

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### An upcoming 'action-packed' few days . . .

#### > Fri./Sat., Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (Fall Dinner Preparation)

Potatoes need to be washed {Friday late afternoon} and peeled and cut on Saturday morning as well as making gravy, cutting and preparing the roast beef, set-up of dining room set-up and Country Store.

#### > Sun., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> (Fall Dinner & Raffle) – 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This is St. Leo's only major fund-raising effort of the year. With 'all hands on deck' we will have another great year. This week's bulletin insert reminds us of remaining tasks to be done – selling/buying raffle tickets; volunteer slots still to be filled; remaining food items for our dessert table, kids games and country store. As the old adage goes – 'many hands make for light work'. Thanks for all you do!!

#### > Sun., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> (Halloween)

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to **St. Leo's Holy House from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** where the kids will meet some saints and be treated sweetly to some candy and treats {all thanks to the talents of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students}. Come and enjoy an All Hallowed Eve - the true meaning of Halloween. It promises to be a great time!!

#### > Sun./Mon., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> & Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> (Holy Day — All Saints Day)

All Saints Day is a Holy Day in the life of the Catholic Church. See bulletin for **Holy Day Mass times.**

#### > Tues., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> (All Souls Day)

A day of prayer set aside for deceased loved ones. Besides All Souls Day Mass at 9 a.m., at St. Thomas, there will be our annual **Prayer Service of Remembrance at 7 p.m.** at St. Leo's followed by a light social in the Spirit of Life Center. Join us in prayer! As the traditional prayer goes – *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Response: And let perpetual light shine upon them* –

### On mission (Mission Sunday)

94 years ago (October 1927) the first world-wide Mission Sunday collection was taken up by Catholics throughout the whole world. This Sunday (October 24<sup>th</sup>) will be this year's Mission Sunday Collection.

The money collected supports almost 1200 dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific islands, and remote regions in Latin America and is distributed by the Church's Society for the Propagation of the Faith. All of this is in keeping with what is known as Christ's '**Great Commission**' as he ascended into heaven and said, "Go, therefore, teach all nation baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." [Mt. 28:19]

The needs of these mission dioceses are vast and calls forth the resources of all Catholics to help our brothers and sisters who yearn for the 'Good News' and the gifts of Gospel living. Through the missionary works of priests and religious communities the Gospel is being proclaimed, chapels/churches and orphanages are being built, dioceses are being formed, seminaries are opening, catechetical resources are being dispersed – often in lands that have long suppressed the Christian faith.

From the time of Christ to this day the Church is on mission to the whole world. That is the very meaning of the word – **catholic**, i.e. to be universal, to take the Gospel to all parts of the world, to share the gift of salvation with all people. All of us are called to be missionaries. **By our support of the Mission Sunday collection we become 'co-missionaries' with those on the front lines of bringing Christ to the nations.** Your envelopes for this collection are found in your packet of Sunday envelopes. Thank you for your support.



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347-4609

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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 24, 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 24:

Mon - Oct 25 - 9:00 am - +**Marie Hong Tran** by Lisa Tran

Tues - Oct 26 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Vernon Pfeifer** by Joe & Lora Killoran

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Oct 27 - 9:00 am – +**Fr. Bernard Bachmeier**

Thurs - Oct 28 - 9:00 am - +**Lois Myers** by Marian Watson

Fri - Oct 29 - 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**

**Sat - Oct 30 - 5:00 pm - +Lois Sinner**

**Sun - Oct 31 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

**St. Leo's - 10:30 am - +Leonard Brandenburg by Jim & Paulette Schmitt**

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**St. Leo's Directors:** Mark Rehovsky & Dave Glennon

**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 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 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas  
 Wed., Oct 27 - 6:30 pm - St. Leo's RE classes; Simple Supper at 6 pm  
     K/1<sup>st</sup> grades - Group B meets  
     6:15 pm - Junior class meets  
 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 - Halloween 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  
 Tues., Nov 2 - 7:00 pm - All Souls Day Remembrance service at St. Leo's, refreshments after

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." ~ Mark 10:52*

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Oct 30</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 31</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><b>St. Thomas</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 31</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tony Roth                                                    | Larry Zaun                                                  | Darcee Rehovsky                                             |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Delores Grommesh                                             |                                                             | Mark Rehovsky                                               |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Nikita Howard<br>Ben Metzger                                 | Jami Vavra<br>Abigail Killoran                              | Paris/Parker Mack<br>Alex/Daniel Sullivan                   |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Arnie & Barb Buhr<br>Jackie Vavra                           | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Darren Halland Family                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |

## NEWS AND NOTES

### All Saints Day - Holy Day Mass Schedule:

Sun., Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - 4:30 pm - St. Thomas in Buffalo  
 Mon., Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 pm - St. Leo's in Casselton  
No 9 am Mass at St. Leo's on Mon., Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

**Evening of Remembrance:** Join us on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm for a prayer service remembering those who have died this past year. During the service we will remember them by praying for them and inviting you to light a candle in their honor. Anyone who has had a family member, relative or friend pass away this past year or in the years past is invited to attend. An informal social will follow in the Spirit of Life Center following the service.

**Book of Remembrance:** Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a Book of Remembrance in the church entry. We invite you to write down the name of your deceased loved ones and we will pray for them at daily Masses during the month of November.

**Black and Indian Mission collection:** Each year parishes in the Diocese of Fargo, participate in six national collections. Sunday, **November 21<sup>st</sup>** is designated as *Black and Indian Mission* collection. This collection provides funds for evangelization and other programs for Native American and African-American Catholics. The envelope for this collection can be found with your regular collection envelopes. Please consider giving generously.



### Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission:

Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. There is a wonderful selection for all occasions available for purchase. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.



### Knights of Columbus

**Breakfast:** Serving French toast and sausage Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering.

**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 recommend 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.