


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., - Thurs., July 21-24 – 1:00 to 4:00 pm – St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Mon., July 28 – 6:45 pm – KC Meeting at the rectory
Tues., Aug 5 – 7:00 pm – Education Committee meeting at the rectory
Mon., Aug 11 – 7:00 pm – St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Mary Ellen Nilles and her family on the death of her husband, Don.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
—Matthew 5:4

Diocese of Fargo: For more information on upcoming events and retreats and happening throughout the diocese, please visit: www.fargodiocese.org

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday July 26 5:00 pm St. Leo’s	Sunday July 27 8:30 am St. Leo’s	Sunday July 27 10:30 am St. Thomas
Lector	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Gary Milbrandt
Eucharistic Ministers	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Monilaws	Cynthia Comprendio Kristi Hovelson
Altar Servers	Evelyn Roth Joe Kappes Jensen Kappes	Clair Glennon Jack Glennon Nolan Ziegelmann	Ali Killoran Layla Norrie
Offertory Collectors	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Jurgen & Barb Suhr
Gift Bearers	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Frank & Laura Biggers
Lead Rosary	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

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.**

Praying with the Shroud Retreat: Make plans August 22-24, at the Maryvale Retreat Center, and learn how the Holy Shroud of Turin can provide you with additional options for meditation and contemplation. A suggested donation of \$225 covers your meal and room. Retreatants will receive a comprehensive array of Shroud information from speaker Jim Bertrand, who has over 10 years of experience sharing the message across more than 45 Diocese. Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation will be available. Register online at www.maryvalend.org

Man of the Shroud Exhibit: August 24th – August 31st, 2025. The “Man of the Shroud” touring exhibit will be on display at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo, ND. The exhibit features a full-size replica of the front and back of the Shroud of Turin. It also presents the results of a comprehensive scientific, historical and forensic study with numerous photographs and illustrations. The exhibit will be displayed in the Cathedral social hall from 7 am – 8 pm. Jim Bertrand, an expert on the Shroud from the Lincoln Diocese, will be giving a presentation on the Shroud scheduled for Sunday, Aug 24th and then repeated on Monday, Aug 25th. Both presentations are at 7pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral. For more information about the shroud exhibit, visit: kolbeshrine.ort/shroud

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” ~ Colossians 1:25

We are called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Indulgences - Part Two -

By way of review – last week’s article spoke of indulgences as the remission of temporal punishment due to sin. **All sin offends God and disrupts the order by which God created the world.** The sacrament of Reconciliation absolves us of the guilt of sin while the sacramental penance begins to restore the brokenness that our sin has wrought upon the world in which we live. God does not just ‘wink’ at that disorder, but in justice asks the disorder be repaired/rectified. Sin spreads like wildfire affecting the lives of many people, many of whom we never know about. Sin has a way of perverting truth, disordering justice, scandalizing the world and leading others to think such actions ‘are OK’. **All of this constitutes what is known as the temporal punishment due to sin** and this is what must be repaired.

God never abandons us; his mercies are without limit. Indulgences are graces God offers through his Church to help us set aright the order that our sin(s) have split asunder.

Kinds of indulgences: Over the ages the Church has recognized two kinds of indulgences: **plenary and partial.** Plenary indulgences remit **all** temporal punishment due to sin; partial indulgences remit only **some** of that punishment.

Conditions for indulgences: Indulgences are not magic nor automatic. All indulgences involve a number of norms and conditions that believers must fulfill in order to gain the graces of that indulgence. *For example: a person must have at least the intention of doing the indulgence and its enjoined work; be truly repentant of sin and free from any affection for sin; be moved by a spirit of charity; purified by the sacrament of Reconciliation; refreshed by Holy Communion; pray for the intentions of the Pope.*

Jubilee Indulgence & other indulgences: Presently there are over thirty (30) indulgenced practices in everyday church life [e.g. - Act of Family Consecration; Eucharistic Adoration; week of prayer for Christian Unity; listening to sacred preaching; novenas and litanies; jubilee celebration of ordination; visit to cemeteries; reading Scripture; visiting sacred places; etc.]. When Pope Francis established this Jubilee Year of Hope he attached a plenary Jubilee indulgence to pilgrimages made to the four major basilica churches in Rome [St. Peter’s; St. John Lateran; St. Mary Major and St. Paul outside the Wall] as well as those sites designated by bishops in their own diocese. Bishop Folda established six (6) sites in the Diocese of Fargo: **St. Mary’s Cathedral & the Guadalupe Adoration chapel** in Fargo; **St. Michael Catholic Church** in Grand Forks; **St. Therese of the Little Flower Catholic Church** in Rugby; **Maryvale Retreat Center** in Valley City; **St. James Basilica** in Jamestown; and **Carmel of Mary Monastery** in Wahpeton. This Jubilee indulgence runs from December 29, 2024 until December 28, 2025 in the Diocese of Fargo.

Besides the general conditions for indulgences listed above, the Jubilee Indulgence involves making a pilgrimage to the site, spending some time in adoration concluding by praying an *Our Father*, the Profession of Faith (the Creed) and invocations to Mary, Mother of God (such as the *Hail Mary*, *Hail Holy Queen*, *Memorare*, etc.) For pilgrims making such visits, each site is giving a collectable coin. For people collecting all six coins, they are able to collect a diocesan coin. For those unable to make such travels (e.g. - the elderly, the sick, the imprisoned) can receive the Jubilee indulgence by offering up their sufferings in union with those making the pilgrimage and recite the *Our Father*, the Profession of Faith (the Creed) and a prayer expressive of the Holy Year.

Much more can be learned about indulgences by reading paragraphs 1471-1479 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the book: *Manual of Indulgences: Norms and Grants*, Publication No.5-474, USCCB Publishing, Washington DC ISBN -10: 1-57455-474-3 or ISBN -13: 978-1-574555-474-8



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 20, 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 July 20:

Mon – July 21 – 9:00 am – ++**Greg & Harriet Dimmer** by Rene Anderson
Tues – July 22 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries
NO Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – July 23 – 9:00 am – +**Lorraine Kensok** by Richard Muscha
Thurs – July 24 – 3:00 pm– VBS Closing Mass– For all VBS students and helpers
NO 9 am Daily Mass
Fri – July 25 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**
Saturday – July 26 – 5:00 pm – +Margaret Kensok by Carol Nilles
Sunday – July 27 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am – +Audrey Suhr by Frank & Laura Biggers

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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
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.

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