

PASTOR’S NOTES

Graduation message

On the cusp of graduation we extend our sincere congratulations to those who will graduate from Central Cass and from Maple Valley. 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.

In the book of Sirach of the Old Testament we find this commentary about acquiring the gift of wisdom, “*If you wish, you can be taught; if you apply yourself, you will be shrewd; if you are willing to listen, you will learn; if you give heed, you will be wise; frequent the company of the elders; whoever is wise, stay close to him. Be eager to hear every godly discourse; let no wise saying escape you. If you see a man of prudence, seek him out; let your feet wear away his doorstep! Reflect on the precepts of the Lord, let his commandments be your constant meditation; Then he will enlighten your mind, and the wisdom you desire he will grant.*” [Sirach 6:32-37] May your graduation be a commencement in following Sirach’s advice, who also says, “*The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord...*” [Sir. 1:12] In fear of the Lord we embrace the humility to love God above all things, to glory in nothing but friendship with God, and to reverence without equal the gift of salvation. **Happy Graduation !!!**

Deacon Matt Kensok

Beginning this past week Deacon Matt Kensok began a period of pastoral formation at St. Michael’s parish in Grand Forks, North Dakota with Fr. Ray Courtright as pastor and Fr. Jered Grossman as associate pastor. St. Michael’s was my first priestly assignment with Fr. Bill Sherman in 1978. It was a great parish and parish assignment and am hoping the same for Deacon Matthew. After this formation time we are looking forward to his ordination. Do keep Deacon Matthew in your prayers.

A ‘shout out’

This past week I attended Central Cass’ Awards Convocation in the Bank North theater where a number of academic accomplishments were awarded along with the awarding of various scholarships. St. Leo’s parish should be very proud of the number of our students who were **inducted into the National Honor Society** – thirteen (13); were presented **academic letters** – 7 seniors, 10 juniors, 8 sophomores and 4 freshmen; seniors who were given **honor cords** – 8; Anthony ‘Frosty’ Wisnewski won the *Outstanding Senior Award* and Jaylin Cotton was awarded the *Vince Bachmeier Dollars for Scholars* scholarship. **Congratulations to all of you!**

Summer Camps & Events

See the bulletin board and folded flyers in the church entry for a number of area summer camps & events for students of various ages this coming summer. Hopefully something will fit your schedules and be of great benefit for your family.



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401 Third St. North
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 22, 2022

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 22:

Mon - May 23 – 9:00 am - +Fr. Bill Sherman
Tues - May 24 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +Souls in purgatory
St. Leo’s — NO MASS
Wed – May 25 – 9:00 am - +Vince Bachmeier by Bea Bachmeier
Thurs – May 26 – 9:00 am - NO MASS
Fri – May 27 – 9:00 am - +Charlie Radermacher by Paul Radermacher
Sat - May 28 - 5:00 pm - +Zachary Kaufman by Ron & Thuy Kaufman
Sun - May 29 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - +Julie Levos by Paul & Bonnie Adams

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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.

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

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., May 22 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Wed., May 25 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
Sun., May 29 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Sat. June 4 - 10:00 am - Priestly ordination at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo
Sat. June 4 - Fr. Ermer’s 44th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Sun., June 5 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Tues., June 7 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns meeting at the rectory
Sun., June 12 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Tues., June 14 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting at the rectory
Tues., June 21 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory


REMINDER: Please remember to return your Lenten canisters.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” ~ John 14:27

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday May 28 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i> 4 th Sat of May	Sunday May 29 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday May 29 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i> 5 th Sun of May
<i>Lector</i>	Tony Roth	Judy Von Bank	Darcee Rehovsky
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Paulette Schmitt		Mark Rehovsky
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Lilly Roth Olivea Roth Evelyn Roth	Carly Hovelson Hannah Besette	Paris Mack Parker Mack Alex/Daniel Sullivan
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	JoEllen Killoran Lisa Zahnow	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<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:
Bob & Marge Volk - 60 years on May 26

Beginning Experience Weekend to be Held: June 24-26, 2022 at the Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. The BE weekend is a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon program for adults grieving the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce or separation. It is presented by people who have suffered the loss of a loved one. They are willing to share their experience to help others. Team members lead participants through a program of presentations, personal private reflection and small group sharing. The BE weekend is our core program and the foundation of the Beginning Experience ministry. If you or someone you know could benefit from coming to the BE weekend, please contact the BE line at 701-277-8784 and leave a message for more information and an application. More information can also be found on the website at:
www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org

Men’s Leadership Summit: The Diocese of Fargo “Made for Greatness” Ministry will hold a Men’s Leadership Summit July 22-24 at the Stiklestad Lodge, Fort Ransom, ND. This summit is for men 18 years and older. Cost is \$250. To register and for more information go to: www.fargodiocese.org/mfg or see the flyer on the bulletin board. “Made for Greatness” is a ministry of Diocese of Fargo which seeks to fulfill the Great Commission by discipling men, forming them in their identity as sons of God, and equipping them to become missionary disciples through conferences, retreats and leadership events.

Women’s Care Center (103 University Dr N, Fargo) has an opening for a full-time or part-time nurse or sonographer. Seeking special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills. Will train. Please forward your resume to angela@wccnd.com or call 701-532-1928 for further details or questions.

2022 Summer Camps and Events: There are a number of summer camps and events available for youths to participate in this summer. Please see the display in the entrance of the church for information and to pick up a brochure.

Rural Cass County Emergency Mobile Food Pantry will be take place on Tuesday, May 24th from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at 602 1st St N, Casselton. All in need of food assistance are welcome to attend and receive food at no cost. No pre-registration is required. You will be asked to fill out a short intake form.

The Rural Cass County Food Pantry (in Casselton) is in need of the following items: cream of celery soup, canned peaches, juice, chocolate frosting, pudding cups, pancake syrup, complete pancake mix, ranch dressing, mayonnaise/miracle whip, boxed potatoes, hamburger helper, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfectant spray and Clorox bleach. Items can be dropped off at TruCore Fitness in Casselton and Mary’s Market in Arthur. The food pantry is located at 602 1st Street N, Casselton, and is open the first and third Wednesdays of the month. To contact the food pantry please call: (701)347-2566. Monetary donations can be mailed directly to: RCCEFP, PO Box 392, Casselton, ND 58012 Thank You.



Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission: Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. There is a wonderful selection for all occasions available for purchase. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.