

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS


Fri., Sat., Sept 6 & 7 - Redeemed Eucharistic Congress, Jamestown Civic Center
 Mon., Sept 9 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting at the rectory
 Tues., Sept 10 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting at the rectory
 Wed., Sept 11 - 6:30 pm - RE Opening Mass at St. Leo's
 Tues., Sept 17 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory
 Wed., Sept 18 - RE Classes begin, watch further bulletins with class times
 Mon., Sept 23 - 6:30 pm - KC meeting at the rectory
 Tues., Sept 24 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo's Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory

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.

Special prayers and blessings to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:

Frank & Laura Biggers - 61 years on Sept 7
Fred & Rose Mary Eldridge -61 years on Sept 7

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Sept 7 5:00 pm St. Leo's 1st Sat of September	Sunday Sept 8 8:30 am St. Leo's 2nd Sun of September	Sunday Sept 8 10:30 am St. Thomas
Lector	Lois Titus Megan Bolda	Shari Kensok	Keith Biggers
Eucharistic Ministers	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faught Mary Jendro Susan Kempel Paul Olsen	Penny Zaun Joni Biggers
Altar Servers	Ethan/Olivia Richard Tristan/Ignatius Lako	Melody Kempel Quinn/Riley Gunkel Emma Rupp	Hallie Besette Carly Hovelson
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Mike & Lisa Zahnow Betty Lou Stallman
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Jurgen & Barb Suhr
Lead Rosary	Lucy Wagner	Deb Werner	

NEWS AND NOTES

FACEBOOK: St. Leo's does have a facebook page, established in 2014. The page name is

St. Leo Catholic Church, Casselton ND. It is used mainly to share information about upcoming events, such as special Mass times, Fall Dinner, Religious Education announcements, and more.

There is another *unofficial* page (**St. Leo's Parish**) that can make it confusing when looking for current information. If anyone knows where that page originated, please call the parish. (701)347-4609 We want to have only one page. The official Facebook page is

St. Leo Catholic Church, Casselton ND.

Join us to sing from the choir loft! "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, September 15th** 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: #510, #408, #511, #509, #717. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

Eucharistic Procession: St. William's Church of Argusville is planning a Eucharistic Procession through the streets near the church after the 10:30 am Mass on **Sunday, September 8th**. Distance will only be about 8 blocks. The procession will include prayer, a little singing and a community blessing. Lunch will be served upon return to the church.

Catholic Daughters to Meet: Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, September 10th at St. Anthony's Church (710 10th St. S, Fargo) beginning with Mass at 5:15 PM; meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food item donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

This week's Stewardship moment:

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." ~ James 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship—living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

Catholic Man Night: Tuesday, September 17th, at Holy Cross Catholic Church (2711 7th St E, West Fargo). 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration & Confession; 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm meal and talk. The guest speaker is Coach David Richman. Meal is a free will offering. **All men are invited, bring a friend!**



Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages: September 27-29, 2024

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. The Red River Retrouvaille program will be held locally on September 27-29, 2024 in Fargo. For more information visit

HelpOurMarriage.com or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at rrretrouvaille@gmail.com.

Holy Hour for Life - Respect Life Sunday: Bishop Folda invites all the faithful of the diocese to join him in a Mass and Holy Hour for Life on Respect **Sunday, October 6th**. It will be held at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church (5202 25th St S, Fargo). There will be Mass at 12:30 pm followed by a Holy Hour for Life. A lunch will be served in the social hall following the Holy Hour.



Help Support our Cameroon Card Mission:

Cards are available for purchase in the church entry. A selection of different occasions is available. Cost of cards is 50¢, please place money in envelope provided and return to parish office.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Trifecta of events – *this week*

A) Labor Day – Monday

As is often the case, we enter into holidays and many times give little heed to the meaning/ purpose of the day ‘we get off from work’. **Labor Day is meant to celebrate the gift and dignity of work.** Work is much more than a way of making a living or what we do ‘to pay the bills’.

On this topic the late Pope John Paul II declared that ‘*work always must be evaluated through the meaning it has in the eyes of God and how it collaborates in the redemption of the human race and the development of the Kingdom of heaven*’. To this end he offers a number of thoughts for our meditation:

- > “*Work is one of the characteristics that distinguishes man from the rest of creatures.*”
- > “*... in the first place work is ‘for man’ and not man ‘for work.’*”
- > “*God’s fundamental and original intention with regard to man ...was not withdrawn or canceled out [because of the Fall] ... work is the means whereby man achieves that ‘dominion’ which is proper to him over the visible world.*” ...

As we take a “day off work”, we are really called to celebrate the dignity of work by which we earn our daily bread, but more importantly the ways by which we bring about greater justice, a wider brotherhood/ sisterhood, and the more human ordering of social relationships.

B) Redeemed Eucharistic Congress – Friday and Saturday

The 3-year National Eucharistic Revival, which began in June 2022, is now entering its third and final year. The theme of this final year is how the Eucharist makes us ‘missionary disciples’.

To help facilitate this theme the Diocese of Fargo is hosting the **Redeemed Eucharistic Congress** in Jamestown this coming Friday and Saturday. It begins at 1:30 p.m on Friday with a Eucharistic procession from the Basilica of St. James to the Jamestown Civic Auditorium. Mass will be celebrated at 3:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 5 p.m. and then a keynote address at 7:30 p.m. by Scott Hahn. There will be all-night Adoration at the Basilica.

Saturday morning begins with an optional daily Mass at 8 a.m. followed by two keynote addresses by Scott Hahn at 9:30 a.m. and Msgr. Tom Richter at 11 a.m. After a lunch break Julianne Stanz gives a keynote address at 2 p.m. followed by a Divine Mercy chaplet at 3 p.m. and a final keynote address and Eucharistic Healing Service by Fr. Jeff Eppler at 3:30 p.m. **The Redeemed Eucharistic Congress concludes with a Closing Mass at 5 p.m. by Bishop Folda.**

C) Grandparent Day – next Sunday (or was *July 28th*)

An eplanatory note – the secular calendar speaks of September 8th as the national Grandparents Day but as of 2021 Pope Francis inaugurated the Sunday closest to the feast day of Jesus’s grandparents [Sts. Anne and Joachim] as the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. This year it was Sunday, July 28th.

For Pope Francis – God never abandons his children. Yet Psalm 71:9 prays that “**cast me not off in my old age ...**” This quote speaks about the often-felt experience of the elderly – loneliness and abandonment. This is not just seen in war-torn nations, but also affluent nations where caring for the elderly is seen as depleting resources that could be directed to the young who are vital, alive and have a full life ahead of them. Grandparents and the elderly can often be forgotten, abandoned and seldom visited. This crass and sinful thinking needs our prayer. **We are indebted to our grandparents and the elderly whose dreams** of justice have made possible visions for our youth; whose memories of war and immigration gave birth to our nation; **whose prayers** are the deep breath of the Church protecting the world. **Happy Grandparents & Elderly Day!!**



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TWENTY– SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 1, 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 Sep 1:

Mon – Sept 2 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Tues – Sept 3 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – +**Bob Von Bank** by Joe & Lora Killoran

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Sept 4 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale

Thurs – Sept 5 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Sept 6 – 9:00 am – **Mike Eberhardt** by Lil Eberhardt

Saturday – Sept 7 – 5:00 pm - +Charlie Radermacher by Joann Radermacher

Sunday - Sept 8 – St. Leo's- 8:30 am - +Rick Keller by Zita & Tony Dietz

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.

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