


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., Aug 18– 6:30 pm– KC meeting at the rectory
Thurs., Aug 21– 5:30– 7:30 pm– KC Corn & Brat picnic
Thurs., Aug 21– 6:30– 7:30 pm– RE registration
NOTE: NO 2nd or 3rd grade registration (see your letter for details)
Sun., Aug 24– 6:30 pm– RE registration
NOTE: only for 2nd & 3rd grades (see your letter for details)
Thurs., Sept 4 – 7:00 pm – Liturgy Committee meeting




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

Council 9477



St. Leo's
Knights of Columbus
Corn & Brat Picnic
Thursday, August 21st, 2025
5:30 - 7:30 pm
St. Leo's Church Parking Lot
Adults: \$12 Children: \$6

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Aug 23 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo's</i>	Sunday Aug 24 8:30 am <i>St. Leo's</i>	Sunday Aug 24 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Gary Milbrandt
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Joe Killoran Linda Milbrandt
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Evelyn Roth Joe Kappes Jensen Kappes	Claire Glennon Jack Glennon Nolan Ziegelmann	Hallie Besette Skylar Norrie
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Dennis & Cristie Killoran
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Mark & Carmen Gubrud
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

Jubilee Indulgence Opportunities
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: Carmelof.mary.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.*

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.*

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>

Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages – Sept. 26 – 28, 2025 Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and reclaim the love that initially brought them together. The Red River Retrouvaille program will be held locally on Sept. 26 – 28, 2025 in Fargo. For more information visit HelpOurMarriage.com or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at rrretrouvaille@gmail.com.

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

This week's Stewardship moment:
"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." ~ Luke 12:51
Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Religious Education (RE) – begins with Dad and Mom!

There is an axiom that says, “Faith is caught before it is taught”. This suggests that what we model in life has a more dominant effect than what we preach or teach. Religious Education programs assume that parents model their lives of faith, and are the first teachers of the faith by telling their children the basic story of faith —

that God exists; that God has created all thing; that God has an unbelievable love affair with the human family; that the human family fell into sin and needed to be saved; that God the Father sent his Son as savior of the world – by Christ’s dying on the cross, rising from the dead, and ascending to heaven the gates of heaven have been opened, which had been closed since the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise; that Christ left us his Church to continue God’s mission of saving love of the world until the end of time.
In grateful love for God, mothers and fathers model for their children a life of faithful living by — *teaching basic prayers; forming consciences of knowing right from wrong; attending Sunday Mass; living in sacramental marriages; being generous and sacrificial in the giving of time, talent and treasure; growing in their understanding of Scripture, Church teachings, moral issues and the spiritual life, etc.*

Children need the faithful witness of fathers and mothers, who know that passing on the faith is the most important task they have as parents. As children see their dads and moms supporting them in their academic studies and extracurricular activities (e.g. - sports, theater, speech, music, etc.), **children need to see, at least, that same level of support in their spiritual activities** (e.g. - *always attending Sunday Mass; meal and bedtime prayer; enrollment & attendance in RE programs; giving of time, talent and treasure; attending parents class; joyous celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation & Eucharist, etc.*).

Such witness done with authenticity and conviction will telegraph to children the priority that belongs to faith from which springs the hope of heavenly life to those ‘*who love God with all their heart, all their soul, all their mind, and their neighbor as themselves*’.

Religious education builds on this foundation. Thus, faith is caught before it is taught. **Our opening RE Mass will be Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** followed by an ice cream social in the Spirit of Life Center. All parishioners are welcome. See you there!!

KC Corn & Brat Feed

Mark your calendars! –The annual Knights of Columbus **Corn & Brat Feed** is scheduled for this **Thursday, August 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** in the church parking lot south of the Church and the rectory. Come One, Come All and have some fun!

Jesus’ Burial Cloth – The Shroud of Turin

For the first time the Diocese of Fargo will host a traveling exhibit of an exact replica of the burial cloth in which Christ was buried. **This burial cloth is known as the Shroud of Turin.** The Shroud bears a faint image of the front and back of a man who died of crucifixion wounds. It has been venerated for centuries as the actual burial cloth used to wrap the body of Jesus after his crucifixion, and upon which Jesus’ bodily image is miraculously imprinted. The real cloth is in Turin, Italy and is currently not on display.

This traveling exhibit, titled *Man of the Shroud*, will be at St. Mary’s Cathedral in the Social Hall for one week, August 23-31. Check the Diocese website for daily hours of the exhibit.

A Shroud expert, Jim Bertrand, will give a special presentation on the Shroud of Turin on Sunday, August 24th and on Monday, August 25th at 7 p.m. in the church. The Monday presentation will be live-streamed through the Diocese of Fargo Youtube channel.



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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



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 17, 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 17:

Mon – Aug 18 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**
Tues – Aug 19 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **+Marcel Sluke** by Joe & Lora Killoran
NO Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – Aug 20 – 9:00 am – **+Agnes Goldade**
Thurs – Aug 21 – 9:00 am – **+Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries
Fri – Aug 22 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**
Saturday – Aug 23 – 5:00 pm – +Mary Ann Waxler by Her family
Sunday – Aug 24 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - +Shirley Marek by Monica Qvale
St. Thomas - 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.

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