

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

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
 Wed., Sept 25 - RE Classes — see below
 Thurs., Sept 26 - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life center
 Tues., Oct 8 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Sept. 25

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 B and 11th 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 28 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i> 4th Sat of September	Sunday Sept 29 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Sept 29 10:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i> 5th Sun of September
 Lector	Tony Roth	Jackie Vavra	Darcee Rehovsky
Eucharistic Ministers	Mona Franck Bill Franck	Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun	Virjean Cramer Susan Kempel Mark Rehovsky Deb Werner Jake Werner
Altar Servers	Evelyn Roth Joe/Jensen Kappes Beau Parisien	Gavin Besette Damien Norrie	Lucas Miller Volunteer needed
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Mike & Lisa Zahnow Betty Lou Stallman	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Travis Besette Family	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Lead Rosary	Michelle Kappes		Alexia Kieffer

NEWS AND NOTES

Join us to sing from the choir loft! "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, October 20th** 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: #560, #479, #405, #417, #529. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

REFORM Wellness Seminar: Saturday, September 28th, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo, ND. Join Jackie Mulligan and Dr. Bridget Vander Woude for a seminar on the integration of the health of body and soul. They will be covering nine pillars of wellness, space, and personal growth. The event is free and open to the public. Free registration is available at www.stsaai.org/reformsept28/

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.

Casselton Business Association Sr. Day is Tuesday, October 1st at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Older adults from throughout rural Cass are invited to attend. The day includes displays from organizations serving older adults, presentations from an Occupational Therapist and ND Assistive, flu shots, drug take back program, lunch and door prizes. There is no cost to attend, but people need to RSVP by Tuesday, Sept. 24th to Davis Chiropractic 701/347-4006

SEARCH Retreat for youth ages 16 & 17: **SEARCH for Christian Maturity** is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16 and 17) along with young adults (ages 18 and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian community. This is a time to experience a loving, supportive community of young people who want to learn and experience a closer relationship with God and with others. **The next retreat will be October 25-27th** at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details or at: www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm and for an application. Contact Dori at 952-210-2219 with questions. Applications are due no later than **Monday, October 7th**.

Upcoming Fall Dinners:

Please see the flyers on the bulletin board for more details.

Sun., Sept 29- St. Agatha's Church-Hope ND- 4:30- 7 pm - Turkey Dinner
 Sun., Sept 29- St. Anthony's Church- Fargo, ND- 11 am- 2 pm - Turkey Dinner
 Sun., Oct 6- Martins Lutheran Church- Casselton-10:45 am-12:30 pm - Meatballs w/mashed potatoes & gravy
 Sun., Oct 6- Blessed Sacrament Church- West Fargo- 11 am- 2 pm - Boneless Fried Chicken Dinner
 Sun., Oct 6- St. William's Church- Argusville ND Community Center- 11 am- 1:30 pm - Turkey Dinner

This week's Stewardship moment:

"If anyone wishes to be 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 don't 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, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Some Quick Takes —

> Royal Congratulations -

St. Leo's had three (3) parish students elected to the 2024 Central Cass Homecoming Court. Congratulations to **Queen Avah Cotton, King Alex Sullivan and Prince Braden Klein**. We are very proud of you. *In your royal rule, remember us commoners (ha).*

> Remember to vote —

On Thursday, September 24th Central Cass School District is having a vote on a building maintenance fund proposal. Voting will be at Central Cass School from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Informed voting is always highly encouraged and represents one of the essential markings of a healthy democracy.

> Off to a great start —

Our first Religious Education (RE) classes were held this past Wednesday (September 18th) and the numbers were great!!

St. Leo's has 160 registered students out of a potential 195 students. This represents 82% of St. Leo's Kindergarten through 12th grade students involved in faith formation. St. Thomas has 20 registered students registered for Faith Formation classes with twelve (12) of them attending classes at St. Leo's.

This past week 97% of registered students attended classes at St. Leo's with only five absences/excused absences recorded. **Parents – thank you** very much for your support **thank you** to the catechists (RE teachers) who give so generously to this essential ministry of the Church!! Our DRE, Patty Roth, has been dealing with the death of her twin sister and recently came down with pneumonia and was unable to be here for our Opening Mass and first week of classes. Please keep her in your prayers! Thanks to Sue Knoll and Delores, our parish secretary, for helping 'fill in the gap' and making things flow smoothly *Let's keep the good times rolling!!!*

> Coming Soon —

St. Leo's Fall Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd with serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Soon all parish households will be receiving their 2024 Fall Dinner Raffle tickets in the mail. This is St. Leo's major fund-raising project for the year. Your support is always deeply appreciated. This will be followed by soliciting your help for the many facets of hosting a Fall Dinner (*e.g. - facility set-up; food preparation; cooking the food; serving food; waiting on tables; clean-up; bringing items for Country Store, etc.*). Your support in all these matters (*selling tickets and helping with the Dinner itself*) is much appreciated. As the saying goes - "many hands make for light work".

Please mark your calendars!



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211 Langer Ave North
PO Box 340
Casselton ND
347-4609

St. Thomas Catholic Church
401 Third St. North
PO Box 22
Buffalo ND
633-5150



TWENTY– FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 22, 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 22:

Mon – Sept 23 – 9:00 am – +**David Crothers** by Lee & Jackie Anderson

Tues – Sept 24 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Sept 25 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale

Thurs – Sept 26 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Sept 27 – 9:00 am – +**Jim Schmitt** by Pam Spooner

Saturday – Sept 28 – 5:00 pm - +Deceased family & friends by Mary Kempel

Sunday - Sept 29 – St. Thomas- 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - +Rickie Keller by Randy & Doreen Vetter

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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.

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