

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Feb 15 – 9:00 am – KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Wed., Feb 18 – NO RE Classes  
**Wed., Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday – 5:15 pm – Mass at St. Thomas in Buffalo**  
**7:00 pm – Mass at St. Leo’s**  
 Fri., Feb 20 – 6:30 pm – St. Leo’s – Stations of the Cross; Soup & Sandwich supper at 6 pm  
 Sun., Feb 22 – 8:30 am Mass: OCIA Rite of Sending of Catechumens & Candidates  
 Sun., Feb 22 – Ecumenical Prayer Service at Westminster Presbyterian church; Soup & Sandwich at 6 pm  
 Mon., Feb 23 – 6:30 pm– KC meeting at the rectory  
 Wed., Feb 25 – 6:00 pm– St. Thomas – Stations of the Cross

**Cantata Practice:** All singers are invited to join the Casselton United Singers in performing this year’s cantata on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Leo’s Church. **Practices are on Sundays at 4 pm at St. Leo’s Church.** If you have any questions please contact Maari Loy at (701)261-1069.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	<b>Saturday Feb 21</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> <b>St. Leo’s</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of February</b>	<b>Sunday Feb 22</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <b>St. Leo’s</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sun of February</b>	<b>Sunday Sun Feb 22</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <b>St. Thomas</b>
	Lee Ann Monilaws Mallory Poulson	Fred Eldridge	Jackie Vavra
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Paulette Schmitt Lucy Wagner	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terry Kensok Terri Monilaws	Kristi Hovelson Cynthia Comprendio
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ann Burchill Grant Burchill Beau Parisien Max Monilaws	Claire Glennon Jack Glennon Nolan Ziegelmann Paxton Ziegelmann	Layla Norrie Claire Halland
<b>Offertory Collectors</b>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Gary & Linda Milbrandt
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Joe & Lora Killoran
<b>Lead Rosary</b>	Mona Franck	Sandra Keller	

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Mass Schedule:

5:15 pm Mass at St. Thomas  
 7:00 pm Mass at St. Leo’s

*We are looking for Mass servers, Mass Coordinator and EMHC volunteers for the Ash Wednesday Mass. A sign up sheet is located in the church entry.*

#### Palms, Nails and Lenten canisters:

If you have palms, nails and Lenten canisters at home, we ask that you please return them before Lent begins. *Thank you.*

**Did you collect all Jubilee Pilgrimage site coins?** If you did, GREAT! Please call the parish office. We would like to recognize this spiritual effort. Thank you.

**Contribution Statements/Annual Letter:** To help us cut down on the cost of postage, your Contribution Statements/Annual Letter will be available for pick up in the church entry after Mass, or you may stop by the parish office during the week to pick it up. Thank you.

**Catholic Man Night:** Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at Nativity Catholic Church (1825 11<sup>th</sup> St S, Fargo, ND). 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration & Confession; 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm meal and talk. The guest speaker is Fr. Kevin Lorsung. Meal is a free will offering. **All men are invited, bring a friend!**

#### This week’s Stewardship moment:

*“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” ~ Matthew 5:20*

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above other people. Jesus is clear — it’s the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.



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### Knights of Columbus Breakfast:

Serving pancakes and Langdon sausage



**Sun., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering.

### Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages

**March 13-15, 2026.** 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 March 13-15 in Fargo. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at [rrretrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:rrretrouvaille@gmail.com).

### Redeemed Men’s Retreat: March 19-21,

2026 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Moorhead, MN. Every man needs the opportunity to step away from the noise, busyness, and relentless expectation of daily life and be reminded of his purpose and identity. This 3-day retreat is that opportunity. Come receive authentic and relatable testimonies from men who found strength, direction, and freedom by surrendering their live to God. For more information and to register please visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/fm-redeemed](http://www.fargodiocese.org/fm-redeemed)

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### A goal of \$3,866,500 . . . . a request of \$248

This is the goal of the 2026 God's Gift Appeal!

This week Bishop John Folda will be sending a letter to each of the 24,005 Catholic households in the Diocese of Fargo. The Diocese of Fargo comprises the 30 eastern counties in North Dakota. As a successor of the apostles Bishop Folda bears the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel and sharing the Catholic faith to all who live within our diocesan boundaries.

#### Bishop Folda has a daunting task —

- > of educating and forming seminarians and permanent deacons in their becoming priests and deacons to serve our 124 parishes and missions; of providing continuing education and graduate study programs for priests and deacons;
  - > of helping vulnerable people through the *Guardianship and Adults Adopting Special Kids* programs; of offering thousands of hours of faith-filled marriage, family and individual counseling; of assisting couples who struggle with infertility and seek adoption services – all programs offered by Catholic Charities North Dakota
  - > of sustaining our young people's faith on the campuses of UND and NDSU through our Newman Centers;
  - > of sponsoring numerous faith-filled youth experiences (e.g. - SEARCH, summer youth camps and rallies);
  - > of bringing stories of faith and news articles into our homes through *The New Earth*;
  - > of serving the needs of those who are divorced and seeking annulments;
  - > of sustaining and maintaining the Bishop's residence and diocesan offices;
  - > of offering educational and retreat opportunities at the Maryvale Retreat Center;
- and much more* is laid on the plate of Bishop Folda for his pastoral care and concern.

**This is an awesome array of good works! Obviously, Bishop Folda can not do this alone! He needs our help!!** Such is the purpose of the God's Gift Appeal (GGA). The 257 parish households in St. Leo's and the 43 in St. Thomas are being asked to give a combined total of **\$74,381** towards the 2026 GGA goal of \$3,866,500. This is an average of \$248 per parish household in St. Leo's and St. Thomas.

This looks reasonable and doable as one looks at the 2026 Giving Hearts Day statistics. They raised over \$30,300,000+ from 71,000 individuals, which is an average of \$427 per individual giver!

**The many good works of the Diocese are certainly worthy of our generous support.** I invite you to join me and my gift of \$700 as we journey together in the theme of this year's Appeal of *"This is the Hour for Love."*

### Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:15 p.m. at St. Thomas in Buffalo

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. at St. Leo's in Casselton

### Keep in your prayers —

- > the two catechumens [Don Krueger and Hunter Krueger] who will be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist as they enter the Church this coming Easter Vigil;
- > the four candidates [Hanna Barnes, Andrew Fraase, Jacob Schultz and Emma Weber] who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church this coming Easter Vigil.



St. Leo's Catholic Church  
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



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 15, 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 Feb 15:

Mon – Feb 16 – 9:00 am – +**Jim Schmitt** by Paulette Schmitt

Tues – Feb 17 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Bob Killoran** by Joe & Lora Killoran

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

Wed – Feb 18– Ash Wednesday– 5:15 pm– Mass at St. Thomas

Wed – Feb 18– Ash Wednesday– 7:00 pm– Mass at St. Leo's – +**Fr. William Callery**

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

Thurs – Feb 19 – 9:00 am – +**Myron Mickkelsen** by Lori Howard

Fri – Feb 20 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Saturday – Feb 21 – 5:00 pm – +**Virginia Pedeliski** by Ted Pedeliski

Sunday – Feb 22 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am – For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am – +**Bernice Wolsky** by Frank & Laura Biggers

### Parish Staff:

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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

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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.

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