

PASTOR’S NOTES

**St. Leo’s feast day**  
*Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 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 in Italy. 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 45<sup>th</sup> 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, especially those regarding the the humanity and divinity of Christ as well as Christ’s relationship to God the Father and the Holy Spirit. His greatest triumph is his writing on what is now the accepted and fundamental Christian teaching about Christ – **Christ 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 – Leo and 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 our times of struggle and lack of understanding the many conundrums of life.

**Book of REMEMBRANCE**

In the Church entry way 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. . Praying for the living and the dead is one of spiritual works of mercy. Our last Mass for this church year will be Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.  
The new church year will begin with Saturday evening Mass on December 2<sup>nd</sup> when we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent.

**Initial thanks — a full report to follow**

**This Sunday is St. Leo’s Fall Dinner & Raffle.** A full report will follow in the next couple of weeks, but today I would like to thank all those who have done preparatory work to make this a successful event.  
First and foremost – to Delores Grommesh, who once again has already done much — *ordering the roast beef; coordinating the getting of potatoes from Richard Muscha; purchasing food items like the corn, the buns, coffee, lemonade, etc. as well as insuring we have necessary utensils and the list goes on and on!!* Of course, this in addition to the many tasks that goes with being parish secretary.  
In addition we thank all parishioners who have purchased or their sold their raffle tickets and those who have volunteered and signed up to help with the many tasks involved with hosting and serving the Fall Dinner itself.  
**Thank you very much!!**



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**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**November 5, 2023**

**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 5:**  
Mon - Nov 6 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**  
Tues - Nov 7 – St. Thomas– 9:00 am – **NO MASS**  
*NO MASS at St. Leo’s*  
Wed – Nov 8 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**  
Thurs – Nov 9 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**  
Fri – Nov 10 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**  
**Sat - Nov 11 – 5:00 pm - +Nick Kaufman by Ron & Thuy Kaufman**  
**Sun - Nov 12 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**  
**St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +John Sproul by Keith & Joni Biggers**

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**St. Thomas Directors:** Gary Milbrandt & Flint Kasowski

***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

Mon., Nov 13 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy Committee meeting at the rectory  
Wed., Nov 15 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory  
Sun., Nov 19 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center  
Sun., Nov 19 - 7:00 pm - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Canaan Moravian Church  
Mon., Nov 20 - 6:30 pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Confirmation Meeting  
Tues., Nov 21 - 7:00 pm - Finance Committee meeting at the rectory

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

**Book of Remembrance:** 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. The Book of Remembrance is located in the church entry.

**This week’s Eucharistic Reflection Question:** *What are the two essential parts of every Mass? ~ CCC 1346*

| Upcoming Ministry Schedule                                                        |                                                              |                                                                               |                                                              |
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|  | <b>Saturday Nov 11</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | <b>Sunday Nov 12</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i>                    | <b>Sunday Nov 12</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
| <i>Lector</i>                                                                     | Mark Voss                                                    | Shari Kensok                                                                  | Gary Milbrandt                                               |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>                                                      | Bill Franck<br>Lori Howard                                   | Denise Bartholomay<br>Ann Faught<br>Mary Jendro<br>Susan Kempel<br>Paul Olsen | Keith Biggers<br>Kristi Hovelson                             |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>                                                              | Addison Hushka<br>Noah Hushka<br>Sophie Scherweit            | Melody Kempel<br>Quinn/Riley Gunkel<br>Emma Rupp                              | Hannah Besette<br>Claire Halland                             |
| <i>Offertory Collectors</i>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                      | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                                       |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                      | Jacob Schmidt Family                                         |
| <i>Lead Rosary</i>                                                                | Richard Muscha                                               | Deb Werner                                                                    |                                                              |

NEWS AND NOTES

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** “Choir Sunday” will be will be **Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is welcome. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10am that day to run through these songs: #691, #472, #439, #582. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

**Catholic Man Night:** Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Catholic Church (2711 7th St E, West Fargo). 6:00 pm—7:00 pm Adoration & Confession. 7:00 pm—8:00 pm Meal with talk and short discussion with featured speaker Brandon Clark. Free will offering. All men are invited, bring a friend!

**Catholic Daughters to Meet:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tues., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's Church in Fargo, (710 10<sup>th</sup> St. N) beginning with the Remembrance Mass at 5:15 pm; meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food items. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com)

**Music at the Casselton Heritage Museum:** Come and enjoy an afternoon of music at the Casselton Heritage Museum (stone church next to St. Leo’s) on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**. Music will be provided by Kathie Brekke and the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Band. Free will donation. For more information visit: [www.kathiebrekke.com](http://www.kathiebrekke.com)

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner:** Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 210 5th Ave W, West Fargo, ND. Dinner is served 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Take out meals are available, no deliveries.. Free-will offering.

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** Serving French toast and sausage on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering.

**Made for More:** World renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione are coming to Sts. Anne and Joachim Church (5202 25th St S, Fargo) on **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. Through live music, art and a dynamic presentation, the event unfolds the deepest questions the human heart hungers for: Why am I here? What is the purpose of my life? Where am I going? For more information about the event, or to purchase tickets, go to: <https://m4mfargo.eventbrite.com/> Tickets are \$25. Information is also available on the bulletin board in the church entry.

**Theology of the Body and the Eucharist:** Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo. Christopher West will present a daylong seminar on how the Theology of the Body provides a lens to understand and encounter the Eucharist in a way that is both profound and transformative. The cost is \$50 and lunch is provided. Questions or for more information and how to register contact Brad Gray at (701)356-7903 or visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter)

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**  
*“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” ~ Matthew 23:12*  
The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.