


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS


Sun., Apr 13 – 3:00 pm – Easter Cantata at St. Leo’s; refreshments to follow  
Tues., Apr 15 – 11:00 am – Chrism Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo  
Wed., Apr 16 – Religious Education classes– **see below**  
Wed., Apr 16 – 7:00 pm – Tenebrae Service at St. Leo’s  
Thurs., Apr 17 – 7:00 pm – Holy Thursday Mass at St. Leo’s  
Fri., Apr 18 – 7:00 pm – Good Friday Service at St. Leo’s  
Sat., Apr 19 – 8:30 pm – Easter Vigil Mass at St. Leo’s; reception to follow  
**Sun., Apr 20 – 8:00 am – Easter Sunday Mass at St. Thomas** – NOTE: Time change.  
**Sun., Apr 20 – 10:00 am – Easter Sunday Mass at St. Leo’s** – NOTE: Time change.

**Religious Education Class Times — Wed., April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm  
St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm  
All classes will attend the Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm.  
**NOTE: All 5:15 pm classes will meet at 6:30 pm** with their classmates in their respective classrooms.  
**NOTE:** All sessions of 5<sup>th</sup> grade (A & B) will meet at **6:15 pm**  
**NOTE:** All 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders will meet at 6:30pm in the church for Tenebrae practice.  
**NOTE:** All other classes start at regular times.

	<b>Sunday April 20</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> <b>8:00 am</b> <i>St. Thomas</i>	<b>Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday</b> Sat. Apr19 <sup>th</sup> -8:30pm/Sun. Apr 20 <sup>th</sup> -10 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Jackie Vavra	<div>Please see Holy Week Sign-Up Sheets in the back of the Church.</div>
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Abigail Killoran Claire Halland	
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Joe & Lora Killoran	
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Bryce Kasowski Family	

NEWS AND NOTES

**EASTER CANTATA**  
*‘Lift High the Cross’*  
**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**3:00 pm**  
St. Leo’s Catholic Church  
All are Welcome – Refreshments to follow.



Tenebrae Service

Everyone is invited to attend the **Tenebrae service** on Wednesday night, **April 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Presented by the students in grades 9 - 12 from St. Leo’s and St. Thomas.

Tenebrae (TEN-eh-bray) has a rich tradition in the church dating back to the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Through word and music, this service dramatizes the suffering, death, and burial of Jesus Christ.


**Attention! Need Sausage.** We are looking for deer/homemade sausage donations for the Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil reception. If you have any you would be able to share, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office at 347-4609 if you can help.

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


**Jerry & Jean Fletschock - 58 years on Apr 15**

**Lenten Canisters** – One recipient of our Lenten canister is **Medical Mission Sisters:** *Medical Mission Sisters* is an international organization working to bring about a world where all live in harmony and where no one is in want, with care and compassion for all. Conscious that "justice is essential to comprehensive healing, health and wellbeing," they work to address problems of widespread poverty, hunger and malnutrition, unemployment, illiteracy, inadequate housing and unsafe water supplies. **Please be generous in supporting our Lenten charities. We will collect these canister during Holy Week.**

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**  
“... I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” ~ Luke 22:34  
How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don’t want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don’t think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.



**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:**  
Serving French toast and sausage **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life



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St. Leo’s KC’s Gardening Seminar:  
***“Spring Lawn Care and Tips for Shopping in a Garden Center”*** presented by Don Kinzler. **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Open to the public and refreshments will be served.

**HOLY WEEK HELP NEEDED:**  
Your help is needed with our Holy Week liturgies and the Easter Vigil Reception. Please see the sign up sheets located in the church entry to see where you can help out.

**Church decorating:** All parishioners are invited to help decorate the church for our Easter Liturgies on **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.**

***Please remember to bring you nails for Good Friday Service and to return you Lenten Canisters during Holy Week.***

PASTOR’S NOTES

Holy Week [April 13-20]

~~ the premier week in the life of the Church ~~

Holy Week is a tumultuous week. It begins with joy on Palm Sunday [April 13<sup>th</sup>] as Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem. It suffers an agonizing death on Good Friday only to burst forth in glory on EASTER Sunday as the resurrected Christ declares that death no longer has a hold on the human race. Holy Week is filled with the Church’s greatest liturgies and ritual celebrations. It is a week rich in prayer — rousing our hearts and minds to enter the mystery of Christ’s suffering and death, meet the resurrected Christ, and be raised to the glory of heaven.

You are highly encouraged to attend Holy Week Services:

On Tuesday [April 15<sup>th</sup>] Bishop Folda celebrates the **Chrism Mass** at 11 a.m. at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo. The three oils of the Church {*Oil of the Catechumens*, *Oil of the Sick* and *Sacred Chrism*} will be blessed, consecrated and then brought to our parish churches to be used throughout the year in the sacramental life of the Church. Also, during the Chrism Mass the priests of the Diocese of Fargo will renew their priestly vows;

On Wednesday [April 16<sup>th</sup>] we celebrate the ancient prayer service called **Tenebrae** at 7 p.m. at St. Leo’s Church. Tenebrae is a Latin term meaning *shadows*. The service begins with a procession of lighted candles that are gradually extinguished representing the abandonment of Christ by his followers. In the midst of this deepening darkness the Christ candle on the altar remains burning though temporarily taken from our midst only to reappear on the altar representing Christ’s burial and triumphant resurrection and victory over the darkness of death. This service of light moving into darkness anticipates the **Triduum** {the three holy days: *Holy Thursday*, *Good Friday*, *Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil*} and sets the tone for our meditation on the Paschal Mystery (the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ);

On **Holy Thursday** [April 17<sup>th</sup>] we gather at 7 p.m. at St. Leo’s Church. St. Thomas and St. Leo’s parishes receive their blessed oils from Tuesday’s Chrism Mass; there is a footwashing ceremony; at the end of Mass the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the Spirit of Life Center for adoration until midnight. As people leave each person is given a loaf of bread to be their food for Good Friday’s fast and abstinence;

On **Good Friday** [April 18<sup>th</sup>] we gather at 7 p.m. at St. Leo’s Church. We hear the Passion story of Christ; venerate the Cross, which acknowledges both the crucifying power of sin and the exalted throne of God’s unconquerable love for his people; we end with a simple Communion Service;

On **Holy Saturday (the Easter Vigil)** [April 19<sup>th</sup>] we gather at 8:30 p.m. at St. Leo’s Church. Our night begins at the Easter fire and the lighting of our Easter Candle; this is followed by readings from salvation history; then the baptismal waters are blessed and we end celebrating Easter Mass. After Mass all people are invited to the Spirit of Life Center for a wonderful reception of food and drink.

**Easter Sunday** [April 20<sup>th</sup>] liturgies are at 8 a.m. at St. Thomas and 10 a.m. at St. Leo’s.

Perhaps Psalm 122 can lead us this Holy Week. The psalmist writes,

“I rejoiced when I heard them say - let us go to the house of the Lord.”

~~ Please mark your calendars ~~



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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



PALM SUNDAY  
April 13, 2025

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 April 13:

Mon – Apr 14 – 9:00 am – +Rick Keller by Sandra Keller  
Tues – Apr 15 – 11:00 am – **Chrism Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo**  
*NO Mass at St. Thomas and St. Leo’s*  
Wed – Apr 16 – 9:00 am – +Shirley Marek by Monica Qvale  
Holy Thursday – Apr 17– 7:00 pm– St. Leo’s– +Fr. Jerald Finnestad  
Good Friday – Apr 18– 7:00 pm Service at St. Leo’s  
**Holy Saturday – Apr 19 – 8:30 pm– St. Leo’s– Liam Ertlet by Missy Poulson**  
**Easter Sunday – Apr 20 – St. Thomas - 8:00 am - For the people of our parishes**  
**Easter Sunday – Apr 20 – St. Leo’s- 10:00 am- +Arnie Schafer by Stu & Kim Romsdal**

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**St. Leo’s Directors:** Dave Glennon & Micah Bartholomay  
**St. Thomas Directors:** Gary Milbrandt & Flint Kasowski

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
at St. Leo’s  
4:00 - 4:45 pm Saturday  
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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 or by appointment.

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