

PASTOR'S NOTES

Some notes —

> Fall Dinner

This is the time of the year that we usually start gearing up for St. Leo's Fall Dinner and Raffle. With the coronavirus in play and the many restrictions that go with serving food and large gatherings of people, **St. Leo's 2020 Fall Dinner is being cancelled for this year.**

[a note] Some Fargo/area churches are going to try doing take-out orders. Our Pastoral Council did not think that was feasible for us given the tight working conditions in our kitchen, **but some thought has been given to just having take out orders for roast beef and gravy since that is our signature meal item.** We would have to have pre-orders and pre-payment for such an event to happen.

What are your thoughts???

> Fall Raffle

BUT we still plan on having our Fall Raffle. Tickets are being planned and in the process of being printed. They will soon be mailed to our parish households. The money raised from the ticket sales goes toward the many facility projects that have been done over the last number of years. From 2008 to date we have spent nearly \$500,000 in improvement projects (*e.g. -front steps and new entry doors in 2011; new church lighting in 2013; update of Spirit of Life Center kitchen in 2017; new church parking lot in 2019; church painting and elevator replacement in 2020, etc.*). Over the years your support of our Fall Raffle has enabled us to do these many worthwhile projects. **Your continual support of this year's raffle is deeply appreciated.**

> KC breakfasts

October is usually the month that St. Leo's Knights of Columbus serve their first monthly breakfast. At the present time this does not look like a feasible opportunity given the precautions surrounding the ongoing pandemic.

BUT they are planning of selling **hot caramel and cinnamon rolls after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 18th.** Your support of their efforts are deeply appreciated. The Knights do a marvelous job of supporting many local charities. The proceeds from this event would be directed towards *Coats for Kids*. The rolls would be sold in packets of either one or 4 rolls. Mark your calendars!!

Learning more about the Catholic Church

A couple people have expressed interest in learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly joining the Church next spring at Easter time.

Beginning in early October on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the large classroom in the lower level of St. Leo's Church I will be teaching An Inquiry Class

Over the course of a number of classes an *Inquiry Class* attempts to explore the beliefs, teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. The world of religion is a vast and sometimes can be a confusing enterprise. An *Inquiry Class* offers the opportunity for a person to get answers to many question he/she may have about the Catholic Church. **Mark your calendars!!**



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 27, 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 Sept 27:

Mon - Sept 28 - 9:00 am - **Ron Browning** by Richard & Joanne Browning

Tues - Sept 29 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **+Souls in purgatory**

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Sept 30 - 9:00 am - **+Susie Huseth** by John Grommesh

Thurs - Oct 1 - 9:00 am - **+Ernest Watson** by Marian Watson

Fri - Oct 2 - 9:00 am - **Theresa Tamerius**

Sat - Oct 3 - 5:00 pm - +Dam Chi Dung by Ron & Thuy Kaufman

Sun - Oct 4 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - +Margarette Schmidt by David & Susan Schmidt

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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

Wed., Sept 30 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas - Group A  
 Wed., Sept 30 - 6:30 pm - RE classes at St. Leo's - Group A, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm  
 6:15 pm - Junior class meets  
 Sun., Oct 4 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass following the current CDC COVID19 guidelines  
 Sun., Oct 4 - 4:00 pm - RE 10<sup>th</sup> grade class meets in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Tues., Oct 6 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting in the Spirit of Life Center

**Church seating:** As we ease into the Fall season, we do anticipate an upswing in Mass attendance. To respect the physical distance, we are still using every other pew for seating. We believe it would help with church seating if —

- families sit together in one pew;
- up to 3 groups of 2 person groupings occupy one pew;
- individual persons occupy the middle of the pew allowing groups at either end.

It is good to have a full church and we do have overflow seating in the Spirit of Life Center.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Oct 3</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 4</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Oct 4</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tricia Gegelman<br>Lois Titus                               | Keith Biggers                                              | Anna Garman<br>Gavin Oberlander                            |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Mona Franck                                                 |                                                            | Jerry Volk                                                 |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Nikita Howard<br>Ethan Richard                              | Rudi Wendel                                                | Jacob Dutchuk<br>Isabelle Dutchuk<br>Eva or Olivia Garman  |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | Arnie & Barb Buhr<br>Jackie Vavra                          | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    |                                                            | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**2020 Natural Disaster Relief Collection:** Bishop Folda has been asked by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops president, Archbishop Gomez, for all churches in the Fargo Diocese to take a collection for hurricanes, wild fires and other disasters the weekend of September 26-27. Funds collected will be used for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. **Envelopes for this collection are available in the pews.**

**40 Days for Life ND** began at 8 a.m. on Sept. 23 in front of the abortion facility, 512 1st Ave. No., Fargo. Our campaign will provide a peaceful, prayerful presence on the sidewalk 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. We are offering the option of people praying on the sidewalk at the abortion facility or praying in your own homes or churches. Wherever you choose to pray, we ask that you sign up for your time slot. Your prayers are needed now more than ever! Sign up today on the 40 Days for Life website or contact the Pregnancy Help Center at (701) 284-6601, or in Fargo (701) 356-7979 or [phc@polarcomm.com](mailto:phc@polarcomm.com). Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**Respect Life Sunday:** Bishop Folda invites the faithful of the diocese to join him in the annual Eucharistic procession, *Walk with Christ for Life*, on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. It will begin with Holy Mass at 12:00 noon, at the Cathedral of St. Mary, 604 Broadway, Fargo. This will be followed by a prayerful, peaceful procession to the state's only abortion facility. A short prayer service will be held outside the abortion facility, and then those gathered will return to the Cathedral for Benediction.

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Joyce Schmaltz on the death of her mother Glennis Muscha and to Richard Muscha, brother-in-law to Glennis.

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

**Rosary Coast to Coast:** This October 11, 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 us 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 5<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. Sunday, October 11 at 3:00pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church, West Fargo. Hosted by Court Holy Cross, Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." - Philippians 2:3*

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.