

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Mar 16– 6:30 pm–Ecumenical Prayer Service at Canaan Moravian Church; Soup & Sandwich at 6pm
 Mon., Mar 17– 6:30 pm – Eucharistic Parent Meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
 Wed., Mar 19– 6:00 pm – St. Thomas– Stations of the Cross
 Wed., Mar 19 – **NO** Religious Education classes
 Fri., Mar 21– 6:30 pm – St. Leo’s– Stations of the Cross; Soup & Sandwich Supper at 6 pm
 Sun., Mar 23– 6:30 pm– Ecumenical Prayer Service at Goshen Moravian Church; Soup & Sandwich at 6 pm
 Mon., Mar 24 – 6:30 pm – KC Meeting at the rectory
 Wed., Mar 26 – Religious Education Classes– see below

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., March 26


St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
 Grades K & 3 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)
 Grades 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Grade 5 - Class B and 11th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm



Gods Gift 2025: Thank you to all who have already completed their pledge cards. Completed pledge cards can be returned either to the parish office or by placing in the collection basket at Mass.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Mar 22 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Mar 23 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Mar 23 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
Lector	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Jackie Vavra
Eucharistic Ministers	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun
Altar Servers	Evelyn Roth Joe Kappes Jensen Kappes	Claire Glennon Jack Glennon Nolan Ziegelmann	Ali Killoran Layla Norrie
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Keith & Joni Biggers
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Marshall Lynnes Family	Mark & Carmen Gubrud
Lead Rosary	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Alan & Mary Lou Radermacher on the death of their grandson, Tyler and to Mary and Greg Kempel on the death of their sister-in-law and aunt, Mary Kraljic.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4

St. Leo’s RE Lenten Challenge: The Education Committee has teamed up with the Rural Cass County Emergency Food Pantry in an attempt to help fill their shelves with basic toiletry items for community members in need. We would like to include our RE students to participate in this wonderful example of Almsgiving during this Lenten season. Each Religious Education Class has been given a high need personal care product item(s) to bring in as a donation. The items needed will be posted in the Spirit of Life Center, and will also be sent to each RE student/ family. To participate, we ask that your child bring their items to their classroom on Wednesday evenings between **March 12th - April 9th** to be collected by their teachers. A goal and progress chart will be posted in the Spirit of Life Center during this time. All church members are welcome to bring donations as well!

KC’s looking for fish: The KC’s will hold their annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 4th. They are looking for anyone who has fish they would be willing to donate for the fish fry. Please call the parish office at 347-4609 if you would like to donate fish.

Lenten Canisters - One recipient of our Lenten canisters is *The Perry Center*. The Perry Center is a local charity whose purpose is to minister the love of Jesus Christ to single women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy by providing for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in a residential setting. The residents develop life skills, further their education, learn parenting skills, and study God’s word. Each woman is taught honesty, dependability, cooperation, and basic Biblical principles about sexual morality and living a responsible moral life. **Please be generous in supporting our Lenten charities. We will collect these canister during Holy Week.**

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” ~ Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Music for Holy Week and Easter: Everyone is invited to join us in the choir loft to lead music for **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, April 17th-20th**. Practices will be on Sunday mornings either before or after the Sunday Mass. The practice schedule will be:

- March 23– 9:30 am
- March 30– 9:00 am
- April 6– 9:00 am
- April 13– 9:30 am

Music will be provided. Please come and help make these days special with some beautiful music!

Cantata Practice: All singers are invited to join in performing this year’s cantata — *Lift High the Cross* on Palm Sunday, April 13th, 3 pm at St. Leo’s Church. **Practices will be held on Sunday afternoons, 4 pm - 6 pm. at St. Leo’s Church.** If you have any questions please contact Maari Loy at maarilynn@gmail.com

Upcoming Diocesan Retreats: Please see information on the bulletin board for upcoming retreats in our Diocese or visit the Fargo of Diocese website for more information at: www.fargodiocese.org

PASTOR'S NOTES

Lent at 25%

A little over 10 of the 40 days of Lent have passed. That means 25% of Lent is 'in the books'! **Where are we at in terms of prayer, fasting and almsgiving?**

The second Sunday of Lent always tells the story of the Lord's Transfiguration. This story is meant to inspire hope and remind us that life is not all desert and temptation as seen in the first Sunday of Lent. The second Sunday of Lent proclaims that all of time, all of life, and all of history is called to be transfigured in Jesus Christ.

Just as Moses representing the Law and Elijah representing the prophets are taken up into Christ, so Peter, James and John are given a foretaste of resurrected glory that belongs to the human race by virtue of Christ's resurrection for he is the measure of all human living!

In Peter, James and John we are called to see ourselves – enthralled by what has been revealed, overcome with joy and intent on making this experience permanent (cf. "let us make three tents"). But they will leave the Mount of Transfiguration and return with Christ to his earthly ministry. But now Christ's earthly ministry and their discipleship will be fueled by their experience on the Mount of Transfiguration. Their prayer, fasting and almsgiving (*the pillars of the spiritual life*) will take on a deeper meaning and prepare them both for Christ's Death and Resurrection (the Paschal Mystery), and their experience of his risen life that will come at Pentecost.

May our celebration of this second Sunday of Lent (the Lord's Transfiguration) do for us what the Transfiguration did for Peter, James and John. May the remaining 28 days of Lent make us 'double-down' on communicating with God (*prayer*), be more generous in giving ourselves to others (*almsgiving*), and be more disciplined in seeking the Truth, choosing the Right, and living the Good (*fasting*).

Would you consider helping —

> **lead the Rosary before 10:30 a.m. Mass** on *either or both* the first and third Sunday of each month. We presently have enough Rosary leaders for our Saturday 5 p.m. Masses, **but we are in need of Rosary leaders** for our 10:30 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the month, and a Rosary leader for our 10:30 a.m. Mass on the third Sunday of the month. Usually the Rosary begins 25 minutes before Mass time. If you would, on occasion, need to be gone one of the other Rosary leaders could sub for you. Should you have any other questions, please contact Fr. Ermer. If you could help --- please contact the parish office or visit with Fr. Ermer.

Thank you for your consideration.

> **updating our Cameroon Mission Bulletin Board in the church entry.**

In 2012 St. Leo's Pastoral Council agreed to adopt a mission project in Cameroon, Africa. The Sisters of Mary of the Presentation (SMP) are a French order on nuns, whose American Mother House is located in Valley City. The SMP sisters have had a long time mission in Cameroon. These Sisters run a clinic and school among some of Africa's poorest peoples. Since 2013 we have annually tithed our Sunday adult envelope offertory in support of this mission project. Throughout each year we receive notes of thanks and updates on happenings in that school and clinic. It would be great if a parishioner would be willing to *occasionally* update our bulletin board about some of these happenings so as to keep us abreast of our Cameroon Mission Project. If you would like to help please contact the parish office or visit with Fr. Ermer.

Thank you for your consideration.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 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 Mar 16:

Mon – Mar 17 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory

Tues – Mar 18 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +Bob Killoran by Joe & Lora Killoran

NO Mass at St. Leo's

Wed – Mar 19 – 9:00 am – Justin Gullekson Family

Thurs – Mar 20 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory

Fri – Mar 21 – 9:00 am – +Shirley Marek by Monica Qvale

Saturday – Mar 22 – 5:00 pm - +Beth Radermacher by Bill Radermacher

Sunday - Mar 23 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Bob Von Bank by Judith Von Bank

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St. Thomas Directors: Gary Milbrandt & Flint Kasowski

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.