

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

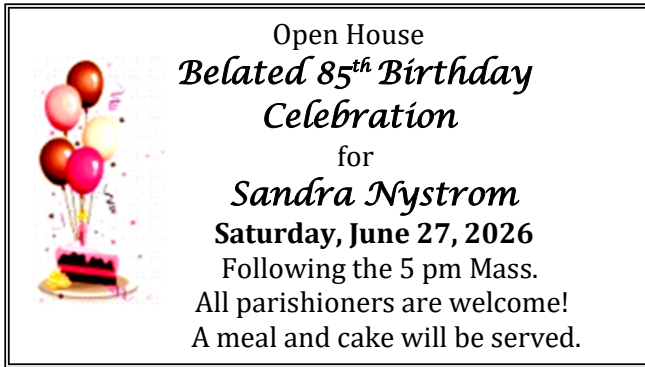
Sun., Jun 21– 4:00 pm – Fr. Ermer’s Retirement/Farewell celebration at St. Leo’s
 Sun., Jun 21 – 7:00 pm – Annual Collar Classic Softball game, Elmwood Park, West Fargo, ND
 Wed. June 24 - 9:00 am – Father Ermer’s last Mass
 Thurs., June 25 - 9:00 am – Father Mulligan’s first Mass
 Sun., July 5 – NO Beverage and Bite after 10:30 am Mass
 Mon., July 20– Thurs., July 23 – 1:00pm– 4:00pm– Vacation Bible School at St. Leo’s



St. Leo’s Vacation Bible School will be held on July 20-23, 2026 daily from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Children grade K-5th can attend. The cost is \$20 per child with a family max of \$50. Older kids and adults are welcome to volunteer. Registration deadline is June 30th. Registration forms are available on the table in the church entry. Contact Patty at dre@stleosnd.org for more information.



NEWS AND NOTES



Open House
Belated 85th Birthday Celebration
 for
Sandra Nystrom
Saturday, June 27, 2026
 Following the 5 pm Mass.
 All parishioners are welcome!
 A meal and cake will be served.



Ministry Schedule for upcoming Holiday weekend– July 4th (First weekend of July): Holiday weekends often find people out of town and regularly scheduled liturgical ministers are looking for substitutes. If you will be around and can help– sign-up sheets are in the main church entry. If regularly scheduled ministers will be around, please sign up your names on the sign-up sheets so as to avoid any confusion. Thank you.

Annual Collar Classic Softball Game: Shepherds (2025 defending champions) vs. Seminarians will be held Sunday, June 21st 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.

A Personal Witness to God’s Love: Part two of Fariba Rogheed personal story will conclude on Wednesday, June 24th, 6:00 pm at St. Anthony’s Church (710 10th St S, Fargo) She will share her experiences growing up as Muslim and her personal journey from Islam to the Catholic faith. She will highlight similarities of the Islam and Catholic faith and offer her perspective on the current situation in Iran. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

This week’s Stewardship moment:


“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” ~ Matthew 10:32

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

Couples Retreat: Faith, Marriage, and Parenting with Dr. Ray: July 24-26, 2026 at the Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. Married couples are invited to deepen their faith, enhance their spousal love, and be equipped with the practical wisdom they need to form the next generation of saints-in-the-making. Prominent and beloved psychologist, author, radio host and Catholic speaker Dr. Ray Guarendi will be help couples navigate the complexities of living out marriages and family lives in a world often at odds with Christian commitments. Space is limited. More details about the retreat and how to register are at: www.fargodiocese.org/marriage-retreat

 **Putt 4 20th Annual Bishop’s Charity Golf Classic Putt 4 a Purpose:** Monday, August 3rd at Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo, ND beginning at 10:00 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 4th player for free. Register online at: www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose If your not a golfer, please consider sponsoring a priest or seminarian or a hole on the golf course. Your contribution will help support the event and defray costs. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Steve Schons at the Diocese at (701)356-87925 or email steve.schons@fargodiocese.org

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday June 27 5:00 pm St. Leo’s	Sunday June 28 8:30 am St. Leo’s	Sunday June 28 10:30 am St. Thomas
			
Lector	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Judy Von Bank
Eucharistic Ministers	Paulette Schmitt Lori Howard	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terry Kensok Terri Monilaws	Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun
Altar Servers	Evelyn Roth Joe Kappes Jensen Kappes	Claire Glennon Jack Glennon Nolan Ziegelmann Paxton Ziegelmann	Layla Norrie Claire Halland
Offertory Collectors	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Frank & Laura Biggers
Gift Bearers	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Bryce Kasowski Family
Lead Rosary	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

PASTOR'S NOTES

Blessed and grateful

It is hard to believe. I have been the third longest serving pastor in the history of St. Leo's parish and the longest serving pastor in history of St. Thomas parish. It is difficult to beat the 46 years of Msgr. John Quillinan and the 29 years of Msgr. Anthony Peschel.

My 17 years have been a graced experience. In some ways that can be said of any parish at which I have served, but on the other hand that is not true. Every parish has its unique gift of persons and personalities, its own culture and history, its own demographics, etc. So, it has been with St. Leo's and St. Thomas.

I came not knowing anyone in either Casselton and Buffalo nor the surrounding area. But I leave having made 'a ton' of new relationships and friendships in both parishes and the neighboring churches and communities.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your welcoming spirit!!

When that welcoming spirit becomes united with the gift of faith and the many talents that people possess, wonderful things come to birth. When I reflect on that 'birth' many warm memories come to mind of those who have helped St. Leo's and St. Thomas become the parishes they are today. We are who we are today because of the many who have stepped forward in faith and love —

- > as dedicated staff;
- > as generous financial stewards
- > as faithful servants to the Liturgy: *Sunday and daily Mass coordinators, musicians, Mass servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, caring for the altar linens, Liturgy Committee members, etc.*
- > as committed catechists for passing on of the faith: *Religious Education teachers, organizing and providing a summer Vacation Bible School, cook and prepare Wednesday night Simple Suppers, Education Committee members, etc.*
- > as overseers of ongoing parish life:
 - Finance Committee members who prepare budgets, review income and expenditures, develop stewardship consciousness, encourage participation in diocesan God's Gift Appeal, review and suggest facility improvements, etc.
 - Social Concerns Committee members who welcome new members, suggest recipients for charitable donations, organize weekly Sunday Beverage and Bite, organize food for parish and community celebrations like ecumenical celebrations, Easter Vigil reception, Lenten Friday night soup and sandwich, visit homebound parishioners upon request, distribute free ice cream cones at Summerfest, liaison with Community of Care and Food Pantry needs, etc.
 - Cemetery Committee members who care for the regular maintenance and upkeep of the grounds at St. Leo's Cemetery, develop policies for proper decorum, suggest cemetery fees and raise funds for present and future needs, etc.
- > as Knights of Columbus who strive to serve God, family and country, provide six to seven monthly breakfasts with funds going to local charities, assist parish life whenever requested, organize free throw contests and coloring contests for young people, etc.

In all of this and much more (sacramental celebrations, Adult education, Inquiry classes, Fall Dinner, parent meetings, etc.) **you have richly blessed me and filled my heart with gratitude.** I will fondly remember my 17 years of priestly ministry at St. Leo's and St. Thomas. You have left your etchings of faith, hope and love and helped me greatly in my life as a priest of God. Let us keep one another in our prayers that in all things we seek the will of God.

Thank you!



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PO Box 340
Casselton ND
347-4609

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



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 21, 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 June 21:

Mon – June 22 – 9:00 am – +**George Waxler** by Richard Muscha

Tues – June 23 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries

NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo's

Wed – June 24 – 9:00 am – +**Lucy Sherman**

Thurs – June 25 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – June 26 – 9:00 am – **Justin Gullekson Family**

Saturday – June 27 – 5:00 pm – +Karol Utt by Mike Utt

Sunday – June 28 – St. Leo's - 8:30 am – For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am – Special Intention by Penny Zaun

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St. Thomas Directors: Gary Milbrandt & Flint Kasowski

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.