


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., May 25 – 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory
 Thurs., Jun 4 – Fr. Ermer’s 48th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
 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
 Sun., Jun 7 – 10:30 am – Corpus Christi Celebration, St. Mary’s Church, Dazey, ND
 Tues., Jun 9 – 7:00 pm – Social Concerns Committee meeting at the rectory
 Sun., Jun 14 – 4:30 pm – 9th Annual Rural Life Celebration, Kurt & Cheryl Elliott Farm, Blanchard, ND
 Sun., Jun 21– 4:00 pm – Fr. Ermer’s Retirement/Farewell celebration at St. Leo’s

Let’s celebrate Fr. Ermer as he retires after 48 years of priesthood and ends his tenure of 17 years as our pastor! **On Sunday, June 21st at 4:00 pm**, at St. Leo’s, we will have Evening Prayer and a short program in the church followed by a picnic-style meal in the Spirit of Life Center. We’ll need help with the set-up, serving and take-down for the meal. Watch for upcoming details in the bulletin and sign-up sheets at the churches. For anyone planning to attend, **please RSVP by June 12th** by email to stleo@casselon.net or by phone to the parish office at (701)347-4609. Please check your email for more information.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

| | Saturday May 30 5:00 pm St. Leo’s | Sunday May 31 8:30 am St. Thomas | Sunday Sun May 31 10:30 am St. Leo’s |
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| Lector | Megan Bolda | Gary Milbrandt | Volunteer Needed |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Mona Franck Delores Grommesh | Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun | Virjean Cramer Susan Kempel Richard Muscha Deb Werner Jake Werner |
| Altar Servers | Lako Family Bolda Family | Damien Norrie Cole Hovelson | Lucas Miller Hayden Faleide |
| Offertory Collectors | <i>Volunteer needed</i> | JoEllen Killoran Mike & Lisa Zahnow | <i>Volunteer needed</i> |
| Gift Bearers | <i>Volunteer needed</i> | Mark & Carmen Gubrud | <i>Volunteer needed</i> |
| Lead Rosary | Richard Muscha | | Alexia Kieffer |

NEWS AND NOTES

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

St. Mary’s 121st Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession for the feast of Corpus Christi: Sunday, June 7th, 2026. Led by Fr. Sean Mulligan, 10:30 am Mass followed by Eucharistic procession, outdoor rosary, free-will offering meal, fellowship and outdoor kid games. Please plan for outdoor activities and weather conditions. St. Mary’s Church is located 6 miles East of Dazey, 1624 115th Ave SE, Dazey ND.

Franciscan Sisters Mother-Daughter Days: Thursday, June 11th - Saturday, June 13th, 2026. Share some time together. Strengthen your relationship. Learn about your Catholic faith and gain exposure to the religious life. For more information, contact Sr. Mary Ruth at srmaryruth@sfcretreats.org Register at ndfranciscans.org

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

Beginning Experience for Widowed, Separated & Divorced: June 26-28, 2026 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson, starting Friday at 6:30 pm and ending Sunday at 4:00 pm. "Let go of the pain and get ready to live again. Real results, real hope." For more information and an application, contact Bonnie (Fargo) at 701-318-0949 or visit: www.beginningexperience-easternnorthdakota.org

Job Opening: Women’s Care center is seeking a compassionate part-time or full-time Nurse or Ultrasound Tech for our pro-life pregnancy centers in Fargo and Moorhead. Nurses can be RN or LPN. Please forward your resume to angela@wccnd.com or call (701)237-6530 for further details or questions.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” ~ 1 Corinthians 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered” and our lives truly reflect God’s light, love and mercy.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Pentecost and Graduation

On this same day of high school graduations from Central Cass and Maple Valley the Church celebrates Pentecost Sunday. High school graduation has come to mean that our students have reached a certain level of maturity and readiness to enter the deeper world of academic studies, of work, of military service, etc. To those students and to their accomplishments we extend our deepest congratulations.

In some sense Pentecost was graduation day for the apostles. They had spent the last three years of their lives with Christ in the land of Israel. They had seen and heard much. They witnessed both a crushing and crucifying death along with an unbelievable resurrection story. For forty days they experienced and pondered this mystery of resurrected life. With Christ's ascension to heaven, they were told of their mission of making disciples, baptizing and teaching all nations. The Christ-mission was now their mission. They were also told they would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down upon them. On the 50th day – **Pentecost** – the Holy Spirit came with his seven-fold gifts of **knowledge, wisdom, understanding, counsel, piety, fortitude and fear of the Lord.** On their graduation the disciples were sent on mission with these seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit. Their mission is now our mission!!

In the Old Testament, Joshua graduated into leadership after the death of Moses, and after having lived a long life he speaks that life is a great choice between serving the one God or parading after the many allusions claiming to be god. Joshua says, *“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”* [Joshua 24:15] I pray graduation will be the same for our graduates – a life serving the Lord will *‘all their hearts, with all their minds, with all their strength’.*

A deep remembrance that lies in the greatness of graduation day — let us not forget from whence we came and to where we go — God! As St. Paul so aptly said to the people of Athens as he spoke of our origins in God – *“In him we live and move and have our being”* [AA 17:28]. Therefore, **in the pursuit of the sheepskin {aka the graduation diploma} do not forget the Shepherd!!**

Memorial Day

Since 1971 the last Monday in May is celebrated and known as **Memorial Day** — a day to remember and honor those people who have died serving in the United States Armed Forces. Before 1971 Memorial Day had been celebrated on May 30th, but in 1968 Congress passed legislation moving 4 holidays from their traditional dates to a Monday so as to create a convenient 3-day holiday.

There is dispute as to the place of origin for this holiday, but it began in earnest after the Civil War in the 1860s with numerous celebrations honoring the 600,000+ soldiers who died serving both the Union and Confederate causes. In those earlier days **Memorial Day was known as Decoration Day** because of the placement of small flags and/or flowers on the graves of those who have fallen in battle in service of their country.

Memorial Day remembers the sacrifice of men and women for the causes of freedom, justice and peace. As some have said - the sacrifice of war and the *‘baptism of blood’* that happens on battlefields foster bonds of brotherhood between peoples and ethnic groupings. In these very real ways Memorial Day carries with it religious themes that cut across denominational boundaries and calls the world to live in peace and be peace-makers!

On this Memorial Day and in its spirit let us recall with honor and respect those who died serving the greater cause of peace, justice and freedom and securing us from the vileness of tyranny, oppression and evil.

Mass on Memorial Day (Monday, May 25th) will be at 9:00 a.m.



St. Leo's Catholic Church
211 Langer Ave North
PO Box 340
Casselton ND
347-4609

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



Pentecost Sunday May 24, 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 24:

Mon – May 25 – 9:00 am – +**Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries

Tues – May 26 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Randy Pfeifer** by Joe & Lora Killoran

NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo's

Wed – May 27 – 9:00 am – +**Charlie Radermacher** by Bryce Radermacher

Thurs – May 28 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – May 29 – 9:00 am – +**Theresa Dooley** by Richard Muscha

Saturday – May 30 – 5:00 pm – +Deceased Kaufman Family members by Ron & Thuy Kaufman

Sunday – May 31 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am – For the people of our parishes

St. Leo's - 10:30 am – +Bruce Dooley

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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

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.