

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., May 12 – 7:00 pm – Cemetery Committee meeting at the rectory
 Wed., May 13– 6:30 pm– RE Closing Mass followed by ice cream social; all parishioners are welcome
 Sun., May 17 – 11:30 am – Graduation Breakfast after 10:30 am Mass honoring St. Leo’s 2026 graduates
 Mon., May 25 – 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory
 Fri., Jun 5 – 7:00 pm– Diaconate Ordination at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo
 Sat., Jun 6 – 10:00 am– Priestly Ordination at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo
 Tues., Jun 9 – 7:00 pm – Social Concerns Committee meeting at the rectory

Religious Education Closing Mass

Wednesday, May 13th

6:30 pm


Ice Cream social to follow.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Father Ermer’s retirement/going away party has been set for Sunday, June 21st, 2026 at 4 pm, beginning with evening prayer and picnic to follow. Please watch further bulletins with more information.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday May 16 5:00 pm St. Leo’s	Sunday May 17 8:30 am St. Thomas	Sunday Sun May 17 10:30 am St. Leo’s
			
Lector	Lee Ann Monilaws Mallory Poulson	Keith Biggers	2026 Graduating Seniors
Eucharistic Ministers	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Kristi Hovelson Cynthia Comprendio	Micah Bartholomay Jake Lako Collin Miller Deb Werner Jake Werner
Altar Servers	Ann Burchill Grant Burchill Beau Parisien Max Monilaws	Layla Norrie Claire Halland	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh Prochnow Natalie Prochnow
Offertory Collectors	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	JoEllen Killoran Mike & Lisa Zahnow	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Keith & Joni Biggers	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Lead Rosary	Richard Muscha		Volunteer Needed

NEWS AND NOTES

Join us to sing from the choir loft! “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, May 17th** at the 10:30 am Mass. **Last one before summer!** 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: #730, #444, #439, #436, #184. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Contact Wanda Mangin with any questions at wanda.mangin@yahoo.com

Swing Dance and Social for 21 to 35 year olds: Saturday, May 16th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church, 5202 25th St S, Fargo, ND. Snacks and drinks will be provided. \$5 cover charge.

Teams of Our Lady for Your Marriage: Are you interested in enriching your couple/marriage spirituality on a journey with other Catholic like-minded couples? The F-M Sector of Teams of Our Lady now has 12 TEAMS comprised of 70+ area couples, 11 chaplains, and has been going strong for 19 years! Join us to learn more at our Spring Information Sessions!

- Info Session #1 – Thursday May 28th at 7:00 pm at Holy Cross Church in West Fargo
- Info Session #2 – Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church in Fargo

All couples (BOTH husband and wife) wishing to join TEAMS are *required to attend one* of these two sessions. Mark your calendar as these will be the only information sessions this year. For more information, e-mail fargosectorinformation@gmail.com More information can also be found on the TEAMS website at www.teamsofourlady.org

Planning with Faith and Wisdom End-of-Life Preparation Seminar: A practical and faith-filled seminar on preparing for end-of-life matters with peace and confidence. Wednesday, May 20th, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2711 7th St E, West Fargo. Topics include: Estate Planning & Wills, Catholic Funeral Rites and Traditions, Life Insurance Options, Understanding Funeral Home Costs and Pre-Planning. This seminar will help you and your family make informed decisions that honor your Catholic faith, protect your loved ones, and reduce future stress and financial burden. There is no cost to attend and is open to all parishioners and their families. For questions please contact John Clark at (701)306-3369.

9th Annual Rural Life Celebration: Sunday, June 14th, 2026 at the Kurt & Cheryl Elliott Farm, 15154 6th St SE, Blanchard, 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 1st to olpstagnes@midco.net or (701)788-3234. For more information please visit: www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life



This week’s Stewardship moment:

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” ~ 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Congratulations & deepest thanks —

We extend heartfelt congratulations to our newly confirmed members of the Church and their reception of the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time – **Paxton Bachman, Lia Biffert, Amadeus Bitzan, Jack Bogenreif, Lincoln Erbes, Hunter Gunkel, Jaelyn Hoffman, Adley Keller, Zach Krueger, Reuben Lako, Brayden Lindseth, Garrett Marshall, Zahra Metzger, Ethan Ottmar, Joslyn Rood and Copper Tangen.** A special thanks to their teachers – **Mallory Poulson and Michelle Kappes.** We thank all who made this a beautiful celebration and those who prepared them, especially their parents, who have brought them *thus far* on their faith journey.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation [CCC 1322]. But completing Christian initiation is only just the beginning of blossoming into the fullness of our Catholic faith.

Confirmation and Eucharist for the first time set them on the road, but faith formation is a life-long responsibility. St. Leo's parish looks forward to seeing these young ones and forming them in their Catholic faith through their high school years.

Layers of Motherhood

Mother's Day, like so many other festivities, is a multi-layered mystery. Of course we recall with great affection the mothers of our lives and the special love that mothers bring to family life and marriage.

Then there is spiritual motherhood and those who long for biological motherhood, but bear the cross of infertility. That very cross seems to expose the deep core of motherhood. All true mothers must be grounded in that deep desire to conceive, bear and bring the young life of a child into the throes of marriage and family life. This desire and yearning must stand at the very heart of motherhood.

Paragraph 2378 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that true mothers recognize "A child is not something owed to one, but is a gift. The 'supreme gift of marriage' is a human person". Motherhood begins in this milieu of desire, yearning and hope.

To all such mothers – **Happy Mother's Day!!**

Other events this week ----

- > **Our closing Religious Education (RE) liturgy will be on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.** followed by an ice cream social in the Spirit of Life Center. There will be no Simple Supper at 6 p.m. This liturgy is meant for all parishioners, and especially for the parents of our RE students. We have had another successful year of religious education. It is important for students to see and to know the support of their families and the communities to which they belong. If this is true in terms of academic and co-curricular activities (*e.g. - music, sports, speech, etc.*), I would say it is doubly important when it comes to their spiritual lives and their growth in faith. Hope to see you Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- > **Graduation Mass and breakfast** next Sunday (May 17th). Beginning with the 10:30 a.m. Mass and followed by a brunch we will honor our graduating seniors and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.
- > Also, next Sunday is the **solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord to heaven.** What is so special about that feast day? An explanation next Sunday – *Come and see!*



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211 Langer Ave North
PO Box 340
Casselton ND
347-4609

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 10, 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 May 10:

Mon – May 11 – 9:00 am – **NO MASS**

Tues – May 12 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **NO MASS**

NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo's

Wed – May 13 – **6:30 pm – RE Closing Mass – +Souls in purgatory**

NO 9 am Daily Mass

Thurs – May 14 – 9:00 am – **+Virginia Pedelski** by Ted Pedelski

Fri – May 15 – 9:00 am – **+Don Nilles** by Barb Marschke

Saturday – May 16 – **5:00 pm – Grady Poulson** by Missy Poulson

Sunday – May 17 – **St. Thomas - 8:30 am – +Bernice Wolsky** by Jim & Karen Steidl

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.