



# St. Leo Catholic Church

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## IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD.

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April  
14  
2024

### Pastor

Fr. Craig Loecker

### Associate Pastor

Fr. Michael Swanton

### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

Monday-Friday: 7:30am

### Confessions

Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm

### St. Pius X/St. Leo School

6905 Blondo Street

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Principal: Dr. Cory Sepich

## St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

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

Offering inspiring & prayerful worship, Developing & maintaining quality, life-long religious education for everyone, Providing loving service to those in need, Celebrating the great events in our parish family.

# A Note from Fr. Craig



Dear Parishioners,  
I really hope you can join us this coming Saturday morning, April 20 for our St. Leo Eucharistic Revival. Dr. Keith Jiron will be our presenter that morning and will speak on Eucharistic miracles. I hope you can all join us. The event is from 8:30am to 12noon

and is free, but we do need you to RSVP to [dina@stleo.net](mailto:dina@stleo.net).

As most of you know there is a petition going around asking for signatures to put an initiative on the November ballot supporting abortion. The wording of the petition says, "the object of this petition is to amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide all persons the fundamental right to abortion without interference from the state or its political subdivisions until fetal viability, which is in the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgement of the patient's health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures or

when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient."

The Catholic Conference of Nebraska opposes the petition effort and is asking us to decline to sign. The wording causes great concerns. "All persons" could mean even minors without parental consent. It would also allow abortions all the way to full term. It would be added to the states constitution. They will need 120,000 signatures by July. This would remove our current abortion ban at 12 weeks.

If you see petition people, please decline to sign.

Have a good week,  
Fr. Craig

## Parish Financial Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

### Donations Received March 31, 2024

**Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes:**

\$17,263.00

**Sunday Plate:** \$980.00

**Total Sunday:** \$18,243.00

### Donations Received April 7, 2024

**Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes:**

\$23,908.87

**Sunday Plate:** \$2,340.42

**Total Sunday:** \$26,249.29

~Our per Sunday goal is \$30,673~

**Fiscal Year to Date:**

\$+7,230.58

**Building Fund Envelopes:** \$630.00

**Human Needs Envelopes:** \$440.00

**Easter to Date:** \$56,591.55

**Holy Thursday for Human Needs:**

\$1,167.00

**Good Friday for the Holy Land:**

\$1,063.00

**Rice Bowl to Date:** \$398.00

**Home & Foreign Missions to Date:** \$285.00

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 15

7:30am Spec. Int: Donald Collins

Family

### Tuesday, April 16

7:30am + Steven Connick

### Wednesday, April 17

7:30am + Rita McSharry

### Thursday, April 18

7:30am + Dan Dagerman

### Friday, April 19

7:30am + Judy Svoboda

### Saturday, April 20

5:00pm + Gene Snitily

### Sunday, April 21

8:00am + Ron & Lois Purdy

10:00am + William Becker

12:00pm St. Leo Parish Family

5:30pm + Marge Gell

## Presider Schedule

### April 20 & 21

Sat. 5:00pm: Fr. Mike

Sun. 8:00am: Fr. Mike

Sun. 10:00am: Fr. Mike

Sun. 12:00noon: Fr. Craig

Sun. 5:30pm: Fr. Craig

## St. Leo Prayer Line

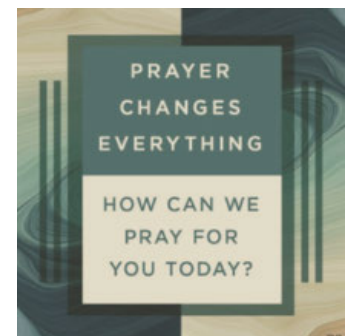
Call or email the following with prayer requests:

Jeanne (5pm-9pm) 493-0145

Kathy [kw1209@yahoo.com](mailto:kw1209@yahoo.com)

Parish Office 402-397-0407

or [dina@stleo.net](mailto:dina@stleo.net)

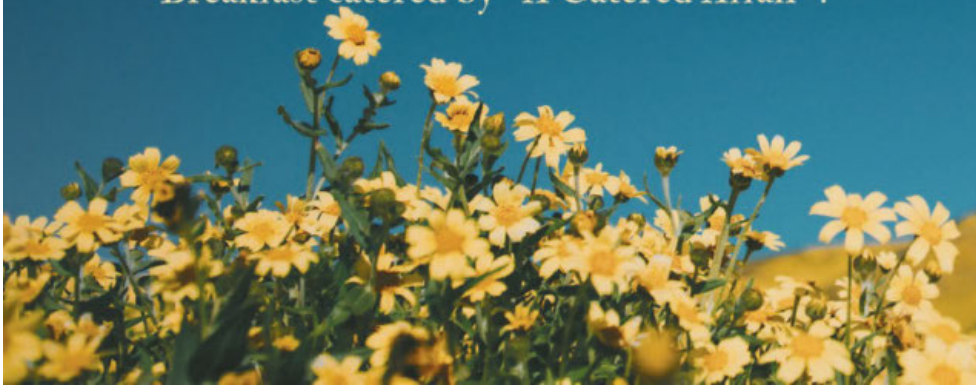




ST. LEO MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH  
SATURDAY, MAY 11TH  
9:30 - 11:30AM

Mothers are "Sew" Amazing  
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Tickets are \$15 each and are available at the  
St. Leo office. Deadline to purchase tickets: May 6th.  
Breakfast catered by "A Catered Affair".



In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers those who have been born into eternal life, especially **Mary Meisinger**.

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

The St. Leo Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Jelly
- Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- Bar soap or shower gel

Items can be dropped off in the pantry box in the office area. Thank you!

### Safe Environment Training

All adults 19 or older who work or volunteer at a Catholic parish or school are required to complete Safe Environment Certification.

We are offering training for those new volunteers or those needing to renew their out of date certification:

**Date: April 18th**

**Time: 6:30-9:00pm**

**Location: St. Leo Parish**

If you need help signing up, please contact your Safe Environment Coordinator, Jen Fuller at [jen@stleo.net](mailto:jen@stleo.net) or Janet Drvol ([janet.drvol@spsl.net](mailto:janet.drvol@spsl.net)) to help with registration. Please do not create a new account if you have already been registered and/or certified in the past.



**Faith Formation Dates:**  
**April 17 & May 1**

### ST. LEO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Monday, June 3, 2024 - Thursday, June 6, 2024**  
**9:00am - 12:00pm**

Children ages 5-12 (Entering Kindergarten - Grade 5 in fall of 2024) are invited to join us to dive deep into friendship with God! **Register by May 15th at NOON to ensure a t-shirt for your child.**

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a t-shirt. *If you'd like to add \$2 per child for transaction fee we would welcome that, Thank you!*



### VBS VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

No fees for volunteers but you **MUST ATTEND**

**TRAINING** on Sunday, June 2nd from 11:00am - 11:55am & be entering 6th grade in the fall of 2024. \*Anyone over 19 must be Safe Environment certified by the Archdiocese of Omaha.

**Register at [www.stleo.net](http://www.stleo.net) or scan the QR code!**





# St. Leo Eucharistic Revival

April 20, 2024  
8:30am-12:00pm

You are invited to a special morning on the Eucharist and how it feeds our lives as Catholics.

Dr. Keith Jiron of the Evangelium Institute will present on Eucharistic Miracles.

This event is part of our 2024 Men and Women's Retreats.

Mass is Included!

The event is free, but RSVP so we have enough snacks and chairs: email [dina@stleo.net](mailto:dina@stleo.net)

The Eucharist is the heart of all we do and the heart of who we are.

## Come & Be Fed!

# St. Leo Donut Sundays 2024

This month, join us on April 28 after the 8:00am, 10:00am & 12noon Masses for Donuts and Social Time!



If you would like to be part of our Donut Sunday Hospitality team, (helping set up donuts, serve and clean up at one of the masses) contact [dina@stleo.net](mailto:dina@stleo.net).  
**We Need You!**

## ST. PIUS X / ST. LEO SCHOOL 20TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, May 20, 2024 | Field Club of Omaha  
Scramble Format

10:00 AM - Registration opens & Lunch Provided

11:00 AM - Tee-Off

Short Program, Prizes, and Dinner Reception Following

Foursome: \$530 | Individual Golfer: \$130

Panther Card: \$50 per team

(Allows for advantages on designated holes)

For more information contact Joe Toppi at  
402-551-6667 or [joe.toppi@spsl.net](mailto:joe.toppi@spsl.net)





# GOOD NEWS FROM ST. PIUS X / ST. LEO SCHOOL

St. Pius X / St. Leo School is a diverse community forming students in the Catholic faith to excel in academics and service to others.

Hello St. Pius X / St. Leo Community members,

We are so thrilled to share that our very own Christy Vogel, our English Language teacher and former school librarian, has been selected as the 2024 Archdiocese of Omaha Metro Elementary Educator of the Year!

Christy Vogel has served the SPSL community for 34 years, and currently leads our robust English Learner Program. She goes above and beyond to ensure that our students, particularly our refugee families, succeed in and out of the classroom.

Besides working with nearly 30 EL students every single day, she started the SPSL summer school program for students who need extra help with language and reading retention when school is out. Christy frequently attends her students' sporting events, and even plans swim parties for her refugee students to help build com-

munity. She helps families with high school and scholarship applications to ensure they succeed after their time at SPSL. She makes sure every family she works with has school supplies and clean uniform clothes, and works with students on life skills they can use outside the classroom and to help their families at home.

In the words of one of our parents whose two students have spent many hours working with Christy: "Mrs. Vogel is always happy. Whenever you see her, she always has a smile on her face and you can't help it but smile back... She makes a huge difference in students' lives."

We are so proud and excited that the amazing work Christy Vogel brings to SPSL is recognized by the Archdiocese in this major way. Mrs. Vogel will join a very few other educators in Nebraska to be honored at the Archdiocese

of Omaha's Archbishop's Dinner for Education this upcoming fall! Congratulations Mrs. Vogel!

Peace and blessings,  
Principal Cory Sepich



## In Pursuit of Life, Love and Happiness

Deacon Jim Shipman

During the Easter season we hear various scriptures written about the circumstances surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus. This week we hear from the Acts of the Apostles, and the Gospel of Luke both written by him.

In the reading from Acts, Saint Peter is condemning the people because they participated in the Crucifixion of Jesus. Repeatedly Peter points to their mistake; "you handed Him over, you denied the Holy and Righteous One, the author of life you put to death." Peter of course explains to the people their error, that they act-

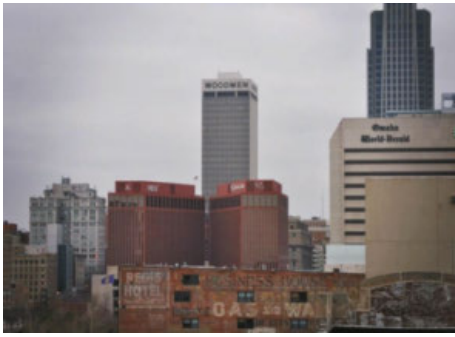
ed out of ignorance. He goes on to explain that God had planned everything that happened so that He could bring the forgiveness of SIN to humanity. Peter goes on to explain that their SIN can be forgiven as he said to them, "Repent, therefore, and be converted that your sins may be wiped away."

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus appears to the Apostles, and rebukes them because of their doubts. He also proves to them that He is truly alive and that His Life, Death, and Resurrection had to occur to bring Salvation to the World. Jesus tells them that they must go and preach this story to all nations.

The point these scriptures are making to us are twofold. One, if we fail to believe that Jesus Christ is Our Lord, we are like those who handed Jesus over to be Crucified. Two, anytime we turn away from God by sinning, or not follow His commands, we are rejecting the Salvation of Our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us on the Cross.

During the Easter Season draw close to Jesus Christ. Allow the Holy Spirit to help you grow in your faith and belief that we are saved by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2:1-5a, Luke 24:35-48



David Shavlik, Kenneth Shipman, Mike Smith, Joel Strominger, Aaron Tierney, T.J. Wurth

If you have a loved one (family or friend) who is currently serving our city and would like their name listed each week asking for prayers, email [dina@stleo.net](mailto:dina@stleo.net).

Jerry Baggert, Mick Bayne, Ronnie Beasley, Todd Callahan, Bill Clark, T.J. Ewin, Matt Fadell, Tim Harding, Bernie Kanger Jr., Ken Kanger, Brandon Krajewski, B.J. Kreikemeier, D.J. Kreikemeier, Scott Kriener, Keith Lampert, Brendan O'Flynn, Michael O'Hanlon, Jonathan Rieschl, Adam Rokes, D.J. Roshone, Ken Rowe, Justin Rudloff, Scott Schendt, Brian Schmaderer, Todd Schmaderer, Dave Schneider,

## Prayer for Those Serving our City as Police, Fire & Rescue

Blessed are you Lord, God of Mercy, Send down your blessings and your protection on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Protect them and grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. +Amen

## Prayer for Those Serving our Country in the Military

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. +Amen

Scott, Ashby, John Banker, David Banker, Leigh Barry, Andy Bayne, Carl Benander, John Bergmann, Pete Bruening, Maury Champoux, Chandler Clark, Jake Dreessen, Drew Dunham, Anthony Fleming, Kris Fleming, Ed Fuchs, Amy Gerwitz, Amber Hagy, Jonathon Hale, Jordan Hammond, A.J. Hickey, Glen Hickey, Brice Hilfiker, Wesley Hulstein, Deborah Infante, Zach Juteau, TJ Kafka, Alex Kelly, Anton Deeths Kerrigan, Tristin Knoell, Brandon Kreikemeier, Daniel Kudlacz, Paul Lampert, Doug Langhorst, Andrew Leary, Matthew Leary, Nick Lynch, Drew McChesney, Cameron McWilliams, Jessica Milbourn, Josh Navarro, Kaitlyn Hickey Oiler, Matt Oiler, Nathan Pence, Jacob Phillips, Eli Reichert, Karoline Rieks, Chris Rivers, Nathan Rokes, Ashley Sanchez, Jon Schroeder, Will Schroeder, Jake Schumacher, Ben Stokesbary, Spencer Swerczek, Brad Tomasek, Ryan Walker, Sean P. Walz, Andrea J. White, Nate Whisler, Matt Wolford, Maggie Yakus If you have a loved one (family or friend) who is currently serving our country and would like their name listed each week asking for prayers, email [dina@stleo.net](mailto:dina@stleo.net).



## Deacon Community

Jim Shipman,  
Trung & Hanh Nguyen  
Norm & Joyce Tierney,  
Kevin & Jen Fuller  
Randy & Kami Landenberger

## Parish Staff

Angelina Bottorff, Religious Formation Assistant  
Betsy Bridgeford, Business Manager  
Janet Drvol, Director of Youth Ministry  
Jennifer Fuller, Director of Religious Formation  
Randy Landenberger, Pastoral Minister  
Mike Short, Facilities Manager  
Dina Turco, Parish Secretary  
Christy Ziskey, Director of Liturgy

## Parish Council

Margy Ford (President),  
Christy Ziskey (Vice President),  
Terri Preston (Secretary), Dave Shavlik, John Schultz, Ron Bauer, Theresa Abbott, Dave Egan, Bill Lindsay

## CARE Certificates

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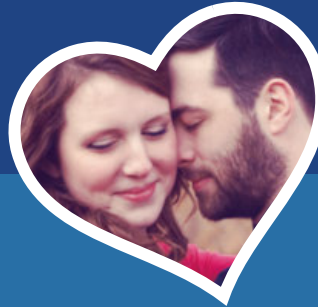
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and young men stumble and fall;  
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will renew their strength.*

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they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.*

Isaiah 29-31



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