

PASTOR'S NOTES

Graduation

We extend our sincere congratulations to those who have graduated from Maple Vally and those who will be graduating from Central Cass. Graduation is a time filled with all sorts of emotions –

Thankfulness for all who have fed into this milestone in one's life – **family, friends, teachers, church, etc.** Graduation is a time to give thanks for those who have fed a person's spirit with virtuous and faithful living, for those who have challenged one's minds to seek the truth where it may be found, for those who have shaped a person's heart and mind to live for God.

Hope – to do great things, to be faithful to all that is true and to leave the world a better place by enriching the lives of others. Perhaps graduation is that time when the best things a person can do is to renew one's covenant (relationship) with God. In the Old Testament, Joshua graduated into leadership after the death of Moses, and after having lived a long life he speaks that life is a great choice between serving God or other gods. Joshua says, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." [Joshua 24:15] I pray graduation will be the same for our graduates – a life serving the Lord will all their hearts, will all their minds, with all their strength.

Memorial Day

Since 1971 the last Monday in May is celebrated and known as **Memorial Day** — a day to remember and honor those people who have died serving in the United States Armed Forces. Before 1971 Memorial Day had been celebrated on May 30th, but in 1968 Congress passed legislation moving 4 holidays from their traditional dates to a Monday so as to create a convenient 3-day holiday.

There is dispute as to the place of origin for this holiday, but it began in earnest after the Civil War in the 1860s with numerous celebrations honoring the 600,000+ soldiers who died serving both the Union and Confederate causes. In those earlier days **Memorial Day was known as Decoration Day** because of the placement of small flags and/or flowers on the graves of those who have fallen in battle in service of their country.

Memorial Day remembers the sacrifice of men and women for the causes of freedom, justice and peace. As some have said - the sacrifice of war and the 'baptism of blood' that happens on battlefields foster bonds of brotherhood between peoples and ethnic groupings. In these very real ways Memorial Day carries with it religious themes that cut across denominational boundaries and calls the world to live in peace and be peace-makers!

On this Memorial Day and in its spirit let us recall with honor and respect those who died serving the greater cause of peace, justice and freedom and securing us from the vileness of tyranny, oppression and evil.

Mass on Memorial Day (Monday, May 31st) will be at 9:00 a.m.

ORDINATION

This coming **Friday, June 4th at 7 p.m.** at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo our very own parishioner and seminarian, Matthew Kensok, will be ordained a transitional deacon.

On **Sunday June 6th** Deacon Matthew will proclaim the Gospel, preach and assist at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo's. This will be followed by an egg-bake breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center. Parishioners are invited to all of these events.



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



The Most Holy Trinity

May 30, 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 30:

Mon - May 31 - 9:00 am - +**Bruce Dooley** by Theresa Dooley

Tues - June 1 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **Lora Killoran** by Janice Diemert

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - June 2 - 9:00 am - +**Tom Newcomb** by Emily Eisenbeisz

Thurs - June 3 - 9:00 am - +**John 'Jack' Ermer**

Fri - June 4 - 9:00 am - **Fr. Ermer -43rd Anniversary of Priestly Ordination**

Sat - June 5 - 5:00 pm - +Joe Franck by Bill & Mona Franck

Sun - June 6 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - +Chris Volk by Jerry & DeLilah Volk

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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

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  
 Sun., June 27 - 4:00 pm - 4th Annual Rural Life Celebration in Barney, ND

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Ron Howitz and his family on the death of his wife, Carol.

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

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday June 5</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday June 6</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><b>St. Thomas</b> | <b>Sunday June 6</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tricia Gегelman<br>Lois Titus                                | Alecia Killoran                                             | Anna Garman<br>Gavin Oberlander                             |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Mona Franck                                                  |                                                             | Micah Bartholomay                                           |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Nikita Howard<br>Ethan Richard                               | Carly Hovelson<br>Hallie Besette                            | Jacob Dutchuk<br>Isabelle Dutchuk<br>Eva or Olivia Garman   |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Frank & Laura Biggers                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Jennaca Killoran Family                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |

## 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 - 56 years on June 3**

**Mike & Lil Eberhardt - 51 years on June 13**

**Glenn & Diane Lemke - 52 years on June 14**

**Jim & Arlene Kieffer- 58 years on June 15**

**Gary & Linda Milbrandt - 53 years on June 15**

**Arnold & Barb Buhr- 58 years on June 22**

**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)

**Women's Care Center** (formerly FirstChoice Clinic), is currently seeking to hire a full-time Development Coordinator to engage regional support through various fundraising activities including: donor relations, events, grants, and outreach. Hours are flexible. To learn more about this position or to submit a resume, please email Angela Wambach at [angela@wccnd.com](mailto:angela@wccnd.com) or call 701-237-6530.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." - Romans 8:16-17*

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

**Happy 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination to**  
**Father Ermer**  
**Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic - Putt 4 a Purpose:** Bishop Folda invites you to *Putt 4 a Purpose* benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo. Day will include 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)  
 Please see flyer and brochures on the bulletin board for more information.



### 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.

**Job Opportunities:** There are many job openings within the Fargo Diocese area. Check out the list on the bulletin board in the church entry.