

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., Oct 2 - RE Classes — see below
 Tues., Oct 8 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory
 Sun., Oct 20 - 9:00 am - KC breakfast in Spirit of Life Center, French toast & sausage


Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Oct. 2

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 Oct 5 5:00 pm St. Leo's	Sunday Oct 6 8:30 am St. Thomas	Sunday Oct 6 10:30 am St. Leo's
			
Lector	Lois Titus Megan Bolda	Alecia Killoran	Volunteer Needed
Eucharistic Ministers	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Joni Biggers Keith Biggers	Kristi Dutchuk Jared Nelson Nichole Scherweit Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler
Altar Servers	Richard Family Lako Family	Hallie Besette Hannah Besette	James Diemert Garman Family
Offertory Collectors	Volunteers needed	Arnie & Barb Buhr Jackie Vavra	Volunteers needed
Gift Bearers	Volunteers needed	David Biggers Terri Biggers	Volunteers needed
Lead Rosary	Lucy Wagner		Volunteer Needed

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.

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 & Joachim Catholic Church (5202 25th St S, Fargo). There will be Mass at 12:30 pm followed by a Holy Hour for Life. A free lunch will be served in the social hall following the Holy Hour.

Upcoming Fall Dinners:

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

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
 Sun., Oct 6— St. Mary's Church— 6 miles east of Dazey, ND— 4 pm— 7 pm - Turkey Dinner
 Sun., Oct 13— St. Agnes Church— Hunter, ND— 11 am— 2 pm - Turkey Dinner
 Sun., Oct 13— Canaan Moravian Church— **Take Out Only** - 4 pm - 7 pm - Turkey Dinner— See flyer for ordering

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's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.



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St. Leo's Knight of the Month: The Knight for the month of **September** is **Jake Werner**. Thank you Jake for all you do for the KC's. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast: Serving French toast and sausage **Sunday, October 20th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering. Proceeds will benefit Coats for Kids.

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. **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 no later than **Monday, October 7th**.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Catholic Charities Sunday

In the last number of years a Sunday in late September or early October has been designated as Catholic Charities Sunday throughout the state of North Dakota. The purpose of this Sunday is to highlight the work of Catholic Charities and solicit the support of Catholic parishioners in this vital work of the Catholic Church in North Dakota.

Beyond the many charitable works being done in local parishes and since 1923 Catholic Charities is doing charitable works beyond the scope of any one single parish church. Below is a snapshot or fact sheet on the present work of Catholic Charities.

Fact Sheet – Catholic Charities North Dakota (CCND) – 2023/24

Employees: 87

Four (4) Offices: Fargo (main)
Bismarck
Grand Forks
Minot

Operating Budget: \$7.4 million

Five (5) Major Programs:

1) AASK [Adults Adopting Special Kids]

served 872 individuals who find themselves in North Dakota's foster care system and are looking to be placed in their *'forever homes'*; largely funded by the state of North Dakota; work includes home visitation and/assessments, adoptive placements, adoptive finalizations, post adoption follow-up, etc.

2) GDID [Guardianship Division: Intellectually Disabled]

served 529 court-appointed adults with intellectual disabilities who are in need of protective options/services; largely supported by the state of North Dakota; waiting list of 148 individuals; work includes 25,000 case contacts, 2500 meetings, 1400 contacts for emergency situations, etc.

3) GSV [Guardianship Services: Vulnerable]

served 137 court-appointed vulnerable elderly persons struggling with mental health issues or any type of vulnerability; waiting list of 16 individuals; work includes 2400 individual visits including 24-hour, 7 days per week on-call coverage.

4) PPAS [Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Services]

work with women struggling with an unplanned pregnancy; families looking to adopt a child (ren); assist individuals in adoption searches; work includes home visitations and assessments, post-adoption follow-ups, three Bundle Up Your Baby Bump events with 910 people in attendance.

5) Counseling

offers faith-based counseling for individuals, couples or families coping with mental health, stress, change, etc.; have served 152 clients throughout the state.

Funding:

These invaluable services are funded through various means (e.g. - programs fees, diocesan support, government contracts, grants) **leaving \$450,000 to be raised annually by fund-raising efforts like Catholic Charities Sunday, Giving Hearts Day, Chip in for Charity, Spring & Annual Appeals.**

Your support is deeply appreciated!!!



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TWENTY– SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 29, 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 29:

Mon – Sept 30 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**

Tues – Oct 1 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **NO MASS**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Oct 2 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**

Thurs – Oct 3 – 9:00 am – **+Janice Miller** by Bob Miller

Fri – Oct 4 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

Saturday – Oct 5 – 5:00 pm - +Dick Sinner by Jane Sinner

Sunday - Oct 6 – St. Thomas- 8:30 am - +Marvin Ries by Minnie Ries

St. Leo's - 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.

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