


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., Sept 16 – 7:00 pm – Finance Committee meeting at the rectory  
Wed., Sept 17 – RE classes start – see schedule below  
Mon., Sept 22 – 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory  
Tues., Sept 23 – 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory  
Thurs., Sept 25 – 7:00 pm – Inquiry Class on the Catholic faith in lower level of St. Leo’s church  
Tues., Oct 14 – 7:00 pm – Social Concerns committee meeting at the rectory

**Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Sept. 17**  
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  
12<sup>th</sup> grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	<b>Saturday Sept 20</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> <i>St. Leo’s</i>	<b>Sunday Sept 21</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <i>St. Thomas</i>	<b>Sunday Sept 21</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <i>St. Leo’s</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Lee Ann Monilaws Mallory Poulson	Judy Von Bank	Steve Carvell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Gary Grommesh Delores Grommesh	Joe Killoran Linda Milbrandt	Micah Bartholomay Jake Lako Collin Miller Deb Werner Jake Werner
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Grant Burchill Ann Burchill Beau Parisien	Carly Hovelosn Tucker Killoran	Elise Bartholomay Brynne Bartholomay Kayleigh Prochnow
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	Volunteer needed	Betty Lou Stallman Lisa Zahnow	Volunteer needed
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Volunteer needed	Bryce Kasowski Family	Volunteer needed
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Mona Franck		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

NEWS AND NOTES

**Join us to sing from the choir loft!** “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. Any-one middle school and older is welcome is to sing. We will meet in the choir loft from 9:30-10 am that day to run through these songs: #647, #625, #375, #497. YouTube is a great way to practice at home beforehand. Contact Wanda Mangin with any questions.

*Prayers and Sympathy:* Our Parish communities extend our deepest sympathies to Bishop John Folda on the death of his mother, Mable Folda. Please keep Bishop Folda and all of Mable’s family in your prayers. *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew 5:4*

The annual Casselton Business Association **Senior Citizens Day** is Tuesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1:15 pm at Martin’s Lutheran Church in Casselton (502 Martins Ave N). Older adults from throughout rural Cass County are invited to attend this fun event. Senior Day is free to attend and includes displays, presentations on “Fraud Prevention” and “Managing Cognitive Changes”, drug take back, flu shots, FREE lunch and door prizes. **RSVP by Friday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> to BankNorth at (701)347-4540.** Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for the day’s schedule.

**Holy Hour for Life-Respect Life Sunday:** Bishop Folda invites all the faithful of the diocese to join him a Mass and Holy Hour on **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo. Mass will be at noon followed by a Holy Hour for Life starting at approximately 1:15 pm. A lunch will be served in the social hall after the Holy Hour.



**Fall Dinners:** It’s that time of year again! Please see the flyers on bulletin board for more details on all the area church Fall Dinners.

**Life-Giving Wounds Support Group-Online:** October 6 – December 1, 2025. The Life-Giving Wounds peer support group is a unique opportunity for healing for adults (18+) whose parents have divorced, separated, or left broken families, to reflect on the wounds caused by their family’s breakdown and to heal from them, together with others who know this pain and knowl-edgeable, compassionate leaders, who are also predominantly adult children of di-vice or separation themselves. For more information and to register visit: [www.fargodiocese.org/lgw-sg](http://www.fargodiocese.org/lgw-sg) Questions, contact Jennie Korsmo at the Diocese: [jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org](mailto:jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org)

**Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart – Women’s Healing Retreat:** November 20-22, 2025: Join us for the Un-done Women’s Conference, where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty, and transformation, as the knots of Eve’s disobedience are “undone” through Mary’s model of radical receptivity. Presented by the John Paul II Healing Center, this event will be held at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catho-lic Church in Fargo. The retreat is being of-fered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online for either experience at <https://fargodiocese.net/undone> Registra-tion opens August 18. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts are avail-able. Contact [JPIIretreatFargoND@gmail.com](mailto:JPIIretreatFargoND@gmail.com) for more information.

**This week’s Stewardship moment:**  
*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son.” ~ John 3:16*

God created us to be in a relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus’ example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the “kerygma” – the first procla-mation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

PASTOR’S NOTES

The Jubilee Year Pilgrimage – ‘a great experience’ – Go for it!!

All Jubilee years encompass the concept of a pilgrimage because we are on a journey (pilgrimage) to that final and grand jubilee of heaven. Earthly pilgrimages are meant to prepare us for that heavenly goal.

In calling for this Jubilee Year of Hope, Pope Francis recognized that most people could not make a pilgrimage to the four (4) major basilicas in Rome [St. Peter’s; St. John Lateran; St. Mary Major and St. Paul outside the Wall]. Therefore, each bishop was encouraged to select pilgrimage sites within their diocese to which their people could make a pilgrimage and attain a Jubilee indulgence. In the diocese of Fargo Bishop Folda has designated six (6) pilgrimage sites.

To my knowledge a couple of parishioners have already visited all six diocesan sites and said ‘it was a great experience’. People can visit these sites until the end of this Jubilee Year [Sunday, December 28, 2025].

By its very nature a pilgrimage is always marked by prayer and meditation. This year’s Jubilee centers on the virtue of hope and we being pilgrims of hope. As we travel to these designated sites we bring the hope of Christ within us and in turn are renewed by the many graces of hope that have blessed this place of pilgrimage. In your prayer and meditation ponder the many blessings of hope celebrated at this site -- *the hundreds of baptisms and confirmations, the thousands of Communions, the multitude of reconciled sinners, the glorious number of marriages, the many laid to rest in the Lord, the countless number of votive prayers offered for the many needs of broken humanity, etc.* – ***all graces celebrated by our brothers and sisters of hope.*** Hopefully such prayer and meditation renews, strengthens and enlivens our hope in the Lord.

Each diocesan pilgrimage site is offering a special ‘collectable coin’ to memorialize your visit. All pilgrims who visit all six diocesan sites can receive a diocesan ‘collectable coin’ memorializing this Jubilee Year of Hope.

- Our Jubilee Information table in the church entry contains a lot of helpful information —**
- > a diocesan brochure detailing the six pilgrimage sites and their collectable coins;
  - > a two-sided information sheet explaining indulgences and the Jubilee indulgence;
  - > an information sheet on Jubilee years;
  - > a four-fold brochure on what to do at a pilgrimage site;
  - > a four-fold brochure of *Rose Mary Eldridge’s* reflections on each site and how to obtain each site’s ‘collectible coin’ as well as the diocesan coin;

***All of this is meant to help you enter into this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take extra copies and hand out this information to family and friends.***

Upcoming Events —

~ Catechetical Sunday

At next Sunday’s Masses [September 20 and 21] we will pray for and bless this year’s catechists (our RE teachers), who do a remarkable job of passing on the faith. Please keep them in your prayers!

~ Inquiry Class

Beginning Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the large room in St. Leo’s lower level. This series of classes will meet on Thursday evenings and cover a whole host of topics explaining Catholic beliefs, teachings and practices. This is a great class for Catholics who would like an adult explanation of their faith. It is also a great class for non-Catholics who may be interested in exploring the Catholic faith and possibly joining the Church. Everyone is welcome. See this week’s bulletin insert for further details.



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



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 14, 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 Sept 14:**

Mon – Sept 15 – 9:00 am – +**September Bosch** by Gary & Delores Grommesh  
Tues – Sept 16 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +**Marvin Ries** by Minnie Ries  
*NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo’s*

Wed – Sept 17 – 9:00 am – +**Shirley Marek** by Monica Qvale  
Thurs – Sept 18 – 9:00 am – +**Mary Ann Waxler** by Her family  
Fri – Sept 19 – 9:00 am – +**Souls in purgatory**

Saturday – Sept 20 – 5:00 pm – +**Margaret Kensok** by Carol Nilles  
Sunday – Sept 21 – St. Thomas - 8:30 am - +**Bob Von Bank** by Judith Von Bank  
St. Leo’s - 10:30 am – For the people of our parishes

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**St. Thomas Directors:** Gary Milbrandt & Flint Kasowski

***Sacrament of Reconciliation***  
**at St. Leo’s**  
**4:00 - 4:45 pm Saturday**  
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**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.