

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### St. Leo's Feast Day

Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> is the feast day for the patron saint of St. Leo's Church – **St. Leo the Great!**

The details of his early life are quite sketchy with tradition saying his father was from present day Tuscany. His education seems limited to the Christian and Latin culture, which makes him the first great Latin speaking Pope and the first Italian theologian.

St. Leo was the 45<sup>th</sup> pope in the history of the Catholic Church. He was elected Pope in 440 and died in 461. During his years of service to the Church, he confronted many false teachings about both the humanity and divinity of Christ and Christ's relationship to God the Father and the Holy Spirit. His greatest triumph is his writing on what is the accepted and fundamental Christian teaching about Christ – **He is a divine person in whom resides both a divine and human nature (known in theology as the hypostatic union).**

Pope St. Leo is also credited with saving the city of Rome from the ravages of Attila the Hun in 452. Only two popes have the honorific title of **Great** – Leo and Gregory, who was pope from 590-604.

Our patron saint is a person of great courage, faith, strength of character and intellectual prowess. Let us not be afraid to seek his intercession in our times of struggle and lack of understanding the many conundrums of life.

### 2020 "Take-Out" and Raffle numbers

Our 2020 'COVID-modified Fall Dinner' of **Take-Out Roast Beef and Gravy** brought in a grand total of \$2050 from 195 orders of a ½ lb. of Roast Beef and Gravy plus a \$100 donation. After expenses for the roast beef and containers we netted \$1290.26. By way of comparison – in 2018 we netted \$3672 and in 2019 we netted \$3878 from our Fall Dinners. I would say we did quite well given the circumstances of these COVID days.

**A huge 'hats off' and thank you to the Tony and Patty Roth family** for cutting the meat, making the gravy and packaging each ½ lb. container, and to Mona Frank and Delores Grommesh for running a very smooth distribution system on Sunday morning.

**On another note:** Our 2020 Annual Raffle brought in a grand total of \$12,880. After expenses and paying off winners we netted \$10,270.03. Again by way of comparison – in 2018 we netted \$12,194 and in 2019 we netted \$12,887 in Raffle ticket sales. We were down this year, but had a very admirable showing.

Thanks so much to everyone who supported this year's 'Take-Out' meal and Raffle ticket sales over the years. It has certainly allowed us to do many facility improvement projects like our recent painting of the interior of St. Leo's church. **Again – our many thanks!!**

### Endowment funds for St. Leo's and St. Thomas

Each parish household received a letter this week soliciting their support of the endowment funds that have been set up to permanently support our parishes into the future. These funds are managed by the Catholic Development Foundation of the Diocese of Fargo with no handling or processing fees of any kind. Each year the parish receives 5% of the five-year rolling average from our parish endowment for parish operations.

In turn, each donor is eligible for generous federal and state considerations (e.g. 40% tax credit). I highly encourage parishioners to check out this form of giving with your tax advisor. Presently St. Leo's has \$60,000 in permanently endowed funds and St. Thomas has a little over \$10,000 in permanently endowed funds. Again your parish support is deeply appreciated.



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Casselton ND  
347-4609

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PO Box 22  
Buffalo ND  
633-5150



## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 8, 2020

### 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 Nov 8:

Mon - Nov 9 - 9:00 am - +**Lucille Matthey** by Marian Watson

Tues - Nov 10 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Souls in purgatory**

*St. Leo's - NO MASS*

Wed - Nov 11 - 9:00 am - **Ron Browning** by Richard & Joanne Browning

Thurs - Nov 12 - 9:00 am - +**Mary Castellano**

Fri - Nov 13 - 9:00 am - +**Dale Nystrom** by Sandie Nystrom

**Sat - Nov 14 - 5:00 pm - +Brian Holzer by Tony & Elsie Holzer**

**Sun - Nov 15 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

**St. Leo's - 10:30 am - +Greg Dimmer by Wayne & Renee Anderson**

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**St. Leo's Directors:** Mark Rehovsky & Dave Glennon

**St. Thomas Directors:** Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

### 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.


## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Nov 8 - **NO Beverage and Bite** after 8:30 am Mass  
 Tues., Nov 10 - 7:00 pm - Education committee meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Wed., Nov 11 - **NO** RE Classes at St. Leo's or St. Thomas  
 Thurs., Nov 12 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Thurs., Nov 12 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith in large classroom in lower level of church  
 Sun., Nov 15 - **NO Beverage and Bite** after 10:30 am Mass  
 Mon., Nov 16 - 7:00 pm - Confirmation Parent Meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Tues., Nov 3 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting in the Spirit of Life center  
 Wed., Nov 18 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas - Group B  
 6:30 pm - Re classes at St. Leo's - Group B, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm  
 6:15 pm - Junior class meets  
 Thurs., Nov 19 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith in large classroom in lower level of church

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

**Stan & Angeline Mathias - 56 years on Nov 14**  
**Keith & Sharon Monilaws - 54 years on Nov 25**  
**Frank & Ruth Kasowski - 65 years on Nov 26**  
**Gerry & DeLilah Volk - 56 years on Nov 26**  
**George & Mary Ann Waxler-73 years on Nov 27**

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Nov 14</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat of the Month | <b>Sunday Nov 15</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Nov 15</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of the Month |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Mark Voss                                                                                        | Larry Zaun                                                  | Steve Carvell                                                                                   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Nicole Scherweit                                                                                 |                                                             | Joan Carvell                                                                                    |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Theo Metzger<br>Ben Metzger                                                                      | Rudi Wendel                                                 | Logan Prochnow<br>Daniel Sullivan<br>Alex Sullivan                                              |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                         | Gary & Linda<br>Milbrandt                                   | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                        |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                         |                                                             | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                                        |

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Congratulations to our St. Leo's 2020 Raffle winners:

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| \$1000 | Jan Haugeberg    |       |                |
| \$500  | Tricia Gegelman  | \$250 | Skip Doyle     |
| \$250  | Sandie Nystrom   | \$100 | John Grommesh  |
| \$100  | Joe Hushka       | \$100 | Brooks Kobiela |
| \$100  | Paulette Schmitt | \$100 | Hank Weber     |

**Book of Remembrance:** All are invited to write down the names of your deceased loved ones and we will pray for them at the Daily and Weekend Masses during the month of November. The Book of Remembrance is located in the church entry.

**Divorced, Widowed, or Separated: Are you doing your best to cope with life alone?** "Beginning Experience" is a program of peer ministry that has helped a lot of people going through the difficult times of the loss of a spouse. ***The next Beginning Experience Weekend will be November 20-22, 2020, at Maryvale, Valley City.*** For more information please contact Frank (218) 790-4202, Marlene (218) 998-4300, or Jason (701) 840-8951. Check the website: [beginningexperience-easternnd.org](http://beginningexperience-easternnd.org).

**Retreat Opportunities:** Are you looking for an opportunity for spiritual growth and a deepening of your relationship with God, yourself and others? There are many different retreat opportunities available at Maryvale Spiritual Center, just outside of Valley City, ND. Visit [sistersofmaryofthepresentation.org](http://sistersofmaryofthepresentation.org) for more details or call Sr. Dorothy Bunce at 701-845-2864.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.



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### St. Leo's Knight of the Month

The Knight for the month of **November** is **Jerry Christiansen**. Thank you Jerry for your dedication and the works you do for the KC's. It is greatly appreciated.

### Black and Indian Mission collection:

Each year parishes in the Diocese of Fargo, participate in six national collections. Sunday, **November 15<sup>th</sup>** is designated as *Black and Indian Mission* collection. This collection provides funds for evangelization and other programs for Native American and African-American Catholics. The envelope for this collection can be found with your regular collection envelopes. Please consider giving generously.



### Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission:

Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. Cost of cards is .50 cents, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.