

PASTOR'S NOTES

Coming into Focus –

– *The National Eucharistic Revival*

On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (*aka Corpus Christi Sunday*) on June 19, 2022, the Catholic Church in the United States launched a 3-year initiative known The National Eucharistic Revival. Its purpose was to inspire, educate and unite people around the gift and mystery of the Eucharist, which is the ‘source and summit’ of Christian life and living.

The first year of the Eucharistic Revival was focused on the diocesan church. In September of that year the Diocese of Fargo hosted a two day Redeemed Eucharistic Congress in Fargo. A number of speakers gave talks on the Eucharist. Bishop Andrew Cozzens who is Bishop of the Crookston Diocese and the bishop leader of this 3-year initiative, gave an overview of the hopes and purpose of having this 3-year initiative on the Eucharist. Real Presence radio hosted a number of programs exploring the gift and mystery of the Eucharist.

This second year of the Eucharistic Revival focused on the Eucharist in parish life. Our parishes of St. Leo's and St. Thomas spent post Communion reflections during the summer and Fall Sunday Masses on reviewing what the Catechism of the Catholic Church had to say about the multi-layered dimensions of Eucharistic life.

This second year will end with a **National Eucharistic Congress** in Indianapolis, Indiana on this coming July 17-21. Last Sunday (**Pentecost - May 19th**) four Eucharistic processions from the 4 directions in the United States began pilgrimages so as to converge in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress. The procession from the East began in New Haven, Connecticut; the procession from the South began in Brownsville, Texas; the procession from the West began in San Francisco; the procession from the North {*which is nearest to us*} began at the headwaters of the Mississippi river in Minnesota.

You are invited to review the poster board in St. Leo's Church entry for ongoing information on the upcoming National Eucharistic Congress as well as up-to-date information on the progress of the northern Eucharistic procession to Indianapolis that began at the headwaters of the Mississippi river.

The third year of the Eucharistic Revival will focus on the Church being missionaries of the Eucharist and taking its Truth ‘to the world’. To kick-start this endeavor the Diocese of Fargo will be hosting a Redeemed Eucharistic Congress in Jamestown this coming September 6th and 7th. Again a number of speakers and events will fill this time of prayerful praise and formation in our love of the Eucharist. Further details about registering for this event as well as scheduling will be forthcoming shortly. It is hoped that as many as possible will be able to attend.

Please mark your calendars.

Commitment Sunday –

– *Diocesan Capital Campaign*

For the parishes of St. Leo's and St. Thomas this Sunday has been designated Commitment Sunday for our \$20 million Diocesan Capital Campaign. All parishioners should have received a letter from Bishop Folda explaining the campaign and seeking your financial support. If you have already discerned your level of giving to this campaign, you can put your commitment pledge/envelope into the Sunday Offertory collection basket and we will get it to the Diocese or you can mail it yourself to the Diocese of Fargo.

If you are still discerning your level of support and have misplaced the envelope you received in the mail, there are envelopes in the pews for your use. **I strongly support this campaign as good and necessary, and have personally made a sacrificial gift/pledge and encourage your support.**

Any questions/concerns can be directed to our parish leadership team members: **Mark Weber, Moja Franck, Luke Steckler, Kelsey Lako and Dave Glennon** for St. Leo's; **Gary Milbrandt, Joe Killoran and Alecia Killoran** for St. Thomas.



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The Most Holy Trinity May 26, 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 26:

Mon - May 27 – 9:00 am – +**Charlie Radermacher** by Paul & Sherry Radermacher

Tues - May 28 – 9:00 am - St. Thomas – **NO MASS**

NO MASS at St. Leo's

Wed – May 29 – 9:00 am – +**Jim Schmitt** by Don & Mary Ellen Nilles

Thurs – May 30 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Fri – May 31 – 9:00 am – **Margaret Kensok** by Ann Faught

Saturday – June 1 – 5:00 pm - **Justin Gullekson Family**

Sunday - June 2 – St. Thomas- 8:30 am - +**Clem Pollock by Penny Zaun**

St. Leo's - 10:30 am - **For the people of our parishes**

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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


Fri., May 31– 7:00pm Diaconate Ordination at St. Mary’s Cathedral  
 Sat., June 1– 10:00am Priestly Ordination at St. Mary’s Cathedral  
 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  
 Wed., June 12– 6:00pm- New Mass Server Training– parents and servers

**Mass Server Training:** There will be a meeting for NEW Mass servers and their parents on **Wed., June 12th at 6:00pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. This is for ALL young persons interested in becoming Mass servers. Pizza will be served! Call the parish office if you plan to attend. 701-347-4609.

**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.

### Upcoming Ministry Schedule

|  | <b>Saturday June 1</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i> | <b>Sunday June 2</b><br><b>8:30 am</b><br><i>St. Thomas</i> | <b>Sunday June 2</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><i>St. Leo’s</i>                         |
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| <b>Lector</b>                                                                     | Lois Titus<br>Megan Bolda                                    | Keith Biggers                                               | Elise Wisnewski                                                                     |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                                      | Lucy Wagner<br>Alex Richard                                  | Linda Milbrandt<br>Jurgen Suhr                              | Kristi Dutchuk<br>Jared Nelson<br>Nicole Scherweit<br>Pam Spooner<br>Lucas Steckler |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                              | Ethan/Olivia Richard<br>Tristan/Ignatius Lako                | Hannah Besette<br>Claire Halland                            | James Diemert<br>Garman Family                                                      |
| <b>Offertory Collectors</b>                                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Frank & Laura Biggers                                       | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                            |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>                                                               | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                     | Arnie & Barb Buhr                                           | <i>Volunteers needed</i>                                                            |
| <b>Lead Rosary</b>                                                                | Lucy Wagner                                                  |                                                             | Volunteer needed                                                                    |

## 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: [ljand@drtel.net](mailto:ljand@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).



**St. Leo’s Knight of the Month:** The Knight for the month of **May** is **Tony Roth**. Thank you, Tony, for all you do for the KC’s. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.



### Made for Greatness Men’s Leadership Summit: June 28-30, 2024

The Diocese of Fargo will be hosting the Made for Greatness Men’s Leadership Summit on June 28-30 at Stiklestad Lodge near Fort Ransom, ND. The Summit will form and equip parish groups of men to step into the breach and call forth a renewal of Catholic masculinity right where they live. Through spiritual formation, leadership training, and practical "how-to’s" men will be given all they need to begin preparations for launching a dynamic brotherhood of men striving to be the husbands, fathers, brothers, and men of God that they are called to be. Visit [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg) to find out more.

The Rosary is prayed before each weekend Mass at St. Leo’s. We are in need of persons to lead the rosary on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. This would be about 20 minutes before the 10:30am Masses on these days. Call the parish office if you can help.

### This week’s Stewardship moment:

*“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” ~ Romans 8:16-17*

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn’t we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn’t we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God.