


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., June 22 – 7:00 pm – Annual Collar Classic, Elmwood Park, West Fargo, ND  
Sun., June 29 – 4:00 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration, Marion, ND  
Mon., - Thurs., July 21-24 – 1:00 to 4:00 pm – St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School (VBS)

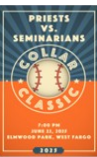


**PLEASE NOTE:** This month’s Ministry Schedule is one of the times when the Saturday and Sunday Masses will be different weeks from each other for the month. Please be attentive to the schedule shown below.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	<b>Saturday June 21</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> <b>St. Leo’s</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of June</b>	<b>Sunday June 22</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <b>St. Leo’s</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sun of June</b>	<b>Sunday June 22</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <b>St. Thomas</b>
<i>Lector</i>	Mallory Poulson Lee Ann Monilaws	Fred Eldridge	Gary Milbrandt
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Joni Biggers Keith Biggers
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Ann Burchill Grant Burchill Beau Parisien	Claire Glennon Jack Glennon Nolan Ziegelmann	Abigail Killoran Ali Killoran
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Frank & Laura Biggers
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Jurgen & Barb Suhr
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Mona Franck	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

**St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School (VBS)- True North: Trusting God In A Wild World** – Monday – Thursday, July 21– 24, 2025 for students in grades K-5<sup>th</sup>. More information and registration forms are located on the display in the church entry. Volunteers are also needed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up and adults.



**Annual Collar Classic Softball Game:** Priests vs. Seminarians will be held Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Elmwood Park, West Fargo. 5:30 pm picnic, 7:00 pm softball game. Bring a lawn chair. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration:** Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Calvin & Linda Leyendecker farm, 4585 97<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Marion, ND beginning at 4 pm. Event activities include Mass at 4:30 pm, blessing of land, machinery, animals followed by a meal at 6 pm. Bring a bag of soil or seed to be blessed. The event is free and open to all. Please RSVP by June 16<sup>th</sup> to (701)252-0119 or [parish@stjamesbasilica.org](mailto:parish@stjamesbasilica.org) (preferred) For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit: [fargodiocese.org/rural-life](http://fargodiocese.org/rural-life)

**Rachel Vineyard Retreat: Hope and Healing** – Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the physical, emotional, or spiritual effects of a past abortion? **Rachel’s Vineyard** offers a safe, non-judgmental and confidential weekend retreat for anyone who struggles with the feelings of loss or guilt that can accompany an abortion experience. The next Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat in the Diocese of Fargo is scheduled for **August 8-10, 2025**. For more information, contact, Sherry at 701-520-1229 or Tim at 701-799-2051 or email [rvregister@yahoo.com](mailto:rvregister@yahoo.com). All inquiries are strictly confidential. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**

*“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth...” ~ John 16:13*

It has been said that the best gift we can give someone is to teach them how to pray. If you don’t talk and more importantly, listen, to God every day, how else will you know what He is calling you to do? Just as you talk to family and friends every day, get in the habit of talking with God every day. Develop a daily prayer routine. Keep your prayers simple and sincere. This is the best done in silence, when you can hear God’s response.



**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop’s Charity Golf Classic Putt 4 a Purpose:** Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

at Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo, ND beginning at 10 am. Join the fun and fellowship for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4<sup>th</sup> player for free. Register on line at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose) For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Steve Schons at the Diocese at (701)356-7926 or email [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org)

**Man of the Shroud Exhibit:** August 24<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup> and then repeated on Monday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>. Both presentations are at 7pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral. For more information about the shroud exhibit, visit: [kolbeshrine.ort/shroud](http://kolbeshrine.ort/shroud)

PASTOR’S NOTES

Trinity ((Love))  
~ a most challenging article of faith  
~ a most misunderstood word

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “*The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. ... It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the ‘hierarchy of the truths of faith’ [CCC 234].*” That would mean the mystery of the Trinity trumps the great articles of faith about God becoming man (*the Incarnation – the Christmas event*) and Christ rising from the dead (*the Paschal mystery – the Easter event*). **What is this belief about the Trinity, i.e., one God in three persons and how does this effect my life?**

Scripture says “God is love [1 Jn. 4:8].” The Catechism states that love is the most fundamental passion [CCC 1765]. Therefore, God’s deepest core is love. Personal love comprises a lover, a beloved and the spirit of love. Together and all in one instance this is the composition of Love. In God’s name the Father is the lover, the Son is the beloved and the spirit of love is the Holy Spirit. Therefore, God is an eternal exchange of love – lover, beloved and spirit of love.

The Father dimension of love is the eternal going out of self to the other. The Son dimension of love is the total giving of self. The Holy Spirit dimension of love is the eternal facilitation of outgoing, sacrificial love.

**On our part the story of creation states that we are made in the image and likeness of God.** This suggests we are made in this very way — to go out of selves, giving sacrificially forever by always willing the good of the other. On the surface of things this seems impossible and incomprehensible. For us – human love is more going out of self to fill a vacuum or to meet a need, **whereas** God’s love goes out of self to give of self. Human love is often conditioned and reciprocal, **whereas** God’s love is sacrificial and merciful. Human love ‘waxes and wanes’, **whereas** God’s love is forever loving. For most of us, true love falls far short of how we are created! The Fall (sin) of our first parents created a great chasm between God and man.

**But** in the Ascension of Christ to the Father, the Father sees love full and complete as it was meant to be. His Son, who shared our human nature, redeemed this ‘broken love’ and at the Last Supper graced the human family with the invitation to “*live on in my love* [Jn. 15:9].” For the Father this story of redeeming love must go on! Thus, on Pentecost he sends the risen and glorified spirit of His Son back to the human race.

Discipleship is accepting this invitation to ‘love as He has loved us’. **Such is the challenge of Trinity Sunday — to elevate love to its original stature as the name for God!**


Clergy milestones of many kinds

In the last two weeks a number of clergy achieved milestones in their lives:


- Death —**  
**Fr. Duaine Cote** died on the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his ordination [June 9<sup>th</sup>]
- Ordination anniversary celebrations —**  
**Fr. Bernie Pfau** - 60<sup>th</sup> priesthood ordination  
**Fr. Gerard Braun** - 45<sup>th</sup> priesthood ordination  
**Msgr. Joseph Goering, Fr. Jim Tiu** - 25<sup>th</sup> priesthood ordination

**Priesthood Ordination —**  
**Fr. Timothy Kraemer** on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

**Deacon Ordinations** on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> —  
Deacon Garrett Aberle, Deacon Brendon Schneibel, Deacon Patrick Sorrells, Deacon Richard Stenger, Deacon Taylor Ternes



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401 Third St. North  
PO Box 22  
Buffalo ND  
633-5150

The Most Holy Trinity  
June 15, 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 June 15:**  
Mon – June 16 – 9:00 am – +**Ken Waldorf** by Gary & Delores Grommesh  
Tues – June 17 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries  
*NO Mass at St. Leo’s*  
Wed – June 18 – 9:00 am – +**Lorraine Kensok** by Sue Knoll  
Thurs – June 19 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**  
Fri – June 20 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale  
**Saturday – June 21 – 5:00 pm – +Ervin Mack by Chris & Kristi Mack**  
**Sunday – June 22 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes**  
**St. Thomas - 10:30 am – +Bob Killoran by Keith & Joni Biggers**

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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.

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