


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., June 10 – 7:00 pm – Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory
Wed., June 11 – 6:00 pm – New Mass Servers meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
Sun., June 29 – 4:00 pm – 8th Annual Rural Life Celebration, Marion, ND

Mass Server Training: There will be a meeting for **NEW** Mass servers and their parents on **Wed., June 11th at 6:00pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. This is also for **ALL** young persons 3rd grade and up, **presently not serving, but interested** in becoming Mass servers. Pizza will be served! Call the parish office if you plan to attend. (701)347-4609.

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			
	Saturday June 14 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i> 2nd Sat of June	Sunday June 15 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>	Sunday June 15 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i> 3rd Sun of June
<i>Lector</i>	Mark Voss	Judy Von Bank	Shari Kensok
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Lori Howard Bill Franck	Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun	Micah Bartholomay Collin Miller Jake Lako Deb Werner Jake Werner
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Addison Hushka Noah Hushka Payton Neumann	Carly Hovelson Claire Halland	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh Prochnow
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteer needed	Frank & Laura Biggers	Volunteer needed
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteer needed	Jacob Schultz Family	Volunteer needed
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Richard Muscha		Volunteer Needed

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-5th. More information and registration forms are located on the display in the church entry. Volunteers are also needed 6th grade and up and adults.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!! Bone Builders Class coming to Tower City: Starting **Tuesday, June 12th** at the Tower City Community Center. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 to 10:00 am. Trained volunteers will lead the classes. There is no fee to attend, you will need to have your physician complete paperwork once you start the class. Bone Builders is presented by Community of Care. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information about Bone Builders.

Beginning Experience for divorced, separated, and widowed people will be held June 20-22 in Hankinson, ND. Please see the brochures on the bulletin board for more information and to register or call (701)277-8784. If interested to learn more visit: www.beginningexperience-easternnorthdakota.org

8th Annual Rural Life Celebration: Sunday, June 29th at the Calvin & Linda Leyendecker farm, 4585 97th 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 16th to (701)252-0119 or parish@stjamesbasilica.org (preferred) For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit: fargodiocese.org/rural-life

This week’s Stewardship moment:

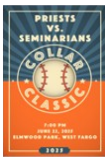
“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” ~ John 14:26

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your mind, heart, and soul affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.



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There will be **NO** KC meeting in the month of June.



Annual Collar Classic Softball Game: Priests vs. Seminarians will be held Sunday, June 22nd 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.

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 weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon. 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. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Jubilee Year – *What are we talking about???*

Every 25 years a **Jubilee year** is declared in the life of the Church. The origins of a Jubilee year go back to Old Testament times when the Israelites acknowledged God’s ownership of all things and viewed mankind as God’s stewards. Such years were celebrated every 50 years and centered around seeking God’s forgiveness, restoring lands to original owners, liberating captives and insuring deeds of justice.

In Christian times this idea of a jubilee year was reawakened by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. At that time it was thought to be something to be done every 100 years. But since the late 1400s jubilee years have been celebrated every 25 years in the life of the Church. On occasion extraordinary jubilees can be declared like was done in 2015 on Mercy and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965

Last year the late Pope Francis declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year of Hope. In doing so he was calling the Church to be pilgrims of hope. Pope Francis launched this Jubilee Year by writing an introductory letter titled *Spes Non Confundit* (**Hope does not disappoint**), which is a phrase St. Paul declares in his letter to the Romans [Rom. 5:5].

Every Jubilee year is marked by a special theme, involves a pilgrimage and has an attached indulgence. In his introductory letter to this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis prays that this “*Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the “door”* [cf. Jn.10:7,9] *of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as “our hope”* [1 Tim. 1:1]. **Therefore, our hope in Christ is the theme of this year’s jubilee!**

He goes on to note, “*Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every jubilee event.*” In this Jubilee year and pilgrimage believers become ‘pilgrims of hope’ in two ways -- **Firstly** they carry the hope of Christ with them and **secondly** are refueled by discovering the many ‘riches of hope’ that are found in other cultures and experiences different from our own. In all times such gifts of hope should be lifted up to God in thanksgiving. In addition, these pilgrimage sites can be special opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation – “*the essential starting point of any true journey of conversion*”.

Obviously most people can not make a pilgrimage to Rome, but each diocese has been asked to designate some special places within their diocese as ‘*pilgrimage sites*’. There are hundreds of such sites throughout the dioceses in the United States. **The diocese of Fargo has designated six such sites** – {the Basilica of St. James in Jamestown; St. Mary’s Cathedral & its Our Lady of Guadalupe Adoration Chapel in Fargo; St. Michael’s in Grand Forks; St. Therese of the Little Flower in Rugby; Carmel of Mary in Wahpeton; and Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City}. More details can be found in pamphlets in the church entry.

In upcoming weeks our Sunday weekend Masses will take special note of our diocesan pilgrimage sites as well as other regional/area sites during a post Communion reflection. In your many travels this summer and Fall perhaps you could put one of these pilgrimage sites into your travel plans. These short reflections will begin with Sunday weekend Masses on July 5th & 6th and end with the Sunday weekend Masses of November 15th & 16th.

Attached to every Jubilee Year is a special Jubilee year indulgence. More about that will be explained in upcoming Pastoral Notes.

Each of the Fargo diocesan pilgrimage sites is issuing a special coin for visiting and registering at their site. For those who visit all six diocesan pilgrimage sites will receive a special diocesan pilgrimage coin. ***Who knows – there may be a special gift for any parish household from St. Leo’s and St. Thomas who visits and receives all six pilgrimage coins as well as the diocesan coin!!***



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347-4609

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



Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 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 8:

Mon – June 9 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**
Tues – June 10 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **+Souls in purgatory**
NO Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – June 11 – 9:00 am – **++Greg & Harriet Dimmer** by Renee Anderson
Thurs – June 12 – 9:00 am – **+Elaine Kline** by Theresa Dooley
Fri – June 13 – 9:00 am – **Justin Gullekson Family**
Saturday – June 14 – 5:00 pm – +Betty Heyerman by Jim & Mary Heyerman
Sunday – June 15 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am – +Rick Keller by Sandra Keller

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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.