

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., Sept 17 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory
 Wed., Sept 18 - RE Classes — see below
 Thurs., Sept 19 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting at the rectory
 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


Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Sept. 18

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 A and 12th 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 Sept 21 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i> 3rd Sat of September	Sunday Sept 22 8:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i> 4th Sun of September	Sunday Sept 22 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
Lector	Lee Ann Monilaws Mallory Poulson	Fred Eldridge	Gary Milbrandt
Eucharistic Ministers	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Joe Killoran Linda Milbrandt
Altar Servers	Ann Burchill Grant Burchill Hayden Faleide	Claire Glennon Jack Glennon Nolan Ziegelmann	Layla Norrie Ali Killoran
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>	Mike & Lisa Zahnow
Lead Rosary	Mona Franck	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Richard Muscha on the death of his brother-in-law, Ed Martell.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4

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.**

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.

40 Days for Life: From September 25th — November 3rd, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life — 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Red River Women's Clinic, at 302 Highway 75, Moorhead, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information — especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please see the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Bonnie at 40daysforlife.com/Moorhead or call (701)241-9574.

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.

Women's Retreat - A Reason for Your Hope: October 18-20 at St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. Women of all ages are invited for a weekend of prayer, reflection and discussion on the theological virtue of hope. For more information or to register, please see the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Sr. Christina at srchristinamarie@scretreats.org or (701) 242-7195

This week's Stewardship moment:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." ~ Mark 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Redeemed Eucharistic Congress

Diocese of Fargo – 6/7 September 2024

Annotated Review

As we enter this third and last year of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Diocese of Fargo hosted the **Redeemed Eucharistic Congress** in Jamestown this past September 6th and 7th. A number of speakers gave testimony to the Eucharist. I was able to attend 3 of the talks – **two by Dr. Scott Hahn and one by Msgr. Tom Richter**. They were excellent. Dr. Hahn is a nationally recognized speaker on many Catholic topics. In a couple of weeks people will be able to review these talks on the diocesan web site. I thought I might give a review of Dr. Hahn's first talk titled *Road to Emmaus: Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement*.

The Emmaus story is found in Luke's Gospel [Lk. 24:13-35]. It takes place on Easter Sunday as two disciples are leaving Jerusalem on a 7-mile journey to Emmaus. They are despondent over Jesus' death and had just heard that Jesus' tomb is empty. They meet this stranger (*who is really the risen Lord, but unrecognizable at that time*). This stranger starts telling the disciples how all of this was part of God's larger plan of salvation. **In fact all of this had been foreshadowed in the Scriptures.** The stranger goes through Scripture looking at the Law, the prophets and the psalms.

Dr. Hahn's talk focused on what Scripture passages this stranger may have examined as pointing to Christ's Passion story. Some points that Dr. Hahn noted:

- > one of two disciples is named Cleopas; the other is unnamed - *perhaps Luke intends us to be privy to this unfolding story;*
- > the story of Abraham and sacrifice of Isaac in Genesis 22 where Isaac carries the wood for his own sacrifice – *as Christ does to Calvary;* the place of the sacrifice is called Moriah – *is this Golgotha in the story of Christ?;*
- > the story of Moses and him needing to be saved before he saves the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt – *as infant Jesus is saved from Herod before he saves us on the Cross;*
- > the story of the first Passover and sprinkling of the doors with lamb's blood by a hyssop – *as a hyssop with wine is given to Jesus on the Cross;* Moses choosing 12 helpers in the desert – *as Christ chooses 12 apostles;*
- > who is that suffering servant of which the prophet Isaiah 53 speaks? – *is this Christ's passion of scourging and crown of thorns before Pilate?*
- > what is this new covenant of which the prophet Jeremiah spoke? [Jer. 31/32] – *is this the new covenant of which Christ speaks over the cup of wine at the Last Supper?*
- > does the lament of Psalm 22 {“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ...”} foreshadow the lament of Christ on the Cross? [Mt. 27:46; Mk 15:34]

The two disciples became amazed in this 7-mile bible study (*‘were not our hearts burning’*) until they were literally ‘blown away’ when they recognized Christ in the breaking of the bread (*just as he did at the Last Supper*), and then he disappeared. **Is this meant to teach us -- now we find the crucified and risen Lord in the Eucharist?** We are called to cultivate our Eucharistic amazement as did the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

In his other talk Dr. Hahn spoke of us being in Exile until we reach heaven and the *Lord's Prayer* is our journey prayer. He gave a penetrating talk on the 7 petitions of the *Our Father*.

Msgr. Richter's talk challenged us that *Sunday Mass Catholicism* is no longer capable of passing on the faith. We are in deep need of three graces from the Holy Spirit: **(1) a felt need of the Eucharist; (2) a relational prayer life with Jesus as a friend; (3) a more intentional sharing in Christ's sacrificial giving of self.**



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TWENTY– FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 15, 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 15:

Mon – Sept 16 – 9:00 am – +**September Bosch** by Gary & Delores Grommesh

Tues – Sept 17 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Sept 18 – 9:00 am – **Special intention** by Jackie & Lee Anderson

Thurs – Sept 19 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Sept 20 – 9:00 am – +**Jim Schmitt** by Sue Knoll

Saturday – Sept 21 – 5:00 pm - +Janice Boyce by Keith & Barb Marschke

Sunday - Sept 22 – St. Leo's- 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Bob Von Bank by Minnie Ries

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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.