

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Mar 22 – 6:30 pm– Lenten Ecumenical Service at St. Leo’s church; Soup & Sandwich at 6 pm
 Wed., Mar 25 – 6:00 pm – St. Thomas – Stations of the Cross
 Wed., Mar 25 – RE Classes – see below
Fri., Mar 27 – 7:00 pm – St. Leo’s – Reconciliation Service
 Sun., Mar 29– 4:00 pm– Cantata Performance followed by reception in the Spirit of Life Center
 Tues., Mar 31 – 11:00 am – Chrism Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo
 Wed., Apr 1– 7:00 pm– Tenebrae service


Religious Education Class Times — Wed., March 25th

St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
 Grades K- 5, 7, 8, 10 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Grades 6 & 9 - Class A — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
 11th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Attention! Need Sausage. We are looking for deer/homemade sausage donations for the Saturday, April 4th Easter Vigil reception. If you have any you would be able to share, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office at 347-4609 if you can help. Thank you.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday Mar 28 5:00 pm St. Leo’s 4th Sat of March	Sunday Mar 29 8:30 am St. Thomas	Sunday Sun Mar 29 10:30 am St. Leo’s 5th Sun of March
	Tony Roth	Jackie Vavra	Volunteer Needed
Lector			
Eucharistic Ministers	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Joe Killoran Linda Milbrandt	Virjean Cramer Susan Kempel Richard Muscha Deb Werner Jake Werner
Altar Servers	Evelyn Roth Joe Kappes Jensen Kappes	Hallie Besette Skylar Norrie	Lucas Miller Hayden Faleide
Offertory Collectors	Volunteer needed	Keith & Joni Biggers	Volunteer needed
Gift Bearers	Volunteer needed	Jurgen & Barb Suhr	Volunteer needed
Lead Rosary	Michelle Kappes		Alexia Kieffer

NEWS AND NOTES

Special prayers and blessings to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:

Robert & Mary Lynne Snyder - 64 yrs on March 24



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Benet Tvedten. Brother Benet was born Denis Tvedten on November 22, 1936 to Olaf and Margaret Tvedten. He was raised and went to school in Casselton and was a member of St. Leo’s Church.

Brother Benet passed away on Tuesday, March 17. His funeral will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at Assumption Abby in Richardton, ND.

Music for Holy Week and Easter: Everyone is invited to join with the choir to provide beautiful music for Holy, Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, April 5th. Practices will be on Sunday mornings either before or after the Sunday Mass. The practice schedule will be:

- March 22– 9:45 am
- March 29– 9:00 am

Music will be provided. All singers are welcome.



Easter Flowers: This year there is a special envelope in your packet of offertory envelopes to use to make a donation to Easter Flowers in memory or honor of your loved ones. **Please turn in your envelope either in the collection basket or the parish office by March 29th.** Thank you.

Lenten Canisters – one recipient of our Lenten canisters is **Cross Catholic Outreach**. Cross Catholic Outreach is an international Catholic ministry that partners with bishops, priests, religious and lay workers to provide food, water, housing, education, orphan support, medical care and disaster relief — and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ — to the poorest of the poor in over 30 countries around the world. **Please be generous in supporting our Lenten charities. Lenten canisters will be returned during Holy Week.**

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” ~ John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren’t going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

EASTER CANTATA ‘How Great Thou Art’ Sunday, March 29, 2026 4:00 pm

St. Leo’s Catholic Church
 All are Welcome – Free will
 donation admission.

A reception will be held in the Spirit of Life Center following the performance.

HELP NEEDED! There are sign-up sheets located in the church entry for the liturgies during Holy Week **plus** the Easter Vigil Reception. Lots of extra help is needed for these awesome celebrations! Please check them out to see where you can help.

Join us to sing from the choir loft! “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, April 19th** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is to sing. **Gentlemen, we need you too!** We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #177, #353, #366, #338, #191. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Contact Wanda Mangin with any questions at wanda.mangin@yahoo.com

PASTOR'S NOTES

An invitation —

— *Lenten Ecumenical Prayer Service*

This Sunday evening (March 22nd) the Casselton Area Ministerium Association will present their last Lenten Ecumenical Prayer Service for this year. This year's prayer services have used themes from C. S. Lewis' novel – *Chronicles of Narnia* – "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". This children's novel serves as an allegory of Christ's redemption of the human race. The story is filled with the power of evil as seen in the white witch, the betrayal of Edmund and the destructive power of sin in Narnia. But all is not doom and gloom. There is the promise and power that lies with Aslan. In this story C. S. Lewis sketches the story of Christ and the Paschal mystery that undergirds the season of Lent and the triumph of Easter.

All are welcome to our Sunday service that begins at 6 p.m. with a Simple Supper of soup, sandwich and dessert in St. Leo's Spirit of Life Center. The prayer service follows at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the church. **You are invited!**

An invitation —

— *St. Leo's Lenten Reconciliation Service*

This coming Friday (March 27th) four priests will be available to celebrate the great sacrament of God's mercy and love, which Christ bestowed on his Church on Easter Sunday morning [Jn. 20:19-23].

The forgiveness of sin assumes the reality of sin. More importantly, awareness of sin is a precondition for the seeking of forgiveness. Lent is a particular time to take stock of our lives and come clean of thoughts, words and deeds that fail to give glory to God and fail to sanctify others. In all honesty there have been times when we have been hard-hearted and stiff-necked; ruthless and indifferent; defiant and obstinate; deceitful and duplicit; arrogant and petty; selfish and unrepentant; angry and resentful; greedy and envious; etc.

The ancient philosopher, Socrates, once said, "*an unexamined life is not worth living*". A good life begins with an honest examination of conscience upon which God shines the light of his mercy and invites us to hear him say – "*I absolve you*". St. Leo's Lenten Reconciliation Service begins at 7 p.m. this coming Friday. **You are invited!**

An invitation —

— *prayers for our catechumens and candidates*

At this year's Easter Vigil service (Saturday night, April 4th) St. Leo's will welcome six persons into the life of the Catholic Church.

Four of these six have already been baptized in other Christian denominations. **These four are called candidates** for Reception into full communion of the Catholic Church. These four persons are: **Hanna Barnes, Andrew Fraase, Jacob Schultz and Emma Weber.**

Two of these six persons are seeking to celebrate and receive the three sacraments that constitute the sacraments of initiation [*Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist*]. **These two are called catechumens.** These two persons are: **Don Krueger and Huner Krueger.**

All six would love the gift of our prayers for the rich outpouring of God's many graces as they approach their entry into the life of the Catholic Church. **You are invited!**



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Buffalo ND
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 22, 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 Mar 22:

Mon – Mar 23 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory

Tues – Mar 24 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +Sarah Steidl by Keith & Joni Biggers

NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo's

Wed – Mar 25 – 9:00 am – +Keith Marschke by Mary Ellen Nilles

Thurs – Mar 26 – 10:30 am – DeLilah Volk Funeral Mass; **NO** 9 am Daily Mass

Fri – Mar 27 – 12:30 pm – Rob Punton Funeral Mass; **NO** 9 am Daily Mass

Saturday – Mar 28 – 5:00 pm – +Jim Schmitt by Isaac & Kory Schaan

Sunday – Mar 29 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am – Health & safety of Comprendio Family
St. Leo's - 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

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.