

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., July 28 – 6:30 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  
Thurs., Aug 14 – 7:00 pm – **St. Thomas** – Holy Day Mass/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Fri., Aug 15 – 7:00 pm – **St. Leo’s** – Holy Day Mass/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



God’s Gift Appeal 2025 as of 7/18/2025

	Goal	Pledged	% to Goal	# of HH	# of HH Participating	% of HH Participating
St. Leo’s	\$64,992	\$37,391	57%	257	60	23%
St. Thomas	\$10,217	\$ 6,980	68%	43	13	30%

HH = Parish Households

Thank you to all parishioners who have made their gift to the 2025 God’s Gift Appeal. You can still contribute to God’s Gift if you haven’t yet done so. Pledge cards and donations may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office and we will see they get to the Diocese.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Aug 2 5:00 pm St. Leo’s	Sunday Aug 3 8:30 am St. Thomas	Sunday Aug 3 10:30 am St. Leo’s
Lector	Megan Bolda Lois Titus	Jackie Vavra	Karren Bartholomay
Eucharistic Ministers	Lucy Wagner Alex Richard	Joe Killoran Linda Milbrandt	Kristi Dutchuk Jared Nelson Nicole Scherweit Pam Spooner Lucas Steckler
Altar Servers	Richard Family Tristan/Ignatius Lako	Damien Norrie Cole Hovelson	Garman Family James Diemert
Offertory Collectors	Volunteer needed	Dennis & Cristie Killoran	Volunteer needed
Gift Bearers	Volunteer needed	Jim Biggers Family	Volunteer needed
Lead Rosary	Lucy Wagner		Volunteer Needed

NEWS AND NOTES

Jubilee Indulgence Opportunities

**Celebrating Maryvale Faith & Fun Day:** 3150 116a Ave SE, Valley City, ND. Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

**69<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Prairies:** Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00 pm at the Carmel of Mary Monastery, 17765 78<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.**

**Jubilee Prairie Pilgrimage:** 2 day bus tour to the six Jubilee sites, August 25-26, 2025. The tour will begin at Maryvale in Valley City, ND and end back at Maryvale. All meals and overnight lodging included. This also includes an overnight stay at the Jasper hotel in downtown Fargo. You will also get reserved seating for the “Man of the Shroud” presentation at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The cost is \$285 per person, double occupancy; or \$385 for a single person. For complete itinerary and to register please visit the Diocese of Fargo website at: [fargodiocese.org/jubilee](http://fargodiocese.org/jubilee) and scroll down to Jubilee Prairie Pilgrimage.

**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](http://www.maryvaleND.org) Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” ~ Luke 11:9  
Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Another Successful Vacation Bible School (VBS)

This past Thursday saw the conclusion of this year’s four-day Vacation Bible School with the celebration of Mass and followed by an ice cream social. We had 35 registered attendees of younger persons entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This year’s program was entitled – *True North* with Christ being the ‘true north’ of our lives and always trusting in Jesus. It rained the day we were going to visit St. Leo’s Cemetery and pray for our deceased loved ones, but I was able to give a little lesson on cemeteries and how to read headstones and foot stones and the prayer we offer for the dead – “*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*” with the response being – “*And let perpetual light shine upon them.*”

This all came to pass because of *Mallory Poulson* and her merry band of adult helpers – *Mary Richard, Patty Roth, Lee Ann Monilaws, Erin Prochnow* with part time help from *Missy Poulson and Sue Braaten*. In addition we had help from both middle school crew leaders – *Elise Bartholomay, Baya Boeder, Adonya Bitzan, Finley Monilaws, Grady Poulson, Kayleigh Prochnow, Eli Rexine, Aubrey White* and high school crew leaders – *Claire Glennon, Evelyn Roth, and Anna White.*

*Thank you for your wonderful spirit of service and passing on the faith.*

Upcoming Diocesan events

**Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>      *Putt 4 a Purpose***

This will take place at Rose Creek golf course in Fargo; Registration begins at 10 a.m. with shotgun start at 11:30. Money raised goes to help seminarian education and diocesan youth programs. Call (701) 356-7928 for more information.

**Friday - Sunday, August 8-10      *Project Rachel Weekend***

At times there are decisions we regret in our lives. Abortion is one of those decisions that often leave people suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually. Rachel’s Vineyard offers a safe, non-judgemental and confidential weekend retreat for anyone – including women, men, couples, grandparents or siblings – who struggle with feelings of loss or guilt. For more information contact Sherry at (701) 520-1229 or Tim at (701) 799-2051 or email [rvregister@yahoo.com](mailto:rvregister@yahoo.com)

**Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>      *Celebrating Maryvale ~ Faith & Fun Day ~***

Maryvale Retreat Center (Valley City) is combining a fund raiser in conjunction with a number of fun activities. It goes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a 5K and 1 mile trail run for \$30 and \$15 registration fees respectively along with Bouncy House Wrist bands for \$5 and a dunk tank fee of \$10 for 3 balls. In addition there will be outdoor live music, bake sale, silent auction, and food [hamburger, brats, hot dogs, chips, potato salad & coleslaw]. You are asked to bring your own lawn chair. Bishop John Folda will celebrate a Vigil Mass for Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. You can register at [www.maryvalend.org](http://www.maryvalend.org)

Just a side note: Since Maryvale Retreat Center is one of the six Jubilee Pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Fargo, you might want to make this day a pilgrimage, celebrate the prayers and conditions for the Jubilee indulgence and pick up the Maryvale collectible pilgrimage coin.

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>      *Our Lady of the Prairies Pilgrimage***

This is the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to Carmel of Mary. The Carmel of Mary Convent is located at 17765 78<sup>th</sup> St. SE in Wahpeton. Things begin with a Marian talk at 2 p.m., followed by the rosary at 3 p.m., Mass at 5 p.m. and picnic at 6 p.m. Like Maryvale above – make this a pilgrimage, celebrate the conditions for the Jubilee indulgence and pick up the Carmel of Mary collectible pilgrimage coin.



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



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
July 27, 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 27:

Mon – July 28 – 9:00 am – +**Mary Ann Waxler** by Her family

Tues – July 29 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **NO MASS**

*NO Mass at St. Leo’s*

Wed – July 30 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale

Thurs – July 31 – 9:00 am – +**Keiarra Marsh** by Keith & Joni Biggers

Fri – Aug 1 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

**Saturday – Aug 2 – 5:00 pm – +Shirley Kaiser by Bryce Radermacher**

**Sunday – Aug 3 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

**St. Leo’s - 10:30 am – Casey Garman by Anna Garman**

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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.

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