

PASTOR'S NOTES

Best yet – *thanks to you!!*

The initial numbers are in for the 2021 Fall Dinner & Raffle. **Our gross income (before expenses) totals out to be \$23,857.** That beats our previous best gross income of 2019 by \$383. We served 571 meals, which has been about our average for the past few years. Our raffle ticket sales totaled \$15,740 which is our highest since 2015. Our Country Store, Silent Auction and Kids Games all did very well. The raffle ticket winners are listed in the bulletin. Congratulations to them.

We still need to tally expenses and we know our roast beef costs were much higher than in years past. Once the final tally of income and expenses are computed, I will put the final numbers in the bulletin. **A very deep thank-you to all who did so much to make our 2021 Fall Dinner & Raffle such a wonderful success.**

St. Leo's Feast Day

Wednesday, November 10th 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 45th 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 – Pope Leo and Pope 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 times of struggle and lack of understanding the many conundrums of life.

Book of REMEMBRANCE

At the entrance of our churches is a book titled **Book of Remembrance.** Parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in that book. During the month of November and lasting until the end of this church year the names in that book will be remembered at the Masses offered at St. Leo's and St. Thomas. Our last Mass for this church year will be Friday, November 26th.

The new church year commences with Saturday evening Mass on November 27th as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent.

Reappointed

Dave Glennon and Mark Rehovsky have been reappointed as lay directors of St. Leo's parish in Casselton, and Gary Milbrandt and Larry Zaun have been reappointed as lay directors of St. Thomas parish in Buffalo. **Thank you for your service.** Lay Directors serve on the corporate board of each parish. The five-member corporate board of each parish consists of the lay directors, the pastor, the bishop of the diocese along with the vicar general of the diocese, who is Msgr. Joseph Goering for the Diocese of Fargo.



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THIRTY– SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 7, 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 7:

Mon - Nov 8 – 9:00 am - +**Lucille Matthey** by Marian Watson

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

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Nov 10 - 9:00 am – **NO MASS**

Thurs - Nov 11 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS**

Fri - Nov 12 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS**

Sat - Nov 13 - 5:00 pm - +Dam Chi Dung by Ron & Thuy Kaufman

Sun - Nov 14 - St. Leo's - 8:30 am - +Julie Levos by Don & Mary Ellen Nilles

St. Thomas - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes

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

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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.

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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 7 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center  
**Wed., Nov 10 - St. Leo's Feast Day**  
 Wed., Nov 10 - **NO** RE classes at St. Leo's and St. Thomas  
 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  
 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  
 Tues., Nov 30 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo's Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." ~ Mark 12:43-44*

Jesus gets right to the point — we are called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Nov 13</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Nov 14</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Nov 14</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Mark Voss                                                    | Shari Kensok                                               | Alecia Killoran                                              |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Nicole Scherweit                                             | Ann Faight                                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Sophie/Emma Scherweit<br>Addison/Noah Hushka                 | Sarah/Melody Kempel<br>Lucas Miller                        | Hallie Besette<br>Claire Halland                             |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                                       |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   | Bryce Kasowski Family                                        |

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Congratulations to our St. Leo's 2021 Raffle winners:

\$1000 Hunter Stolt  
 \$500 Kristi Nicholson      \$250 Gary Bakken  
 \$250 Tom Weber            \$100 Mike Johnson  
 \$100 Phillip Keller        \$100 Stan Mathias  
 \$100 Bob Miller            \$100 Paul Radermacher  
*One winning asked to be given to charity.*

**Thank you** to the following people/businesses who generously made a donation to help make our Fall Dinner a success:

Richard & Janice Muscha    Ken & Virjean Cramer  
 Pizza Ranch                  Wangler Foods          Hornbacher's  
 Family Fare                  Cash Wise Foods        Sams Club

**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**

**Beginning Experience Weekend to be Held:** There will be a Beginning Experience (BE) weekend November 19-21, 2021 at the Maryvale Retreat Center, near Valley City, 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 Bonnie at 701-318-0949 for an application or call the BE line at 701-277-8784 and leave a message for more information. More information can also be found at our website at: [www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org](http://www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org)



### Knights of Columbus

**Breakfast:** Serving French toast and sausage today, Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering, Proceeds will benefit the St. Leo's Youth Group.

**Catholic Daughters to Meet:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's beginning with Remembrance Mass for deceased members 5:15 pm; meal to follow (Unit 3 serving) and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food donations for "Stepping Stones Food Drive". If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com).

**Holy Hour to Bring Others Back to Church:** St. Monica is the patroness of: wayward children, abuse victims, those struggling with addiction, widows/widowers, and those in difficult marriages. Join us at St. Anthony's Catholic Church (710 10th St S, Fargo) on the third Monday of each month (**November 15 this month**) at 7:00 pm to spend an hour in prayer, asking St. Monica to intercede with Christ for all those under her patronage. Bring a rosary and join our Legion of Mary in this powerful time of prayer!



**Reminder:** Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour this weekend.