

PASTOR'S NOTES

Our Evangelization Tote —

Almost 16 months ago 800 people from the dioceses of Fargo and Crookston gathered at the Avalon Center in Fargo for a two-day conference on Evangelization.

Over the last number of years the Church has experienced a number of shifting patterns in the life of the Church (e.g. - *lower Sunday Mass attendance; fewer Church weddings; less frequency of Confession, etc.*). Seeing these patterns church leaders have called for a *New Evangelization* in the life of the Church.

As Church we possess the richest of all gifts — eternal life that comes with knowing and living in Christ!!

This very knowing, living and sharing the life of Christ is evangelization. This has been the Church's mission from the time Christ ascended to heaven and commanded us to go out and make disciples of all the nations. In one sense evangelization is as 'old as the hills'.

But the *New Evangelization* is meant to address this slippage in the practice of our faith in Christ that is happening in our culture, especially among first world nations like the United States.

Eleven parishioners from St. Thomas and St. Leo's attended that conference in November-December 2018 [Casey/Anna Garman, Patty Glennon, Delores Grommesh, Marian Kasowski, Shari Kensok, Alecia Killoran, Sue Knoll, Jacob/Kelsey Lako and Tony Roth]. Their reflections about that conference can be found in the booklet titled **EVANGELIZATION** at the church entries.

In our meetings since that 2-day conference our Evangelization Committee has discussed and initiated some evangelization initiatives in our parishes –

- > sent care packages to our RE students who graduated this past year;
- > mailing baptismal anniversary greetings to our RE students in the month of their baptismal dates;
- > added evangelization prayers to our Sunday Mass intentions;

Beginning this Lent we put together an **EVANGELIZATION TOTE** for our parish families with the hope that we will grow in our Catholic faith, and as opportunities arise we would share that faith with others we meet in the course of our daily lives.

The **Tote** is meant to go to a parish household for a week at a time and then be returned to the church and taken for the next week by another parish household. The **Tote** contains a crucifix with a stand to be placed in a prominent space in one's home (e.g. - kitchen table). The crucifix is meant to remind us that Christ stands as the centerpiece of human history, our homes and our individual lives. The stand in which the crucifix is placed states what Jesus said in John's Gospel – *"I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life"* [Jn. 14:6].

The **Tote** also contains a couple of videos, reading materials, puzzles and games for young and old, individuals or family activities, etc. It is our hope that such materials and activities will enrich our lives of faith and make us alive to the many wonders of God's love and mercy in the times in which we live.

Each week the **Tote** is to be returned to the church and put in the Social Hall at St. Thomas or the vesting room by the bathrooms at St. Leo's.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Church entry for your **'week with the Lord'**. I pray you will avail yourself to this opportunity!



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT March 8, 2020

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 Mar 8:

Mon - Mar 9 - 9:00 am - +**Myrtle Mergner** by Marian Watson

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

St. Leo's - **NO MASS**

Wed - Mar 11 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS**

Thurs - Mar 12 - 9:00 am - +**Ann Marschke** by Laura Allym

Fri - Mar 13 - 9:00 am - +**Joe Franck** by Bill & Mona Franck

Sat - Mar 14 - St. Leo's - 5:00 pm - +Kathryn Kent by Bill Kent

Sun - Mar 15 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am Mass - +Irene Pollock by Larry & Penny Zaun
St. Leo's - 10:30 am Mass - 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.

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Mar 8 - 6:30 pm - Ecumenical Prayer Service at Goshen Moravian Church, Supper at 6 pm  
 Mon., Mar 9 - 7:00 pm - Liturgy committee meeting at the rectory  
 Wed., Mar 11 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas  
 Wed., Mar 11 - 6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas in Buffalo  
 Wed., Mar 11 - 6:30 pm - RE classes at St. Leo's, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm  
 6:15 pm - Senior class meets  
 Thurs., Mar 12 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life center  
 Fri., Mar 13 - 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Leo's, Soup & Sandwich Supper at 6 pm  
 Sun., Mar 15 - 6:30 pm - Ecumenical Prayer Service at United Methodist Church, Supper at 6 pm  
 Wed., Mar 18 - 6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas in Buffalo  
 Fri., Mar 20 - 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Leo's, Soup & Sandwich Supper at 6 pm  
 Sun., Mar 22 - 6:30 pm - Ecumenical Prayer Service at Canaan Moravian Church, Supper at 6 pm  
 Wed., Mar 25 - 6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas in Buffalo  
 Wed., Mar 25 - 8:00 pm - KC meeting at the rectory  
 Fri., Mar 27 - 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm - KC Fish Fry  
 Fri., Mar 27 - 7:00 pm - Living Stations of the Cross at St. Leo's  
 Sat., Mar 28 - 1:00- 4:00 pm - Reconciliation Retreat for 2nd graders  
 Mon., Mar 30 - 7:00 pm - Eucharist Parent Meeting in lower level of Church  
**Fri., Apr 3 - 7:00 pm - St. Leo's Lenten Reconciliation Service**

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday Mar 14</b><br>5:00 pm<br><i>St. Leo's</i><br>2nd Sat of Month | <b>Sunday Mar 15</b><br>8:30 am<br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday Mar 15</b><br>10:30 am<br><i>St. Leo's</i><br>3rd Sun of Month |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                      | Mark Voss                                                                 | Judy Von Bank                                        | Steve Carvell                                                            |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                       | Bill Franck<br>Nicole Scherweit                                           | Barb Buhr<br>Joe Killoran                            | Joan Carvell<br>Jeff Grommesh<br>Tom Nowak<br>Deb Werner<br>Jake Werner  |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                               | Theo Metzger<br>Ben Metzger                                               | Gavin Besette<br>Claire Halland                      | Logan Prochnow<br>Alex Sullivan<br>Daniel Sullivan                       |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                        | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                                                   | Keith & Joni Biggers                                 | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                                                  |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                                | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                                                   | Brad & Mary Kliniske                                 | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                                                  |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Musicians:** We are hoping that you would consider joining us to lead the music for the Holy Triduum- Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday- April 9-12, 2020. Here is a schedule of our practice times. **First practice will be Sunday, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> from 9-10:00am (before 10:30 Mass).**

### Practice schedule:

**Sun., Mar. 15- no practice**  
 Sun., Mar. 22- 9:30- 10:30am  
 Sun., Mar. 29- 9:00-10:00am  
 Sun., Apr. 5-9:00-10:00am

### Holy Week Liturgies:

Holy Thursday, April 9, 7:00pm  
 Good Friday, April 10, 7:00pm  
 Holy Saturday, April 11, 8:30pm  
 Easter Sunday, April 12, 10:00am

A music binder will be all ready for you when you get to rehearsal. We would love to have you join us for all (or some) of these great liturgies! Call if you have any questions! Sue Knoll 261-2047

**Lenten Canisters** – One recipient of our Lenten canisters is **Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity**. They bring local businesses, churches, and volunteers together to build homes, communities and hope. Families also invest “sweat equity” into their homes and make income-based mortgage payments which to into a fund to build more houses. It is operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God’s love into action by building homes and is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing. Corporate and individual donors provide the funding. Please be generous in supporting our Lenten charities.

**Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Fargo** is looking for young adults, male and female, to help plan and present a gender specific retreat this summer for students ages 13-17. The theme has not been decided yet and young adults would be helping to decide and then design the retreat with talks to fit the theme. The paid position includes several meetings and the actual retreat and evaluation. For more information or to say ‘yes’ to this challenge, please email Kathy Loney at [Kathy.loney@fargodiocese.org](mailto:Kathy.loney@fargodiocese.org) for more information no later than Friday, March 20.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.” - Genesis 12:1*

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

**90th Birthday Open House Celebration** for John Hansen on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5 pm in the Heinz Celebration room at Bethany on 42<sup>nd</sup>, 4255 30th Ave S, Fargo.

**Attention all fishermen!** St. Leo's KC's are looking for fish donations for their annual Lenten Fish Fry to be held on Friday, March 27. For more information or to donate fish please contact Grand Knight Micah Bartholomay at (701)630-4555. Thank you.

### Perpetual Rosary for Vocations

The St. Leo's Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary for Vocations on: **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm both nights.** Everyone is welcome to come and pray the Rosary with the Knights.



### God's Gift 2020

Thank you to all parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 God's Gift Appeal. Pledge cards may be placed in the offertory basket and we will see that they are delivered to the Diocese. If you do not have a card extras are located on the bulletin board in the church entry. Please help support our diocesan church.