

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### It has been a great run . . .

Sue Knoll began her work at St. Leo's parish on September 1, 2010. Eleven years later she has come to believe it is time to spend more time with family and grandchildren and softly enter into the world of retirement.

In her eleven years with us she has given her heart and soul to us as our coordinator of both our Religious Education program and the many liturgical services and all that goes with such celebrations and environmental set-ups. Sue is a 1978 graduate of the University of Mary in Bismarck with a degree in music education. Her first job was at St. Anthony's parish school in Fargo where she became very involved in parish life and the many activities that go along with it and the school for which she worked.

Her faith and love of the Church grew and grew over the years and we have been the beneficiary of this deep love affair. She has faithfully played at hundreds of Saturday and Sunday Masses, worked on music choices and played for wedding couples and funeral vigils/ liturgies, directed Christmas and Easter choirs as well as community cantatas, provided music for ecumenical and numerous prayer services throughout the years, etc.

On top of that she has led and coordinated a very successful religious education program with 85+% of our students from Kindergarten through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade attending weekly classes. She has readily stepped in to teach classes when last-minute 'crises' prevented regular teachers from making their classes. Then there was the expertise and experience of putting on retreats for students preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time and being Confirmed in their Catholic faith. Of course, there was always the summer Vacation Bible Schools for our younger students.

In addition, she was always a most gracious encounter for any parishioner who stopped by and had some parish business that needed attention.

In these ways and so much more Sue will be greatly missed because she so greatly blessed us with the heart of a servant who knows that in all things – **all glory and honor belongs to God.**

We certainly wish her all the best in the weeks, month, and years ahead. We hope to see her often in the future and hope she knows she is always welcome **in her 'home away from home'**.

### Catechetical Sunday

This Sunday (September 19<sup>th</sup>) has been designated *Catechetical Sunday* in the life of the Catholic Church in the United States of America. This day recognizes the invaluable service, which the Church receives from the ministry of our **catechists** (*teachers within Religious Education (RE) programs*).

For those who 'step to the plate' and enter the classrooms of instruction as catechists, we give both formal recognition and grateful thanks. This weekly gift of instruction and the preparation that goes into that instruction is no small gift. It is the heart of the spiritual life – *dying to self and living for others*. Catechists are more than teachers. Catechists embody the truths they teach and witness by their lives –

*the joy of knowing Christ, the beauty of the Catholic faith, hope in eternal life, faith in the goodness of humanity, and love for all that good, right and holy. Such are the gifts of catechists!!*

The prayer cards in the pews contain the names of our catechists and a prayer for them. Please take a prayer card home and in the course of this school year pray in gratitude for our catechists and their essential work in the lives of our 169 students from St. Leo's and the 35 from St. Thomas. Again our deepest thanks!



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## TWENTY– FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 19, 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 Sept 19:

Mon - Sept 20 - 9:00 am - +Fr. **Bernard Bachmeier**

Tues - Sept 21 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - +**Vernon Pfeifer** by Joe & Lora Killoran

*St. Leo's - NO MASS*

Wed - Sept 22 - 9:00 am – +Fr. **Vincent Tuchscherer**

Thurs - Sept 23 - 9:00 am - +**Duane Mergner** by Marian Watson

Fri - Sept 24 - 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**

**Sat - Sept 25 - 5:00 pm - +Lois Sinner by Curt & Elaine Vangness**

**Sun - Sept 26 - St. Leo's - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

**St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Fran Kilen by Keith & Joni Biggers**

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**St. Thomas Directors:** Larry Zaun & Gary Milbrandt

### *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.

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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., Sept 19 - 11:30 am - Farwell party for Sue Knoll after the 10:30 am Mass**

Mon., Sept 20 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory

Tues., Sept 21 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory

Wed., Sept 22 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas

Wed., Sept 22 - 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

Wed., Sept 22 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory

Sun., Sept 26 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass

Sun., Oct 3 - 9:00 am - KC Breakfast in Spirit of Life Center

Tues., Oct 5 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns Committee meeting at the rectory



**Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission:** Cards are available for purchase in the magazine rack in church entry. There is a wonderful selection for all occasions available for purchase. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office. All proceeds go to the mission.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Sept 25</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Sept 26</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday Sept 26</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tony Roth                                                     | Fred Eldridge                                               | Jackie Vavra                                                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Sandie Nystrom                                                | Terri Monilaws                                              |                                                               |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Lillian Roth<br>Olivea Roth<br>Evelyn Roth                    | Claire Glennon<br>Sarah Monilaws                            | Gavin Besette<br>Meyer Wendel                                 |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | Betty Lou Stallman<br>Lisa Zahnow<br>Jennaca Killoran         |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                    | Frank & Laura Biggers                                         |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Eric Genuis in Concert:** All are invited to an inspiring concert featuring the music talents of Eric Genuis. Don't miss this "Carnegie Hall" performance on Monday, September 20 at 7 pm at Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**40 Days for Life — North Dakota starts Sept 22:** The National 40 Days for Life campaign will take place Sept 22 — Oct 31. This campaign provides a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of the Fargo abortion facility from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day of the campaign. Person can sign up for an hour of prayer by contacting the Pregnancy Help Center at 701-284-6601, or in Fargo 701-356-7979. Email: phc@polarcomm.com or visit: [www.40daysforlifend.com](http://www.40daysforlifend.com)

**Free 40 Days for Life Yard Signs:** The Diocese of Fargo is giving away **free 40 Days for Life yard signs**. They are available at the Diocese office at 5201 Bishops Blvd in Fargo. This is a great way to show your support for LIFE – and they are free. For more information, contact the Farog Diocese at 701-356-7900.

**Catholic Man Night:** Eat, Pray and Socialize with the Guys on Thursday, September 23rd at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2711 7th St E, West Fargo. 6 pm to 7 pm - Adoration & Confessions, 7 pm to 8 pm - Dinner (free will donation) with a talk presented by Tom O'Keefe from the New Life Center in Fargo.

**Walk with Christ for Life, on Respect Life Sunday, October 3.** Bishop Folda invites the faithful of the diocese to join him in the annual Eucharistic procession, The event will begin with Mass at Noon, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 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. Lunch will be served in the social hall after Benediction. For information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

**Vaccinations and End of Life Decisions: A Catholic Moral Overview and Guiding Principles** is Saturday, October 9 from 9-11:30 am at St. Mary's Cathedral, 604 Broadway, Fargo. What is the Catholic understanding of vaccine morality and human freedom? Do you have questions about how to complete a Health Care Directive? Can a person discontinue treatments such as dialysis or have a DNR? What about providing nutrition and hydration? Join Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, PhD., in a discussion on Catholic health care principles that can guide persons and family members who are facing current medical decisions or would like to plan for future health care needs. Fr. Tad currently serves as the Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia and is a featured columnists in the New Earth. If desired, join us for Mass at the adoration chapel at 8:00 am with coffee and rolls to follow. This event is free and open to the public.

**Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages** Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program helping married couples with a hurting marriage find new hope and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. The next Retrouvaille weekend is October 22-24, 2021 in Fargo. For more information visit: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or call (701) 356-7962, or via email at: [RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org)

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"If anyone wishes to first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." ~ Mark 9:35*

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us do not like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy" from the words "sacer" = *sacred* and "facere" = *to make*. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.