

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Oct 19 – 9:00 am – KC Breakfast in the Spirit of Life Center
Wed., Oct 22 – RE classes – see schedule below
Thurs., Oct 23 – Happy “76th” Birthday Fr. Ermer!
Thurs., Oct 23 – 7:00 pm – Inquiry Class on the Catholic faith in lower level of St. Leo’s church
Mon., Oct 27 – 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory
Thurs., Oct 30 – 7:00 pm – Inquiry Class on the Catholic faith in lower level of St. Leo’s church
Fri., Oct 31 – 5:30 pm – St. Thomas – All Saints Day Vigil Mass
Sat., Nov 1 – 9:00 am – St. Leo’s – All Saints Holy Day Mass
Sun., Nov 2 – 11:00 am - 1:30 pm – St. Leo’s Annual Fall Dinner

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Oct. 22nd
St. Thomas RE classes — 3:45 pm

St. Leo’s RE classes: Simple Supper - 6:00 pm
Grades K– 5, 7, 8, 10 — 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Grades 6 & 9 – Class B — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
12th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

St. Thomas Ladies Aid is once again holding their Annual Fall Drive. We ask each family to donate \$20 and each single person to donate \$10. Donations may be given to Linda Milbrandt, Treasurer. Thank you.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Oct 25 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Oct 26 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Oct 26 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tony Roth	Fred Eldridge	Judy Von Bank
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Paulette Schmitt Mona Franck	Virjean Cramer Dave Glennon Patty Glennon Terri Monilaws Richard Muscha	Jurgen Suhr Penny Zaun
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Evelyn Roth Joe/Jensen Kappes	Claire/Jack Glennon Nolan/Paxton Ziegelmann	Damien Norrie Cole Hovelson
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Arnie & Barb Buhr Jackie Vavra
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	JoEllen Killoran Betty Stallman
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Michelle Kappes	Sandra Keller	

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayers and Sympathy: Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Carol Nilles on the death of her sister-in-law, Genevieve Tougas, Richard Muscha on the death of his brother-in-law, Gerald Schlenker and Joann Radermacher on the death of her bother, Bob Pederson.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4

Reigniting Our Faith: An Evening for Catholic Women to connect with other Catholic Women – Sunday, November 9th from 3:45 pm to 7:30 pm, meal in included, at Maryvale, 11550 River Road, Valley City, ND. Cost is \$25 per person and seating is limited. Guest Speaker is Msgr. David Bamgartner from the Crookston Diocese. This evening is intended to help women leave feeling excited about our faith and knowing we can live our faith daily. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for timeline of event and how to register. Registration & Payment deadline is Sunday, November 2.

40 Days for Life: September 24th – November 2nd, 2025. 40 Days for Life is a worldwide mobilization for all Christians to pray and fast for an end to abortion. All are invited to participate in daily vigils being held outside the Red River Women’s Clinic located at 302 Highway 75 N, Moorhead, MN. For more information on how to sign up to volunteer at one of these vigils, please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit their website: 40daysforlife.com/moorhead

Are you missing baking dishes/cake pans? A number of baking dishes have accumulated during the last few weeks in the kitchen. Please stop by any time to pick them up. Thank You.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...”~ 2 Timothy 4:2
It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn’t call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!



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Knights of Columbus Breakfast:
Serving pancakes and sausage **Sun., Oct. 19th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Spirit of Life Center. Free will offering. 

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.

Wellness Screening Fair sponsored by Community of Care on Tuesday, October 21st at Martin’s Lutheran Church in Casselton. The open house event for older adults is from 10 am – 2 pm, come at a time that works for your schedule. Screenings are provided by local nurses and college students (pharmacy, physical therapy, speech therapy, etc.).

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



St. Leo’s Fall Dinner sign up sheets are located on the tables in the office hall way. Many hands are needed to help make our Fall Dinner a success. Thank you.

PASTOR’S NOTES

What is World Mission Sunday?

In your packet of Sunday Offertory envelopes the month of October has one marked as **World Mission Sunday**. Exactly what is World Mission Sunday?

There are 1124 mission territories throughout the world that, at best, can only sporadically have the Gospel preached, celebrate the sacraments, or do basic charitable works. World Mission Sunday is contrasted with Home Mission Sunday [done in April], which offers assistance to mission dioceses within the United States who struggle to offer the services of the Church in an continuing manner. In contrast the World Mission territories are found in Asia, Africa, Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Although World Mission Sunday was established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, the call to do missionary work began when Christ ascended to heaven and commanded his apostles to “make disciples of all nations” [Mt. 28:19]. **Missionary works stands at the heart of the Church.**

Prior to 1926 the missionary work of the Church was carried out through the organization called – *The Society for the Propagation of the Faith*. In the early 1800s monies raised in Europe through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was given to the vast diocese of Louisiana in the United States. At that time this diocese of Louisiana along with its mission of Kentucky extended from the Florida Keys to Canada and west to our present-day West Coast. **Of course that area covered this part of the country in which we now live.**

As we in the United States were helped in our early days as the Church in the new world, **now it is our turn to sustain the mission work of the Church to the far reaches of our world today**. Our gifts support the training of priests and religious on their journey to priesthood and the religious life; support the work of religious in the running of orphanages, schools and medical clinics; enable catechists to share the Gospel and pass on the teachings of the Faith where the Church is too young, too poor and often faces persecution.

In keeping with this Jubilee Year of Hope, the title for this year’s World Mission Sunday is – *Missionaries of Hope among all Peoples*. This theme also coordinates well with the call of our recent Eucharistic Revival to be missionaries of hope to the world.

I encourage your generous support!!

Fall Dinner help is still needed —

- 1) **sale of raffle tickets.** It is very helpful that raffle tickets get returned as soon as possible.
- 2) **helpful hands & willing minds/bodies are needed:**
 - a) *on Saturday – peeling and cutting potatoes; cutting meat*
 - b) *on Sunday – actual serving of the Fall Dinner meal —*
mashing the potatoes; preparing cole slaw & veggies; making and refilling coffee, water & lemonade; serving the roast beef; supervising the dessert table; filling Take-Out meal orders; washing pots & pans; running the dishwasher; help to run the Country Store; clean up crew
note: we ask our 9th through 12th graders to clean and reset dining room tables
note: we ask middle school students to help with ‘kids games’
- 3) **your gift of “goodies”**
 - (a) nice desserts for our dessert table;
 - (b) crafts and homemade items for our Country Store;
 - (c) prize items for the ‘Kids games’ (e.g.- 2 liter bottles of pop, cakes, small packages of carmel corn, etc.)

– see the sign-up sheets in the office hallway –



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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



TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 19, 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 Oct 19:

Mon – Oct 20 – 9:00 am – **Jerry Sullivan** by Joel & Jaci Sullivan
Tues – Oct 21 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **+Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries
NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – Oct 22 – 9:00 am – **+George Waxler** by Stan & Angeline Mathias
Thurs – Oct 23 – 9:00 am – **+Don Nilles** by Sue Knoll
Fri – Oct 24 – 9:00 am – **+Souls in purgatory**
Saturday – Oct 25 – 5:00 pm – +Margaret Kensok by Sandie Nystrom
Sunday – Oct 26 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am – +Bob Von Bank by Judith Von Bank

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

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.

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