

December 18, 2011 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

# St. Leo

Catholic Church

## Pastor

Fr. Harold Buse

## Associate Pastor

Fr. Andy Phan

## St. Pius X/St. Leo School

6905 Blondo Street 402-551-6667

Principal: Joyce Gubbels

## St. Leo Parish

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday:

8:30am - 5:00pm

Closed for lunch from 12:30-1:30pm

### Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00noon for the following Sunday

## Sacramental Life

### Mass Schedule

Beginning Dec. 31/Jan. 1, 2012

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am,

12:00noon, 5:30pm

Monday-Friday: 6:40am, 8:00am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm, and by appointment

### Weddings

Contact church at least 6 months in advance

### Baptism

#### NEXT BAPTISM CLASS

Pre-register for 1 Class, call the office or visit [www.stleo.net](http://www.stleo.net) and look for the link **Sacraments**.

Sundays 9:00am-11:30am

(beginning in January 2012)

1) January 15, 2012

#### NEXT BAPTISM MASS

5:00pm, Saturday, January 21

*Fourth Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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## Parish Financial Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

### Donations Received Dec. 11, 2011

#### Sunday & Holy Day Envelopes

\$36,012.84

#### Sunday Plate Collection

\$5,997.24

#### Total Sunday Contributions

\$42,010.08

### Our per Sunday goal is \$29,803.92

Fiscal Year to Date Deficit: (\$-60,265.59)

Building Fund: \$250.00

New Pew Fund to Date: \$123,373.37

St. Vincent de Paul Society: \$278.00

#### Christmas Collection to date:

\$2,375.00

#### Religious Retirement Fund to date:

\$7,142.92

Thank you for your  
continued generosity!

## Deacons

Jerry Steenson

George Knockenhauer

Ira Miller

Rennie terKuile

Jim Shipman

## Parish Staff

Kelly Barth, Director of Liturgy & Music

Betsy Bridgeford, Business Manager

Sue Doty, Director of Religious Education

John Gencarelli, Director of Youth &

Young Adult Ministries

Sr. Ann Marie Petrylka, Pastoral Minister

Mike Short, Custodian/Maintenance

Dina Turco, Parish Secretary

## Parish Council

Mary Bayne, President

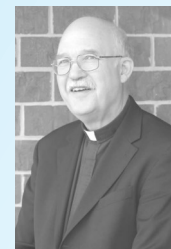
Jack Couch, Vice President

Jeff Miller, Treasurer

Lora Hansen, Secretary

## Father Harry's "Buseness"

This year, we had the longest possible season of Advent. With Christmas falling on Sunday, we had a full four weeks of this holy season. This gave us a little more time for immediate preparation for the coming of Christmas. These days, as people are so busy, it seems like there is never enough time to accomplish what we want to do. If this is true for our work, family and social



lives, it is also true for our spiritual lives. Now there is only one week remaining until Christmas. I am sure you will be very busy with many preparations for the holiday. I would urge you to include your spiritual preparation in this final week before Christmas. This includes taking some time for prayer and reflection about the event about to be celebrated. It also includes setting aside some time for the sacrament of reconciliation. There is nothing that blocks our spiritual readiness for Christmas more than the presence of sin in our lives. Through this sacrament, we are given the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness in preparation for Christmas. We will offer three Reconciliation Services this week:

**Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00pm**

**Wednesday, December 21 at 1:30pm**

**Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00pm**

Each time, we will have a large number of priests available to minister God's loving forgiveness. I invite you to take advantage of this opportunity.

As I noted in the Christmas letter, Christmas falling on Sunday poses a particular challenge to us for the Christmas and Sunday collections. It is very important that you make your regular Sunday offering in addition to your Christmas gift. Your generosity at this time of year is needed all the more, since we have been running behind in our regular Sunday giving these last months. I ask all parishioners to make a Christmas offering of at least three times your regular Sunday giving. Please be generous in support of your parish and do your part in helping us to reach our Christmas budget of \$107,000.00.

I would like to remind you that beginning December 31, we begin our new Saturday/Sunday Mass schedule. Saturday - 5:00pm and Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00am, 12:00noon and 5:30pm. With the earlier Saturday evening Mass, we will offer Reconciliation from 3:30 - 4:30pm.

*In Harry Bine*

**St. Leo Parking Lot Patrol.** Our parking lot patrol has started. Thank you to all who are part of this important ministry. If you are interested in patrolling our parking lot during various events, including Mass, please call the office, 402-397-0407. You will be able to choose your times and how often you patrol.



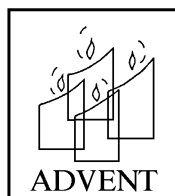
## Generations of Faith

*A process of whole parish catechesis where everyone in the parish learns and celebrates together.*

## Celebrate the Mass!

### Advent Reconciliation Service Schedule

Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00pm  
 Wednesday, December 21 at 1:30pm  
 Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00pm  
 Thursday, December 22-Individual Reconciliation from 12noon to 1:00pm



### Christmas Mass Schedule



#### Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24  
 5:00pm (Church), 5:05pm (Fireplace Room)  
 7:00pm, and Midnight

#### Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25  
 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am  
*No 12:45 or 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Day*

### A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS

Our parish will be running a fascinating 5-week series on the Mass, entitled, A Biblical Walk Through the Mass. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. You will discover the rich meanings behind why we say what we say and do during the Liturgy. The words and gestures of the Mass will be seen in a new light, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. Session days/times are listed below.

#### Details:

Cost = \$20  
 Length = 5 weeks, 1 hour a Week  
 Homework = Short Readings/  
 Questions  
 Register = by calling the office at 402-397-0407.

#### 5 Week Session Dates/Times

##### Thursdays

- January 19th - February 16th  
 - 2pm, 7pm

### Question of the Week

**This week's focus:**  
 Waiting for Jesus

#### Question for Children, Youth and Adults:

Thinking about Mary's words spoken to Elizabeth, what great things has the Almighty done for you?



### In Loving Memory

Please remember in your prayers those who have been born into eternal life, especially **Stanley How**, brother-in-law of Carol Maginn; **Eleanor Schaecher**, grandmother of Brenda Ternus; and for **Grace Von Dollen**.

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*May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

### St. Leo Prayer Line

Call the following with prayer requests:

Jane M. (9am-5pm) 391-8826  
 Kathy L. (5pm-9pm) 391-4249  
 The Parish Office (9am-5pm)  
 397-0407

OR

You can enter your petitions in the book located in the Commons.

# St. Leo News

## ~Volunteers Needed to

**Clean Church** We are in desperate need for volunteers (Heavenly Helpers) to clean the church on Saturday mornings. Each week a group of 8 to 10 people are scheduled to dust, vacuum, clean windows, etc. Family members are encouraged to volunteer together. Cleaning usually begins at 8:00am and is completed in an hour and a half. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times each group will be asked to clean throughout the year. To volunteer as a Heavenly Helper, please contact Betsy Bridgeford in the parish office at 402-397-0407, ext. 211 or e-mail churchlady107@juno.com.

## Religious Formation

- On January 8th from 11am to 11:50am, the Wednesday RE catechists will be meeting and celebrating the new year.
- Wednesday Religious Education classes will begin again on January 11th. Open House will be on this day at the last twenty minutes of class time.



**We wish all of you a Merry and Blessed Christmas!**

~**The 2012 St. Leo Parish Directory** will be published soon. In order to make the directory as accurate as possible, we ask anyone who has recently moved to update their address and phone number with us by e-mailing churchlady107@juno.com.

## The New St. Leo Weekend Mass Schedule Beginning January 1, 2012.



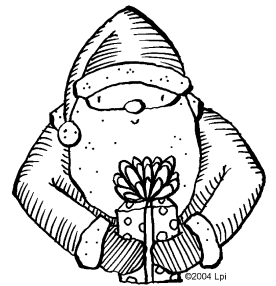
**Saturday, 5:00pm**  
**Sunday, 8:00am**  
**10:00am**  
**12:00noon**  
**5:30pm**

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2011	
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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## Don't Forget to use CARE for all of your Christmas Needs.

CARE gift certificates make great gifts and can be used for all of your Christmas shopping. We buy the certificates at a discount, then sell them at face value. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our school and parish. This Christmas we have so many stores in stock. We also have a great selection of \$10 cards that make great stocking stuffers. Stop by the parish office during the week...all certificates listed on page 9 can be purchased at the office. The office will be open until 12:30 on December 23, so plan to stop by before then. Thanks for your support.



## 2011 Donations

If you wish to have your donations to St. Leo credited to 2011, they must be dated and received in the parish office by Friday, December 30, 2011. Contribution statements for 2011 will be sent out the week of January 9th. Thank you for your efforts in observing this deadline.



## “Connections” High School Youth

**Make a Connection!** “Connections” is a weekly gathering for all 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students. It is an opportunity to meet people, learn about our faith, discuss relevant issues, and have fun! The atmosphere is casual and all are welcome! For more information, please contact John Gencarelli at [john@stleo.net](mailto:john@stleo.net) or 397-0407.

**December 18:** “Connections” Christmas Party and Gift Exchange at 6:30 pm

**Have a safe and Happy Christmas Break!!! Check us out online at...**

- ◆ **Website:** [http://www.stleo.net/youth\\_ministry.php](http://www.stleo.net/youth_ministry.php)
- ◆ **FB Profile:** <https://www.facebook.com/st.leoconnections>
- ◆ **FB Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/212719312114889/>
- ◆ **You Tube Channel:** <http://www.youtube.com/StLeoConnections>
- ◆ **Google Plus:** @John Gencarelli
- ◆ **Twitter** @stlconnections
- ◆ **On Skype** @stleoconnections

**January 15:** “Connections” meets tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Join us for dinner, fun and friends! Welcome back and let’s have some fun getting to know each other again!

**January 22:** “Connections Ambassador Team” Meeting in room W-2 from 4:00 to 5:15 pm.

**January 22:** “Connections” meets tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Join us for dinner, fun and friends!



## “Re-Connect” (College Ages 18-22)

**Get Reconnected!** “Re-Connect” is a monthly gathering for college ages 18-22. We meet on Sunday once a month. The atmosphere is casual and all are welcome! For more information, join our Facebook Group at **St. Leo College Re-Connect**.

**December 21:** We have a potluck dinner at 5:30 pm. Bring a side dish to share or some Christmas cookies. John will provide the meat. We’ll have a white elephant gift exchange so bring a gender neutral gift (no more than \$10.00) to exchange with everyone. It’s so much fun!

**January 29:** join us in Room W-2 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for a discussion on college life and 1001 things every college student needs to know. Should be a fun time. Bring a snack to share!



## “Staying Connected” (20's and 30's)

**Ministry to Young Adults** at St. Leo’s is woven throughout the life of the parish. “Staying Connected” for people in their 20’s and 30’s who meet for social, spiritual and service experiences. We welcome all young adults whether single, married, or married with children. For more information about “Staying Connected”, contact John at 397-0407 or visit [www.stleo.net](http://www.stleo.net).

**January 11:** Join us at the Icehouse Sports Bar on 108th and Maple Streets from 5:30 to 8:30 pm for ½ price pints and pizza.

**January 17:** “Agape Latte Series”: Freedom to Love! This DVD and discussion series meets on Tuesday nights once a month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. If you missed the second part, you can come at 6:00 pm to catch up.

**January 19:** Archbishop Lucas will join us at St. Leo to speak about the Canonization process (how do people become saints) and have a short question and answer session. **DON’T MISS OUT.** Join the Archbishop from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Fireplace room/Gym area.

## Want to Get Our Texts?

John Gencarelli will begin using a new text service to send reminders and updates on events to all high school youth, parents, and young adults, in conjunction with our Facebook groups and bulletin announcements.

If you would like to receive text reminders, please follow the instructions below! If you have problems, just send your cell phone number to [john@stleo.net](mailto:john@stleo.net) and tell me which group you belong to and I can send you a text invite.

**High School Youth:** text [@Connections](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to [23559](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to receive TXT reminders. Follow the instructions sent to you.

**Parents of High School Youth:** text [@StLeoParents](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to [23559](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to receive TXT reminders. Follow the instructions sent to you.

**College Students (18-22):** text [@ReConnect](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to [23559](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to receive TXT reminders. Follow the instructions sent to you.

**Young Adults (20's and 30's):** text [@StayingConnected](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to [23559](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to receive TXT reminders. Follow the instructions sent to you.

**Parishioners:** text [@StLeoChurch](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to [23559](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to receive TXT reminders. Follow the instructions sent to you.

## E-Advent is Back!

Hey everyone, remember the “40 Days in Lent” daily reflections by text message? We have decided to do this again this year for Advent and lent. I will be using a text message service, so follow the instructions below.

With Advent just in full swing, I thought it would be nice for everyone to get a very short daily Advent reflection on your cell phone via TXT message. We are going to call it “E-Advent.” Follow the instructions.

On your cell phone text [@E-Advent](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to [23559](https://www.facebook.com/stleoconnections) to receive Daily TXT reflections.

If this doesn’t work for you, just e-mail [john@stleo.net](mailto:john@stleo.net) with your 7-digit cell phone number and put “E-Advent” in the subject line. If you have any questions, call John Gencarelli at 402-397-0407. Have a great Advent!

## Good News from St. Pius X/St. Leo School

\*\*\* We would like to congratulate the following students who were accepted into the first ever NMEA All-State Choir for 4th & 5th grade students- 5th grade students accepted were Matthew Baysa, PJ Mooney, Daniel Noon, Lily Jensen, Anea Landrum, Marissa Morris, Rebecca Townley, and Madison Worthy as alternate. These students rehearsed on Thursday, December 17th in Lincoln, NE with guest conductor, John Jacobson, (aka "Mr. Dreamhands" from the Sprint commercials) and perform a concert at 4:30 p.m. in the Lied Center. What a great honor for our 5th grade students to be a part of this fantastic concert! The parents of these students who attended the concert were so amazed at the musical talents of the many, many students who performed.

\*\*\* Advent began on November 27th. The school's seasonal liturgical planners chose a "journey" theme for this school year since we are in a time of transition, rebuilding and renewal. The main theme is "OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS". The weekly themes are as follows:

Week 1 - "WATCH" on the Journey (with Jesus)

Week 2 - "PREPARE" for the Journey (with Jesus)

Week 3 - "REJOICE" in the Journey (with Jesus)

Week 4 - "LOVE" the Journey (with Jesus)

Advent is a time of preparation. During this season, we remember that the Light of Christ born into our world overcomes the darkness of sin and death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

**Joyce Gubbels, Principal**

### Lunch Menu

**M:** Cheeseburger **T:** Pizza **W, T, & F:** No School-Christmas Vacation!

### Development Dialogue:

#### Special Notice #1

#### End Of Year Tax Consideration:

If you are planning to donate to our parish or SPSL School and you have some stock investments or other securities that have risen in value, you can combine your good fortune with good works. By donating shares of stock or other securities that have risen in value, you can get a deduction at full market value for your donation and avoid paying income taxes on these gains.

### SMART Points. SMART Reward.

#### YOU CAN HELP SPSL WIN AGAIN THIS YEAR!

The Hy-Vee SMART POINTS Program is back: the school with the most points wins a SMART Board interactive whiteboard for our school. WE WON LAST YEAR, let's win again this year! For every \$20 of Procter & Gamble products purchased at Hy-Vee in a single transaction, earns the shopper 100 SMART Points to donate to St. Pius X / St. Leo School. Printed on the receipt will be a promotional code to be entered on [www.hy-vee.com](http://www.hy-vee.com). Once the code is entered, select St. Pius X / St. Leo School to make your donation. Shoppers can earn SMART Points through 12/30/11.

## Liturgy Corner

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

The time for Christmas is quickly approaching as we prepare our homes for the Christmas celebration. We clean the house, we trim the tree and wrap the presents, but are we preparing our hearts and minds to receive Jesus.

All too often we get so caught up making sure everything is just perfect for our relatives and buying presents for everyone. In all this hustle and bustle we forget about our Lord Jesus Christ which is the whole point of Christmas. Which is the greatest gift of all.

Each week as we come to Mass the readings and our Eucharistic celebration should and can bring us closer to our Lord. This week on the fourth Sunday of Advent we hear a familiar story of the Annunciation again as Mary openly accepts God's will in her life.

Are we allowing God's grace to touch us and change us as we come to Mass? We receive graces which we may not understand, but we need to be open to allow God to turn our hearts to follow his will in our lives. Are we honestly open to say, 'may it be done to me according to your word.'

Our church in her infinite wisdom as guided by the Holy Spirit has made revisions to the mass that more truly celebrate God's glory and presence. These changes more accurately reflect the tradition handed onto us by the apostles and early church fathers.

As we come to Mass with our new mass format, let us reverently come before our King and savior who strengthens us through his Word and Eucharist. Let us prepare our hearts and minds as we approach the coming of our Jesus at Christmas and present our lives as a gift to the Lord, ready to accept His will.  
*Deacon Jim*

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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**Saturday, 5:00pm Church 12/24/2011 Fr. Harry**  
EMHC: P. Reynolds, D. Reynolds, M. Shanley, P. Shanley,  
R. Jaeger, L. Iwen, D. Ulveling, R. Coder, **1 Needed**, R.  
Hefner, **3 Needed**, B. Carlisle, M. Baldwin, L. Conant  
Lectors: M. Ulveling, C. Heck

Servers: C. Tucker, J. Tucker, M. Leddy, **1 Needed**  
Sacristan: R. & J. Hefner

**Saturday, 5:05pm Gym 12/24/2011 Fr. Andy**  
EMHC: D. Drvol, A. Drvol, L. Cooper, **3 Needed**

Lectors: K. Condon, K. Cooper

Servers: D. Clark, **1 Needed**

Sacristan: Drvols

**Saturday, 7:00pm 12/24/2011 Fr. Rauth**

EMHC: M. Burns, K. Burns, **3 Needed**, J. Leveille, **1 Needed**

Lectors: M. Howard, K. Landenberger

Servers: **4 Needed**

Sacristan: **1 Needed**

**Sunday, Midnight 12/25/2011 Fr. Andy**

EMHC: M. Peters, **2 Needed**, L. Karnam, **10 Needed**

Lectors: S. Ishii-Jordan, L. Eriksen

Servers: **4 Needed**

Sacristan: K. Ullom/S. Grier

**Sunday, 7:30am 12/25/2011 Fr. Harry**

EMHC: J. Alfes, M.C. Wilson, B. Tuttle, J. Tuttle, C.

Hausman, E. Rasnick, V. Rasnick

Lector: **1 Needed**

Servers: B. Badalucco, B. Badalucco

Sacristan: **1 Needed**

**Sunday, 9:00am 12/25/2011 Fr. John Jenkins**

EMHC: **2 Needed**, C. Chullino, M. McCarthy, C. Ramold,  
**9 Needed**

Lector: **1 Needed**, C. Heck

Servers: **4 Needed**

Sacristan: **1 Needed**

**Sunday, 11:00am 12/25/2011 Fr. Andy**

EMHC: D. Helms, P. Colson, **3 Needed**, J. Lofshult, **4 Needed**, L. Shipman, **2 Needed**, R. Helms

Lector: T. Holman, **1 Needed**

Servers: **4 Needed**

Sacristan: **1 Needed**

## Heavenly Helpers

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**No Heavenly Helpers Dec. 24 & Dec. 31.**

**Merry Christmas!**

### St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

St. Leo the Great Parish is a faith-filled community  
dedicated to...

Offering inspiring and prayerful worship,  
Developing and maintaining quality, life-long  
religious education for everyone,

Providing loving service to those in need,  
Celebrating the great events in our parish family.

## This Week at St. Leo

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**Monday, December 19**

6:00pm Bell Choir, Church

7:00pm Choir, Church

**Tuesday, December 20**

7:00pm Reconciliation Service

**Wednesday, December 21**

1:30pm Reconciliation Service

7:00pm Reconciliation Service

**Thursday, December 22**

12:00pm Individual Reconciliation

7:00pm RCIA, fireplace room

**Friday, December 23**

Office open today from 8:30am-12:30pm

**Saturday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule:

5:00pm, 5:05pm, 7:00pm & Midnight

**Sunday, December 25**

Merry Christmas!

Mass Schedule: 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am

## Mass Intentions

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**Monday, December 19**

6:40am + Dorie Yates

8:00am + Joe Salerno

**Tuesday, December 20**

6:40am + Ramona Reilly

8:00am + Mike Cetrone

**Wednesday, December 21**

6:40am + Teresa Bredar

8:00am + Dale Murphy

**Thursday, December 22**

6:40am + Jack Mullin

8:00am + Mary Tworek

**Friday, December 23**

6:40am + Dut Nguyen

8:00am + Ed Laughlin

**Saturday, December 24**

5:00pm + Willis Rokes

5:05pm + Nancy Turco & Barbara Turco

7:00pm + Charles Schroer

Midnight + Randy & Jordan Wordekemper

**Sunday, December 25**

7:30am + St. Leo Parish Family

9:00am + Tom Lowndes

11:00am + Ambrose & Eileen Galvin

## Visitation Ministry

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**Dec. 19 • Methodist** Drvol, Himmelein, Ziskey

**Dec. 23 • Immanuel** Berthelsen/Mlnarik

**Dec. 23 • Methodist** Manganaro, Murphy, Weist

**Dec. 25 • Brighton Gardens** S. Penka

**Dec. 25 • Waterford** Shanleys

**Dec. 25 • Camelot** E. Murphy

**Dec. 25 • Bickford Cottage** Tierneys

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

It seems that angels are everywhere at Christmas. In today's Gospel Gabriel comes to Mary to announce that she will bear the Savior. In other stories at this time of year, an angel comes to Zechariah and Elizabeth to announce the birth of John the Baptist. An angel appears to Joseph to tell him to welcome Mary into his home. Angels appear to the shepherds to proclaim the birth of Christ, and to the Magi to warn them to flee from Herod after they have presented their gifts to the newborn King.

In our popular culture, angels adorn the Christmas cards we send, are put up on our front lawns, and festoon the house in various decorations. In an argument that reflects the different perspectives of the two Gospel stories of the birth of Jesus, families debate what will sit atop the Christmas tree: a star—which reveals the birth of Christ in Matthew's Gospel—or an angel—which heralds the birth of the Savior to the shepherds in the story written down in Luke.

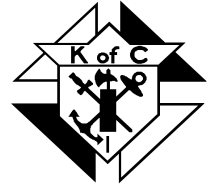
Mary was hardly the first to be visited by an angel. They have a solid history in the Bible. But Mary's quick assent to the will of God is an example for all of us who follow Christ. She was willing to accept what God wanted of her, that is, to become the mother of his Son. And it was the angel that conveyed the message.

So with all of the images of angels that surround us at this time of year, it might be good to ask ourselves who are the real angels in our lives. As with Mary, there may be people around us who give insight into the will of God for us. As with the Magi, there may be people who give us warnings about the paths to follow in life. As with Joseph, there may be those who give specific direction about what is right. They are all our angels.

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## St. Leo Knights of Columbus

[Stleo.net/KoC/index.htm](http://Stleo.net/KoC/index.htm)



**Thanks** to everyone who supported the pancake breakfast benefit for St. Vincent de Paul. We will be able to make a significant donation that will be matched by one of their generous donors.

#### Upcoming Activities

December 27

Officer Meeting (7pm in parish house)

January 10

General Membership Meeting (7pm in W2/3)

For information on the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, contact Jim Shaal (402-965-9643) or Fred Otterberg (402-968-5841).

## Singles 40's, 50's, 60+ Group at St. Leo

The Singles Group at St. Leo's is a social group of single men and women in their 40s, 50s & 60+, unmarried for any reason. We welcome everyone over 40 who is single regardless of their church affiliation. For more details, please see our monthly calendar on St. Leo's website by going to [http://www.stleo.net/singles\\_group.php](http://www.stleo.net/singles_group.php). If you don't have Internet access, call the parish office at 397-0407. With Internet access, you can email: [ppeacockkoma@yahoo.com](mailto:ppeacockkoma@yahoo.com) for information.

### December 2011

**Dec 31 (Sat): Meet & Mingle/New Years Eve**, tonight, at 5pm at P.F. Chang's (Westroads)—can only accommodate 25 people so the first 25 who contact me with a reservation will be included. Please call Patti w/reservation no later than Dec 27 (Tues) @ 402-393-0571—only phone calls--no emails at this time. Also, if you cannot make it, please call me to cancel your reservation in fairness to others who may be waitlisted. Ask for the St Leo table when you arrive.



## Mark your new calendars with these important 2012 dates



**Women's Retreat  
Saturday March 10**

**Men's Retreat  
Saturday March 31**

**Parish Mission - March 19-21**

## Community News & Events

### ~4 Week Friends & Family Program

A four week program offering education and conversation about substance abuse for the family and friends of those suffering from addiction.

This group:

- Is free and open to anyone in the community (15 and older) who has a loved one with an addiction.
- Will help you learn to provide support to your loved one without enabling their addiction.
- Will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM starting Jan. 10th and running through Jan. 31st At St. Leo Catholic Church, 1920 North 102nd Street. For more information contact Liz at (402) 829-3525.

The Family & Friends Program is a service of Catholic Charities and is made possible through the support of the Region 6 Behavioral Health Administration. [www.comaha.org](http://www.comaha.org).

### ~“Been There...Done That” A Life Review

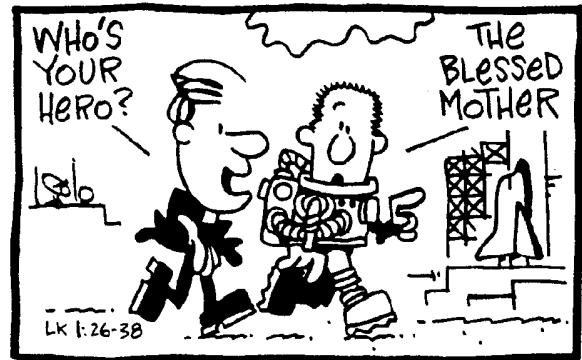
Retreat. Join Sr. Ann Marie Petrylka, OSM and Mary Eileen Andreasen at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, Nebraska January 6-7, 2012 to examine the spiritual questions of mid-life.

January is an excellent time to look back and look forward in faith. There will be presentations, discussions, plenty of quiet time, great food and Mass with the monks. Make a New Year’s resolution to follow the path of Christ more closely during the coming years. For more information, contact [meandreasen@newcassel.org](mailto:meandreasen@newcassel.org) or 402.390.5339. This retreat is sponsored by New Cassel Retirement Center.

### ~You are Invited to Participate in a wonderful silent retreat with beautiful surroundings and great food on January 12-15 at St. Benedict Retreat Center in Schuyler, Nebraska.

Fr. Kevin Schneider, S.J. is a fabulous retreat leader and will focus on “The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.” It will begin at 6:15 PM on Thursday, January 12 with supper and conclude Sunday, January 15 at 1:00. It will be held at the beautiful St. Benedict Retreat Center in Schuyler, Nebraska. Brochures are available at [www.smmomaha.org](http://www.smmomaha.org) and click on parish retreat.

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## CARE Certificates

Available after Masses and at the Parish office during the week.

<b>\$5</b> KFC, Marcus Theaters	<b>\$20</b> Dennis Uniform, Sephora
<b>\$10</b> Arbys Barnes & Noble Bath & Body Works Bene Pizza Blockbuster Burger King Chipotle Crane Coffee Culver's Eileen's Cookies Panera Bread Pizza Hut Runza Scooters Smashburger Starbucks Subway Taco Bell Wendys	<b>\$25</b> AMC Theaters, Aeropostle, Amazon, Applebees, Bag N Save, Bakers, Banana Republic, Barnes & Noble, Bass Pro Shop, Bath & Body Works, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Bonefish Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cabellas, Carrabas, Charlestons, Cheesecake Factory, Chilis, CVS Pharmacy, Dick's Sporting Goods, Dillards, Fazoli's, Flemings, Gap, Granite City, Kohls, Home Depot, Lowes, Marcus Theaters, Menards, No Frills, Office Max, Old Chicago, Old Navy, Olive Garden, Outback, Penneys, Red Lobster, Romeos, Shell Gas, Sinclair Gas, Starbucks, Target, Texas Roadhouse, Valentinos, Whole Foods, Walgreens, Walmart, Younkens
<b>\$15</b> Itunes	<b>\$50</b> Bag N Save, BP Gas, Whole Foods, Wohlner's