


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

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.

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Margaret Kensok and her family on the death of her daughter, Lynn Kensok and to Patty Roth and her family on the death of her sister, Pam Lowry. *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4*

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Sept 14 5:00 pm St. Leo's 2 nd Sat of September	Sunday Sept 15 8:30 am St. Thomas	Sunday Sept 15 10:30 am St. Leo's 3 rd Sun of September
 Lector	Mark Voss	Judy Von Bank	Steve Carvell
Eucharistic Ministers	Lori Howard Bill Franck	Keith Biggers Kristi Hovelson	Micah Bartholomay Jake Lako Collin Miller Deb Werner Jake Werner
Altar Servers	Addison Hushka Noah Hushka	Claire Halland Abigail Killoran	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh Prochnow
Offertory Collectors	Volunteers needed	Mike & Lisa Zahnow Betty Lou Stallman	Volunteers needed
Gift Bearers	Volunteers needed	Judy Von Bank Betty Lou Stallman	Volunteers needed
Lead Rosary	Richard Muscha		Volunteer needed

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.

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

Fall Dinners: It's that time of year again! Please see the flyers on bulletin board for more details on all the area church Fall Dinners.

This week's Stewardship moment:

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" ~ James 2:5

What is more important — being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

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

Two financial updates —

1) Diocesan Capital Campaign

A capital campaign support long term projects of an organization. These are not yearly expenditures. Our diocesan \$20 million campaign is aimed at: renovation of our diocesan Maryvale retreat center in Valley City; building a priest retirement center; upgrading and sustaining the priests' retirement fund; 30% back to parish chosen projects. This is a four year campaign. Here is where our parishes of St. Leo's and St. Thomas presently stand:

A) St. Leo's parish has a goal of raising \$289,086. As of September 5th fifty two (52) parish households have pledged \$231,080, which is 80% of our goal and amounts to an average gift of \$4444 from these 52 households. **Thank you most kindly for these generous pledges.** This leaves our parish with a 'finishing task' of needing to raise \$58,000 in order to make our goal. If you have not yet made your pledge there are campaign envelopes at the back of the church. Over the next couple of months Bishop Folda will be sending a letter to those households who have yet to make a pledge soliciting their support of these very worthwhile campaign projects. **Thank you for your prayerful consideration.**

B) St. Thomas parish has a goal of raising \$49,536. As of September 5th six (6) parish households have pledged \$17,520, which is 35% of our goal and amounts to an average gift of \$2920 from these six households. **Thank you most kindly for these generous pledges.** This leaves our parish with a 'finishing task' of needing to raise \$32,000 in order to make our goal. If you have not yet made your pledge there are campaign envelopes in the social hall. Over the next couple of months Bishop Folda will be sending a letter to those households who have yet to make a pledge soliciting their support of these very worthwhile campaign projects. **Thank you for your prayerful consideration.**

2) Diocesan God's Gift Appeal - 2024

The God's Gift Appeal (GGA) is the annual fundraising efforts of the Diocese of Fargo to support the ongoing expenses of our diocesan church. The Diocese of Fargo supports over 44 ministries in its service to the 30 eastern counties in North Dakota that make of the Diocese of Fargo: (e.g. - *seminary formation of priests; Newman centers at UND and NDSU; Vocation office; training and formation of deacon candidates; marriage tribunal office to process annulment cases; Youth/Young adult ministry office; marriage preparation ministry; Catholic Charities North Dakota; the Bishop's house and Pastoral Center offices; etc.* **This year's budget for the Diocese of Fargo is \$3,735,942.**

A) St. Leo's parish has been asked to raise \$61,723 towards this year's GGA budget. As of September 30th seventy-two (72) households have pledged \$40,878. This amount to an average gift amount of \$568, but still leaves us \$20,845 short of our goal. If each remaining household were to make a pledge of \$111 we would make our goal. If you have not yet made your pledge there are GGA envelopes at the back of the church. **Again your prayerful consideration is deeply appreciated.**

B) St. Thomas parish has been asked to raise \$9893 towards this year's GGA budget. As of September 30th twelve (12) households have pledged \$5350. This amount to an average gift amount of \$446, but still leaves us \$4543 short of our goal. If each remaining household were to make a pledge of \$151 we would make our goal. If you have not yet made your pledge there are GGA envelopes in the social hall. **Again your prayerful consideration is deeply appreciated.**



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TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 8, 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 8:

Mon – Sept 9 – 9:00 am – **Theresa Dooley** by Dooley children

Tues – Sept 10 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **+Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – Sept 11 – 6:30 pm– **RE Opening Mass– RE Students and Teachers**

NO 9 am Daily Mass

Thurs – Sept 12 – 9:00 am – **++Dennis & Roddie Voeller** by Rick Voeller

Fri – Sept 13 – 9:00 am – **+Janice Muscha** by Richard Muscha

Saturday – Sept 14 – 5:00 pm - **+Russel Muscha by Keith & Joni Biggers**

Sunday - Sept 15 – 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.

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