

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### It takes a parish – thank you

#### 2021 Raffle & Fall Dinner (by the numbers) ---

St. Leo's 2021 Raffle & Fall Dinner brought in the highest gross income to date [\$23,897.50]. That happened through the magic of a parish coming together with many parishioners contributing their part 'to make it happen'. When all is said and done it looks like over 400 parishioners played their part in serving nearly 600 people who were fed a very delicious roast beef dinner, bought raffle tickets, bid on auction items, purchased crafts and country store goodies, visited and played kids games.

A special thank you goes out to Delores Grommesh and her assistant Tony Roth who once again organized and 'trail-bossed' our wonder roast beef dinner and accoutrements. This is Delores' 10<sup>th</sup> year in heading up the Fall Dinner along with Tony's able assistance. Our hats are off to you!!!

Besides their hard work over 400 parishioners stepped up to the plate in one way or another. Here is breakdown of the 2021 Raffle & Fall Dinner by the numbers ----

#### I. Preparatory work —

- > purchase food: [1]
- > set-up: tables, signs, warming equipment, dining room, Country Store, auction site, kids games [13];
- > potatoes: wash [6], peel and cut [12];
- > meat and gravy: prepare and cut [5];
- > bring treats for kids games [18];
- > dessert table: make pumpkin pies [17], make apple pies [18], make other home-made desserts [17];
- > Raffle tickets: parish households who sold or bought tickets [138];
- > Silent auction: provided auction items [10];
- > Country Store: provided crafts, goodies, etc. [25]

#### II. The Event itself —

- > cook and mash potatoes [7]
- > prepare and replenish coleslaw and vegetables [3]
- > make and replenish coffee, water & lemonade [4]
- > serve and restock meat [4]
- > manage dessert table [6]
- > manage take-out meals [3]
- > ticket sellers and host couples [8]
- > adult dining room supervisors [7]
- > high school dining room helpers [29]
- > Country Store workers [4]
- > kids games supervisors [4]
- > middle school helpers with kids games [16]

#### III. Clean-up & Take-down

- > run dish washing machine [8]
- > wash pots & pans [4]
- > wash tables, vacuum floors, return tables, warming equipment and pots & pans, take down signs, dismantle Country Store, consolidate left over food, set up table for remaining crafts & Country Store items [15]

**A very special Thank-you to all who made this happen!!**



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## THIRTY– THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 14, 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 Nov 14:

Mon - Nov 15 – 9:00 am - +Myrtle Mergner by Marian Watson

Tues - Nov 16 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **NO MASS**

*St. Leo's - NO MASS*

Wed - Nov 17 - 9:00 am – +Eileen Grommesh by Gary & Delores Grommesh

Thurs - Nov 18 - 9:00 am - +Janice Miller by Bob Miller

Fri - Nov 19 - 9:00 am - +Souls in purgatory

Sat - Nov 20 - 5:00 pm - +Ann Marschke by Keith & Barb Marschke

Sun - Nov 21 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Buddy Kilen by Keith & Joni Biggers

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

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#### 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 14 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Mon., Nov 15 - 7:00 pm - Confirmation Parent Meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
Tues., Nov 16 - 7:00 pm - Education Committee meeting at the rectory  
Wed., Nov 17 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas  
Wed., Nov 17 - 6:30 pm - St. Leo's RE classes; Simple Supper at 6 pm  
K/1<sup>st</sup> grades - Group B meets  
6:15 pm - Junior class meets  
Thurs., Nov 18 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
Sun., Nov 21 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
Sun., Nov 21 - 7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at Martin's Lutheran Church  
Mon., Nov 22 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory  
**Thurs., Nov 25 - 9:00 am - Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Leo's**  
Sun., Nov 28 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." ~ Mark 13:26*

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? The good news — it is never too late to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Nov 20</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Nov 21</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Nov 21</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Renee Anderson                                               | Judy Von Bank                                               | Steve Carvell                                               |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Delores Grommesh                                             |                                                             | Deb Werner                                                  |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Hayden Faleide<br>Burchill Family                            | Rudi Wendel<br>Ali Killoran                                 | Cassie/Elise Bartholomay<br>Mikaela Prochnow                |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Flint & Dee Kasowski                                        | <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:

**Stan & Angeline Mathias - 57 years on Nov 14**

**Keith & Sharon Monilaws - 55 years on Nov 25**

**Frank & Ruth Kasowski - 66 years on Nov 26**

**George & Mary Ann Waxler-74 years on Nov 27**

**Christmas Music:** Time to get ready!

The first practice for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day liturgies will be on **Sun., Nov. 21st, 9-10:00am**. Again this year we would like to invite everyone to join in the music-making! Singers and instrumentalists of all kinds- we have room for you!

**Adults and students in 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades** are welcome and if you have any college students who may be home- let us know! We will continue practices on the Sundays in December (5th, 12th, 19th), after the 8:30a Mass (9:30-10:30a), and before the 10:30a Masses (9- 10:00a).

We sing at the Christmas Eve Mass on Dec. 24th, starting at 9:00pm with carols and Mass at 9:30pm. On Christmas Day we sing at the 10:00 Mass.

We'll have music folders ready for you and we'll meet in the choir loft. If you have any questions, please call Sue at 701-261-2047.

**95th Annual Concordia Christmas Concert:** Experience the region's grandest musical tradition performed by more than 300 student musicians. "...*And Glory Shone Around*" will be Artistic Director Michael Culloton's first in-person Christmas Concert in his new position at Concordia and will be performed in front of a magnificent 176'-wide mural. Concert dates are Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. For tickets call (888) 477-0277 or visit: [ConcordiaChristmas.com](http://ConcordiaChristmas.com). Discounted tickets are available for groups of 20 or more.

**Black and Indian Mission collection:** Each year parishes in the Diocese of Fargo, participate in six national collections. Sunday, **November 21<sup>st</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.

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Brenda Corcoran and her family on death of her son, James .

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

**At Home with the Word:** We will once again order the *"At Home with the Word"* book for anyone who is interested in having this Sunday Scripture book for the year 2022 containing the Sunday readings, insights and practices. A sign up sheet will be available in the back of the church. Please sign up by Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Pilgrimage to the East Coast shrines with Bishop Folda, Sept 10-14, 2022:** Travel with the bishop to some of his favorite shrines in the USA in the cities of Washington, DC, Emmitsburg and Philadelphia. Sites include the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, St. John II National Shrine and Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine along with many other historical sites. Cost is based on double rooms: \$2195. Deadline to register is Jan., 20, 2022. Visit [Fargodiocese.org/events](http://Fargodiocese.org/events) for more details and the registration link. Or call the Diocese of Fargo , 356-7900 for registration forms.



### 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.