

PASTOR’S NOTES

An Action-packed week

- > **Tues., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> (Halloween)**  
~ regular 9 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo
- > **Wed., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints Day)**  
~ **no** 9 a.m. Mass at St. Leo’s;  
~ **no** Religious Education (RE) classes at either St. Thomas and St. Leo’s;  
~ **5:30 p.m. – Holy Day Mass at St. Thomas** in Buffalo;  
~ **7:00 p.m. – Holy Day Mass at St. Leo’s** in Casselton; Come meet the saints! Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will come dressed as a saint. *Anyone (and especially our ‘young ones’) are encouraged to come dressed as a saint.* After Mass everyone is invited into Spirit of Life Center to hear a little about our saints and receive a ‘sweet treat’. The word Halloween comes from *All Hallowed Eve*, which is the evening/night before celebrating All Saints Day. It is in that spirit we invite you to meet our saints. It promises to be a good time!!
- > **Thurs., Nov.2nd (All Souls Day)**  
A day of prayer set aside for deceased loved ones. Besides All Souls Day Mass at 9 a.m., there will be our annual **Prayer Service of Remembrance at 7 p.m.** for all loved ones who have died over the years. As a special remembrance of those who have died in this past year, we invite a family member to name their ‘loved one’ and light a remembrance candle in their memory during the Remembrance Prayer Service. The prayer service is 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. And let perpetual light shine upon them –*
- > **Fri., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> (Fall Dinner preparation)**  
~ 5:00 p.m. – washing potatoes to be peeled on Saturday morning in Spirit of Life Center kitchen
- > **Sat. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> (Fall Dinner preparation)**  
~ 8:00 a.m. – peeling & cutting potatoes for cooking;  
~ 10:00 a.m. – cut & prepare meat as well as make gravy at Central Cass High School kitchen;  
~ 10:00 a.m. – set up dining room in Spirit of Life Center
- > **Sun., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> (Fall Dinner & Raffle) – 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
This is St. Leo’s only major fundraising effort of the year. With ‘*all hands on board*’ 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 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!!

Birthday thank-you

Thank you for the many birthday greetings and gifts that came my way this past week. I turned 74 on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Birthdays are milestone events and it is always appreciated to be acknowledged on such events. Again – many thanks and blessings!!



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
October 29, 2023

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 29:

- Mon - Oct 30 – 9:00 am – +**Leonard Brandenburg** by Jim & Paulette Schmitt  
Tues - Oct 31 – St. Thomas– 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**  
**Wed - Nov 1 - 5:30 pm - St. Thomas - All Saints Day/Holy Day Mass**  
**Wed – Nov 1 – 7:00 pm– St. Leo’s - All Saints Day/Holy Day Mass- +Fr. Armand Brooks**  
Thurs – Nov 2 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**  
**Thurs - Nov 2 - 7:00 pm - All Souls Remembrance Service at St. Leo’s**  
Fri – Nov 3 – 9:00 am – +**Linus Kensok** by Ann Faught  
**Sat - Nov 4 – 5:00 pm - +Russel Muscha by Ken & Bonnie Muscha**  
**Sun - Nov 5 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Matt Wipf 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*  
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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.

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

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., Nov 1 - **NO** Religious Education Classes at St. Leo's or St. Thomas  
**Wed., Nov 1 - 5:30 pm - All Saints Day/Holy Day Vigil Mass at St. Thomas**  
**Wed., Nov 1 - 7:00 pm - All Saints Day/Holy Day Mass at St. Leo's**  
**Thurs., Nov 2 - 7:00 pm - All Souls Day Remembrance Service at St. Leo's; reception to follow**  
**Sun., Nov 5 - 11:00 am to 1:30 pm - St. Leo's Fall Dinner serving Roast Beef**  
Mon., Nov 13 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy Committee meeting at the rectory  
Wed., Nov 15 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory  
Sun., Nov 19 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center

**This week's Eucharistic Reflection Question:** *What are the fruits of the Eucharist?* ~ CCC 1391-1397

**St. Thomas Parish Annual Fall Drive:** St. Thomas is once again asking their parishioners to participate in 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.



**Reminder:** Daylight savings time ends next weekend Sunday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clocks back one hour!

| Upcoming Ministry Schedule   |   |  |   |
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|                              | <b>Saturday Nov 4<br/>5:00 pm<br/>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday Nov 5<br/>8:30 am<br/>St. Thomas</b> | <b>Sunday Nov 5<br/>10:30 am<br/>St. Leo's</b>                                    |
| <i>Lector</i>                | Megan Bolda                                     | Judy Von Bank                                  | Mallory Poulson   |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> | Lucy Wagner<br>Alex Richard                     | Penny Zaun<br>Joni Biggers                     | Kristi Dutchuk<br>Nicole Scherweit<br>Pam Spooner<br>Lucas Steckler<br>Mark Weber |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>         | Ethan/Olivia Richard<br>Tristan/Ignatius Lako   | Gavin Besette<br>Hallie Besette                | James Diemert<br>Garman Family  |
| <i>Offertory Collectors</i>  | Volunteers needed                               | Gary & Linda Milbrandt                         | Volunteers needed   |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>          | Volunteers needed                               | Marvin & Minnie Ries                           | Volunteers needed   |
| <i>Lead Rosary</i>           | Lucy Wagner                                     |  | Anna Garman   |

NEWS AND NOTES

**All Saints Day - Holy Day Mass Schedule:**  
Wed., Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - 5:30 pm - St. Thomas in Buffalo  
Wed., Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 pm - St. Leo's in Casselton  
**NO** 9 am Mass at St. Leo's on Wed., Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Don Nilles and his family on the death of his brother-in-law, Leroy Dauner.  
*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4*

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** “Choir Sunday” will be will be **Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is welcome. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10am that day to run through these songs: #691, #472, #439, #582. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fargo Diocese Parish Musicians Workshop:** “Sacred Music, Popular Piety and the Parish Musician” **November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>** at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church, Fargo. Includes time for prayer and Mass, music rehearsal, singing in choir for Mass, breakout sessions. For more information and how to register please see the flyer on the bulletin board or go to: [www.fargodiocese.org/sacredmusic](http://www.fargodiocese.org/sacredmusic) \$50 registration: includes food and materials. Students are free.

**The Presentation Prayer Center** will hold a fundraiser on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 -11:00 am at the Sanctuary Events Center. Prakash Mathew, award-winning author and F-M Senior of the Year, will present “When Called to Lead, We Are Called to Serve: How Do We Respond?” Tickets are \$40, available from Eventbrite.com or the Prayer Center (701-532-0610). Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information and how to purchase tickets.



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**St. Leo's Knight of the Month:**  
The Knight for the month of **October** is in memory of **Greg Kempel**. Thank you Greg for all you do for the KC's. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

**Made for More:** World renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione are coming to Sts. Anne and Joachim Church (5202 25th St S, Fargo) on **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. Through live music, art and a dynamic presentation, the event unfolds the deepest questions the human heart hungers for: Why am I here? What is the purpose of my life? Where am I going? For more information about the event, or to purchase tickets, go to: <https://m4mfargo.eventbrite.com/> Tickets are \$25. Information is also available on the bulletin board in the church entry.

**Theology of the Body and the Eucharist:** Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo. Christopher West will present a daylong seminar on how the Theology of the Body provides a lens to understand and encounter the Eucharist in a way that is both profound and transformative. The cost is \$50 and lunch is provided. Questions or for more information and how to register contact Brad Gray at (701)356-7903 or visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter)

**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 22:37*  
Do you put other “gods” before God? Is you love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.