

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., Oct 8 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory
 Wed., Oct 9 - RE Classes — see below
 Sun., Oct 20 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in Spirit of Life Center, French toast & sausage
 Thurs., Oct 31 - 5:30 pm - St. Thomas– All Saints Day/Holy Day Vigil Mass
 Fri., Nov 1 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo's– All Saints Day/Holy Day Mass
 Sat., Nov 2 - 5:00 pm - St. Leo's– Mass and All Soul's Day Rememberance Service
Sun., Nov 3 - 11:00 am– 1:30 pm - St. Leo's Fall Dinner


Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Oct. 9

St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo's RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
 Grades K & 3 — (5:15 pm session); (6:30 pm session)
 Grades 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Grade 5 - Class B and 11th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

The Rosary is prayed before each weekend Mass at St. Leo's. **We are in need of persons to lead the rosary** on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. This would be about 20 minutes before the 10:30am Masses on these days. Call the parish office if you can help.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Oct 12 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i>	Sunday Oct 13 8:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i>	Sunday Oct 13 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
Lector	Mark Voss	Shari Kensok	Keith Biggers
Eucharistic Ministers	Lori Howard Bill Franck	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faught Mary Jendro Susan Kempel Paul Olsen	Joe Killoran Kristi Hovelson
Altar Servers	Addison Hushka Noah Hushka Payton Neumann	Melody Kempel Quinn/Riley Gunkel Emma Rupp	Carly Hovelson Claire Halland
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Arnie & Barb Buhr Jackie Vavra
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Frank & Laura Biggers
Lead Rosary	Richard Muscha	Deb Werner	

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 - 54 years on Oct 9
Ron & Lorraine Kensok - 71 years on Oct 17
Keith & Barb Marschke - 55 years on Oct 18
Ken & Ida Breidenbach - 59 years on Oct 23
Don & Mary Ellen Nilles - 59 years on Oct 23
Dennis & Kerry Radermacher - 56 years on Oct 26

Rosary Rally at St. Anthony's Church: (710 10th St S, Fargo) Join us to pray the rosary for our Blessed Mother's intercession on **Saturday, October 12th at 10:30 am** in the Marian Grotto (north end of parking lot). In case of inclement weather, the rosary rally will be held in the church. All are welcome to join.

Join us to sing from the choir loft! "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, October 20th** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is to sing. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #560, #479, #405, #417, #529. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

Upcoming Fall Dinners:

Please see the flyers on the bulletin board for more details.

Sun., Oct 13– St. Agnes Church– Hunter, ND– 11 am– 2 pm - Turkey Dinner
 Sun., Oct 13– Canaan Moravian Church– **Take Out Only** - 4 pm - 7 pm - Turkey Dinner– See flyer for ordering
 Sun., Oct 13– Holy Spirit Church– Fargo– 10 am– 1:30 pm - Pork Dinner
 Sun., Oct 13– Holy Trinity Church– Fingal, ND– 11 am - 1:30 pm - Turkey Dinner
 Sun., Oct 20– Holy Cross Church– West Fargo– 10 am– 1:30 pm - Yankee Pot Roast/Baked Chicken Tenderloins

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 in 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.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast: Serving French toast and sausage **Sunday, October 20th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Council 9477 Center. Free will offering. Proceeds will benefit Coats for Kids.



Passing on the Faith to Children/Teens:

Have you ever wondered how to *best* support children/teens on their journey of life and faith. Join us on **Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 pm, at St. Anthony's** Catholic Church, Fargo, where Sister Mary Michael Fox, OP, author of *Following God's Pedagogy*, will discuss forming the mind and heart of the child, and ultimately leading them into a deeper relationship with Christ and a life of discipleship. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, newly married, Catechist, director of religious education, CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) teacher or someone who loves children, this content is for you. Please RSVP to april@stanthonyfargo.org or call 701-237-6063 so we can plan accordingly.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Wounded, called to Integration

Each Fall the priests of the Diocese of Fargo gather for 3 days for a time of prayer, fellowship, formation aimed at developing our priestly lives, and time to review diocesan matters and concerns. This time is called **Presbyterate Days** and was held this past Monday through Wednesday noon at our Maryvale Retreat Center at Valley City.

This year's formation topic centered on the topic being called to live integrated lives of happy, healthy and holy priests. In order to do that well we probed the sufferings and wounds that can arise in our daily lives. Our presenters spoke of six (6) sufferings and seven (7) wounds.

The suffering of *discouragement* can lead to despair; the suffering of *loneliness* can lead to isolation; the suffering of *non-existence* can lead to worthlessness; the suffering of *compassion-fatigue* can lead to burn-out; the suffering of *doubt* can lead to anger, resentment and gossip; the suffering of *shame* can lead to pride and clericalism.

In turn, these kinds of sufferings can produce wounds in our lives. Left unattended, wounds become infectious and lead us to have false beliefs about life in general out of which we make false vows in terms of living and leading others.

The presenters named the following wounds: **(1) abandonment** {I am all alone; no one cares or understands me}; **(2) fear** {I am afraid; if I trust I will be hurt}; **(3) shame** {I am bad or stupid; because of what happened I will never recover}; **(4) powerlessness** {I can't change; I am too small or weak}; **(5) rejection** {I am not loved, wanted nor desired}; **(6) hopelessness** {things will never get better; I just want to die}; **(7) confusion** {I don't understand what is happening}.

An integrated life means having self knowledge of oneself as a relationship between God, myself and others. Once a person has proper self knowledge one accepts oneself and takes possession of his/her gifts, strengths and weaknesses. In turn a person can give oneself as self-gift.

Obviously Presbyterate Days are directed towards priest, but these insights into sufferings and wounds can be seen in all of lives and today's cultural malaise. It seems the more we put ourselves out of contact with God the more our mental and social lives will suffer and be wounded. From there we will formulate false beliefs and make false oaths by enslaving ourselves to self-reliance, personal autonomy, technological solutions, etc., etc. etc.

Integrated lives engage prayer, do daily examinations of conscience, engage healthy conflict, seek the counsel and advice of others, do formative reading, have friends and fraternity, etc. Together these activities are the ingredients of happiness, health, and holiness.

Respect Life Month

The Church has designated every October as Respect Life Month and the first Sunday of October is name Respect Life Sunday.

In so many ways our culture/our world is absolutely **disrespectful** of life:

- > there is the war on the unborn under the guise of reproductive rights;
- > there are the *publicized wars* in Ukraine and the Middle East plus the many *unpublicized wars* in forgotten places and among forgotten peoples;
- > there are countless refugees and immigrants seeking asylum from political violence and human trafficking;
- > there is disregard for the homeless, the hungry, the vulnerable, the intellectually disabled, the emotionally disturbed, those in foster care, etc.

There are so many we can take to prayer. **The Diocese is hosting a Holy Hour for Life on this Sunday, October 6th at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church following a 12:30 p.m. Mass.** All are invited to join in prayer for the Gift of Life.



St. Leo's Catholic Church
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



TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 6, 2024

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 6:

Mon – Oct 7 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale

Tues – Oct 8 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Oct 9 – 9:00 am – +**JoAnn Lillis** by Gary & Delores Grommesh

Thurs – Oct 10 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**

Fri – Oct 11 – 9:00 am – +**Gene Dooley** by Theresa Dooley

Saturday – Oct 12 – 5:00 pm - +Lynn Kensok by Stan & Angeline Mathias

Sunday - Oct 13 – St. Leo's- 8:30 am - +Mary Ann Waxler by Sue Knoll

St. Thomas - 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.

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