


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., Nov 11 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting at the rectory  
Thurs., Nov 14 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
Sun., Nov 17 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center  
Tues., Nov 19 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory  
Sun., Nov 24 - 7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at the Casselton Methodist Church  
Mon., Nov 25 - KC meeting at the rectory  
Tues., Nov 26 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory  
Thurs., Nov 28 - 9:00 am - Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Leo’s

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Nov. 13

St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm  
St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm  
Grades K & 3 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)  
Grades 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Grade 5 - Class B and 11<sup>th</sup> grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

 **St. Thomas Parish Annual Fall Drive:** St. Thomas is once again asking their parishioners to participate in their annual Fall Drive. We ask each family to donate \$20 and each single person to donate \$10. Donations may be given to Linda Milbrandt, Treasurer.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Nov 16 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Nov 17 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Nov 17 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Mallory Poulson Lee Ann Monilaws	Judy Von Bank	Steve Carvell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Penny Zaun Joni Biggers	Micah Bartholomay Jake Lako Collin Miller Deb Werner Jake Werner
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Grant Burchill Ann Burchill Beau Parisien	Ali Killoran Layla Norrie	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh Prochnow
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteers needed	Gary & Linda Milbrandt	Volunteers needed
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteers needed	Aaron Haseleu Family	Volunteers needed
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Mona Franck		Volunteer needed

NEWS AND NOTES

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. Any-one middle school and older is welcome. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30– 10:00 am that day to run through these songs: \$436, #678, #71, #474, #580. You-Tube is great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

**Music Event at Casselton Heritage Center:** Members of the music group “Poitin” will be performing at the Cassel-ton Heritage Center on **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**. Refreshments will be served following the event and donations will be accepted for the Historic Maintenance fund. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Congratulations to our St. Leo’s 2024 Raffle winners:

\$1000 Sandie Nystrom  
\$500 Haley Schaller                      \$250 Donna Siverson  
\$250 Lori Zimprich                      \$100 Terry Sullivan  
\$100 Ann Faight                      \$100 Haley Schaller  
\$100 Mary Jendro                      \$100 Jake & Deb Werner

**Thank you** to the following people/businesses who gen-erously made a donation to help make our Fall Dinner a success: *Richard Muscha, Pizza Ranch, Hornbacher’s, Sam’s Club and Cash Wise Foods.*

**Radiating Joy-The Michelle Duppong Story:** The story of Servant of God, Michelle Duppong, whose life bore witness to heroic Christian suffering and passion to invite others to be transformed by the love of Christ **is being shown at Fargo Marcus Theatre**, as the investigation into Michelle’s cause for sainthood continues. Michelle’s story of unwavering faith and joy in the face of a courageous battle with cancer is a powerful reminder of the peace that comes from trusting in God’s plan. Her journey invites us all to re-flect on the power of faith that comes from living for Christ. The movie “Radiating Joy” will be at Fargo Marcus Theatre on Nov. 12, 2024. Check out **FanthomEvents.com** for more details.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

*“I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributions 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 all 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”?



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**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** pancakes and sausage **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering. Pro-ceeds going to RSVP.

**Knights of Columbus—Spirit of Life “Gating”:** Come one, come all, the Knights of Columbus would like to have a Monday Night Football, cards and more night in the **Spirit of Life Center, Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. All are welcome to bring their favorite foods and drinks. This is an all-ages event so bring the kids, young and old, to enjoy the fun. All kids 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. For more information please see the flyer posted on the entries to the church. Contact Tony Roth for any details or questions.

**Catholic Daughters to Meet:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Ameri-cas will meet Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony’s Church (710 10<sup>th</sup> St. S, Fargo) beginning with Mass at 5:15 PM; meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 pm. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com)

PASTOR’S NOTES

A preliminary look ...

A very cursory glance at our 2024 Fall Dinner & Raffle numbers looks very similar to last year’s number. We served a few more meals than last year’s total of 503 meals. Country Store and Kids games have very similar numbers as compared to last year. Our Silent Auction was up and Raffle ticket sales look very close to last year’s numbers. Next week we will have a more detailed report.

Thanks to everyone who made this another great year. Your time and talent are deeply appreciated.

A spiritual thought for November

*Have you ever thought of having a Mass offered for a deceased loved one?*

The month of November begins with celebrating those ‘brothers and sisters’ who are in heaven (All Saints Day). That day is followed by **All Souls Day**. These are deceased ‘brothers and sisters’ who have not yet entered the realm of heavenly life. At the time of their deaths there were still vestiges of sin that accompanied them to the afterlife. Revelation 21:27 declares, “*nothing profane shall enter it {heaven}.*” Such lives need to be purged and purified of these vestiges of sin.

Our prayers and supplications assist our deceased ‘loved ones’ in their purification and eventual entry into heavenly life. In Scripture Christ invites us to ‘come to him and he will refresh us’ all the while making His Real Presence available to us in the Eucharist.

**One of the greatest acts of love we can do is to have ‘a Mass offered for our deceased loved ones’.** Check with the parish office for details.

Book of REMEMBRANCE

At the entrance of the Church 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 29<sup>th</sup>.

The new church year commences with Saturday evening Mass on November 30<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent.

Events of Note [weekend of November 23 & 24]

- > Husam Hannuneh of the Shepherd of the Good Shepherd will be offering olive wood carvings of religious articles for sale after the St. Leo’s weekend Masses of 5 p.m. on Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday [Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>]. Support of projects like this is one of the few ways Christians in the Holy Land are able to support themselves. Christians often find themselves in hostile environments among the dominant religions of Islam and Judaism in that region of the world. Businesses such as these keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. **Your support is deeply appreciated!**
- > Bishop Folda will celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Penny Zaun and her committee is planning some food and drink after Mass allowing Bishop Folda to have some time to visit with parishioners. Mark your calendar!
- > The Casselton Area Ministerium Association [CAMA] will be hosting an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday evening, November 24<sup>th</sup>** at the Casselton Methodist Church beginning at 7 p.m. and followed by some light refreshments.



St. Leo’s Catholic Church  
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



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
November 10, 2024

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 10:

Mon – Nov 11 – 9:00 am – **Military Veterans** by Cecilia Gonzalez  
Tues – Nov 12 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **+Souls in purgatory**  
*NO MASS at St. Leo’s*  
Wed – Nov 13 – 9:00 am – **+Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale  
Thurs – Nov 14 – 9:00 am – **+Camille Story** by Tony & Patty Roth  
Fri – Nov 15 – 9:00 am – **+Rick Keller** by Tony & Zita Dietz  
**Saturday – Nov 16 – 5:00 pm - +Eileen Grommesh by Gary & Delores Grommesh**  
**Sunday - Nov 17 – St. Thomas- 8:30 am - +Lillian Von Bank by Keith & Joni Biggers**  
**St. Leo’s - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

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St. Leo’s Directors: Dave Glennon & Micah Bartholomay  
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.