

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., Oct 27 – 6:30 pm – 1st Confirmation Parent meeting in the Spirit of Life center
 Mon., Oct 27 – 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory
 Tues., Oct 28 – 7:00 pm – Liturgy Committee meeting at the rectory
 Wed., Oct 29 – RE classes – see schedule below
 Thurs., Oct 30 – 7:00 pm – Inquiry Class on the Catholic faith in lower level of St. Leo's church
 Fri., Oct 31 – 5:30 pm – St. Thomas – All Saints Day Vigil Mass
 Sat., Nov 1 – 9:00 am – St. Leo's – All Saints Holy Day Mass
 Sun., Nov 2 – 11:00 am - 1:30 pm – St. Leo's Annual Fall Dinner
 Sun., Nov 2 – 7:00 pm– All Souls Day Remembrance Service at St. Leo's; reception to follow

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Oct. 29th


St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo's RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
 Grades K- 5, 7, 8, 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Grades 6 & 9 – Class A — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
 11th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm



St. Thomas Ladies Aid 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. Thank you.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Nov 1 5:00 pm St. Leo's	Sunday Nov 2 8:30 am St. Thomas	Sunday Nov 2 10:30 am St. Leo's
Lector	Lois Titus Megan Bolda	Jackie Vavra	Karren Bartholomay
Eucharistic Ministers	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Cynthia Comprendio Kristi Hovelson	Kristi Dutchuk Jared Nelson Nicole Scherweit Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler
Altar Servers	Richard Family Lako Family Bolda Family	Hallie Besette Tucker Killoran	Olivia Garman James/Isaac Diemert
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Gary & Linda Milbrandt	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Carter Norrie Family	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Lead Rosary	Lucy Wagner		Volunteer needed

NEWS AND NOTES

All Saints Day - Holy Day Mass Schedule:

Fri., Oct 31st - 5:30 pm - St. Thomas in Buffalo
 Sat., Nov 1st - 9:00 am - St. Leo's in Casselton

Join us to sing from the choir loft! "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, November 16th** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome to sing. **Gentlemen, we need you too!** We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #47, #677, #572, #462, #586. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand.

All Soul's Day Evening of Remembrance: Join us on Sunday, 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 the year's past is invited to attend. An informal social will follow in the Spirit of Life Center after the service.

Reigniting Our Faith: An Evening for Catholic Women to connect with other Catholic Women – Sunday, November 9th from 3:45 pm to 7:30 pm, meal included, at Maryvale, 11550 River Road, Valley City, ND. Cost is \$25 per person and seating is limited. Guest Speaker is Msgr. David Bamgartner from the Crookston Diocese. This evening is intended to help women leave feeling excited about our faith and knowing we can live our faith daily. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for timeline of event and how to register. Registration & Payment deadline is Sunday, November 2.



Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 2nd. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour next weekend.

Medicare Part D open enrollment begins on Wednesday, October 15th and runs through December 5th. Community of Care provides assistance with reviewing your Medicare Part D, appointments are needed for this service. To schedule an appointment please call Community of Care at (701)347-0032.

Community of Care is in need of Transportation Volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments within the FM area. To volunteer please call Natalie at (701)347-0032 or email at: Natalie@communityofcarend.com

Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart - Women's Healing Retreat: November 20-22, 2025: Join us for the Undone Women's Conference, where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty, and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are "undone" through Mary's model of radical receptivity. Presented by the John Paul II Healing Center, this event will be held at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo. The retreat is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online for either experience at <https://fargodiocese.net/undone> Registration opens August 18. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts are available. Contact JPIIretreatFargoND@gmail.com for more information.

This week's Stewardship moment:

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."~ Luke 18:14

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Holy Day — *our best friends*

November 1st is the Holy Day of All Saints!! It is really the celebration of our best friends who think the most of us and pray the best for all of us. They are part of the Communion of saints that make up the Church along with believers on earth and the souls in purgatory. Throughout the church year our calendar is dotted with the names of many saints (*e.g.* - *St. Leo the Great [November 10]*; *St. Thomas the Apostle [July 3]*; *St. Francis of Assisi [October 4]*). But All Saints Day acknowledges there are more saints than those officially recognized (canonized) on the church calendar (*i.e.*, *possibly deceased family and friends*).

Of all the members that make up the Church, saints have *'the best of seats'* – they bask in the glory of God; they see God face -to- face; they possess the best of what is; they love nothing more than for us to seek their intercession for the many needs in our lives, especially religious and spiritual. **They are the best of friends – let us celebrate them !**

Holy Day Masses are as follows:

- > 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31st at St. Thomas in Buffalo
- > 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 1st at St. Leo's in Casselton

Random Notes:

> *Thank you* —

for the many greetings, cards and gifts on the occasion of my 76th birthday this past Thursday.

> *Catholic Charities North Dakota envelopes* —

Catholic Charities North Dakota (CCND) is the organization of the Catholic Church tasked with doing the charity work of the Catholic Church that is beyond the reach of any one parish. Presently Catholic Charities serves as guardian for hundreds of vulnerable adults and intellectually disabled persons; seek to find *'forever homes'* for hundreds of children who find themselves in foster care; walk with and care for those who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy; does the 'foot work' and makes the necessary arrangements for the adoption of children by parents unable to have children; faith-based counseling for families, couples and individuals. Beyond their other funding sources CCND stills needs to fund raise \$500,000 each year to do their work. **Your support is deeply appreciated!** If you have not already done so, there are special envelopes at the back of the Church for your help and support of this most precious work.

> *Fall Dinner help still needed!!!!*

We are still in need of Fall Dinner help to — *{see sign-up sheets}*

- + cut meat on Saturday morning - could use **2 people**
- + mash potatoes - could use **4 people**
- + prepare coleslaw - could use **2 people in one of two shifts**
- + make coffee, lemonade - could use **3 people in one of two shifts**
- + serve meat - could use **3 people in one of two shifts**
- + help with take-out meals - could use **2 people**
- + need home-made desserts & pumpkin pies (see sign-up sheets)
- + wash pots & pans - could use **3 people over two shifts**
- + run dishwasher - could use **3 people in one of two shifts**
- + help with clean-up {the more, the merrier!}



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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



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 26, 2025

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 26:

Mon – Oct 27 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory

Tues – Oct 28 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +Ray Killoran by Joe & Lora Killoran

NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo's

Wed – Oct 29 – 9:00 am – +Shirley Marek by Monica Qvale

Thurs – Oct 30 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory

Fri – Oct 31 – 9:00 am – +Leonard Brandenburg by Paulette Schmitt

Fri – Oct 31 – 5:30 pm – St. Thomas– All Saints Day Vigil Mass

Sat – Nov 1 – 9:00 am – St. Leo's– All Saints Day Mass

Saturday – Nov 1 – 5:00 pm – +Mary Ann Waxler by Her children

Sunday – Nov 2 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Richard Bemis by Keith & Joni Biggers

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

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St. Leo's Directors: Dave Glennon & Micah Bartholomay

St. Thomas Directors: Gary Milbrandt & Flint Kasowski

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

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 or by appointment.

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Please join in praying the Rosary  
25 minutes before the Saturday evening  
and Sunday morning Mass times.