

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Nov 16 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center
Tues., Nov 18 – 7:00 pm – Finance committee meeting at the rectory
Wed., Nov 19 – RE classes – see schedule below
Thurs., Nov 20 – 7:00 pm – Inquiry Class on the Catholic faith in lower level of St. Leo’s church
Sun., Nov 23 – 7:00 pm – Casselton Ministerium Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at St. Leo’s
Mon., Nov 24 - 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory
Tues., Nov 25 – 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory
Thurs., Nov 26 – 12:00 pm – Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
Thurs., Nov 27 – 9:00 am – St. Leo’s – Thanksgiving Mass

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Nov. 19th
St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
Grades K– 5, 7, 8, 10 — 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Grades 6 & 9 – Class B — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
12th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm



St. Thomas Ladies Aid is once again holding 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. Thank you.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Nov 22 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Nov 23 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Nov 23 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Judy Von Bank
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Joni Biggers Keith Biggers
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Evelyn Roth Joe Kappes Jensen Kappes	Claire/Jack Glennon Nolan/Paxton Ziegelmann	Layla Norrie Claire Halland
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Roger Erbes Family	Volunteer needed	Gary & Linda Milbrandt
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Judy Von Bank Cynthia Comprendio
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

Book of Remembrance: Located in the Church Entry. 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.

Free Music Program at the Casselton Heritage Center: Rick Adams will provide a fun, toe-tapping music program on **Sunday, November 23rd at 2:00 pm** at the Casselton Heritage Center (Stone Church next to St. Leo’s Church). Refreshments will be provided following the performance.

St. Leo’s Christmas Giving Tree: This year St. Leo’s will be sponsoring The Jeremiah Program and The Perry Center. Both non-profit organizations help young women who have chosen life for their babies. In this time of giving, lets remember these young women and the life they are working on to create for their babies. Starting November 22nd tags will be available on the Giving Tree located in the Spirit of Life Center along with instructions and more information on these wonderful organizations.

Holy Cross Catholic Church 16th Annual Holiday Collections Craft Show: Saturday, November 22nd from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. 85+ Local & Regional Artisans will have their crafts displayed for all your holiday shopping needs. Admission is \$2 with proceeds going towards the Open Door 65 and to their building campaign. Lunch will be available for purchase. Holy Cross church is located at 2711 7th St E, West Fargo. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

St. Mary’s Cathedral 8th Annual Christmas Ball: Friday, December 19th, 6:00 - 10:00 pm. All ages are welcome to this FREE event, attire is formal. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast:
Serving French toast and sausage **Sun., Nov. 16th** 
Council 9477 **from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center.
Free will offering.

Medicare Part D open enrollment begins on Wednesday, October 15th and runs through December 5th. Community of Care provides assistance with reviewing your Medicare Part D, appointments are needed for this service. To schedule an appointment please call Community of at Care at (701)347-0032.

Catholic Man Night: There will be two Catholic Man Nights in November. The first will be Tuesday, November 18th at Holy Spirit Church (1420 7th St N, Fargo). Tim Moser will be the guest speaker. The second will be Thursday, November 20th, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (701 Oak St, Lisbon, ND). The guest speaker is Bishop John Folda. Both start at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm with Adoration & Confession; 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm meal and talk. Meal is a free will offering. **All men are invited, bring a friend!**

Community of Care is in need of Transportation Volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments within the FM area. To volunteer please call Natalie at (701)347 -0032 or email at: Natalie@communityofcarend.com

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.”~ 2 Thessalonians 3:9
Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don’t go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Final Tallies – from our Fall Dinner & Raffle for the last five years:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Net Dinner Income	\$2713	\$4925	\$3854	\$4104	\$4212*
Net Raffle Income	\$13,284	\$14,311	\$13,491	\$12,939	\$11,099
Country Store	\$1460	\$1430	\$1086	\$1084	\$793
Silent Auction	\$403	\$624	\$379	\$1429	\$1830
Net Kid games	<u>\$225</u>	<u>\$196</u>	<u>\$99</u>	<u>\$137</u>	<u>\$244</u>
TOTALS	\$18,085	\$21,487	\$18,911	\$19,694	\$18,099
Total dinner tickets	577	570	503	514	509

*In 2019 roast beef cost \$4.98/lb; in 2025 roast beef cost \$8.82/lb. **{ \$3.84 more per pound }**

This was a very average year in terms of profit for our Fall Dinner & Raffle. The big difference was in raffle ticket sales. We were down nearly \$2500 in raffle ticket sales from the previous 4-year average.

I would especially like to thank **Delores Grommesh** for all the time, talent and love she put into making this such a success — *putting out sign-up sheets, ordering food and all necessary supplies, calling for volunteers, typing up signs, assigning cash boxes, overseeing/supervising all aspects of the meal, etc.* This is all in addition to her work as parish secretary!! Please see the bulletin hand-out with all names and various jobs that needed attention to get the job done. This is a remarkable list of volunteer service to St. Leo’s parish from 197 parishioners!! **The deepest of thanks to each and everyone of you!**

Still six (6) weeks left . . .

How has the Jubilee Year been going for you?

I suspect for many Catholics it’s a topic that has occasionally entered a person’s mind. It might have come to mind because some person or event triggered a passing thought that 2025 was a Jubilee Year. It began on December 29, 2024 and will run until December 28, 2025 (*about six weeks from now*).

The roots of a Jubilee Year go way back into Old Testament times when Jews acknowledged and celebrated God’s sovereignty and their absolute dependence upon Him. Every fifty (50) years the Jews deliberately and intentionally sought God’s special forgiveness of their sins, freed captives, restored land to their original owners and practiced deeds of justice.

This awareness of needing to more intentionally focus on God’s goodness and our call to be his holy people stands at the very heart of a Jubilee Year.

In calling for this Jubilee Year Pope Francis asked us to be *Pilgrims of Hope* to and in our world. Every Jubilee Year is a special time of prayer and spiritual activities to once again connect us to God and deepen and enrich our spiritual lives. A Jubilee Year usually involves a pilgrimage to special places of prayer, and this year, in particular, to bring our hope in God to that place of prayer and, in turn, be enriched by the hope found in that place of prayer.

The Diocese of Fargo designated six (6) special pilgrimage sites. Attached to each of these sites is a Jubilee indulgence along with a collectible coin as a memento of this Jubilee Year. **A number of brochures in the church entry explain in greater detail – the six sites; what is an indulgence and its conditions, what to do at a Jubilee pilgrimage site, how to collect your coins, etc.**

The Jubilee Year is not over. As Habakkuk the prophet says, “... *the vision still has its time ...*” [Hab. 2:3a]. But it does end on Sunday, December 28, 2025. **Go for it!!**



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211 Langer Ave North
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Casselton ND
347-4609

St. Thomas Catholic Church
401 Third St. North
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Buffalo ND
633-5150



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 16, 2025

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 16:

Mon – Nov 17 – 9:00 am – **Fred Eldridge** by Rose Mary Eldridge
Tues – Nov 18 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **NO MASS**
NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – Nov 19 – 9:00 am – **+Dick Sinner** by Irene Sinner
Thurs – Nov 20 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in Purgatory**
Fri – Nov 21 – 9:00 am – **+Theresa Dooley** by Jason & Danica Grossman
Saturday – Nov 22 – 5:00 pm – +Pam Lowry by Tony & Patty Roth
Sunday – Nov 23 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - +Rickie Keller by Sandra Keller
St. Thomas - 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

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 or by appointment.

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