

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., Apr 8 – RE Classes – see below
 Sun., Apr 19– 9:00 am– KC Breakfast; last one until the Fall
 Mon., Apr 20– 7:00 pm– Finance Committee meeting at the rectory
 Wed., Apr 22– 12:00 pm– Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
 Mon., Apr 27– 6:30 pm– KC meeting at the rectory
 Tues., Apr 28– 7:00 pm– Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., April 8th

St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo's RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
 Grades K- 5, 7, 8, 10 — 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
 Grades 6 & 9 – Class B — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
 12th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm




NEWS AND NOTES

Thank you to all who donated to the Easter environment at St. Leo's

Den & Megan Bolda	in memory of deceased Bold family members
Don & Audrey Cramer	in honor and in memory of all living and deceased family & friends
Bill & Mona Franck	in memory of Joe & Helen Krumm, Cathy & Gerald Hulm and in honor of Helen Franck
Darin & Judy Hamre	in memory of Tyson & Jeffrey Jewison, Steve Lund, deceased Depuydt & Hamre family members
Perry & Dawn Lubbers	in memory of Christopher Lubbers
Jim Meehl	in memory of Kenneth Meehl, Arlene Meehl & Brian Meehl
Kent & Terri Monilaws	in memory of Barb Korynta & Kenneth Monilaws
Richard Muscha	in memory of Janice Muscha, Russel Muscha, Joseph & Margaret Muscha, Jake & Eve Schlenker, and in honor of Sandy, James & Michael Bowles, Kari & Ryan Muscha
Sue Nesemeier	in memory of deceased Levos, Nesemeier & Koehler family members
Mary Ellen Nilles	in memory of Donald Nilles
Paul Puhr	in honor of St. Leo's parishioners
Stu & Kim Romsdal	in memory of Arnie Schafer & John Romsdal
Paulette Schmitt	in memory of Jim Schmitt, Ray & Clarice Schmitt, Leonard & Doris Brandenburg
Lois Titus	in memory of Al J. & Sally Artz and Neil Artz
Anonymous	in honor of family members

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Apr 11 5:00 pm St. Leo's	Sunday Apr 12 8:30 am St. Leo's	Sunday Sun Apr 12 10:30 am St. Thomas
			
Lector	Mark Voss	Shari Kensok	Keith Biggers
Eucharistic Ministers	Lori Howard Bill Franck	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faught Mary Jendro Susan Kempel Paul Olsen	Joni Biggers Keith Biggers
Altar Servers	Addison Hushka Noah Hushka Payton Neumann	Melody Kempel Quinn/Riley Gunkel Emma Rupp	Hannah Besette Ali Killoran
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Joe & Lora Killoran
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Mike & Lisa Zahnow
Lead Rosary	Richard Muscha	Deb Werner	

Join us to sing from the choir loft! "Choir Sunday" will be **Sunday, April 19th** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome to sing. **Gentlemen, we need you too!** We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30 -10 am that day to run through these songs: #177, #353, #366, #338, #191. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Contact Wanda Mangin with any questions at wanda.mangin@yahoo.com

Catholic Home Missions: Special Diocesan collection **Sunday, April 26th**. This collection helps strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories by providing pastoral services including, evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups. The envelope for this collection can be found with your regular collection envelopes. Please consider giving generously.

Confirmation 2026 Advance Notice: This year St. Leo's Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Folda will be held on Saturday, May 9th at the 5 pm Mass with 17 students being confirmed. There will be reserved seating for the Confirmation students and their families and the Mass will be longer than 1 hour and will have a bigger attendance than normal for a Saturday 5 pm Mass. **For those who usually attend this Mass, you may want to attend one of the Sunday Masses that weekend (St. Leo's- 8:30 am; St. Thomas- 10:30 am) given the limited amount of seating available at the 5 pm Mass.**

This week's Stewardship moment:

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." ~ Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Easter (*this year*)

~~~ a diminished celebration, but a perduring victory of light over darkness ~~~

The weather forecast for Good Friday and Holy Saturday looks quite gloomy – heavy snowfall, difficult driving conditions, etc. Despite the damper the weather may bring, the victory of Easter goes on (*into eternity*)!!

An ancient homily on Holy Saturday tells it this way —

*Something strange is happening — there is a great silence on earth today ... The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.*

*He has gone in search of our first parents, as for a lost sheep ... he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory ...*

*He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying 'Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light' ... I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated ...*

*Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven ... the throne formed by cherubim awaits you ... the bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.*

In the spirit of this thought Delores, Patty, Paul, Sherry, and I truly pray this Easter season will be a time to savor the glory of the Resurrection and what that mystery of faith means for the life of the world.

### Keep them in your prayers –

Despite what the weather may bring, **Don Krueger** and **Hunter Krueger** are still anticipating being baptized, confirmed and receive Holy Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil celebration.

**Also** — **Andrew Fraase**, **Jacob Schultz** and **Emma Weber** are anticipating being received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. **Hanna Barnes**'s father, Gene Sampel, has a serious medical condition, and Hanna's reception into full communion with the Catholic Church may have to be delayed for a short while. Your prayers are always welcome for these catechumens and candidates and Hanna's father.

### Thank you!!

A very deep and grateful thank you to all who worked to make our Holy Week liturgies so beautiful – musicians, coordinators, bread makers, altar servers, readers, foot washers, oil carriers, cross bearers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, built our 'Easter tomb' and decorated the church, carried our Easter water, those who dressed the altar, and prepared/served our Easter vigil reception. Your spirit of service lifted up our spirit of praise and worship. Again our deepest thanks!



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## The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2026

### 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 Apr 5:

Mon – Apr 6 – 9:00 am – +**Don Nilles** by Don & Audrey Cramer

Tues – Apr 7 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Randy Pfeifer** by Joe & Lora Killoran

*NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo's*

Wed – Apr 8 – 9:00 am – +**Mary Ann Waxler** by Her family

Thurs – Apr 9 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – Apr 10 – 9:00 am – +**Theresa Dooley** by Sue Knoll

**Saturday – Apr 11 – 5:00 pm – +Joe Franck by Bill & Mona Franck**

**Sunday – Apr 12 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am – For the people of our parishes**

**St. Thomas - 10:30 am – +Janice Diemert by Minnie Ries**

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**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.

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