


PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tues., Sept 9 – 7:00 pm – Cemetery Committee meeting at the rectory
Wed., Sept 10 – RE classes start – see schedule below
Tues., Sept 16 – 7:00 pm – Finance Committee meeting at the rectory
Mon., Sept 22 – 6:30 pm – KC meeting at the rectory
Tues., Sept 23 – 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory

Religious Education Class Times — Wed., Sept. 10
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 A — 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm

NOTE: 6 & 9 grade Parents please check your email to see what class your child is in.
11th grade — 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Upcoming Ministry Schedule			
	Saturday Sept 13 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Sept 14 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday Sept 14 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tony Roth	Shari Kensok	Keith Biggers
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Lori Howard Bill Franck	Denise Bartholomay Ann Faight Mary Jendro Susan Kempel Paul Olsen	Cynthia Comprendio Kristi Hovelson
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Addison Hushka Noah Hushka Payton Neumann	Melody Kempel Quinn/Riley Gunkel Emma Rupp	Damien Norrie Cole Hovelson
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Betty Lou Stallman Lisa Zahnow
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Corey Hovelson Family
<i>Lead Rosary</i>	Richard Muscha	Deb Werner	

NEWS AND NOTES

Celebrate Baptism - We give thanks to God for the Baptism of Lydia Marie Mack, daughter of Aaron & Ema. *We pray that the Spirit of Christ may guide her to live as a child of God.*

Special prayers and blessings to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:

Frank & Laura Biggers - 62 years on Sept 7
Fred & Rose Mary Eldridge -62 years on Sept 7

Join us to sing from the choir loft! “Choir Sunday” will be **Sunday, September 21st** 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.

The annual Casselton Business Association **Senior Citizens Day** is Tuesday, Sept. 30th 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. 19th 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 5th** 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.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” ~ Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce it the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also to that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

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 knowledgeable, compassionate leaders, who are also predominantly adult children of divorce or separation themselves. For more information and to register visit: www.fargodiocese.org/lgw-sg Questions, contact Jennie Korsmo at the Diocese: jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org

Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart – Women’s Healing Retreat: November 20-22, 2025: Join us for the Undone 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 Catholic Church in Fargo. The retreat is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online for either experience at <https://fargodiocese.net/undone> Registration opens August 18. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts are available. Contact JPIIretreatFargoND@gmail.com for more information.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Inquiry Class

Who are Catholics? What do they believe? How do Catholics explain — marriage annulments? the existence of purgatory? confessing sins to a priest? differing number of books in the Bible? devotions like holy water and wearing scapulars/medals? moral teachings on sexuality and life issues? what happens at death? the person of the Pope? Devotion to Mary? Etc., Etc., Etc.

Fr. Ermer will conduct a number of classes on Thursday evenings beginning September 25th at 7 p.m. These classes are meant to be an adult presentation on Catholic beliefs, teachings and practices and answer the above questions and many other questions people have about the Catholic faith.

This Inquiry Class is open to all interested persons like —

- > **ordinary Catholics**, who would just like to learn more about their faith and have a deeper understanding of their Church;
- > **Catholics**, who have been baptized but never confirmed nor perhaps ever received their first Communion;
- > **non-Catholics**, who would just like to better understand the Catholic world and the Catholic mindset

Or

Who may be interested in joining the Catholic Church

Come one! Come all!

Classes begin Thursday, September 25th at 7 p.m.
in the large room in the lower level of St. Leo’s Catholic Church.
No fees! No required texts!

There will be study guides and hand-outs distributed at the meetings.

Events of note:

- > **This weekend – September 6th and 7th**
Greeting and blessings to Grandparents and the Elderly on their special weekend!!!
- > **Wednesday, September 10th**
 - ~ Religious Education (RE) classes begin.
 - ~ Simple Supper served from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
 - ~ **Parents, please note:** Students in Grades 6 and 9 have large classes and will be divided into two groups {A & B} meeting on alternating Wednesday nights from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Check your emails to determine to which group your child has been assigned. Group A meets this Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Group B will meet next Wednesday [September 17th] at 6:15 p.m.
 - ~ As usual Juniors and Seniors will meet on alternating Wednesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
 - Juniors meet this Wednesday, September 10th.**
- > **Check out our Jubilee Information Table**
 - + a handout explaining jubilee years in general and this Jubilee Year in particular;
 - + a handout explaining indulgences in general and the Jubilee indulgence;
 - + a handout about the six Jubilee sites in the Diocese of Fargo and their collectable coins;
 - + a handout of personal reflections about each of our six diocesan sites;
 - + a handout of ‘what to do’ upon visiting a Jubilee site.



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347-4609

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



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 7, 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 7:

Mon – Sept 8 – 10:30 am – Funeral service for JoAnne Sad
Tues – Sept 9 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – +Souls in purgatory
NO 9 am Mass at St. Leo’s
Wed – Sept 10 – 9:00 am – +Charlie Radermacher by His family
Thurs – Sept 11 – 9:00 am – +Shirley Marek by Monica Qvale
Fri – Sept 12 – 9:00 am – +Souls in purgatory
Saturday – Sept 13 – 5:00 pm – +Janice Muscha by Richard Muscha
Sunday – Sept 14 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am – +Audrey Suhr by Frank & Laura Biggers

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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.