


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

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
 Wed., Nov 27 - **NO RE** Classes at St. Leo's and St. Thomas
Thurs., Nov 28 - 9:00 am - Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Leo's
 Tues., Dec 3 - 7:00 pm - Education meeting at the rectory
 Sun., Dec 8 - 7:00 pm - Immaculate Conception/Holy Day Vigil Mass at St. Leo's
 Mon., Dec 9 - 7:00 pm - Immaculate Conception/Holy Day Mass at St. Thomas
 Thurs., Dec 12 - 6:30 pm - 1st Eucharistic parent meeting

MINISTRY SCHEDULE NOTE: This month is one of those times where our Saturday Mass (Nov 30) is the 5th Saturday of the month and Sunday Mass (Dec 1) is the 1st Sunday of the month. That weekend is also the weekend after Thanksgiving in which we typically put out sign up sheets asking for help. If this is your regularly scheduled weekend and you are going to be available we ask that you please sign up. Thank you.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Nov 30 5:00 pm St. Leo's	Sunday Dec 1 10:30 am St. Leo's	Sunday Dec 1 8:30 am St. Thomas
			Jackie Vavra
Lector	<p style="text-align: center;">Please see sign-up sheets in the church entry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>If this is your normally scheduled weekend and will be here, we ask that you please sign up. Thank you.</i></p>		Joe Killoran Linda Milbrandt
Eucharistic Ministers			Hallie Besette Hannah Besette
Altar Servers			Travis & Darcie Besette
Offertory Collectors			Corey Hovelson Family
Gift Bearers			
Lead Rosary			

NEWS AND NOTES

At Home With the Word Books: For the new church year, once again At Home With Word books - a book containing the Sunday Scripture readings and insightful commentary for each week will be available. Please see the display in the church entry for more information.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church 45th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner: Thursday, November 28th from 11 am to 2 pm, 210 5th Ave W, West Fargo, ND. Free will offering. Take-out available.

Come and make some joyful music!

Join our Christmas Choir!

Mass on Christmas Eve - Tues. Dec 24th

Cards at 9:00 pm and Mass at 9:30 pm

Mass on Christmas Day - Wed, Dec 25th at 10:00 am

Adults and students in 6th - 12th grades:

First practice Sun., Dec 1st from 8:45- 10:00 am

Singers and instrumentalist are welcome- we'll have music ready! Practices continue on:

Sun., Dec 15 - 11:30 am to 12:45 pm

Sun., Dec 22 - 9:30 to 10:45 am

Call the parish office with any questions. 347-4609

Join us to sing from the choir loft! "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, December 15th** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone 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: #39, #47, #62, #213, #68, #428. YouTube is great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.


St. Leo's Sunday Financial Stewardship

Year to Date (October)	2022	2023	2024
Adult Envelopes	\$221,243	\$225,596	\$216,295
Children's Envelopes	\$687	\$701	\$618
Plate	\$15,944	\$13,899	\$12,414

Our Sunday offering has slipped this year. Whatever level of support you can give is deeply appreciated!!



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Knights of Columbus Breakfast: French toast and sausage 
Sunday, December 1st
from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center.
 Free will offering.

98th Annual Concordia Christmas Concert: Tickets are on sale! Experience the region's grandest musical tradition performed by more than 300 student musicians. "Our Eyes, At Last, Shall See Him," will feature three choirs and an 80-piece orchestra and will be performed in front of a magnificent 140' wide mural. Concert dates are December 6, 7 and 8. For tickets, visit ConcordiaChristmas.com

Lady's Holiday Tea: 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday, December 8th! Sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo and hosted by St. Paul's Newman Center, 1141 University Dr, Fargo. The afternoon event will include silent auction baskets, a music performance and fellowship, all while sipping tea and eating tasty treats prepared by Chef Arron. Cost is \$35/person to attend, you must register in advance by contacting Mary Hanbury at 701-356-7909 or email mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org

This week's Stewardship moment:

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" ~ John 18:36

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money to you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Special Collection envelopes

The President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, has asked that all dioceses in the United States to participate in a special collection for natural disaster relief funds. In turn, Bishop Folda is asking participation from the parishes in the Diocese of Fargo. This is the reason for the Special Collection envelopes in the pews or on the ledges off the back pews at the rear of the church.

These funds will be directed to the many people in the United States deeply affected by the devastating effects of Hurricane Ida in late August, especially in the southeast and along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts. Dozens were killed, churches destroyed and damaged, communities were without power for days on end, etc. All of this will impact faith communities for years. Any help you can give is deeply appreciated.

You can make checks out to St. Leo's Church, put it in the **2024 Natural Disaster Collection** envelope, return it to the parish and we will forward all such monies to the USCCB Emergency Disaster Fund.

Thanksgiving

Every year on the fourth Thursday of November we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, and perhaps recall some history of Pilgrims and Native Americans coming together to share the fruit of the harvest. With the march of time this day and time of the year has become highly commercialized, but Thanksgiving does afford us an opportunity to review the many blessings that have come our way. **As I see it there is thanks to be given:**

- > for the bounty of this land and its opportunities to pursue life, liberty and happiness;
- > for the gift of family/friends and neighbors as we live in care and concern of others and together seek the common good;
- > for the gift of faith and its call to *'do what is right, love what is good and walk humbly with our God'*;
- > for the gift of hope that reminds us *'our citizenship is in heaven'*;
- > for the gift of love by which God reconciles the human family into a people who *'bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things'*;
- > for the gift of Church as the sacrament of salvation and the 7 sacraments through which Christ lives with us *"until the end of the world"*;
- > for the gift of eternal life and all who have heard said to them *"well done good and faithful servant ... come inherit the Kingdom prepared for you ..."*.

For all of this we surely give thanks! You are invited to our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services at the Casselton Methodist Church this Sunday at 7 p.m., or at Buffalo's Lutheran Church on Tuesday (**November 26th**) at 7 p.m. preceded by soup & sandwich from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. You are invited to bring a canned food item to these services and/or contribute to a free-will offering that will be given to those in need.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at St. Leo's at 9 am.

'Heads-up' notice

This year the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception (**usually December 8th**) falls on the Second Sunday of Advent -- December 8th. **Therefore**, the Holy Day of Mary's Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9th. Masses for that Holy Day will be **7 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th at St. Leo's and at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 9th at St. Thomas in Buffalo.** Please mark your calendars.



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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE November 24, 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 24:

Mon – Nov 25 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

Tues – Nov 26 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **+Bob Von Bank** by Joe & Lora Killoran
NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Nov 27 – 9:00 am – **Special Intention** by Lee & Jackie Anderson

Thurs – Nov 28– Thanksgiving – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Nov 29 – 9:00 am – **+Doris Brandenburg** by Paulette Schmitt

Saturday – Nov 30 – 5:00 pm - +Pam Lowry by Tony & Patty Roth

Sunday - Dec 1 – St. Thomas- 8:30 am - +Marvin Ries by Minnie Ries
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

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.