

PASTOR’S NOTES

LENTEN CANISTERS —

The final tally for our 2023 Lenten canisters show that **we raised \$7,767.38 from a total of 129 canisters. 2023 was a very good year** {it may have been our best year yet – that all depends on the quantity of some very generous gifts. Each year we usually get some very generous gifts. Two years we received two very generous gifts – \$3000 and \$500!! This year we received a very generous gift of \$2000}. Needless to say we are very grateful to those generous givers. This year’s giver of \$2000 accounted for 25% of this year’s collection. Those kind of gifts certainly raise our numbers. Listed below is a comparison for the last 5 years of our Lenten canister program:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
St. Leo’s					
adult canisters/	59/	59/	45/	51/	50/
amount of money	\$3,162.04	\$3,545.18	\$3,474.90	\$3,847.59	\$4,538.09
RE canisters/	61/	47/	59/	68/	66/
amount of money	\$818.25	\$618.41	\$1,093.79	\$885.42	\$785.21
St. Thomas					
adult canisters/	19/	9/	9/	12/	8/
amount of money	\$2,669.59	\$3,530.34	\$4,008.25	\$2,564.44	\$2,420.54
RE canisters/	8/	8/	5/	7/	5/
amount of money	\$29.81	\$108.19	\$56.79	\$125.36	\$23.54
GRAND TOTALS					
	147/	123/	114/	138/	129/
	\$6,679.69	\$7,802.12	\$8,633.73	\$7,422.81	\$7,767.38

A very gracious thank you for all who participated in this great spiritual work of almsgiving. Your generosity has given life and hope to our 2023 Lenten canister recipients:

Food for the Poor, Medical Mission Sisters, St. Ann’s Indian Mission, Covenant House, Jeremiah Project, Women’s Care Center

A final note: If you still have your 2023 Lenten canister at home and would like to contribute to our 2023 charities, please return that canister by May 15th so we can close our books on this and send our checks to our Lenten charities. **If you happen to have unused canisters at home from previous years, please return them so we can reuse them for next year and save us from purchasing them next year at a cost of nearly \$1 per canister.** Thanks for your cooperation.

Upcoming Dates of Note:

- > **Tuesday, May 9th [Chrism Mass]**
Bishop Folda will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** at 11 a.m. at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo.
- > **Wednesday, May 10th [Closing RE Mass]**
Closing Mass at 6:30 p.m. for this year’s Religious Education (RE) program followed by an ice cream social. **All parishioners are invited to attend.**
- > **Sunday, May 14th [Mother’s Day] [St. Thomas’ Graduation Mass & Brunch]**



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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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 7, 2023

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 7:

Mon - May 8 – 9:00 am – ++**Gerald & Cathy Hulm** by Bill & Mona Franck
Tues - May 9 - 11:00 am - **Chrism Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo**
NO 9 am MASS at St. Thomas
Wed – May 10 – 6:30 pm - RE Closing Mass - RE Students & Teachers
NO 9 am Daily Mass
Thurs – May 11 – 9:00 am - **NO MASS**
Fri – May 12 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**
Sat - May 13 – 5:00 pm - Grady Poulson by Missy Poulson
Sun - May 14 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Mary Klemek by Keith & Joni Biggers

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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.


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

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun. May 7 - 7:00 pm - KC’s Gardening Seminar presented by Don Kinzler
Tues. May 9 - 11:00 am - Chrism Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo
Wed. May 10 - 6:30 pm - RE closing Mass followed by ice cream social; all parishioners are welcome
Sun. May 14 - 11:30 am - **St. Thomas** Graduation brunch after 10:30 am Mass honoring 2023 graduates
Sun. May 21 - 11:30 am - **St. Leo’s** Graduation brunch after 10:30 am Mass honoring 2023 graduates
Wed. May 24 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
Tues. Jun 6 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory

REMINDER: Please remember to return your Lenten canisters.

 **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.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday May 13 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday May 14 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday May 14 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Mark Voss	Shari Kensok	Alecia Killoran
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Bill Franck Nicole Scherweit	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faight Mary Jendro Susan Kempel Paul Olsen	Keith Biggers Kristi Hovelson
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sophie Scherweit Addison/Noah Hushka	Sarah/Melody Kempel Mikaela Prochnow Quinn Gunkel	Abigail Killoran Rudi Wendel
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	JoEllen Killoran Lisa Zahnow
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Bob & Pat Killoran
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Richard Muscha	Deb Werner	

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Donna Siverson and her family on the death of her sister, Kathy McGuire; Richard Muscha and his family on the death of his brother, Art Muscha and to Patty Roth and family on the death of her uncle, Gene Marcotte.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4

Join us to sing from the choir loft! “Choir Sunday” will be will be May 21st at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone (adult/ middle school/high school) is welcome to join us. We will meet in the choir loft from 9-10am to run through these songs for that day’s Mass: #732, #383, #693, #583, #582. (Youtube is a great way to practice at home beforehand).
This will be our last one until September, so try it out!

Real Presence Radio’s annual Spring Live Drive is coming your way **May 10-12th**. Phone lines will be open daily from **7:00 am – 7:00 pm**. Donate and you will be entered into a drawing for one of the many great prizes awarded throughout the drive. Call in with your support to **877-795-0122** or donate online at **RealPresenceRadio.com/donate**.

Catholic Man Night: Monday, May 15th at Holy CrossCatholic Church (2711 7th St E, West Fargo). 6:00 pm—7:00 pm Adoration & Confession. 7:00 pm—8:00 pm Meal with talk and short discussion with featured speaker Mark Hollcraft, from Real Presence Radio. Free will offering. All men are invited, bring a friend!

Catholic Daughters to Meet: Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, May 9th at St. Anthony’s beginning with Remembrance Mass at 5:15 PM; meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable or toiletry donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus
Gardening Seminar
“Kick-Starting Lawns, Gardens and Flowerbeds in a Late Spring”
by
Don Kinzler
Sunday, May 7th
at 7:00 pm
in the Spirit of Life Center
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Suicide Survivors Support Group: St. Anthony’s Church (710 10th St S, Fargo) is hosting an introductory session for those who have lost loved ones through suicide. If you, or some you know, has suffered the loss of a loved one who died by suicide, you are welcome to attend a support group gathering on **Thursday, May 18th at 7 pm**. The support group will meet in room #206. Please call Fr. Braun at (701) 237-6063 with any questions.

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group starting in June: Do you have someone in your life who is living with the challenges of Alzheimer’s? These meetings are open to caregivers, family and friends who are looking for support and information. We will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10-11 am at Westminster Presbyter-ian Church in Casselton. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or call Cindi at Community of Care at 347-0032.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” ~ 1 Peter 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember — no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.