


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Aug 24 – 6:30 pm– RE registration
NOTE: only for 2nd & 3rd grades (see your letter for details)
Tues., Aug 26 – 6:30 pm – RE teachers meeting
Wed., Aug 27 – 6:30– 7:30 pm– RE registration
Wed., Sept 3 – 6:30 pm – RE opening Mass
Thurs., Sept 4 – 7:00 pm – Liturgy Committee meeting

The Knight of Columbus would like to thank everyone that provided bars and donated their time to the KC Corn and Brat feed to help make it a huge success. Thanks to all of the people that came out and supported us this year, without the community support we couldn’t make this happen.
Thank you from the St. Leo’s KC’s



St. Leo’s Knight of the Month: The Knight of the month is **Fr. Ermer**. Thank you Fr. Ermer for all you do for the KC’s. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Aug 30 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i> 5 th Sat of August	Sunday Aug 31 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i> 5 th Sun of August	Sunday Aug 31 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<div>Please see sign-up sheets in the church entry. <i>If this is your normally scheduled weekend and you will be here, we ask that you please sign up. Thank you.</i></div>		Jackie Vavra
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>			Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun
<i>Altar Servers</i>			Layla Norrie Claire Halland
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Dennis & Cristie Killoran
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Aaron Haseleu Family
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Richard Muscha	Alexia Kieffer	

NEWS AND NOTES

Jubilee Indulgence Opportunities

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.

Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart – Women’s Healing Retreat: November 20-22, 2025: Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the Undone Women’s Conference, where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty, and transformation, as the knots of Eve’s disobedience are “undone” through Mary’s model of radical receptivity. Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your adult daughters, and friends. Presented by the John Paul II Healing Center, this event will be held at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo. The retreat is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online for either experience at <https://fargodiocese.net/undone> Registration opens August 18. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts are available. Contact JPiiretreat-FargoND@gmail.com for more information.

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last” ~ Luke 13:30
Our cultural standards are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “What have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?

PASTOR’S NOTES

Religious Education (RE) – a flurry of activities

In this last week of August a number of religious education events will be happening!

Sunday, August 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting and registration – **ONLY** for parents with children entering into the second and third grade, which prepares them for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation & Eucharist. Since these grades have additional expectations than regular RE classes, they need to be reviewed in more depth as well as having these parents register all of their children for RE classes. **Again this meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Please be on time so we can finish in short order.**

Monday, August 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting and registration for all “*First Time Families*” to our RE program. I will explain our overall curriculum (*including sacramental preparation*), volunteer expectations for Simple Supper & Hall Monitor, registration fees, go over RE calendar and our RE Handbook, answer any questions, etc.

Tuesday August 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting with this year’s RE teachers to review diocesan expectations (e.g. - *Circle of Grace*, etc.), get preliminary student count per grade, room assignments, receive and review teacher manuals, review our RE Handbook, receive copies of student textbooks, etc. **Also, teachers will register their children for RE classes.**

Wednesday, August 27th any time from 6:30 to 7:30pm

Last registration time for all remaining RE students (*those **not** in second and third grade, **not** “First Time Families”, **not** students who have a RE teaching parent*). Registration time will run from anytime between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. **Please note** — this is our last RE registration time. Your cooperation in this matter is deeply appreciated!!!

Special Note — Our opening RE liturgy will be Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 p.m. followed by an ice cream social.

New Jubilee guide

I know of a couple parishioners who have visited all six (6) of the Pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Fargo.

Rose Mary Eldridge, who has visited all diocesan sites, has compiled a very nice explanation of each site and how to go about collecting each memorabilia coin associated with each site. That 4-fold brochure can be found on our Jubilee table in the church entryway. The brochure also explains how to attain the diocesan memorabilia coin for those who have visited all six pilgrimage sites. In the very near future I plan to print a brochure detailing Mass and adoration times at each of these sites as well as a ‘*what to do (spiritually) at a pilgrimage site*’. Stay tuned!!

I highly encourage this spiritual practice of ‘making a pilgrimage’. Explanation of the Jubilee indulgence attached to this practice can be found on our Jubilee table. The Jubilee year and its associated pilgrimage sites will come to a close on Sunday, December 28, 2025.



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St. Thomas Catholic Church
401 Third St. North
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 24, 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 24:

Mon – Aug 25 – 9:00 am – **Elizabeth Garman** by Casey & Anna Garman

Tues – Aug 26 – 10:30 am – St. Leo’s – Funeral Mass for George Waxler

Wed – Aug 27 – 9:00 am – **+Sophie Buerkley** by Richard Muscha

Thurs – Aug 28 – 9:00 am – **+Lyle Schultz** by Keith & Joni Biggers

Fri – Aug 29 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**

Saturday – Aug 30 – 5:00 pm – +Betty Heyerman by Jim & Nancy Heyerman

Sunday – Aug 31 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Leo’s - 10:30 am – +Lynn Kensok by Ann Faught

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St. Thomas Directors: Gary Milbrandt & Flint Kasowski

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.