

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Upcoming Notes:

> For this week —

- A) At the beginning of this week each parish household in St. Leo's parish will be mailed their annual **Fall Raffle tickets**. As in the last number of years each parish household is being asked to either sell or buy a packet of 6 tickets with **each ticket costing \$20**. The money raised from the ticket sales goes toward the many facility projects that have been done over the last number of years. From 2008 to date we have spent nearly \$500,000 in improvement projects (*e.g. - front steps and new entry doors in 2011; new church lighting in 2013; update of Spirit of Life Center kitchen in 2017; new church parking lot in 2019; church painting and elevator replacement in 2020, etc.*). Your support of our Fall Raffle has enabled us to do these many worthwhile projects. **Your continual support of this year's raffle is deeply appreciated.**
- B) **Please note** — A number of local parishes are doing modified take-out food orders in place of their normal Fall Dinners. We would like to see if that could work for St. Leo's. Included in your packet of raffle tickets will be an order sheet for the **take-out of our famous cooked beef and gravy**. All such orders must be pre-paid and then picked up on Sunday morning, November 1<sup>st</sup> in the Spirit of Life Center. Details will be on the order sheet.
- C) On this Thursday – October 8<sup>th</sup> — I will begin a series of classes called **An Inquiry Class** at 7 p.m. in the large classroom in the lower level of St. Leo's church. Over the course of a number of classes an *Inquiry Class* attempts to explore the beliefs, teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. The world of religion is a vast, and can sometimes be a confusing enterprise. An *Inquiry Class* offers the opportunity for a person to get answers to many question he/she may have about the Catholic Church. This class is open to all interested persons! See the posters at the church entries. **Hope to see you on Thursday.**

> In two weeks —

#### A) KC breakfasts

October is usually the month that St. Leo's Knights of Columbus serve their first monthly breakfast. At the present time this does not look like a feasible opportunity given the precautions surrounding the ongoing pandemic.

**BUT** they are planning on selling **hot carmel and cinnamon rolls after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Your support of their efforts are deeply appreciated. The Knights do a marvelous job of supporting many local charities. The proceeds from this event would be directed towards *Coats for Kids*. The rolls would be sold in packets of either one or 4 rolls. Mark your calendars!!

#### Live-streaming St. Leo's Masses into the Spirit of Life Center

This past week we signed a contract to equip St. Leo's Church with the ability to broadcast Mass into the Spirit of Life Center when needed. We will keep you informed about the progress of this project.



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



## TWENTY– SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 4, 2020

### 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 Oct 4:

Mon - Oct 5 - 9:00 am - +Ed Mergner by Marian Watson

Tues - Oct 6 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +Fr. Loudon Flisk

*St. Leo's - NO MASS*

Wed - Oct 7 - 9:00 am - **Ron Browning** by Richard & Joanne Browning

Thurs - Oct 8 - 9:00 am - +**Lucille Matthey** by Marian Watson

Fri - Oct 9 - 9:00 am - +**Bruce Dooley** by Stan & Angeline Mathias

**Sat - Oct 10 - 5:00 pm - +John 'Jack' Ermer by Steve & Jane Metzger**

**Sun - Oct 11 - St. Leo's - 8:30 am - +Glennis Muscha by Richard & Janice Muscha**  
**St. Thomas - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

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**St. Thomas Directors:** Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

### 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

Sun., Oct 4 - 4:00 pm - RE 10<sup>th</sup> grade class meets in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Tues., Oct 6 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Wed., Oct 7 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas - Group B  
 Wed., Oct 7 - 6:30 pm - RE classes at St. Leo's - Group B, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm  
 6:15 pm - Junior class meets  
 Thurs., Oct 8 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith in large classroom in lower lever of church  
 Sun., Oct 11 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass following the current CDC COVID19 guidelines  
 Sun., Oct 18 - 11:30 am - KC Breakfast - cinnamon and caramel rolls take out  
 Tues., Oct 20 - 7:00 pm - 1st Reconciliation Parent meeting in the Spirit of Life center  
 Wed., Oct 28 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting in the Spirit of Life center

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Veronica Gill and family on the death of her husband, Don; to Angie Buhr and family on the death of her father, John Olinger and to Missy Poulson and Penny Zaun on the death of their nephew, Brian Pollock.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4*

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Oct 10</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 11</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 11</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Mark Voss                                                    | Shari Kensok                                               | Gary Milbrandt                                               |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Bill Franck                                                  | Mary Jendro                                                |                                                              |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Hayden Faleide<br>Sophie Scherweit                           | Sarah Kempel<br>Melody Kempel                              | Jami Vavra                                                   |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   | Arnie & Barb Buhr<br>Jackie Vavra                            |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   |                                                              |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Special prayers and blessings** to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:

**Don & Audrey Cramer - 50 years on Oct 9**  
**Ron & Lorraine Kensok - 67 years on Oct 17**  
**Marvin & Minnie Ries - 68 years on Oct 18**  
**Keith & Barb Marschke - 51 years on Oct 18**  
**Don & Mary Ellen Nilles - 55 years on Oct 23**

**Rosary Coast to Coast:** This October 11, Catholics of all ages across North America are uniting in prayer. Many will meet face to face in familiar locations. Others can participate in spirit. You are invited to join us in this extraordinary movement of prayer that is designed to mobilize and energize multi-generational groups of children and families. Rosary Coast to Coast will be anchored by the 5<sup>th</sup> annual National Rosary Rally in front of the US Capitol in Washington DC. Plan to join together across the country in praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Sunday, October 11 at 3:00pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church, West Fargo. Hosted by Court Holy Cross, Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

**Catholic Daughters to meet:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 pm, with meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 pm. St. Anthony's is requiring attendees to wear a mask and to follow social distancing guidelines. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Members are invited to bring food pantry donations. Call Peggy at 701-367-2190 with any questions.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42*

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!



### St. Leo's Knight of the Month

The Knight for the month of **October** is **Russel Muscha**. Thank you Russel for your dedication and the works you do for the KC's. It is greatly appreciated.

### Knights of Columbus Breakfast:

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be take out of cinnamon or caramel rolls. The rolls will be sold in packets of either one or 4 rolls. Proceeds will go to *Coats for Kids*.



### God's Gift Appeal 2020

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|            | <u>Goal</u> | <u>9/25/2020</u> |
| St. Leo's  | \$48,052    | \$44,035         |
| St. Thomas | \$10,884    | \$ 8,553         |

Thank you to all parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 God's Gift Appeal. Pledge cards and donations may be dropped off at the parish office and we will see they get to the Diocese.