

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

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  
Tues., June 10 – 7:00 pm – Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory

REMINDER: Please remember to return your Lenten canisters.

PLEASE NOTE: This month is one of those times where our Saturday (May 31) Mass is the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month and Sunday (June 1) Mass is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Please be attentive to the schedule for that weekend and the following weekends. Thank you.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday May 24 5:00 pm St. Leo’s	Sunday May 25 8:30 am St. Leo’s	Sunday May 25 10:30 am St. Thomas
Lector	Please see sign-up sheets in the church entry.  If this is your normally scheduled weekend and you will be here, we ask that you please sign up. Thank you.		Jackie Vavra
Eucharistic Ministers			Joni Biggers Keith Biggers
Altar Servers			Ali Killoran Layla Norrie
Offertory Collectors	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	JoEllen Killoran Mike & Lisa Zahnow
Gift Bearers	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	JoEllen Killoran Betty Lou Stallman
Lead Rosary	Michelle Kappes		Sandra Keller

NEWS AND NOTES

**Celebrate Baptism** - We give thanks to God for the Baptism of Benjamin Lucas Diemert, son of Adam and Cady. We pray that the Spirit of Christ may guide him to live as a child of God.

**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? Join us to learning more at our June session, Thursday, 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 the session. 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)

**St. Leo’s Sunday Offertory:** During the summer months, St. Leo’s see a reduction in our Sunday offering of about \$2000 per week due to travel. As summer is nearing, we’d like to ask you to review your giving and consider signing up for ACH withdrawals for your contributions to St. Leo’s to help reduce the shortfalls we see over the summer months. Please see the attached ACH form. You can drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office if interested in automating your giving. Thank you for you continued generosity that helps of parish remain financially healthy.

St. Leo’s Sunday Financial Stewardship			
Year to Date (April)	2023	2024	2025
Adult Envelopes	\$107,359	\$106,704	\$105,442
Children’s Envelopes	\$333	\$296	\$303
Plate	\$5,143	\$5,774	\$6,107
Total	\$112,835	\$112,774	\$111,579

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” ~ John 13:34

“As I have loved you,” this is the hard part – Jesus’ love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you fee unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn’t matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to “love my neighbor” when they may be someone you don’t like, someone you don’t know, or someone that doesn’t look like you.

**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 six 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

St. Leo’s RE attendance

Besides a great group of teachers, *which I acknowledged in last week’s bulletin*, another measure of our RE program is overall attendance. 160 out of a potential 192 students or 83% of our potential parish students were registered in our RE program [cf. column 1 and column 2].

Of the 160 registered students, 48 (or 30%) had **perfect attendance** [cf. column 3], which means they did not miss a single class for whatever reason. These are great numbers!! *Next week I will have St. Thomas numbers.*

Grade	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Kindergarten	14/15	93%	2
First grade	11/13	85%	1
Second grade	16/17	100%	8
Third grade	16/17	94%	2
Fourth grade	17/17	100%	7
Fifth grade	18/20	90%	12
Sixth grade	14/14	100%	6
Seventh grade	10/11	91%	3
Eighth grade	13/19	68%	2
Ninth grade	9/15	60%	1
Tenth grade	7/9	78%	1
Eleventh grade	10/18	56%	2
Twelfth grade	5/8	63%	1
TOTAL	160/192	83%	48

Lenten Canisters over the years –

St. Leo’s and St. Thomas had another good year with our Lenten canisters, *but fell \$1621.86 short of our 2021 all-time high of \$8600+*. At the same time our number of RE canisters and contributions were at all-time highs. **Great job, students! Keep up the good work.** [*of note --- of the 52 adult canisters 6 persons contributed 55% [\$3300] of the \$5974 total adult canister collection*]

It is not unusual for us to receive a few more canisters over the course of the next few weeks. At that time we will give a final report for our Lenten canisters.

Here is a simple summary of the last few years and our present numbers for 2025:

	2016	2018	2021	2022	2024	2025
Total # of canisters:	135	143	117	138	132	126
Total # of RE canisters:	53	61	64	63	55	74
Total amount of money:	\$4839.12	\$5814.92	\$8633.73	\$7832.20	\$7537.88	\$7011.87

**A final note:** If you still have your 2025 Lenten canister at home and would like to contribute to our 2025 charities, please return that canister within the next couple of weeks so we can close our books on this and send our checks to this year’s Lenten charities. ***If you happen to have unused canisters at home from previous years, please return them so we can reuse them for next year and save us from purchasing them next year at a cost of nearly \$1 per canister.*** Thanks for your cooperation.



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Casselton ND  
347-4609

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 18, 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 18:

Mon – May 19 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory

Tues – May 20 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +Amy Schrenk by Keith & Joni Biggers  
*NO Mass at St. Leo’s*

Wed – May 21 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory

Thurs – May 22 – 9:00 am – +Leo Bittner by Dean & Heidi Bittner

Fri – May 23 – 9:00 am – +Mary Gietzen by Sandie Nystrom

Saturday – May 24 – 5:00 pm – +Shirley Marek by Monica Qvale

Sunday – May 25 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes  
St. Thomas - 10:30 am – +Marvin Ries by Minnie Ries & Family

Parish Staff:

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**St. Leo’s Directors:** Dave Glennon & Micah Bartholomay  
**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.

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