

PASTOR'S NOTES

So deeply grateful . . .

One of the seven spiritual works of mercy is praying for the living and the dead. I and my two brothers and sister were deeply touched by those who offered their prayers and support at the time of my mother's death.

As many have said – *the death of a parent definitively closes a chapter in a person's life* – certainly rings true for me. My mother's death has flooded me with many wonderful memories – **her deep and abiding faith; her constant gift of motherly love; her rich love of nature, animals and the land; her gracious gift of food and hospitality, etc.**

Your presence at either/both the vigil service and funeral liturgy was deeply appreciated and truly exemplary of what it means to be Church, the Body of Christ! A deep and gracious thanks to all who extended condolences, gave memorial gifts and are having Masses offered for my mother.

All of these kindly gestures is the very definition of the spiritual work of mercy of praying for the living and the dead.

For myself, my sister - Betty, and two brothers - John (Jack) and Ken —

Thank you very much!!

Hitting .679, maybe .894 ??

Last week we had *Time and Talent Sunday* at St. Leo's parish. Every parish depends on the volunteer efforts of its parishioners. Some would say that is the very life-blood of parish life, the measure of discipleship, the embodiment of the 'Good Samaritan', the striving to be Christ-like who poured out his life for the salvation of the world.

Volunteers of all ages make possible 'full, active and conscious' Sunday liturgies {musicians, Mass servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, Offertory gift bearers, Mass coordinators, etc. - *Thanks to all who said 'yes'*}.

Volunteers enable us to have a very viable Religious Education program {teachers, helpers, substitutes, hall monitors, Simple Supper helpers of serving and clean-up, etc. - *Thanks to all who said 'yes'*}.

Volunteers allow us to do many charitable and parish activities {funeral luncheons, KC breakfasts, pie day at Casselwood, summer-fest ice cream social, Easter Vigil reception, Lenten Stations of Cross soup and sandwich, etc. - *Thanks to all who said 'yes'*}.

The list of volunteer services could go on and on. The need for volunteers is found in the earliest days of the Church. As St. Paul reminds the church of Corinth when he was seeking their assistance and support to relieve the effects of a famine that had plagued the city of Jerusalem, "... God loves a cheerful giver." [2 Cor. 9:7]. The cheerful gift of your time and talent is deeply appreciated.

Our diocesan-mandated October Mass count had 237 adults in attendance at last week's Sunday Masses. 161 Time and Talent surveys were returned. In baseball talk that means St. Leo's is batting .679 which is very good! 25 surveys were returned blank. Hopefully the other 51 will be returned this week. That would have us hitting .894, which would be excellent! If you happened to attend Mass somewhere else last week, we would love to have you to complete a *Time and Talent Survey* and return it to the parish office. Surveys can be found at the back of the church.

For those who graciously and generously volunteered their Time and Talent to St. Leo's --

Thank you!!



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TWENTY– EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 13, 2019

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 Oct 13:

Mon - Oct 14 - 9:00 am - **Addison Alex** by Patti Alex

Tues - Oct 15 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **Paul Diemert** by Helen Diemert

St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Oct 16 - 9:00 am - **+Ed Mergner** by Marian Watson

Thurs - Oct 17 - 9:00 am - **+Helen Nowak** by Tom & Myra Nowak

Fri - Oct 18 - 9:00 am - **+Ernest Watson**

Sat - Oct 19 - St. Leo's - 5:00 pm - ++Eiler & Mary Madsen by Stephen & LaRae Madsen

Sun - Oct 20 - St. Thomas - 8:30 am Mass - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am Mass - +Don Mergner

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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

Tues., Oct 15 - 7:00 pm - Reconciliation Parent meeting in big classroom, lower level of church  
 Wed., Oct 16 - NO RE Classes  
 Sun., Oct 20 - 9:00 am- 12:30 pm - KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Wed., Oct 23 - 8:00 pm - KC meeting at the rectory  
 Thurs., Oct 24 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center

**Special prayers and blessings** to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:

**Ron & Lorraine Kensok - 66 years-Oct 17**  
**Marvin & Minnie Ries - 67 years on Oct 18**  
**Keith & Barb Marschke - 50 years on Oct 18**  
**Don & Mary Ellen Nilles - 54 years on Oct 23**  
**Dennis & Kerry Radermacher - 51 years on Oct 26**

### *Upcoming Ministry Schedule*

|  | <b>Saturday Oct 19<br/>5:00 pm<br/>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 20<br/>8:30 am<br/>St. Thomas</b> | <b>Sunday Oct 20<br/>10:30 am<br/>St. Leo's</b>                         |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | <b>Volunteer needed</b>                          | Gary Milbrandt                                  | Steve Carvell                                                           |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | Gary Grommesh<br>Delores Grommesh                | Linda Milbrandt<br>Jurgen Suhr                  | Joan Carvell<br>Jeff Grommesh<br>Tom Nowak<br>Deb Werner<br>Jake Werner |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Samantha Burchill<br>Cassie Bartholomay          | Courtney Hovelson                               | Anthony Garman<br>Olivia Garman<br>Mikaela Prochnow                     |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                          | Arnie & Barb Buhr                               | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                                                 |
| <b>Greeters</b>                                                                   | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                          |                                                 | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                                                 |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                          | Bob & Judy Von Bank                             | <i>Volunteer needed</i>                                                 |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Diocese of Fargo Annual White Mass:** Friday, 6 pm on October 25 at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center on the UND campus (410 Cambridge St) in Grand Forks, ND. A **White Mass** is dedicated to all those working in the health care field. All medical professionals, including physicians, nurses, therapists, or those studying in these professions, are invited. A To RSVP or for more information, visit: [www.undcatholic.org/](http://www.undcatholic.org/) events.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing:** November 1 - 3, 2019. A Rachel's Vineyard retreat offers a safe, non-judgmental and confidential retreat for anyone who struggles with the feelings of loss that can accompany an abortion experience. For more information, please call Ruth at (701)219-3941 or email at [ruch@i29.net](mailto:ruch@i29.net).

**World Mission Sunday:** Each year St. Leo's/St. Thomas, along with the Diocese of Fargo, participate in six national collections. Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> is *World Mission Sunday*. This collection helps fund foreign missionary needs. The envelope for this collection can be found with your regular collection envelopes. Please consider giving generously.

**Catholic Collage Fall Session:** Join us Thurs., Nov. 14 & 21 for a Catholic Collage mini session at St. Anthony's Church, Fargo. Fr. Kyle Metzger will "Unveil the Real Presence" and Ashley Grunhovd will delve into the lives of St. Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin. The evening will begin with a free will offering simple supper at 6 pm. The presentations will be from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. Watch future bulletins for more information.

### **Fall Dinners - Please see the flyers on bulletin board for more details on fall dinners:**

Sun., Oct 13 - St. Agnes Church, Hunter, ND, Turkey Dinner, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 Sun., Oct 13 - Holy Trinity Church, Fingal, ND, Turkey Dinner, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm  
 Sun., Oct 20 - Holy Cross Catholic Church, West Fargo, Pork Loin Dinner, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 Sun., Oct 27 - Blessed Sacrament Church, West Fargo, Pork Loin Dinner, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Sun., Nov 3 - St. Leo's Church, Roast Beef Dinner, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.**

### **This week's Stewardship moment:**

*"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Luke 17:18*

Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

### **Perpetual Rosary for Vocations**

The St. Leo's Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary for Vocations on:

**Sunday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am**  
 (before 8:30 am Mass)  
 and

**Monday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

Everyone is welcome to come and pray the Rosary with the Knights.

### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**



Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
 in the

Spirit of Life Center  
 Serving Pancakes & sausage.  
 Free will offering.

### **Catholic Charities Update:**

Thank you for your support so far of Catholic Charities. To date they have received \$40,000 of their \$150,000 goal in donations. *(Combined total from all area churches.)* Extra envelopes are available at the back of the church if you did not get one or you can donate online at: [www.CatholicCharitiesND.org/donate](http://www.CatholicCharitiesND.org/donate) Thank you.