

PASTOR'S NOTES

Two weeks and counting . . .

(on our time, talent and treasure)

Over the last few weeks St. Leo's parish has received a number of phone calls about the date and time of our Fall Dinner & Raffle. St. Leo's has developed a great tradition of having one of the best Fall Dinners around. We are looking forward to another great Fall Dinner & Raffle —

Sunday, October 31st from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This great tradition lives on because of the wonderful support offered and given by St. Leo's parishioners. Once again we will need your support *{time, talent & treasure}* in three (3) ways:

1) your sale of raffle tickets that you received in the mail, of which the proceeds go to defray the cost of capital improvement projects that are and have been done over the years (*e.g. - kitchen remodeling in Spirit of Life Center; painting of the church's interior; new sanctuary flooring, etc.*)

It is very helpful that raffle tickets get returned as soon as possible. It certainly makes things go more smoothly on the day of the Dinner and drawing.

2) your helpful hands & willing minds/bodies are needed:

a) in getting things ready for the Dinner on Friday and Saturday —

Friday — washing potatoes; Saturday morning — peeling and cutting potatoes; setting up the dining area

— see the sign-up sheets in the office hallway —

b) final preparations and the actual serving of the Fall Dinner meal —

cooking the potatoes, mashing the potatoes; preparing cole slaw & veggies; making and refilling coffee, water & lemonade; serving the roast beef; supervising the dessert table; filling Take-Out meal orders; washing pots & pans; running the dishwasher;

— see the sign-up sheets in the office hallway —

note: we ask our 10th through 12th graders to clean and reset dining room tables

c) additional tasks that need to be done —

people to sell meal tickets (and raffle tickets); host couples to direct guests and visitors; help to run the Country Store; assistance with the Silent Auction; parents to oversee 'kids games' in the church's lower level; clean up crew

— see the sign-up sheets in the office hallway —

note: we ask middle school students to help with 'kids games'

3) your gift of "goodies"

(a) nice desserts for our dessert table;

(b) crafts and homemade items for our Country Store;

(c) prize items for the 'Kids games' (*e.g.- 2 liter bottles of pop, cakes, small packages of carmel corn, etc.*)

— see the sign-up sheets in the office hallway —

Thank you in advance for your help and support!!
As the adage goes — "many hands make for light work"



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TWENTY– NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 17, 2021

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 17:

Mon - Oct 18 - 9:00 am - +**Janice Miller** by Bob Miller

Tues - Oct 19 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Souls in purgatory**

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Oct 20 - 9:00 am – +**Ernest Watson** by Marian Watson

Thurs - Oct 21 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS**

Fri - Oct 22 - 9:00 am - **Special intention** by Sandie Nystrom

Sat - Oct 23 - 5:00 pm - +Carl Nilles by Don & Mary Ellen Nilles

Sun - Oct 24 - St. Leo's - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Phyllis Biggers Gutzman by Keith & Joni Biggers

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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.

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Oct 17 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Tues., Oct 19 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting at the rectory  
 Wed., Oct 20 - **NO RE** classes at St. Thomas and St. Leo's  
 Sat., Oct 23 - Happy '72' Birthday Fr. Ermer!  
 Sun., Oct 24 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Tues., Oct 26 - 7:00 pm - **please note date change** - Social Concerns Committee meeting at the rectory  
 Wed., Oct 27 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory  
**Sun., Oct 31 - 11:00 am - 1:30 pm - St. Leo's Fall Dinner**  
 Sun., Oct 31 - 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Holy House at St. Leo's; come and meet the Saints  
 Sun., Oct 31 - 4:30 pm - All Saints Day/Holy Day Vigil Mass - St. Thomas  
 Mon., Nov 1 - 7:00 pm - All Saints Day/Holy Day Mass - St. Leo's  
 Sun., Nov 7 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." ~ Mark 10:45*

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Oct 23</b><br>5:00 pm<br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 24</b><br>8:30 am<br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 24</b><br>10:30 am<br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tony Roth                                             | Fred Eldridge                                       | Gary Milbrandt                                        |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Paulette Schmitt                                      | Denise Bartholomay                                  |                                                       |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Lilly Roth<br>Olivea Roth<br>Evelyn Roth              | Sarah Monilaws<br>Glennon Family                    | Carly Hovelson<br>Hannah Besette                      |
| <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>                            | Mark & Carmen Gubrud                                  |

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**Ron & Lorraine Kensok - 68 years on Oct 17**  
**Marvin & Minnie Ries - 69 years on Oct 18**  
**Keith & Barb Marschke - 52 years on Oct 18**  
**Larry & Penny Zaun - 50 years on Oct 23**  
**Don & Mary Ellen Nilles - 56 years on Oct 23**  
**Dennis & Kerry Radermacher - 53 years on Oct 26**

**Middle School Youth Rally:** The Diocese of Fargo is excited to announce the return of its annual Middle School Youth Rally, for grades 6, 7 & 8. Each year, youth from across the diocese come together for a day of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The theme for this year's rally is called *Relit* and will take place on Friday, October 22, 2021 at Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND. The rally will go from 9:30 am — 6:30 pm and will cost \$50/person.

NEW to the 2021 Youth Rally:

- 1) Praise and Worship Band
- 2) Recharge social break with inflatable games, obstacle courses, and other activities
- 3) High ropes course
- 4) Door prizes (grand prize: Apple Air pods)

To learn more about the youth rally please speak with Casey Garman at: [caseygarman@hotmail.com](mailto:caseygarman@hotmail.com) or (701)373-1531.

**Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages** will be held locally October 22 – 24, 2021 in Fargo. Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program assisting couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or call (701)356-7962.

**SEARCH Retreat for Youth and young adults:** Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up Nov., 5-7, 2021 at Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend. For more details and to apply online visit: [www.fargodiocese-search.org/home](http://www.fargodiocese-search.org/home) or call Dori at (952)210-2219. Applications are due no later than Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to David Schmidt and his family on the death of his brother, Steve.

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

**Medicare Part D** open enrollment runs October 15<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. If you or a loved one are 65 and older, it is recommended you review your Part D plan every year. Community of Care is booking appointments at their offices in Casselton (BankNorth Bank) and Arthur (inside the Arthur Mall). Call now to schedule your Part D appointment 347-0032. Masks are required for anyone attending an appointment.

**Save the Date:** Diocese of Fargo Redeemed Women's Conference 2022 will be held March 4-5, 2022 at the Delta by Marriot in Fargo. Watch future bulletins for more information.

**Missing baking dishes?** A number of baking dishes have accumulated during the last few weeks. They are available for pick up anytime on a table in the Spirit of Life Center.

**St. Thomas Church Annual Fall Drive:** St. Thomas 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.