


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., June 22 – 7:00 pm – Annual Collar Classic, Elmwood Park, West Fargo, ND  
Sun., June 29 – 4:00 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration, Marion, ND  
Mon., - Thurs., July 21-24 – 1:00 to 4:00 pm – St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Sheila Christianson and her family on the death of her father, Kenny Wohlers and to Amy Nelson and her family on the death of her grandfather, Al Brandt.  
*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4*



**Ministry Schedule for upcoming Holiday weekend– July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Holiday weekends often find people out of town and regularly scheduled liturgical ministers are looking for substitutes. If you will be around and can help–sign-up sheets are in the main church entry. If regularly scheduled ministers will be around, please sign your names on the sign-up sheets so as to avoid any confusion.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	<b>Saturday June 28</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> <b>St. Leo’s</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sat of June</b>	<b>Sunday June 29</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <b>St. Leo’s</b>	<b>Sunday June 29</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <b>St. Leo’s</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sun of June</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Tony Roth	Jackie Vavra	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Cynthia Comprendio Kristi Hovelson	Virjean Cramer Susan Kempel Deb Werner Jake Wenrer <b>Volunteer needed</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Evelyn Roth Joe Kappes Jensen Kappes	Damien Norrie Layla Norrie	Hayden Faleide Lucas Miller
<b>Offertory Collectors</b>	Volunteer needed	Frank & Laura Biggers	Volunteer needed
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Volunteer needed	Judy Von Bank Cynthia Comprendio	Volunteer needed
<b>Lead Rosary</b>	Michelle Kappes		Alexia Kieffer

NEWS AND NOTES

**St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School (VBS)- True North: Trusting God In A Wild World** – Monday – Thursday, July 21– 24, 2025 for students in grades K-5<sup>th</sup>. More information and registration forms are located on the display in the church entry. Volunteers are also needed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up and adults.



**Made for Greatness Men’s Retreat — Personal Prayer: The Way of Receiving the Father’s Love:** July 18-20, 2025 at the Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. Led by Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB. More details are available at [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat) or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

**Rachel Vineyard Retreat: Hope and Healing** – Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the physical, emotional, or spiritual effects of a past abortion? **Rachel’s Vineyard** offers a safe, non-judgmental and confidential weekend retreat for anyone who struggles with the feelings of loss or guilt that can accompany an abortion experience. The next Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat in the Diocese of Fargo is scheduled for **August 8-10, 2025**. For more information, contact, Sherry at 701-520-1229 or Tim at 701-799-2051 or email [rvregister@yahoo.com](mailto:rvregister@yahoo.com). All inquiries are strictly confidential. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**Upcoming Diocesan Retreats:** There are many retreats available in the coming months for anyone to attend. Please see the bulletin board in the church entry for information or visit the Fargo of Diocese website for more information at: [www.fargodiocese.org](http://www.fargodiocese.org)



**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop’s Charity Golf Classic Putt 4 a Purpose:** Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

at Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo, ND beginning at 10 am. Join the fun and fellowship for 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) For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Steve Schons at the Diocese at (701)356-7926 or email [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org)

**Man of the Shroud Exhibit:** August 24<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The “Man of the Shroud” touring exhibit will be on display at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo, ND. The exhibit features a full-size replica of the front and back of the Shroud of Turin. It also presents the results of a comprehensive scientific, historical and forensic study with numerous photographs and illustrations. The exhibit will be displayed in the Cathedral social hall from 7 am – 8 pm. Jim Bertrand, an expert on the Shroud from the Lincoln Diocese, will be giving a presentation on the Shroud scheduled for Sunday, Aug 24<sup>th</sup> and then repeated on Monday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>. Both presentations are at 7pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral. For more information about the shroud exhibit, visit: [kolbeshrine.ort/shroud](http://kolbeshrine.ort/shroud)

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**

*“They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.” ~ Luke 9:17*

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn’t seem like much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God’s plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You just may be the answer to someone else’s prayer.

PASTOR’S NOTES

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 today’s second reading 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 knowing that salvation itself is connected to its proper celebration. Paul goes on to state that there is ‘*properness*’ about receiving the Lord’s Body and Blood. One who eats and drinks unworthily “*sins against the Body and Blood of Christ*” or “*... eats and drinks a judgment on himself*” [1 Cor. 11:27, 29].

Over the ages many words have been spoken about what is at stake in the Eucharist. For example —  
> On his way to martyrdom St. Ignatius of Antioch {40-107?} speaks about the unity that the Eucharist evokes: “*Let no one make any mistake: unless a person is within the sanctuary, he is deprived of God’s bread.*”

If Christ’s saving death is made present in the Eucharist and we absent ourselves from that gift (i.e., miss Mass) we put ourselves outside of God’s salvific presence.

> St. Hilary of Poitiers {c.315- c.368} speaks of the unity effected by Christ’s Incarnation (God becoming man) and the Eucharist. He writes:  
“*We believe that the Word became flesh and that we receive his flesh in the Lord’s supper ... In the sacrament of his body he actually gives us his own flesh, which he has united to his divinity ... He is in the Father by reason of his divine nature, we are in him by reason of his human birth, and he is in us through the mystery of the sacraments ... No one will be in Christ unless Christ himself has been in him; Christ will take to himself only the flesh of those who have received his flesh*” (emphasis mine).

St. Hilary speaks dramatically of the importance of celebrating the Eucharist and partaking of the Lord’s Body and Blood. It is a matter of heaven or no heaven! At the end of the last book of the Bible, *Revelation*, the writer speaks about ‘a new heavens and a new earth’ in which, “*The treasures and wealth of the nations shall be brought there, but nothing profane shall enter it*” (emphasis mine). The Eucharist, which is the ‘pearl of great price’, can be profaned by treating it carelessly or not attending to it at all. Such actions could be put people ‘on the outside looking in’.

> For these reasons the Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC] declares —  
~ On Sundays and holy days of obligations the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass [CCC 2080];  
~ The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice ... those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin [CCC 2181];  
~ sacrilege consists of profaning or treating unworthily the sacraments and other liturgical actions, ... Sacrilege is a grave sin when committed against the Eucharist, for in this sacrament the true Body of Christ is made substantially present for us [CCC 2120]



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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  
June 22, 2025

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 22:

Mon – June 23 – 9:00 am – +Russell Waldorf by Gary & Delores Grommesh  
Tues – June 24 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +Souls in purgatory  
NO Mass at St. Leo’s  
Wed – June 25 – 9:00 am – +Margaret Kensok by Sandie Nystrom  
Thurs – June 26 – 9:00 am – Justin Gullekson Family  
Fri – June 27 – 9:00 am – Justin Gullekson Family  
Saturday – June 28 – 5:00 pm – +Sandy Volk by Stan & Angeline Mathis  
Sunday – June 29 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Marvin Ries by Minnie Ries  
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  
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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 or by appointment.

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