

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Where are we at . . . ?

#### A. National Eucharistic Revival

Over the course of the next 31 days the four (4) Eucharistic pilgrimages/processions from the north, south, east and west in the United States are wending their ways to Indianapolis, Indiana for the beginning of the National Eucharistic Congress on July 17<sup>th</sup>. That 5-day Congress will run until Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and be a major celebration of the Eucharist and Christ's Real Presence among us in his greatest gift to the human race — **The Eucharist**.

These days will be filled with Eucharistic celebrations, talks, rallies, Eucharistic devotions, etc. — all aimed at reinvigorating our faith in and love of the Eucharist and Christ's Real Presence in the consecrated bread and wine of our many Eucharistic celebrations and the tabernacles of our churches.

Since we live in the northern part of the United States, **the northern route of the Eucharistic pilgrimage/procession is known as the Marian route**. Like the other three pilgrimages/processions from the south, east and west — all began their journeys on Pentecost Sunday (May 19<sup>th</sup>) from their respective locations. This weekend the **Marian Route** of the Eucharistic pilgrimage/procession will leave the Diocese of Green Bay Wisconsin and be in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Wisconsin for next weekend (*see the map in the church entry way for further details about the various routes and the National Eucharistic Congress in general*).

Let us continue to pray for our National Eucharistic Revival and its prayer for a revival in our Eucharistic faith and the return of Catholic family and friends to regular Sunday Mass attendance and participation in the liturgy that makes heaven present on earth.

#### B. Diocesan Capital Campaign

In the midst of our National Eucharistic Revival the Diocese of Fargo launched a \$20 million capital campaign to enhance the life of our diocesan church. The campaign has a 4-fold focus — (1) **upgrading** the previous Maryvale Convent in Valley City (*given as a pure gift to the Diocese of Fargo*) into our diocesan retreat center; (2) **bringing** the Fargo Diocese's priests Pension Plan into line with surrounding diocesan priests pension plans; (3) **establishing** a priest's retirement center in Fargo; (4) **returning** 30% of all parish-raised money to that parish for necessary parish projects of their deliberations.

Within this campaign plan each parish/mission was given a goal in order to get to this \$20 million goal. **St. Leo's goal is \$289,086; St. Thomas' goal is \$49,536**. To date, thirty three (33) households from St. Leo's parish have pledged \$183,700, which is 64% of its goal. Six (6) households from St. Thomas parish have pledged \$17,520, which is 35% of its goal.

As noted by our two parish leadership team members [St. Leo's — Mark Weber, Mona Franck, David Glennon, Kelsey Lako and Luke Steckler; St. Thomas — Gary Milbrandt, Joe Killoran and Alecia Killoran] and myself — **This is a worthwhile campaign and has our support!** There are campaign envelopes at the back of the church for your convenience and support. **All support is deeply appreciated!!**

### What is that up front??

For the next 22 Sundays in Ordinary Time there will be a map in our meditation space. Each week there will be a stick pin and with the passing of each week small markers designating areas in the world where a Eucharistic miracle has occurred.

These post-Communion miracle meditations are not meant to focus on the 'spectacularness' of the physical miracle, but on God's intention for us to know, reverence and revere his Real Presence in that greatest of all his sacraments — **The Eucharist**. May these meditations help us grow in our love of the Eucharist and our regular attendance at Sunday Mass.



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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 16, 2024

### 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 16:

Mon - June 17 – 9:00 am – +**Ken Waldorf** by Gary & Delores Grommesh

Tues - June 18 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**

*NO MASS at St. Leo's*

Wed – June 19 – 9:00 am – **Special Intention**

Thurs – June 20 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – June 21 – 9:00 am – +**Rick Keller** by Randy & Doreen Vetter

**Saturday – June 22 – 5:00 pm - +Albin Kaufman by Ron & Thuy Kaufman**

**Sunday - June 23 – St. Leo's- 8:30 am - +Janice Muscha by Keith & Joni Biggers**

**St. Thomas - 10:30 am - For the people of our parishes**

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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.

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

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS


Sun., June 16 - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Sun., June 23 - Beverage and Bite after Mass  
 Sun., June 23 - 4:00 pm - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration, Oakes, ND  
 Mon., Aug 5 - 11:00 am - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo  
 Fri., Sat., Sept 6 & 7 - Redeemed Eucharistic Congress, Jamestown Civic Center  
*NO KC meeting in the month of June.*

**2024 Summer Camps and Events:** There are a number of summer camps and events available for youths to participate in this summer. Please see the display in the entrance of the church for information and to pick up a brochure.

**St. Leo's Vacation Bible School (VBS):** July 22 - 25, 2024. 1-4pm each day for students entering K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms and information is available in the church entry. Registration deadline is July 12<sup>th</sup>.



### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|                                                                                   | <b>Saturday June 22</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i> | <b>Sunday June 23</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo's</i>                         | <b>Sunday June 23</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | Tony Roth                                                     | Fred Eldridge                                                                       | Jackie Vavra                                                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | Paulette Schmitt<br>Mona Franck                               | Virjean Cramer<br>Dave Glennon<br>Patty Glennon<br>Terri Monilaws<br>Richard Muscha | Joe Killoran<br>Linda Milbrandt                               |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Evelyn Roth<br>Joe/Jensen Kappes<br>Beau Parisien             | Lauren Glennon<br>Claire Glennon<br>Jack Glennon                                    | Layla Norrie<br>Piper Koller                                  |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                            | Frank & Laura Biggers                                         |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                      | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                            | Aaron Haseleu Family                                          |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Michelle Kappes                                               | Sandra Keller                                                                       |                                                               |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration:** Please join Bishop Folda and the parishioners of St. Charles' in Oakes, ND on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the farm of Larry & Jane Andersen, 9965 Highway 11, Oakes, ND. Welcome begins at 4:00 pm with Mass at 4:30 pm. After Mass will be a blessing of land, machinery, and animals followed by a meal. The event is free and open to all. Mass will be indoors. Bring a bag of soil or seeds to be blessed. Please RSVP by June 16<sup>th</sup> at [lband@drtel.net](mailto:lband@drtel.net) (preferred) or (701)210-0032. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life](http://www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life).



**Putt 4 a Purpose—Golf Event:** Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00 am at Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo. Bishop John Folda invites you to *Putt 4 a Purpose* at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminararian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminararian as your 4<sup>th</sup> player for free! Register online at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose) For further information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Steve Schons at the Diocese at (701)356-7926

**Redeemed Eucharistic Congress:** September 6 & 7, 2024 at the Jamestown Civic Center (212 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE). The event will include Mass with Bishop Folda, Eucharistic procession from St. James Basilica, Eucharistic healing with Fr. Jeff Eppler, Praise and Worship with Aly Aleigha and Adoration. Guest speakers will include Scott Hahn, Julianne Stanz and Msgr. Thomas Richter. Cost for the event is \$35 before Aug 1, after Aug 1 \$50. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board. To register please visit – [www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed](http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed) or call (701)356-7900

The Rosary is prayed before each weekend Mass at St. Leo's. **We are in need of persons to lead the rosary** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month. This would be about 20 minutes before the 10:30am Masses on these days. Call the parish office if you can help.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Joseph's annual rummage sale.** Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's School gym in Moorhead, 9 am to 5pm. Door #8 is on east side of church, off parking lot across from Hornbacher's on 11<sup>th</sup> St. South. This is the major fundraiser for our conference to be able to have funds needed to assist those with the greatest needs in our community. Furniture, household items and decor, children's clothing, tools, small appliances, etc. will be sold.

**Diocese of Fargo Summer Youth Events:** The Diocese of Fargo is offering events throughout the summer for youth who are looking to grow more in their faith and get to know others throughout the diocese. All events are open to youth in the Diocese of Fargo who are going into grades 7-12 in the fall of 2024. Events are organized by the Cor Christi Missionary Team will lead the youth through various events and activities aimed to help foster community and spiritual growth for the youth in the Diocese of Fargo. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information or visit: [fargodiocese.org/sym](http://fargodiocese.org/sym)

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." ~ 2 Corinthians 5:10*

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us — our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?