

PASTOR'S NOTES

LENTEN CANISTERS —

The final tally for our 2024 Lenten canisters shows that **we raised \$7514.07 from a total of 128 canisters. 2024 was a very good year.** This is the 14th year we have used Lenten canisters as a parish Lenten corporal work of mercy. This year looks like our fourth best year in terms of total money raised, and that is \$3317 more than our lowest year. In the last few years we have received some very generous gifts. This year we received a very generous gift of \$2000. Needless to say we are very grateful to our very generous givers. Those kind of gifts certainly raise our numbers. Listed below is a comparison for the last 5 years of our Lenten canister program:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>St. Leo's</u>					
adult canisters/	59/	45/	51/	52/	47/
amount of money	\$3545.18	\$3474.90	\$3847.59	\$4602.91	\$4109.60
RE canisters/	47/	59/	68/	66/	67/
amount of money	\$618.41	\$1093.79	\$885.42	\$785.25	\$778.04
<u>St. Thomas</u>					
adult canisters/	9/	9/	12/	8/	7/
amount of money	\$3530.34	\$4008.25	\$2564.44	\$2420.54	\$2494.12
RE canisters/	8/	5/	7/	5/	7/
amount of money	\$108.19	\$56.79	\$125.36	\$23.54	\$132.31
GRAND TOTALS	123/	114/	138/	131/	128/
	\$7,802.12	\$8,633.73	\$7,422.81	\$7,832.20	\$7,514.07

A very gracious thank you for all who participated in this great spiritual work of almsgiving. Your generosity has given life and hope to our 2024 Lenten canister recipients:

**Lend a Hand Up, Presentation Partners in Housing, Catholic Charities North Dakota,
Home on the Range, Catholic Relief Services, and Heifer Project International**

A final note: If you still have your 2024 Lenten canister at home and would like to contribute to our 2024 charities, please return that canister within the next couple of weeks so we can close our books on this and send our checks to our 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.

Pentecost & Graduation

By the end of next Sunday a number of our students will be called graduates. Graduating has come to mean that students have reached a certain level of maturity and readiness to enter the world of academics, of work, of military service, etc.

Analogously Pentecost signals the graduation of believers into the world of mission. After having spent time with the Lord on earth and the first days of his resurrection *{read high school}*, Christ's risen Spirit returns to inhabit faithful disciples with seven (7) gifts **[knowledge, wisdom, understanding, counsel, piety, fortitude and fear of the Lord]** *{remember Confirmation}*. With these gifts and the nurture of the sacraments, the apostles were sent **on mission** to baptize the world and teach all that Christ commanded. By infusing our families, the world of work and all that comprises life with the glory of the Gospel, Jesus will be heard to say, **'Well done, good and faithful servant. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you.'** **Now — that's a Graduation!!**



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Pentecost Sunday May 19, 2024

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 19:

Mon - May 20 – 9:00 am – +**Janice Boyce** by Keith & Barb Marschke

Tues - May 21 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – +**Souls in purgatory**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – May 22 – 9:00 am – +**Sharyn Melting** by Sue Knoll

Thurs – May 23 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – May 24 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale

Saturday – May 25 – 5:00 pm - Grady Poulson by Missy Poulson

Sunday - May 26 – St. Leo's- 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes

St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Larry Zaun by Penny Zaun

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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.

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

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS


Wed., May 22 - 7:00 pm - St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting at the church  
 Wed., May 22 - 7:45 pm - KC meeting at the rectory  
 Thurs., May 30 - 12:00 pm - Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center  
 Fri., May 31 - 7:00 pm - Diaconate Ordination at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo  
 Sat., June 1 - 10:00 am - Priestly Ordination at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo  
 Tues., June 4 - Fr. Ermer's 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination  
 Tues., June 11 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to John & Lori Grommesh and their family on the death of their grandson, Elijah McCroskey.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4*

Please keep our RE Coordinator, Patty Roth, and her family in your thoughts and prayers. She is in Kansas with her sister, Pam, who is currently under Hospice care.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday May 25</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b> | <b>Sunday May 26</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><b>St. Leo's</b>                          | <b>Sunday May 26</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>St. Thomas</b> |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | Tony Roth                                                    | Fred Eldridge                                                                       | Alecia Killoran                                              |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | Paulette Schmitt<br>Mona Franck                              | Virjean Cramer<br>Dave Glennon<br>Patty Glennon<br>Terri Monilaws<br>Richard Muscha | Kristi Hovelson<br>Joe Killoran                              |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Evelyn Roth<br>Joe/Jensen Kappes<br>Beau Parisien            | Glennon Family<br>Nolan Ziegelmann                                                  | Gavin Besette<br>Hallie Besette                              |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                            | Mike & Lisa Zahnow                                           |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                            | Keith & Joni Biggers                                         |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Michelle Kappes                                              | Sandra Keller                                                                       |                                                              |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Women's Catholic Healthcare Retreat:** May 30<sup>th</sup> thru June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. This is a retreat for Catholic women who work in healthcare to find rest, renewed hope, and reconnect with the Lord. The retreat begins on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm and concludes at 11 am on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information and to register please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit: [www.catholicnursecoach.com/in-person-retreat/](http://www.catholicnursecoach.com/in-person-retreat/) Questions may be directed to Nichole Haugen at: catholicnursecoach@outlook.com

**119<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of Corpus Christi Celebration:** St. Mary's Catholic Church (six miles east of Dazey, ND). Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 am for Mass. Following Mass will be an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament, a meal (free will offering) and outdoor fellowship and games. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Celebration:** Please join Bishop Folda and the parishioners of St. Charles' in Oakes, ND on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the farm of Larry & Jane Andersen, 9965 Highway 11, Oakes, ND. Welcome begins at 4:00 pm with Mass at 4:30 pm. After Mass will be a blessing of land, machinery, and animals followed by a meal. The event is free and open to all. Mass will be indoors. Bring a bag of soil or seeds to be blessed. Please RSVP by June 16<sup>th</sup> at: [lband@drtel.net](mailto:lband@drtel.net) (preferred) or (701)210-0032. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life](http://www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life).

**2024 Summer Camps and Events:** There are a number of summer camps and events available for youths to participate in this summer. Please see the display in the entrance of the church for information and to pick up a brochure.

**St. Leo's Vacation Bible School (VBS):** July 22 - 25, 2024. Registration forms and information are available in the church entry. Watch future bulletins for more information.

**Redeemed Eucharistic Congress:** September 6 & 7, 2024 at the Jamestown Civic Center (212 3rd Ave NE). The event will include Mass with Bishop Folda, Eucharistic procession from St. James Basilica, Eucharistic healing with Fr. Jeff Eppler, Praise and Worship with Aly Aleigha and Adoration. Guest speakers will include Scott Hahn, Julianne Stanz and Msgr. Thomas Richter. Cost for the event is \$35 before Aug 1, after Aug 1 \$50. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board. To register please visit - [www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed](http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed) or call (701)356-7900

**Lenten Canisters:** This year we had 257 Lenten Canisters for adults and Religious Educations available for use. As of to date we have had 163 returned, which means that there are still 94 to be returned. We ask that you please return your unused canisters to help us save on the cost of having to purchase canisters for next year. Thank you.

### This week's Stewardship moment:

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." ~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.