



PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS


Mon., Aug 11 – 7:00 pm – St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting
Thurs., Aug 14 – 7:00 pm – **St. Thomas** – Holy Day Mass/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri., Aug 15 – 7:00 pm – **St. Leo’s** – Holy Day Mass/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon., Aug 18– 6:30 pm– KC meeting at the rectory
Tues., Aug 26 – 10:30 am – Funeral Mass for George Waxler



St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus:
The August meeting will be held on **Monday, August 18th** at 6:30 pm at the rectory.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION:
RE Registration Letters were sent out this past week by postal mail. Please watch for it in your mail. See Pastor’s notes. Thank you.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Aug 16 5:00 pm St. Leo’s	Sunday Aug 17 8:30 am St. Thomas	Sunday Aug 17 10:30 am St. Leo’s
Lector	Mallory Poulson Lee Ann Monilaws	Judy Von Bank	Megan Bolda
Eucharistic Ministers	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Cynthia Comprendio Kristi Hovelson	Micah Bartholomay Jake Lako Collin Miller Deb Werner Jake Werner
Altar Servers	Ann Burchill Grant Burchill Beau Parisien	Abigail Killoran Liam Biggers	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh Prochnow
Offertory Collectors	Volunteer needed	Dennis & Cristie Killoran	Volunteer needed
Gift Bearers	Volunteer needed	Jackie Vavra Judy Von Bank	Volunteer needed
Lead Rosary	Mona Franck		Volunteer Needed

NEWS AND NOTES

Jubilee Indulgence Opportunities

Celebrating Maryvale Faith & Fun Day: 3150 116a Ave SE, Valley City, ND. Saturday, August 16th, 10 am to 5 pm. The day will feature 5k/1m trail run, dunk tank, bouncy houses for the kids, outdoor live music, bake sale/silent auction, food, and a Vigil Mass with Bishop Folda. Please visit: www.maryvalend.org for more information, to RSVP, or to register for the 5k/1m run. *Maryvale is a designated Jubilee site, so you may obtain an indulgence under the usual conditions by visiting the site before or after attending this event.*

St. James Basilica Community Corn Feed: This event will take place on Sunday, August 24th, from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Stutsman County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$10 with kids six and under free of cost. This event features lunch, bounce houses, corn hole, raffle prizes and more. You can purchase tickets in advance at St. James Basilica or at the door. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church entry. *St. James Basilica is a designated Jubilee site, so you may obtain an indulgence under the usual conditions by visiting the Basilica before or after attending this event.*

69th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Prairies: Sunday, August 17th starting at 2:00 pm at the Carmel of Mary Monastery, 17765 78th St SE, Wahpeton, ND. Guest speaker will be Fr. Luke Meyer followed by the Rosary and Mass with Bishop Folda at 5:00 pm. The event will conclude with a picnic after Mass. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit: Carmelofmary.org *Carmel of Mary Monastery is a designated Jubilee site, so you may obtain an indulgence under the usual conditions by visiting the site before or after attending this event.*

Men’s Retreat with Bishop John Folda: September 5-7, 2025 at the Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. This retreat is for men 21-38 wanting to deepen and strengthen their faith with the Lord. The retreat begins on Friday, September 5 at 4:30 pm and concludes on Sunday, September 7 at 1 pm. Cost of the retreat is \$250 and includes room and board. Register online at: www.maryvaleND.org Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Women’s Silent Retreat – On Retreat with St. Theresa of Lisieux: September 12 – 14, 2025 at the Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. In this retreat, Ashley Njaa (wife, mother, DRE, and spiritual disciple of St. Therese of Lisieux) will help women unpack some key pieces of wisdom on living a life of complete trust, confidence in God, and cultivating a spiritual childhood. The retreat will include conferences, Mass, adoration, confession, and spiritual direction, as well as time to pray, rest, and enjoy the beautiful grounds of Maryvale. All details are available at: <https://maryvalend.org/9-12-25-st-therese-of-lisieux>

Peach Sale: Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” ~ Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Upcoming Holy Day

On August 15th of each year the Catholic Church celebrates the **Holy Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** into heaven. This dogma of faith was declared by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950 in an Apostolic Constitution titled *Munificentissimus Deus* [The Most Bountiful God]. In part that Constitution says, “... *Mary, Immaculate Mother of God ever Virgin, after finishing the course of her life on earth, was taken up body and soul to heavenly glory.*”

This is one of three Marian holy days in the life of the Church. The other two Marian holy days are: **Immaculate Conception** on December 8th and **Mary, Mother of God** on January 1st . Mary is not God, but she is the preeminent model of discipleship. Everything the Church teaches about Mary comes from our beliefs in her son, Jesus Christ. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “*What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ*” [CCC 487].

The Assumption celebrates the ultimate reward of discipleship – communion with God in heaven for ever. This is every faithful disciple’s reward. Where she has gone we hope to follow. What distinguishes Mary from us is that Mary was assumed body and soul. Presently all other saints in heaven possess only their souls, but are awaiting their glorified bodies at the end of time. Mary already possesses her glorified body. She is not just one saint among many. She is the pre-eminent saint. What we now see in Mary will be ours in the last of days.

With this understanding in mind, Holy Day Masses for the Assumption are as follows:

Thursday, August 14th at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas in Buffalo

Friday, August 15th at 7 p.m. at St. Leo’s in Casselton

Religious Education letters

We are doing something new this year for our RE registration. This past week two different RE letters were sent by postal mail to the parents of our RE students for this upcoming RE school year.

One letter was sent to just second and third grade RE parents who will be having children enrolled in sacramental preparation for either Reconciliation and/or Confirmation/Eucharist classes. Since sacramental preparation classes involves additional RE expectations than found in other grades, this registration time will include a short presentation reviewing all expectations as well as registering all your students for RE classes.

The second letter was sent to all other RE parents (*i.e., having no students enrolled in sacramental preparation classes*) with their own registration dates and times. **Please! Please! Please!** Read your letter carefully and **only come** to your designated registration time. We can only accommodate designated students at their particular time slot. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Inquiry class – coming this Fall

I (Fr. Ermer) am planning on having my last Inquiry Class here at St. Leo’s starting in late September/early October. An Inquiry Class is a series of 14/15 classes meant to give an adult presentation of the the Catholic faith and its beliefs and practices.

This class is open to all who may want to ‘brush up’ on, or deepen their understanding of the Church. This is also the class for any one interested in joining the Church/becoming a Catholic. **This is also known as RCIA classes.**

Future bulletins will have additional topics, dates and times. In the meantime if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.



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401 Third St. North
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 10, 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 Aug 10:
Mon – Aug 11 – 9:00 am – +**Greg Dimmer** by Rene Anderson
Tues – Aug 12 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**
NO Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – Aug 13 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**
Thurs – Aug 14 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale
Thurs – Aug 14 – 7:00 pm– St. Thomas– Assumption of Mary Holy Day Vigil Mass
Fri – Aug 15 - NO 9 am Daily Mass at St. Leo’s
Fri – Aug 15 – 7:00 pm– St. Leo’s– Assumption of Mary Holy Day– Fr. Duaine Cote
Saturday – Aug 16 – 5:00 pm – +Kenny Habiger by Mary Kempel
Sunday – Aug 17 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +Bob Von Bank by Judith Von Bank
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am – 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

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.