

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., Mar 4 - 7:00 pm - Education committee meeting at the rectory  
 Wed., Mar 5 - Ash Wednesday - **NO** Religious Education Classes  
**Wed., Mar 5 - Ash Wednesday - 5:30 pm - Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo**  
**7:00 pm - Mass at St. Leo's**  
 Fri., Mar 7 - 6:30 pm - St. Leo's- Stations of the Cross; Soup & Sandwich Supper at 6 pm  
 Sun., Mar 9- 6:30 pm- Ecumenical Prayer Service at Goshen Moravian Church; Soup & Sandwich at 6 pm  
 Wed., Mar 12 6:00 pm - St. Thomas- Stations of the Cross  
 Fri., Mar 14 - 6:30 pm - St. Leo's- Stations of the Cross; Soup & Sandwich Supper at 6 pm

### Religious Education Class Times — Wed., March 12


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 A and 12<sup>th</sup> grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm



**Cameroon Card Clearance Sale:** From now and until Lent begins there is a table set up in the Spirit of Life Center to purchase cards one last time. Monies raised from the card sales is sent to our Mission in Cameroon, Africa. Clearance Sale Cards can be purchased for free will donation.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	<b>Saturday Mar 8</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> <i>St. Leo's</i>	<b>Sunday Mar 9</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <i>St. Leo's</i>	<b>Sunday Mar 9</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <i>St. Thomas</i>
			
<b>Lector</b>	Mark Voss	Shari Kensok	Judy Von Bank
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lori Howard Bill Franck	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faught Susan Kempel Paul Olsen Deb Werner	Kristi Hovelson Joe Killoran
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Addison Hushka Noah Hushka Payton Neumann	Melody Kempel Quinn/Riley Gunkel Emma Rupp	Hallie Besette Claire Halland
<b>Offertory Collectors</b>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Keith & Joni Biggers
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Arnie & Barb Buhr
<b>Lead Rosary</b>	Richard Muscha	Deb Werner	

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Mass Schedule:

5:30 pm at St. Thomas  
 7:00 pm at St. Leo's

*We are looking for Mass servers, Mass Coordinator and EMHC volunteers for the Ash Wednesday Mass. A sign up sheet is located in the church entry.*

**Palms, Nails and Lenten Canisters:** If you have nails and old palms at home, you are welcome to bring them to church to be used on Ash Wednesday. **If you have any old Lenten canisters at home, we ask that you please return them as soon as possible so we can reuse them.** This helps us to defray the cost of purchasing new canisters for this year's Lenten season. *Each canister costs around \$1. Thank you.*

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is to sing. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #681, #127, #765, #610, #518. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

**Cantata Practices to begin Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** All singers are invited to join the Casselton United Singers in performing this year's cantata — *Lift High the Cross* on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:maarilynn@gmail.com) Please consider joining the group and invite your friends!

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." ~ Luke 6:43*

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



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**St. Leo's Knight of the Month:** The Knight of the month is **Collin Miller**. Thank you Collin for all you do for the KC's. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** Pancakes and sausage **Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering. Proceeds will go to Home on the Range.

**KC's looking for fish:** The KC's will hold their annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Catholic Daughters to Meet:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's Church (710 10<sup>th</sup> St. S, Fargo) beginning with Mass at 5:15 PM; meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food item donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com)

**Catholic Man Night:** Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church (8547 Front St, Horace, ND). 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration & Confession; 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm meal and talk. The guest speaker is Ricky Paulson from FOCUS. Meal is a free will offering. **All men are invited, bring a friend!**

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### 'Starting off on the right foot'

The 40-day Lenten season begins this Wednesday with the mark of ashes and the prophet Joel asking us to return to the Lord with our whole heart, while St. Paul will remind us to *"not receive the grace of God in vain"* and Matthew's Gospel has Jesus speaking about true praying, fasting and almsgiving.

Forty (40) is a classic number in Scripture. It signifies a time in which a change or transformation unfolds in the lives of those who fruitfully engage this time of forty. In 40 years the Israelites were formed into God's Chosen People through their Exodus journey. After 40 days and nights in the desert Jesus emerges victorious over Satan. Spending 40 days and nights with God on Mt. Sinai Moses delivers the Ten Commandments to God's people [Exodus 34:28]. Elijah walks for 40 days and nights to Mt. Horeb as he receives his call to be a prophet for God's Chosen People [1 Kings 19:8].

**For us Lent is meant to be our experience of forty (40) – encountering God in deep and abiding ways, by returning to the Lord** [the prophet Joel], **of entering his grace** [the apostle Paul], **of intensifying our prayer, fasting and almsgiving** [the Gospel of Matthew].

St. Leo's and St. Thomas parishes attempt to assist its people in their 40 days by helping them to:

#### grow in prayer:

- attend & celebrate Ash Wednesday liturgy;
- attend & celebrate a daily Mass in addition to Sunday Mass;
- weekly praying the Stations of the Cross;
- weekly Sunday evening Lenten Ecumenical Prayer Services;
- attending & celebrating all Holy Week liturgies;
- celebrate God's loving mercy through a Lenten Reconciliation Service

#### serve others through almsgiving:

- phone calls, visits, cards to persons home-bound, in hospital or nursing homes;
- strive for sacrificial giving in your Sunday Offertory giving;
- support the Ash Wednesday collection;
- support the Lenten canisters;
- support the Holy Thursday collection;
- support God's Gift Appeal

#### enter the discipline of fasting:

- fast from the capital sins [*pride, anger, envy, greed, lust, sloth, gluttony*];
- honor Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as days of **fast** (*only one full meal with the other two being much smaller*) and **abstinence** (*no meat*);
- honor the Fridays of Lent as days of abstinence;
- offer a personal sacrifice of some amenity in your life

Forty (40) faithful days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are meant to put us in communion with Christ who had a living relationship with the Father {prayer}, gave his life for the world {almsgiving} and said *"not my will but yours be done"* {fasting}.

***Such is Lent! May your Lent 'start off on the right foot'.***

#### **Ash Wednesday Mass times:**

- > Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas in Buffalo;
- > Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at St. Leo's in Casselton



St. Leo's Catholic Church  
211 Langer Ave North  
PO Box 340  
Casselton ND  
347-4609

St. Thomas Catholic Church  
401 Third St. North  
PO Box 22  
Buffalo ND  
633-5150



## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME March 2, 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 2:

Mon – Mar 3 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory

Tues – Mar 4 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +Bob Killoran by Joe & Lora Killoran

*NO Mass at St. Leo's*

Wed – Mar 5– Ash Wednesday– 5:30 pm– Mass at St. Thomas– +Marvin Ries by Minnie Ries

Wed – Mar 5– Ash Wednesday– 7:00 pm– Mass at St. Leo's

*NO 9 am Daily Mass at St. Leo's*

Thurs – Mar 6 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory

Fri – Mar 7 – 9:00 am – +Shirley Marck by Monica Qvale

Saturday – Mar 8 – 5:00 pm - +Leonard Brandenburg by Paulette Schmitt

Sunday - Mar 9 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am - +Mary Ann Waxler

St. Thomas - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes

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**St. Leo's Directors:** Dave Glennon & Micah Bartholomay

**St. Thomas Directors:** Gary Milbrandt & Flint Kasowski

**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.