

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Nov 23 – 7:00 pm – Casselton Ministerium Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at St. Leo’s
Mon., Nov 24 - 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory
Tues., Nov 25 – 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory
Thurs., Nov 26 – 12:00 pm – Casselton Ministerium meeting in the Spirit of Life Center
Wed., Nov 26 – NO RE classes
Thurs., Nov 27 – 9:00 am – St. Leo’s – Thanksgiving Mass
Thurs., Dec 4 – 7:00 pm – Inquiry Class on the Catholic faith in lower level of St. Leo’s church
Sun., Dec 7 – 7:00 pm – St. Thomas – Holy Day Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
Mon., Dec 8 – 7:00 pm – St. Leo’s – Holy Day Immaculate Conception Mass

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Dan & Heidi Neumann on the death of Dan’s father, Michael Neumann.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Nov 29 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Nov 30 10:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Nov 30 8:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
	<div>Please see sign-up sheets in the church entry. <i>If this is your normally scheduled weekend and you will be here, we ask that you please sign up. Thank you.</i></div>		Gary Milbrandt
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>			Cynthia Comprendio Kristi Hovelson
<i>Altar Servers</i>			Hannah Besette Ali Killoran
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Lucas Tangen Family	Gary & Linda Milbrandt
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Mike & Lisa Zahnow
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Richard Muscha	Alexia Kieffer	

NEWS AND NOTES

Come and make some joyful music!
Join our Christmas Choir!
Mass on Christmas Eve – Wed. Dec 24th
Carols at 9:00 pm and Mass at 9:30 pm
Mass on Christmas Day – Thurs, Dec 25th at 10:00 am

Adults and students in 6th - 12th grades:
First practice Sun., Dec 7th from 8:45– 10:00 am
Singers and instrumentalist are welcome– we’ll have music ready! Practices continue on:
Sun., Dec 14 – 9:30 am to 10:45 am
Sun., Dec 21 - 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Call the parish office with any questions. 347-4609


Book of Remembrance: Located in the Church Entry. All are invited to write down the names of your deceased loved ones and we will pray for them at the Daily and Weekend Masses during the month of November.

Free Music Program at the Casselton Heritage Center: Rick Adams will provide a fun, toe-tapping music program on **Sunday, November 23rd at 2:00 pm** at the Casselton Heritage Center (Stone Church next to St. Leo’s Church). Refreshments will be provided following the performance.


St. Leo’s Christmas Giving Tree: This year St. Leo’s will be sponsoring The Jeremiah Program and The Perry Center. Both non-profit organizations help young women who have chosen life for their babies. In this time of giving, lets remember these young women and the life they are working on to create for their babies. Starting November 22nd tags will be available on the Giving Tree located in the Spirit of Life Center along with instructions and more information on these wonderful organizations.

This week’s Stewardship moment:
“...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.”~ Colossian 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can’t do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!



Knights of Columbus Breakfast:
Serving pancakes and sausage **Sun., Dec. 7th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center.
Free will offering.



99th Annual Concordia Christmas Concert: More than 250 singers and three choral ensembles and a 90-piece symphony orchestra combine to create a holiday concert event you won’t soon forget. Concert dates are: Fri., Dec 5 - 7:30 pm; Sat., Dec 6 - 2 pm and 7:30 pm; Sun., Dec 7 - 2 pm. Purchase tickets at: ConcordiaChristmas.com or see the flyer on the bulletin board to scan the QR code.

Medicare Part D open enrollment begins on Wednesday, October 15th and runs through December 5th. Community of Care provides assistance with reviewing your Medicare Part D, appointments are needed for this service. To schedule an appointment please call Community of at Care at (701)347-0032.

Community of Care is in need of Transportation Volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments within the FM area. To volunteer please call Natalie at (701)347 -0032 or email at: Natalie@communityofcarend.com

PASTOR’S NOTES

Understanding Christ’s Kingship

This Sunday’s solemnity of *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* is a recent addition to the liturgical calendar of the Church. It was declared a solemnity on December 11, 1925 by Pope Pius XI. He prayed this solemnity would be an antidote to the rise of secularism and atheism of his day. Being placed as the last Sunday of the church year this feast more properly signifies Christ’s rule over all things, his kingly rights over the hearts and minds of all human beings as well as establishing the goal of our earthly pilgrimage and of human history.

But, the Lord’s kingship is very different from most understandings of kingship. The 3-year Sunday cycle of Gospel readings for Christ the King Sunday present powerful insights into the way Christ’s kingship is recognized:

- in **Luke’s Gospel** [Lk. 23:35-45] (*this year’s Sunday reading*) Christ as King hangs on the Cross between two thieves, humiliated and mocked, but retains royal power to lead human beings to the glory of paradise (*the Good Thief*);
- in **Matthew’s Gospel** [Mt. 25:31-46] (*next year’s Sunday reading*) Christ as King stresses that active love of neighbor will be a decisive criterion at the final judgment because Christ identifies himself with the poor.
- in **John’s Gospel** [Jn. 18:33b-37] (*two years from now*) Christ as King is a prisoner before Pilate and affirms his royal dignity to Pilate and defines his rule against secular misconceptions of it.

Such is Christ’s Kingship!!

Thanksgiving

Every year on the fourth Thursday of November we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, and perhaps recall some history of Pilgrims and Native Americans coming together to share the fruit of the harvest. With the march of time this day and time of the year has become highly commercialized, but Thanksgiving does afford us an opportunity to review the many blessings that have come our way. **As I see it there is thanks to be given:**

- > for the bounty of this land and its opportunities to pursue life, liberty and happiness
- > for the gift of family/friends and neighbors as we live in care and concern of others and together seek the common good;
- > for the gift of faith and its call to ‘do what is right, love what is good and walk humbly with our God’;
- > for the gift of hope that reminds us ‘our citizenship is in heaven’;
- > for the gift of love by which God reconciles the human family into a people who ‘bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things’;
- > for the gift of Church as the sacrament of salvation and the 7 sacraments through which Christ lives with us “until the end of the world”;
- > for the gift of eternal life and all who have heard said to them “well done good and faithful servant ... come inherit the Kingdom prepared for you ...”

For all of this we surely give thanks!

You are invited to the Casselton Area Ministerium’s **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Leo’s Catholic this Sunday evening (November 23rd) at 7 p.m.** There will be an opportunity of a free-will offering to be given to those in need who seek the help of our Ministerium over the comings days and months.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at St. Leo’s at 9 am.



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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
November 23, 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 Nov 23:

Mon – Nov 24 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**
Tues – Nov 25 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **+Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries
NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – Nov 26 – 9:00 am – **+Jane Sinner** by Joan Grammond
Thurs – Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Day – 9:00 am – **+Fr. Duaine Cote**
Fri – Nov 28 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**
Saturday – Nov 29 – 5:00 pm – +Doris Brandenburg by Paulette Schmitt
Sunday – Nov 30 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - Cyril Comprendio by Cynthia Comprendio
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am – For the people of our parishes

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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

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.