

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., Nov 10 – 6:30 pm – 1st Eucharist Parent meeting in the Spirit of Life center
 Wed., Nov 12 – RE classes – see schedule below
 Thurs., Nov 13 – 7:00 pm – Inquiry Class on the Catholic faith in lower level of St. Leo's church
 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
 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

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Nov. 12th


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 A — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
 11th 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 15 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i>	Sunday Nov 16 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Nov 16 10:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i>
Lector	Lee Ann Monilaws Mallory Poulson	Keith Biggers	Steve Carvell
Eucharistic Ministers	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun	Micah Bartholomay Jake Lako Collin Miller Deb Werner Jake Werner
Altar Servers	Annie/Grant Burchill Beau Parisien Max Monilaws	Hallie Besette Skylar Norrie	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh/Natalie Prochnow
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Gary & Linda Milbrandt	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Jurgen & Barb Suhr	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Lead Rosary	Mona Franck		Volunteer Needed

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.

Join us to sing from the choir loft! "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, November 16th** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome to sing. **Gentlemen, we need you too!** We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #47, #677, #572, #462, #586. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand.

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.

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

Congratulations to our St. Leo's 2025 Raffle winners:

\$1000 Luke Olsen	
\$500 Deb Hauck	\$250 Cady Diemert
\$250 Todd Weber	\$100 Lisa Boeder
\$100 Rose Mary Eldridger	\$100 Mike Johnson
\$100 Dawn Lubbers	\$100 Beth Williams

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:

"Do you not know that you are temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?"~ 1 Corinthians 3:16

Simply remembering that we are "temples of the Holy Spirit" should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred Heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast:

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

Council 9477

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 Care at (701)347-0032.

Catholic Daughters to Meet: Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, November 11th at St. Anthony's Church (710 10th St S, Fargo) beginning with Mass at 5:15 PM; meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food item donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com

Catholic Man Night: Thursday, November 20th, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (701 Oak St, Lisbon, ND). 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration & Confession; 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm meal and talk. The guest speaker is Bishop John Folda. Meal is a free will offering. **All men are invited, bring a friend!**

PASTOR'S NOTES

St. Leo's Feast Day {November 10th}

Monday, 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 – **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. Gregory was pope from 590-604.

Our patron saint is a person of great courage, faith, strength of character and intellectual prowess. Let us seek his intercession in our times of struggle and lack of understanding the many conundrums of life.

A spiritual thought for November

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

As a follow-up to last Sunday's celebration of the *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed* including my homily reflections on purgatory and my pastor's notes on *Death*, offering Masses for the souls of deceased loved ones is an admirable spiritual practice.

As noted – God's absolution of one's sins in Confession still leaves a need to repair the effects our sins have left in the world. Some sins can leave a trail of needed reparation (e.g. - *scandalous behavior that suggests something wrong is OK, slander that ruins peoples' reputations far and wide, etc.*). Justice demands reparation for such damage. This is known as the *temporal punishment due to sin*. Revelation 21:27 declares, "*nothing profane shall enter it {heaven}.*" At the time of people's deaths any vestiges of sin that accompanies them needs to be purged and purified before entering heavenly life.

Along with the personal suffering one undergoes in purgatory, our prayers and supplications can assist them 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.

Fall Dinner and Raffle – a first glance

We are still waiting for some numbers to come in, but first glance suggests we fell about \$2000 short in Raffle ticket sales this year. The other initial numbers look pretty average.

Many thanks to all who gave of their time, talent and treasure to make this event a success!!

Once all the numbers are in, we will put out a final report in the church bulletin.



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PO Box 340
Casselton ND
347-4609

St. Thomas Catholic Church
401 Third St. North
PO Box 22
Buffalo ND
633-5150



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA November 9, 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 9:

Mon – Nov 10 – 9:00 am – ++**Luvern & Genevieve Tamerius** by Cecilia Gonzalez

Tues – Nov 11 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **Military Veterans** by Cecilia Gonzalez

NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo's

Wed – Nov 12 – 9:00 am – +**Gordon Jewitt** by Keith & Joni Biggers

Thurs – Nov 13 – 9:00 am – +**Sherry Barnes** by Sue Knoll

Fri – Nov 14 – 9:00 am – St. Leo's – NO MASS

Fri – Nov 14 – 11:00 am – St. Thomas – Funeral Mass for Janice Diemert

Saturday – Nov 15 – 5:00 pm – Mike Nelson by Missy Poulson

Sunday – Nov 16 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am – +Elieen Grommesh by Gary & Delores Grommesh

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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.

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