

PASTOR'S NOTES

Truly — our hats are off to you!!

This past Wednesday we had a celebration of appreciation for our Religious Education teachers for this past school year. The heart and soul of every Religious Education (RE) program are those who step 'to the plate' and volunteer their time and talent as teachers (catechists).

In many respects, they are an elite group of volunteers! They give on a weekly basis of their time not only for the hour in the classroom but also the time that goes into class preparation. They have a heartfelt conviction of desiring to pass on the treasure of the Catholic faith. Over the years numerous parishioners have told me they could never see themselves as RE teachers. **So the ones who do step forward and give of themselves deserve our deepest appreciation.** As St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, "How beautiful are the feet of those who announce good news!" And what is more beautiful good news than that Christ died for our sins, rose from the dead, opened the gates of heaven and lives forever for us in the life of the Church!

We sincerely 'tip our hats' to this year's RE teachers from St. Leo's:

Patty Roth and Missy Poulson [Kindergarten];
 Melanie Parisien & Amanda Gunkel [1st grade]; Nicole Scherweit [2nd grade];
 Trista Ziegelmann [3rd grade]; Terri Monilaws [4th grade]; Susan Kempel [5th grade];
 Denise Bartholomay [6th grade]; Mona Franck [7th grade]; Virjean Cramer [8th grade];
 Karren Batholomay [9th grade]; Jake and Kelsey Lako [10th grade]
 and Fr. Ermer and Shari Kensok [11th and 12th grade].

And a 'tip of our hats' to our RE teachers from St. Thomas:

Kristi Hovelson [Kindergarten]; Jennifer Koller [1st grade]; Joni Biggers [2nd grade];
 Alecia Killoran [4th grade]; and Jackie Vavra [5th & 6th grades]

RE ATTENDANCE —

Once again the RE attendance numbers are in for the parishes of St. Leo's and St. Thomas and they are looking very good for the past school year.

In terms of perfect attendance at St. Leo's we had 48 out of 160 students who did not miss any class for any reason. That is 30% of our RE students! At St. Thomas we had 6 out of 24 students in K through 6th grade with perfect attendance which is 25% of our RE students. That is remarkable given the fact that COVID took its toll on many school activities. This is fabulous — keep up the great work!

In terms of overall attendance St. Leo's had 82.8% of potential parish students registered in their Religious Education program. St. Thomas had 84.6% of their potential parish students registered in their RE program. Listed below by grade are the numbers of St. Leo's/St. Thomas registered students [1st number] compared to potential students [2nd number]:

	<u>St. Leo's</u>	<u>St. Thomas</u>		<u>St. Leo's</u>	<u>St. Thomas</u>
Kindergarten	18/19	4/4*	Seventh grade	15/17	3/4
First grade	17/17*	2/3	Eighth grade	5/9	3/3*
Second grade	14/16	7/8	Ninth grade	12/13	-0-
Third grade	10/12	-0-	Tenth grade	15/18	2/2*
Fourth grade	16/19	4/4*	Eleventh grade	10/13	0/1
Fifth grade	12/15	5/6	Twelfth grade	6/15	1/2
Sixth grade	9/9*	2/2*			

These students and their parents need to be sincerely congratulated for making Religious Education a priority in the life of their families!



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 347-4609

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 401 Third St. North
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Pentecost Sunday May 23, 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 May 23:

Mon - May 24 - 9:00 am - +Vince Bachmeier by Bea Bachmeier

Tues - May 25 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - NO MASS

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - May 26 - 9:00 am - +Janice Miller by Sue Knoll

Thurs - May 27 - 9:00 am - NO MASS

Fri - May 28 - 9:00 am - +Souls in purgatory

Sat - May 29 - 5:00 pm - +Charlie Radermacher by Joann Radermacher

Sun - May 30 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - Larry Zaun

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes

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St. Thomas Directors: Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

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.


## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., May 26 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Sun., May 30 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Tues., June 1 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
**Fri., June 4 - 7:00 pm - Matthew Kensok transitional diaconate ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral**  
 Sat., June 5 - 10:00 am - Priestly ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo  
**Sun., June 6 - 11:30 am** - Breakfast after 10:30 am Mass honoring Matthew Kensok diaconate ordination  
**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

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

**Bob & Marge Volk - 59 years on May 26**

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday May 29</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday May 30</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday May 30</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tony Roth                                                    | Keith Biggers                                               | Darcee Rehovsky                                             |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Richard Muscha                                               |                                                             | Jerry Volk                                                  |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Courtney Hovelson<br>Hannah Besette                         | Paris Mack<br>Parker Mack                                   |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | JoEllen Killoran<br>Lisa Zahnow                             | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Roger & Marsha Kasowski                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**St. Mary's Catholic Church, six miles east of Dazey, ND will host their 117th Feast of Corpus Christi** on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am. Following mass will be an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament, a meal, (free will offering) and outdoor fellowship. Children who received their first communion/confirmation are invited to help lead the procession, wear your special attire and please bring flowers/petals/leaves as we decorate the path for Jesus! Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration with Bishop Folda:** June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 4 pm. The celebration will be held on the Russ and Mary Mauch Farm, 16305 Hwy 13, Barney, ND (between Mooreton and Wyndmere). The day will include Mass, blessings of land and machinery, a meal, and entertainment. Bring a container of soil or seed from your field or garden to be blessed. If it rains, the event will be moved indoors. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit: [fargodiocese.org/rural-life](http://fargodiocese.org/rural-life)

**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 be 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:

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Tom Sinner and his family on the death of his mother, Lois Sinner.

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

### POP UP Mobile Food Pantry Event

Rural Cass County Food Pantry  
 602 1<sup>st</sup> St N, Casselton  
 Tuesday, May 25, 2021  
 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

This event is FREE and open to the public. Food boxes will be available in the Pantry parking lot, anyone is welcome and no pre-registration is required. Questions, please call: (701)347-2566

The Mobile Food Pantry is made possible by the support of the Great Plains Food Bank.



### God's Gift Appeal 2021

Pledge cards and donations may be placed in the offertory collection basket or dropped off at the parish office and we will see they get to the Diocese.