

PASTOR'S NOTES

A SCAM !!!

This past week two parishioners told me they **supposedly** received a text message from me requesting them to send gift cards.

Please know – I do not send text messages. In fact, I have never sent a text message in my life. I highly value face-to-face conversations or at least the sound of your voice over the telephone. I can not imagine I would ever make such a request.

If you should ever receive a request of this sort, please call me personally, visit with me, or call the office and inform them of such requests. Thank you!!

Better Preaching

It is often noted that priests could do a better job of preaching. So, at this year's gathering of the priests of the Diocese of Fargo at Jamestown, Fr. Peter Cameron was asked to present a 2-day reflection on the topic of preaching. Fr. Cameron is a Dominican priest and the founding editor of the monthly prayer booklet called the *Magnificat*.

On the first day Fr. Cameron noted a number of reasons why preaching fails. One of those reasons is that preaching has often become a catechetical lesson or some moralism. In reality good preaching comes from our deepest experience as a human being and speaks to that experience in others. St. Augustine is noted for saying, *'our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee (God)'*. Beyond our busy and harried lives lies a deep need for love – to be loved and to give love! **Good preaching leads us to the wellspring of such love – the person of Jesus Christ.** This proclamation is more than a body of teachings about Christ. Preaching introduces people to mind and heart of Christ. Good preaching 'fathers' people back to life as Christ did in his life.

That led Fr. Cameron to note a second reason why preaching often fails. Preachers often fail to actualize the Scriptures for people. To actualize Scripture a preacher must meditate over the text and ponder the many nuances woven into each particular Scripture text. For example, each Gospel writer wrote in a particular way and included certain scenes from Christ's life into their Gospel portrayal because this is what brought them to faith in Christ. This is what offered salvation to the Gospel writer and he wants us to have that same salvific experience, i.e., to enter the heart and mind of the one who saved the world – Jesus Christ.

On Fr. Cameron's second day with the priests of the Diocese of Fargo, he reviewed some texts from Matthew's Gospel to demonstrate the richness found in these texts. Some of these texts will be used for our Sunday readings in 2020.

Preaching is not a side-show, nor simply an 'add-on' to the Eucharist. It is essential to putting awe and wonder into the hearts of believers. In its deepest sense preaching is an act of worship. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) declares,

"Bishops, with priests as co-workers, have as their first task 'to preach the Gospel of God to all men ...' [CCC 888]

Preaching is no easy task. Please keep all preachers in your prayers that they may measure up to this life-giving ministry of the Word.

A Great Tradition continues ...

Over the last few weeks the parish has received a number of phone calls about the date and time of St. Leo's Fall Dinner & Raffle. St. Leo's has developed a great tradition over the years and looks forward to another great Fall Dinner & Raffle —

Sunday, November 3rd from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



St. Leo's Catholic Church
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– SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 6, 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 6:

Mon - Oct 7 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS**

Tues - Oct 8 - 9:00 am - St. Thomas - **+Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo's - NO MASS

Wed - Oct 9 - 9:00 am - **+Gene Dooley** by Theresa Dooley

Thurs - Oct 10 - 9:00 am - **NO MASS**

Fri - Oct 11 - 9:00 am - **+Marian Schmidt** by Sue Quittschreiber

Sat - Oct 12 - St. Leo's - 5:00 pm - +Genevieve Puhr by Paul Puhr

Sun - Oct 13 - St. Leo's - 8:30 am Mass - +Gene Dooley by Theresa Dooley
St. Thomas - 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


Tues., Oct 8 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory  
Wed., Oct 9 - 3:45 pm - RE classes at St. Thomas  
Wed., Oct 9 - 6:30 pm - RE classes at St. Leo's, Simple Supper at 6:00 pm  
6:15 pm - Junior class meets  
Tues., Oct 15 - 7:00 pm - Reconciliation Parent meeting in big classroom, lower level of church  
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

**Traveling Diocesan Rosary Congress:** Bishop Folda asks the faithful of the Fargo Diocese to participate in a Traveling Diocesan Rosary Congress from Oct 6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>. The Rosary Congress will begin at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo on Oct 6th. It will then move from deanery to deanery each day. Visit [www.fargodiocese.org/rosarycongress](http://www.fargodiocese.org/rosarycongress) for the list of host parishes and schedule.



**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.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule


|  | Saturday Oct 12<br>5:00 pm<br>St. Leo's | Sunday Oct 13<br>8:30 am<br>St. Leo's                                       | Sunday Oct 13<br>10:30 am<br>St. Thomas |
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| Lector                                                                            | Renee Anderson                          | Shari Kensok                                                                | Keith Biggers                           |
| Eucharistic Ministers                                                             | Bill Franck<br>Volunteer needed         | Ann Faught<br>Mary Jendro<br>Susan Kempel<br>Terry Kensok<br>Richard Muscha | Barb Buhr<br>Joe Killoran               |
| Altar Servers                                                                     | Hayden Faleide<br>Volunteer needed      | Katie Kempel<br>Melody Kempel                                               | Jami Vavra<br>Rudi Wendel               |
| Offertory Collectors                                                              | Volunteer needed                        | Volunteer needed                                                            | Arnie & Barb Buhr                       |
| Greeters                                                                          | Volunteer needed                        | Volunteer needed                                                            |                                         |
| Gift Bearers                                                                      | Volunteer needed                        | Volunteer needed                                                            | Jackie Vavra Family                     |

NEWS AND NOTES

**Catholic Daughters to meet:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's Church (710 10th St S, Fargo) beginning with Mass at 5:15 pm, with meeting to follow at 6:30 pm. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Members are invited to bring food pantry donations. Call Lupita at 520-840-2418 with any questions.

**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 supper and short program will follow the Mass. To RSVP or for more information, visit: [www.undcatholic.org/events](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, women, men, grandparents and siblings who struggle 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).



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**St. Leo's Knight of the Month**  
The Knight for the month of **October** is **Jesse Martinez**. Thank you Jesse for your dedication and the works you do for the KC's. It is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**Fall Dinners - Please see the flyers on bulletin board for more details on fall dinners:**  
Sun., Oct 6 - Martin's Lutheran Church, Casselton, Roast Pork meal, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Sun., Oct 6 - St. Mary's Church, Dazey, ND, Turkey Dinner, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Sun., Oct 6 - St. William's Church, Argusville, Turkey Dinner, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
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., Nov 3 - St. Leo's Church, Roast Beef Dinner, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.**

**This week's Stewardship moment:**  
"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."- 2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?