

PASTOR'S NOTES

Thank you . . .

We extend a very gracious thank you to **Virjean Cramer** and **Rose Mary Eldridge** for all the wonderful work they did in organizing and celebrating Sue Knoll's farewell reception last Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

It was so good to see such a nice number of parishioners, young and old, helping to cook, serve and clean up after the wonderful meal. Then there was the task of finding and procuring the right kind(s) of gift for Sue. As you can tell from the notes included in this week's bulletin it was a very successful affair and deeply appreciated by Sue. Thanks to all who came and extended their best for all the marvelous work of ministry Sue has done for us over the past eleven years. As they say — *Ad multos annos!*

Facility notes:

- A) The **church's front steps** will be finished this coming week. Right now they look a little splotchy, but the final coat of sealant with aggregate should finish things off nicely.
- B) Hopefully the week of October 18th will be the **installation of our sanctuary tiles**. This project has been 'a long time in the making' but COVID restricted travel by the liturgical consultant, the shipping of supplies and a need to hire a new installer. The tile is on hand and the installer has been contracted and scheduled. Hopefully all will remain on schedule (*prayers are helpful!!*).
- C) **Our elevator** stills needs a heat sensor to be installed to be fully up to code. The newly renovated elevator and the older alarm system are not quite compatible. So the search goes on to find a solution. Hopefully very soon!

Catholic Charities North Dakota (CCND)

After this weekend's video of Catholic Charities North Dakota (CCND) it is hoped you have a better understanding of the charitable work and programs offered CCND. Each year they help thousands of peoples:

- 1) by providing **guardianship services** to vulnerable adults with intellectual disabilities;
- 2) by finding **'forever homes' for special kids** who are presently in foster care;
- 3) by offering faith- based **counseling services** for families, couples and/or individuals;
- 4) by assisting with **pregnancy, parenting and adoption services** for those who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy and unprepared for parenting, and for those who seek the gift of a child through the adoption process.

Your financial support of these charitable works is deeply appreciated.

It's coming (back) !!!

St. Leo's Fall Dinner and Raffle will be held on Sunday, October 31st from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This week – **Raffle tickets will be in the mail.** Your sale of raffle tickets allow us to defray the cost of the bigger facility projects we have taken on over the years (e.g. - kitchen remodeling, elevator replacement, church painting, sanctuary floor tiles, etc.)

Our many Fall Dinners and Raffles have happened because of the wonderful support offered by St. Leo parishioners. Hopefully we can plan on that gift again. Besides the sale of raffle tickets we will need your service on the actual day of the Fall Dinner. We will have sign up sheets out in the near future. Then there will be the need of "goodies" – desserts, crafts, baked goods, prizes for the kids games, etc. Thank you in advance!



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TWENTY– SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 26, 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 26:

Mon - Sept 27 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS**

Tues - Sept 28 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **NO MASS**

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Sept 29 - 9:00 am – **NO MASS**

Thurs - Sept 30 - 9:00 am - +**Gerry Huwe** by Gary & Delores Grommesh

Fri - Oct 1 - 9:00 am - +**Souls in purgatory**

Sat - Oct 2 - 5:00 pm - +**Gerald Barnes by Marilyn Barnes & family**

Sun - Oct 3 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am - **For the people of our parishes**

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - +**Julie Levos by Ron & Lorraine Kensok**

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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

Sun., Sept 26 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Wed., Sept 29 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas  
 Wed., Sept 29 - 6:30 pm - St. Leo's RE classes; Simple Supper at 6 pm  
     K/1<sup>st</sup> grades - Group A meets  
     6:15 pm - Senior class meets  
 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

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Sandra Keller and her family on the death of her mother, Leona Volk.

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

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." ~ Mark 9:41*

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that is the way we were made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Oct 2</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 3</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><b>St. Thomas</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 3</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Tricia Geggelman<br>Lois Titus                              | Keith Biggers                                              | Anna Garman                                                |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Lucy Wagner                                                 |                                                            | Micah Bartholomay                                          |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Nikita Howard<br>Ethan Richard                              | Clay Hovelson<br>Emercyn Killoran                          | 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>                                    | Jim Biggers Family                                         | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                   |

## NEWS AND NOTES

A great big **"THANK YOU"** to St. Leo's Parish for making Sue Knoll's celebration special! 14 women donated homemade bars for Sue's retirement event, so everyone satisfied their sweet tooth. We had two families and their children work Saturday evening, setting the tables and chairs, making the meat, and preparing the kitchen work areas for each food entree. On Sunday we had 19 people (parents with their children, couples, or singles) sign up to work. In addition, one mom came with her two pre-teen girls to wash and dry the pots and pans, and another parishioner volunteered to help with the coffee maker. We also want the young parishioners (grade 5-12 who were able to help) to know we are sending a huge "thank you" especially to them. They came to work the job they signed up for and some graciously moved to other jobs as needs arose. One of our parishioners made the lovely floral arrangements that decorated the Spirit of Life Center and to her we say, "thank you". Finally, "thank you" to everyone who attended and made the celebration special for Sue. As you stacked your chairs, which made the vacuuming easier for the clean-up crew, we realized this parish is working together as one family!

Rose Mary Eldridge      Virjean Cramer  
 Liturgy Committee Chair      Education Committee Chair

**Middle School Youth Rally:** The Diocese of Fargo is excited to announce the return of its annual Middle School Youth Rally, for grades 6, 7 & 8. Each year, youth from across the diocese come together for a day of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The theme for this year's rally is called *Relit* and will take place on Friday, October 22, 2021 at Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND. The rally will go from 9:30 am — 6:30 pm and will cost \$50/person.

NEW to the 2021 Youth Rally:

- 1) Praise and Worship Band
- 2) Recharge social break with inflatable games, obstacle courses, and other activities
- 3) High ropes course
- 4) Door prizes (grand prize: Apple Air pods)

To learn more about the youth rally please speak with Casey Garman at: [caseygarman@hotmail.com](mailto:caseygarman@hotmail.com) or (701)373-1531.



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**St. Leo's Knight of the Month:** The Knight for the month of **September** is **Andy Levos**. Thank you Andy for your dedication and the works you do for the KC's. It is greatly appreciated.



**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** Serving Pancakes and sausage Sunday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering, Proceeds to benefit Coats for Kids.

All are invited to an **Open House** celebrating

**Bea Bachmeier's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

Please join the Bachmeier family on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 4 pm in the Spirit of Life Center.

*This event is hosted by her children and they ask that you follow the recommended COVID CDC guidelines for indoor gatherings which is to wear a mask for the safety of all who are present.*

We look forward to seeing you there.  
*NO gifts please.*

**St. Thomas Church Annual Fall Drive:**

St. Thomas 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.