

PASTOR’S NOTES

45 days and counting . . .

Two Sundays ago [Pentecost Sunday on May 19th] a four-way journey began from the four directions in this country with the mission of converging on Indianapolis, Indiana on July 17th. **These four journeys from the North, South, East and West are being called Eucharistic pilgrimages** as the Blessed Sacrament is being carried/transported from the headwaters of the Mississippi River in the north; from Brownsville, Texas in the south; from New Haven, Connecticut in the east; and San Francisco in the west to Indianapolis. As these Eucharistic pilgrimages converge, the city of Indianapolis will host a 5-day National Eucharistic Congress [July 17th to July 21st] meant to inspire, educate and celebrate the “source and summit” of Christian life and living – God’s living and abiding presence in the Eucharist. We, in this part of the United States, are part of the northern route, known as the **Marian Route**.

You are invited to review the poster board in the church entry outlining our journey to Indianapolis along with various details about our ‘northern’ pilgrimage and the upcoming National Eucharistic Congress in July.

On a very related note, this Sunday on the Church calendar is named the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. The heart of this solemnity stands at the very heart of this ongoing National Eucharistic Revival that is meant to lead us into a deeper love relationship with Christ who lives and abides in the greatest of all the sacraments – **the Eucharist**. Almost 800 years ago, St. Thomas Aquinas said this about the Eucharist:

“O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as food. What could be more wonderful than this?

No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all.

Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion.

It was the fulfillment of ancient figures and greatest of his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.”

Such is the glory and splendor of this day! (and the National Eucharistic Revival)!

Congratulations . . .

This past weekend the Diocese of Fargo ordained one young man to the transitional diaconate and one young man to the priesthood. Congratulations to —

- > **Fr. Seth Aaron Skjervheim**, who hails from St. Alphonsus parish of Langdon;
- > **Deacon Timothy Francis Kraemer**, who hails from St. Michael’s parish in Grand Forks.



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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
June 2, 2024

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 2:

Mon - June 3 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

Tues - June 4 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **+Dorothy Stangler** by Penny Zaun
NO MASS at St. Leo’s

Wed – June 5 – 9:00 am – **Mary Gietzen** by Sandie Nystrom

Thurs – June 6 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

Fri – June 7 – 9:00 am – **+Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale

Saturday – June 8 – 5:00 pm - +Rosetta Olson by Lori Blauwet

Sunday - June 9 – St. Leo’s- 8:30 am - +Russel Muscha

St. Thomas - 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.

Please join in praying the Rosary
25 minutes before the Saturday evening
and Sunday morning Mass times.

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS


Tues., June 4 - Fr. Ermer’s 46th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Tues., June 11 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory
Wed., June 12– 6:00pm- New Mass Server Training– parents and servers

Mass Server Training: There will be a meeting for NEW Mass servers and their parents on **Wed., June 12th at 6:00pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. This is also for **ALL** young persons, presently not serving, but interested in becoming Mass servers. Pizza will be served! Call the parish office if you plan to attend. 701-347-4609.

2024 Summer Camps and Events: There are a number of summer camps and events available for youths to participate in this summer. Please see the display in the entrance of the church for information and to pick up a brochure.

St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School (VBS): July 22 - 25, 2024. 1-4pm each day for students entering K - 5th grade. Registration forms and information is available in the church entry. Registration deadline is July 12th.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday June 8 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday June 9 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday June 9 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Mark Voss	Shari Kensok	Judy Von Bank
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Bill Franck Lori Howard	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faught Mary Jendro Susan Kempel Paul Olsen	Penny Zaun Joni Biggers
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Addison Hushka Noah Hushka	Melody Kempel Quinn/Riley Gunkel Emma Rupp	Carly Hovelson Abigail Killoran
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Frank & Laura Biggers
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Jackie Vavra Family
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Richard Muscha	Deb Werner	

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Alan & Mary Lou Radermacher - 59 years on June 3
Mike & Lil Eberhardt - 54 years on June 13
Glenn & Diane Lemke - 55 years on June 14
Gary & Linda Milbrandt - 56 years on June 15
Rob & Jenifer Punton - 51 years on June 20
Arnold & Barb Buhr– 61 years on June 22
Cole & Mary Jendro - 50 years on June 22

Celebrate Baptism - We give thanks to God for the Baptism of Violet Leslie Holen, daughter of Alex and Carolyn.
We pray that the Spirit of Christ may guide her to live as a child of God.



Made for Greatness Men’s Leadership Summit: June 28-30, 2024 The Diocese of Fargo will be hosting the Made for Greatness Men's Leadership Summit on June 28-30 at Stiklestad Lodge near Fort Ransom, ND. The Summit will form and equip parish groups of men to step into the breach and call forth a renewal of Catholic masculinity right where they live. Through spiritual formation, leadership training, and practical "how-to's" men will be given all they need to begin preparations for launching a dynamic brotherhood of men striving to be the husbands, fathers, brothers, and men of God that they are called to be. Visit www.fargodiocese.org/mfg to find out more.

The Rosary is prayed before each weekend Mass at St. Leo’s. We are in need of persons to lead the rosary on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. This would be about 20 minutes before the 10:30am Masses on these days. Call the parish office if you can help.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it.” ~ Mark 14:23

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 we offer our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

Happy 46th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination to Father Ermer
Tuesday, June 4th

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Minnie Ries and her family on death of her husband, Marvin.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4

Redeemed Eucharistic Congress: September 6 & 7, 2024 at the Jamestown Civic Center (212 3rd Ave NE). The event will include Mass with Bishop Folda, Eucharistic procession from St. James Basilica, Eucharistic healing with Fr. Jeff Eppler, Praise and Worship with Aly Aleigha and Adoration. Guest speakers will include Scott Hahn, Julianne Stanz and Msgr. Thomas Richter. Cost for the event is \$35 before Aug 1, after Aug 1 \$50. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board. To register please visit – www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed or call (701)356-7900

Diocesan Capital Campaign Update: Our first report indicates that 20 households from St. Leo’s parish have pledged \$84,000 towards the Diocesan Capital Campaign and one household from St. Thomas parish has pledged \$4000. A very heartfelt thank you to all who have successfully launched our parishes’ participation in the \$20 million Diocesan Capital Campaign.