

PASTOR'S NOTES

Last Chance —

This Sunday (October 25th) is the last day that people can put in their order for **Take-out of Roast Beef and gravy** for pick-up next Sunday [Nov. 1st] after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All orders must be prepaid. Order forms were mailed out to parishioners, but envelopes may also be found in St. Leo's main church entry way. **On another note: St. Leo's raffle tickets need to be turned in by 11:30 a.m. next Sunday, November 1st for the drawing at 12 noon!!!**

Nov. 1st & 2nd – different, but deeply connected, days

On November 1st and November 2nd the Church celebrates two different, but very deeply connected, faith realities.

Both of these days remind us that death will come to all of us. **What happens at death is not the same for everyone.** At the very moment of death a particular judgement will be rendered on each person's life:

- (1) "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ" in **heaven** (CCC 1023);
- (2) "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" (CCC 1030) undergo purification in **Purgatory** so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven {Rev. 21:27};
- (3) For those who "die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love ... remaining separated from him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive Self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called **hell** ." (CCC 1033)

November 1st celebrates All Saints Day, which is one of the five Holy Days in the United States. . On the church calendar many days are designated as days of particular saints (e.g. - October 4th – St. Francis of Assisi; November 10th – St. Leo the Great; July 5th – St. Thomas the Apostle, etc.). But All Saints Day acknowledges there are many more saints than those officially recognized or listed on the church calendar. On November 1st we celebrate and seek the intercession of all holy men and women who live in heaven and the blessedness of God.

On the other hand, **November 2nd (All Souls Day)** is a day set aside for us to pray for deceased loved ones undergoing the purification of Purgatory. It is our offering of Masses, prayers and almsgiving that assist them in being purified from their vestiges of sin and help them attain their final glory of heavenly life and the beatific vision of God.

Both of these days (Nov. 1st and 2nd) acknowledge what the Apostles' Creed calls the 'communion of saints', which is another name for the Church. **The Church is comprised of three states of being: (1) we, living on earth; (2) the saints in heaven; (3) the souls in purgatory.** Because the Church is One there is a sharing of spiritual goods among these three states of the Church. We seek the intercession of those already in heaven (the saints) while they are always praying for us, and we offer prayers and alms for loved ones in purgatory who are constantly seeking and desiring our spiritual help. The Church as the 'communion of saints' is both a communion and a sharing in holy things and among holy persons.

This year **Masses for All Saints Day [Nov. 1st]** will be our regular Sunday weekend Mass schedule.

On **All Souls Day [Monday, November 2nd]** St. Leo's will have daily Mass at 9 a.m. and host an Evening Prayer Remembrance Service at 7 p.m. All who have lost a loved one – *this year or in years gone by* – are invited to attend this Remembrance Service. Praying for the living and the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. The service will be followed by a reception in the Spirit of Life Center.



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 25, 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 25:

Mon - Oct 26 - 9:00 am - +Ernest Watson by Marian Watson

Tues - Oct 27 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - NO MASS

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Oct 28 - 9:00 am - ++John & Mary Ermer

Thurs - Oct 29 - 9:00 am - +Brian Pollock by Missy Poulson

Fri - Oct 30 - 9:00 am - +Kenny Habiger by Mary Kempel

Sat - Oct 31 - 5:00 pm - +Kathy Ahonen by Keith & Barb Marschke

Sun - Nov 1 - All Saints Day - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Joy Kilen by Keith & Joni Biggers
St. Leo's - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes

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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 25 – 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass following current CDC COVID19 guidelines  
 Wed., Oct 28 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas - Group B  
 Wed., Oct 28 - 6:30 pm - RE classes at St. Leo's - Group B, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm  
 6:15 pm - Junior class meets  
 Wed., Oct 28 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting in the Spirit of Life center  
 Thurs., Oct 29 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith in large classroom in lower level of church  
 Sat., Oct 31 - 10:00 am - Deacon Ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo  
 Mon., Nov 2 - 7:00 pm - All Souls Day Remembrance service at St. Leo's  
 Tues., Nov 3 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting in the Spirit of Life center  
 Wed., Nov 4 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas - Group A  
 6:30 pm - Re classes at St. Leo's - Group A, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm  
 6:15 pm - Senior class meets  
 Thurs., Nov 5 - 7:00 pm - Inquiry Class on the Catholic Faith in large classroom in lower level of church  
 Tues., Nov 10 - 7:00 pm - Education committee meeting in the Spirit of Life Center

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Bob Miller and his family on the death of his wife, Janice; to Jane Christiansen on the death of her uncle, David Mulfinger and to Adam Gunkel on the death of his grandmother, Margaret Gunderson.

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

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|                                                                                    | Saturday Oct 31<br>5:00 pm<br>St. Leo's<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sat of the Month | Sunday Nov 1<br>8:30 am<br>St. Thomas | Sunday Nov 1<br>10:30 am<br>St. Leo's<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sun of the Month |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tony Roth                                                                   | Keith Biggers                         | Anna Garman<br>Gavin Oberlander                                           |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Delores Grommesh                                                            |                                       | Jerry Volk                                                                |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Volunteers needed                                                           | Carly Hovelson                        | Addison Hushka<br>Lucas Miller<br>Andy or Anthony Garman                  |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | Volunteers needed                                                           | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                | Volunteers needed                                                         |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | Volunteers needed                                                           |                                       | Volunteers needed                                                         |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Evening of Remembrance:** Join us on Monday, November 2nd 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 years past is invited to attend. An informal social will follow in the Spirit of Life Center (*following the current CDC COVID19 guidelines*).

**Book of Remembrance:** Beginning November 1st 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 the daily Masses during the month of November.

**Medicare Part D** open enrollment runs 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. In 2020, Community of Care is providing appointments only in our offices in Casselton (BankNorth Bank) and Arthur (inside the Arthur Mall) where we can control the environment by cleaning and sanitizing. Call now to schedule your Part D appointment 347-0032. Masks are required for anyone attending an appointment.



### Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission:

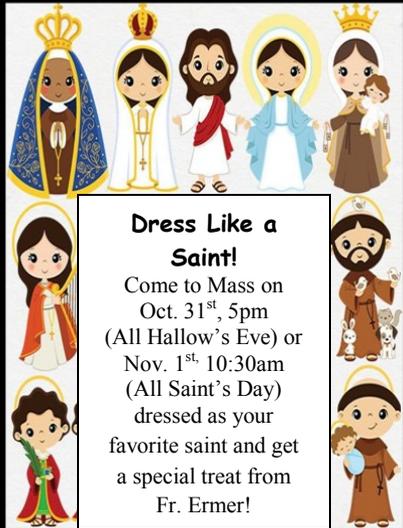
Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. Cost of cards is .50 cents, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.



**Daylight Savings Time Ends:** Remember to turn your clocks back next weekend. Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Catholic Charities North Dakota Sunday:** During this weekend's Masses (October 24-25) a short video will be shown highlighting clients, staff and supporters as to how they are adapting to reach those in need during the pandemic. This year there has been an increased need for charity and other services, so they especially need our support. For more information about Catholic Charities and their programs please visit:

[www.CatholicCharitiesND.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesND.org)



**Dress Like a Saint!**  
 Come to Mass on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 5pm (All Hallow's Eve) or Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am (All Saint's Day) dressed as your favorite saint and get a special treat from Fr. Ermer!

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." - Matthew 22:21*

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.