


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., May 12– 6:30 pm – RE Teacher Appreciation Barbeque – Spirit of Life Center  
Sun., May 18– 11:30 am– Graduation Breakfast after 10:30 am Mass honoring St. Leo’s 2025 graduates  
Mon., May 19 – 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory  
Tues., May 20 – 7:00 pm – Cemetery Committee meeting at the rectory??  
Wed., June 4 – Fr. Ermer’s 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination  
Fri., June 6 – 7:00 pm – Diaconate Ordination at Holy Cross Church, West Fargo  
Sat., June 7 – 10:00 am – Priestly Ordination at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo

REMINDER: Please remember to return your Lenten canisters.

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Janice Kasowski on the death of her husband Paul; Keith & Sharon Monilaws and their family on the death of Keith’s brother, Ken; and the family of Inez Woell on her death.  
*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4*

**BINGO!** Sponsored by Community of Care: Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm at Martin’s Lutheran Church, 502 Martins Ave N, Casselton. Bingo will be after congregate meals. If you come to eat lunch before Bingo you need to sign up for lunch at least 24 hours ahead of time. Call 701-347-8219 to reserve your meal. Any questions please call Community of Care at 701-347-0032.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	<b>Saturday May 17</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> <i>St. Leo’s</i>	<b>Sunday May 18</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <i>St. Thomas</i>	<b>Sunday May 18</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <i>St. Leo’s</i>
<b>Lector</b>	Lee Ann Monilaws Mallory Poulson	Gary Milbrandt	Steve Carvell
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun	Micah Bartholomay Jake Lako Collin Miller Deb Werner Jake Werner
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Grant Burchill Ann Burchill Beau Parisien	Abigail Killoran Claire Halland	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh Prochnow
<b>Offertory Collectors</b>	Volunteer needed	JoEllen Killoran Mike & Lisa Zahnow	Volunteer needed
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Volunteer needed	Roger & Marsha Kasowski	Volunteer needed
<b>Lead Rosary</b>	Mona Franck		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

NEWS AND NOTES

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone middle school and older is welcome is to sing. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #624, #150, #342, #334, #177. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Music with harmony parts available-ask Wanda Mangin.

**Catholic Daughters to Meet:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony’s Church (710 10<sup>th</sup> St. S, Fargo) beginning with Mass at 5:15 PM; meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food item donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com)

**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 72 area couples, 11 chaplains, and has been going strong for 19 years! Join us to learn more at our Spring Information Sessions!  
•Info Session #2 - Thurs. June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Holy Cross Church, West 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](mailto:fargosectorinformation@gmail.com) More information can also be found on the TEAMS website at [www.teamsofourlady.org](http://www.teamsofourlady.org)



**This week’s Stewardship moment:**  
*“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” ~ Acts 13:52*  
The disciples heard Our Lord’s call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience the same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

**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](http://www.beginningexperience-easternnorthdakota.org)

**St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Dazey, ND** invites you to their 120<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Procession for the feast of Corpus Christi on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Bishop John Folda will celebrate Mass at 10:00 am followed by a Eucharistic Procession. There will be a free will offering meal, fellowship and outdoor kid’s games. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**Blessed Sacrament Jubilee Pilgrimage:** All are invited to join Blessed Sacrament Church, West Fargo, on a pilgrimage to four of the designated Jubilee sites in the Fargo Diocese. Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 6:45 pm. Cost is \$35 (does not include lunch). Sites that will be visited:  
*St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo*  
*Our Lade of Guadalupe Adoration Chapel, Fargo*  
*St. James Basilica, Jamestown*  
*Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City*  
For a full itinerary please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church entry. To reserve your seat on the bus contact Blessed Sacrament Church at (701)282-3321 or email [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org)

PASTOR’S NOTES

**Pope Leo XIV** — 8 May 2025 — *Habemus Papam {We have a pope}*

Upon being elected pope Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost chose the name Leo. Thus, he will be known as Pope Leo XIV in the life of the Catholic Church. St. Leo the Great is the first pope named Leo and is the patron saint of St. Leo’s Church in Casselton. The large statue over the outside entrance of our church is that of Pope St. Leo the Great. Inside the church and above the door by our St. Joseph statue near the singing area is the statue of Pope Leo XIII, who served the Church from 1878 to 1903. It was during his time of service that St. Leo’s Church in Casselton was established. Hence, our church is blessed with two (2) Pope Leo’s.

Perhaps a person can get an insight into this American-born pope, who has lived much of his life in the Third World, by looking into two dimensions of his life. **Firstly**, in choosing the name Leo does he find an inspiration or vision for the Church in the lives of St. Leo the Great or Pope Leo XIII or other popes named Leo? **Secondly**, our new Pope was ordained as an Augustinian priest, which means he has lived most of his life under the Rule of St. Augustine and Augustinian spirituality. In what ways may that spirituality affect his shepherding of the Church?

Despite these possible avenues of speculation, let us keep Pope Leo in our prayers for God’s graces to lead and guide his papacy as he shepherds the People of God!

“Hats off to you” – *our RE teachers*

This past Wednesday we celebrated our closing Religious Education liturgy for this school year. The heart and soul of every Religious Education (RE) program are those who step forward and volunteer their time and talent as teachers.

In some respects, **they are an elite group of volunteers!** They give on a weekly basis of their time not only for the hour in the classroom but also the time that goes into preparation. They have a heartfelt conviction of desiring to pass on the treasure of the Catholic faith. Over the years numerous parishioners have told me they could never see themselves as RE teachers. **So the ones that do step forward and give of themselves deserve our deepest appreciation.** As St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, *“How beautiful are the feet of those who announce good news!”* And what is more beautiful good news than that Christ died for our sins, rose from the dead, opened the gates of heaven and lives forever for us in the life of the Church!

We sincerely ‘tip our hats’ to this year’s RE teachers from St. Leo’s: Mary Richard and Missy Poulson [Kindergarten]; Melanie Parisien and Amanda Gunkel [1<sup>st</sup> grade]; LeeAnn Monilaws and Alecia Killoran {from St. Thomas} [2<sup>nd</sup> grade]; Michelle Kappes and Mallory Poulson [3<sup>rd</sup> grade]; Trista Ziegelmann [4<sup>th</sup> grade]; Susan Kempel [5<sup>th</sup> grade]; Lori Howard [6<sup>th</sup> grade]; Paul Olsen [7<sup>th</sup> grade]; Virjean Cramer [8<sup>th</sup> grade]; Karren Bartholomay [9<sup>th</sup> grade]; Jake and Kelsey Lako [10<sup>th</sup> grade] and Shari Kensok and Fr. Ermer [11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade].

And a sincere ‘tip of our hats’ to our RE teachers at St. Thomas: Keith Biggers [1<sup>st</sup> grade] Kristi Hovelson with Fall help from Joni Biggers [4<sup>th</sup> grade].

Mother’s Day

The second Sunday of May (today) is designated Mother’s Day in the United States as well as many other countries in the world. Celebration of mothers and motherhood in some form or fashion even existed in the Greek and Roman cultures for thousands of years. One notes the day is called Mother’s Day, which is singular rather than Mothers’ Day which would be plural and be a generic celebration of mothers in general. **This day is meant to celebrate each of our particular mothers.** They bore us for nine months in their wombs and nurtured us tenderly in the early days, weeks and months of our youth. To this we owe our deepest gratitude! In that spirit – **Happy Mother’s Day!!!**



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PO Box 340  
Casselton ND  
347-4609

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 11, 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 May 11:**  
Mon – May 12 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory  
Tues – May 13 – 9:00 am– St. Thomas– NO MASS  
*NO Mass at St. Leo’s*  
Wed – May 14 – 9:00 am – +Bill Sinner Sr by Jane Sinner  
Thurs – May 15 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory  
Fri – May 16 – 10:30 am – Inez Woell Funeral Mass  
Saturday – May 17 – 5:00 pm – Grady Poulson by Missy Poulson  
Sunday – May 18 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes  
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am– 2025 High School Graduates

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