


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wed., Sept 3 – 6:30 pm – RE opening Mass
Thurs., Sept 4 – 7:00 pm – Liturgy Committee meeting at the rectory
Tues., Sept 9 – 7:00 pm – Cemetery Committee meeting at the rectory
Wed., Sept 10 – RE classes start
Tues., Sept 16 – 7:00 pm – Finance Committee meeting at the rectory
Mon., Sept 22 – 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory
Tues., Sept 23 – 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory

 Religious Education
Opening Mass
Wednesday, September 3rd
6:30 pm
Ice Cream social to follow.
All parishioners are invited to attend.

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to the families of George Waxler and Frank Kasowski on the deaths of their loved ones.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Sept 6 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Sept 7 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday Sept 7 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>
Lector	Megan Bolda Lois Titus	Alecia Killoran	Karren Bartholomay
Eucharistic Ministers	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Joni Biggers Keith Biggers	Kristi Dutchuk Jared Nelson Nicole Scherweit Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler
Altar Servers	Tristan/Ignatius Lako Richard Family	Hannah Besette Ali Killoran	James Diemert Garman Family
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Betty Lou Stallman Lisa Zahnow	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Darren Halland Family	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Lead Rosary	Lucy Wagner		Volunteer Needed

NEWS AND NOTES

Join us to sing from the choir loft! “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, September 21st** at the 10:30 am Mass. Any-one middle school and older is welcome is to sing. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #647, #625, #375, #497. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Contact Wanda Mangin with any questions.

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](https://www.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. 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 JPIIretreatFargoND@gmail.com for more information.

The annual Casselton Business Association **Senior Citizens Day** is Tuesday, Sept. 30th from 10 am to 1:15 pm at Martin’s Lutheran Church in Casselton (502 Martins Ave N). Older adults from throughout rural Cass County are invited to attend this fun event. Senior Day is free to attend and includes displays, presentations on “Fraud Prevention” and “Managing Cognitive Changes”, drug take back, flu shots, FREE lunch and door prizes. **RSVP by Friday, Sept. 19th to BankNorth at (701)347-4540.** Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for the day’s schedule.

Life-Giving Wounds Support Group-Online: October 6 – December 1, 2025. The Life-Giving Wounds peer support group is a unique opportunity for healing for adults (18+) whose parents have divorced, separate, or left broken families to reflect intentionally on the wonds caused by their family’s breakdown and to heal from them, together with others who know this pain and knowledgeable, compassionate leaders, who are also predominantly adult children of divorce or separation themselves. For more information and to register visit: www.fargodiocese.org/lgw-sg Questions, contact Jennie Korsmo at the Diocese: jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” ~ Luke 14:13-14
One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

PASTOR’S NOTES

A Labor Day note —

“*Work is for man, not man for work*”. So wrote the late Pope John Paul II in September 1981 in an encyclical letter called, *Laborem Exercens*. With this being Labor Day weekend this encyclical letter offers many thoughtful reflections on the proper meaning of human work.

We often think of work in terms of the things that work produces, or the profits we make from our work. *Laborem Exercens* talks about these things, but more importantly directs us to look at work from the perspective of the worker and what work means for the worker.

When work is examined from the perspective of the worker a number of principles become clear. Because of the transcendent dignity of the human person: (1) labor has priority over capital; (2) the right to private property is subordinate to the right of common use, to the fact that goods are meant for everyone; (3) property should be of service to the person.

This leads Pope John Paul II to examine the spirituality of work. Work always must be evaluated through the meaning it has in the eyes of God and how it collaborates in the redemption of the human race and the development of the Kingdom of heaven.

Every now and then it is important to take a break and meditate upon the fundamental dimensions/activities of our lives so as to gain a renewed perspective on things. I believe *Laborem Exercens* would be a good labor day read.

Religious Education starts —

Please note— Religious Education classes begin this Wednesday [September 3rd] with our **opening Mass at 6:30 p.m.** This Mass is for both parishes and open to all parishioners (St. Thomas and St. Leo’s). Mass will be followed by an ice cream social. All are welcome.

A special note of thanks to all the parents who cooperated with our registration times, class on sacramental preparation, and sign ups for Simple Supper and Hall Monitor job duties. This was our best year ever!!! It looks like we are off to a very good start.

Grandparents & Elderly Day —

An explanatory note – our secular calendars claim Sunday, September 7, 2025 to be national grandparents day. Five years ago, the late Pope Francis established a World Day celebrating grandparents and the elderly, and put it on the Sunday nearest the feast of Sts. Anne & Joachim who were the grandparents of Jesus. Sts. Anne & Joachim’s memorial is July 26th. The US bishops have decided to celebrate both grandparents and the elderly in conjunction with the September date. **Therefore**, this coming weekend (**September 6th and 7th**) is grandparent and elderly day.

In his exhortation for the World Day celebrating grandparents & the elderly, Pope Leo XIV noted that God often used the elderly for the carrying out his providential plan of redeeming the human race. *For example*, Abraham and Sarah were aged parents when they gave birth to Isaac; the same with Zechariah and Elizabeth in giving birth to John the Baptist. Moses was 80 years old when he was called to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.

He goes on to say, “*If it is true that the weakness of the elderly need the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly to build a future with wisdom.*” Grandparents and the elderly are “*examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials.*”

Even as bodies age and become weak our grandparents and the elderly still love and pray and give of themselves in faith and serve as signs of hope.

It is this spirit of understanding that rises up and says —

Happy Grandparents and Elderly day!



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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



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 31, 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 31:

Mon – Sept 1 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory
Tues – Sept 2 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +Sue Hoffman by Keith & Joni Biggers
Tues – Sept 2 – St. Leo’s – 1:00 pm – Funeral Mass for Frank Kasowski
Wed – Sept 3 – 6:30 pm – **RE Opening Mass– For all RE Teachers & Students**
NO 9 am Daily Mass at St. Leo’s
Thurs – Sept 4 – 9:00 am – +Elizabeth Kiser by Richard Muscha
Fri – Sept 5 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory
Saturday – Sept 6 – 5:00 pm – +Theresa Dooley by Her family
Sunday – Sept 7 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am – Fred & Rose Mary Eldridge

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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

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.