us at St. Leo's.** From then on and hopefully for many years thereafter he will be serving the People of God in the Diocese of Fargo in many priestly capacities. In that great hope and for our part let us keep Deacon Matthew in our prayers in this final year of priestly formation.

Enclosed in the bulletin is a prayer card acknowledging Matthew's diaconate ordination along with a short biography of his life. Also, available is a small pamphlet written by Matthew this past December and January outlining his own call to the priesthood and the various component parts of what goes into forming a young man during his years of seminary formation and living at a seminary. It is a very well written document and I encourage you to take one if you have not done so yet.

### **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Today's solemnity of the *Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ* has a very deep history in the life of the Church.

Its present manifestation began with a vision to an Augustinian nun in 1209 in Liege, Belgium with the Lord desiring a feast celebrating the Eucharist within the Church's annual cycle of feasts. The bishop of Liege introduced such a feast in 1246 and by 1264 it was extended to the whole Church. It was originally titled *Festum Ss. Corporis Christi* [**Feast of the Most Holy Body of Christ**] and eventually became titled *Ss. mi Corporis et Sanguinis Christi Solemnitas* [**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**].

But the Church's deep reverence of the Eucharist certainly predates the 1200s. In his letter to the Corinthians [1 Cor. 11:26] St. Paul reiterates the very words Christ used at the Last Supper and the fact that we are to do this in remembrance of him (Christ). In doing so, we "*proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.*" Since Christ's death is a saving death, the Eucharist is a mystery of the deepest measure containing salvation itself in its proper celebration.



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## *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ* June 6, 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 June 6:**

Mon - June 7 - 9:00 am - **Helen Franck** by Bill & Mona Franck

Tues - June 8 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **Larry Zaun**

*St. Leo's - NO MASS*

Wed - June 9 - 9:00 am - **+Janice Miller** by Theresa Dooley

Thurs - June 10 - 9:00 am - **+Msgr Val Gross**

Fri - June 11 - 9:00 am - **+Carla Jo Kowarsch-McCormick** by Nicole Hushka

**Sat - June 12 - 5:00 pm - +Pat Schuler by Sue Knoll**

**Sun - June 13 - St. Leo's - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

**St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Frances Larson by Janice Diemert**

### **Parish Staff:**

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**St. Leo's Directors:** Mark Rehovsky & Dave Glennon

**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., June 6 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction**

Tues., June 8 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting in the Spirit of Life Center

Thus., June 10 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center

Sun., June 13 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass

Tues., June 15 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting in the Spirit of Life Center

Sun., June 20 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass


Tues., June 22 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting in the Spirit of Life Center

Sun., June 27 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass

Sun., June 27 - 4:00 pm - 4th Annual Rural Life Celebration in Barney, ND

**Bible Study For Moms:** Any and All Moms are invited to this Bible Study which is aimed to help teach Moms to look to God for direction in raising children (from newborn to empty nest!) and to look to the Bible for time tested answers to contemporary questions that parents face every day. We will meet at the rectory (712 2nd St N) on **Tuesdays** from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm from **June 15<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>**. Even if you know you can't make every session, please don't hesitate to join; the sessions are not necessarily sequential. Childcare will be provided. If you are interested, please reserve a spot by calling St. Leo's (347-4609).

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday June 12</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday June 13</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday June 13</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>St. Thomas</b> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Mark Voss                                                     | Shari Kensok                                                | Judy Von Bank                                                 |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Bill Franck                                                   | Terry Kensok                                                |                                                               |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Hayden Faleide<br>Sophie Scherweit                            | Sarah Kempel<br>Melody Kempel                               | Jami Vavra<br>Meyer Wendel                                    |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | Frank & Laura Biggers                                         |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | Joe & Lora Killoran                                           |

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**Mike & Lil Eberhardt - 51 years on June 13**

**Glenn & Diane Lemke - 52 years on June 14**

**Jim & Arlene Kieffer- 58 years on June 15**

**Gary & Linda Milbrandt - 53 years on June 15**

**Arnold & Barb Buhr- 58 years on June 22**

**The Rural Cass County Food Pantry (in Casselton)** is in need of the following items: bake beans, chili beans, peas, carrots, Spam, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, salmon, hearty soups, boxed instant potatoes, au gratin potatoes, hash browns, scalloped potatoes, coffee, pancake syrup, pancake mix, ranch dressing, French dressing, graham crackers, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish soap. Items can be dropped off at TruCore Fitness in Casselton and Mary's Market in Arthur. The food pantry is located at 602 1st Street N, Casselton, and is open the first and third Wednesdays of the month. For question you can contact Bonnie at (701)740-3398 or Shelle at (701)866-7440. Monetary donations can be mailed directly to: RCCEFP, PO Box 392, Casselton, ND 58012 Thank You.

**Made for Greatness Men's Retreat:** Diocese of Fargo Made for Greatness Men's Retreat will be held on July 16-18, 2021 to learn how to go deeper in friendship with God. This will a time to explore Catholic spirituality specifically as men. There will be comradery, great food, and the chance for real spiritual growth. The retreat will be held at Stiklestad Lodge, a corporate hunting retreat center near Fort Ransom, ND, so there will also be opportunities for trap shooting, campfires, sports and more. To find out more please see the flyer on the bulletin board, or to register, visit [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg).

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - Mark 14:35*

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

**St. Leo's Knight of the Month:** The Knight for the month of **June** is **Jake Werner**. Thank you Jake for your dedication and the works you do for the KC's. It is greatly appreciated.



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**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.



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