

PASTOR'S NOTES

Front steps of the church

This past week we finished fixing the front steps of St. Leo's church. Over the past couple of years the steps had begun to show signs of concrete deterioration and some leakage into the room below. The concrete deterioration was patched and allowed to cure. Then the steps were power-washed before a primer coat of epoxy sealant was applied. This was followed by two other coats of paint sealant. The last coat has aggregate mixed with it so as to reduce any slipping.

All in all the project turned out well.

Endowment funds for St. Leo's and St. Thomas

Like last year and in the near future each parish household will receive a letter from the Diocese of Fargo soliciting parishioner support of the endowment funds that have been set up to permanently support our parishes into the future. These funds are managed by the Catholic Development Foundation of the Diocese of Fargo with no handling or processing fees of any kind. Each year the parish receives 5% of the five-year rolling average from our parish endowment for parish operations.

In turn, each donor is eligible for generous federal and state tax considerations (e.g. 40% tax credit). I highly encourage parishioners to check out this form of giving with your tax advisor. From last year's mailing St. Leo's received over \$18,000 in endowment funds. Presently St. Leo's has \$85,000 in permanently endowed funds and St. Thomas has a little over \$10,000 in permanently endowed funds. Again your parish support is deeply appreciated.

Receiving Communion ...

... Communion to the Sick and homebound

Going to Mass and receiving Communion is the most central act of worship and stands at the heart of a Catholic's spiritual life. For this reason the sacrament of Eucharist is called the Blessed Sacrament. In receiving Communion we understand this means that we enter into communion with both God and fellow believers. Eucharist is the 'food' that enables us to fulfill the great commandment of loving God and neighbor. Of all the many times Eucharist is celebrated, Sunday Mass holds pride of place. Every Sunday is a celebration of the Lord's Resurrection on the 'first day of the week'. In our Communion with the Lord, we share in his victory over death.

From this understanding — the Church feels a special responsibility to those who are absent from Sunday Mass because of disease or illness and find themselves homebound or in the hospital.

It is a special privilege to bring Communion to those who find themselves in such circumstances. The Eucharist, which is the sacrament of unity, celebrates a completeness that is otherwise lacking when those who are sick and homebound are not with us, especially at Sunday Mass.

Bringing Communion to the sick, the homebound and the hospitalized measures both the faith of the homebound, who knows their need for the Lord, as well as the faith of the local parish in their solemn responsibility and privilege of bringing the Lord to those brothers and sisters who could not be with us at the Table of the Lord.

Again!! – please never hesitate to call the parish to receive Communion when you or a loved one finds themselves sick and homebound.



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TWENTY– SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 3, 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 3:

Mon - Oct 4 - 9:00 am - **Alexandra Kieffer** by Jim & Arlene Kieffer

Tues - Oct 5 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **+Randy Pfeifer** by Joe & Lora Killoran

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Oct 6 - 9:00 am – **+Fr. John Fallon**

Thurs - Oct 7 - 9:00 am - **+Donald Mergner** by Marian Watson

Fri - Oct 8 - 9:00 am - **+Souls in purgatory**

Sat - Oct 9 - 5:00 pm - +Lois Sinner

Sun - Oct 10 - St. Leo's - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Harold Kasowski by Becky Elbert

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St. Thomas Directors: Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

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 3 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in Spirit of Life Center  
 Wed., Oct 6 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas  
 Wed., Oct 6 - 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  
 Sun., Oct 10 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Tues., Oct 12 - 7:00 pm - **Please note date change** - Social Concerns Committee meeting at the rectory  
 Thurs., Oct 14 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Sun., Oct 17 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Tues., Oct 19 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting at the rectory  
 Sun., Oct 24 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Wed., Oct 27 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." ~ Genesis 2:19*

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Oct 9</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 10</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 10</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Mark Voss                                                   | Shari Kensok                                               | Alecia Killoran                                              |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Bill Franck                                                 | Terry Kensok                                               |                                                              |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Sophie/Emma Scherweit<br>Addison/Noah Hushka                | Sarah/Melody Kempel<br>Mikaela Prochnow                    | Hallie Besette<br>Claire Halland                             |
| <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>                                   | Keith Biggers Family                                         |

## 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 - 51 years on Oct 9**  
**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.

**Catholic Daughters Rosary Coast to Coast:** This October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 Catholic Daughters of the Americas at **Holy Cross Catholic Church, West Fargo on Sunday, October 10 at 3:00 pm** 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 6<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. Hosted by Holy Cross #2718 Catholic Daughters of the Americas.



**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** Serving Pancakes and sausage today, Sunday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering, Proceeds to benefit Coats for Kids.

All are invited to an  
**Open House**  
 celebrating

**Bea Bachmeier's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

Please join the Bachmeier family on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 4 pm in the Spirit of Life Center.

*This event is hosted by her children and they ask that you follow the recommended COVID CDC guidelines for indoor gatherings which is to wear a mask for the safety of all who are present.*

We look forward to seeing you there.  
*NO gifts please.*

**Catholic Daughters to Meet:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 PM; meal to follow (Unit 2 serving) and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food pantry donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com).

**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.