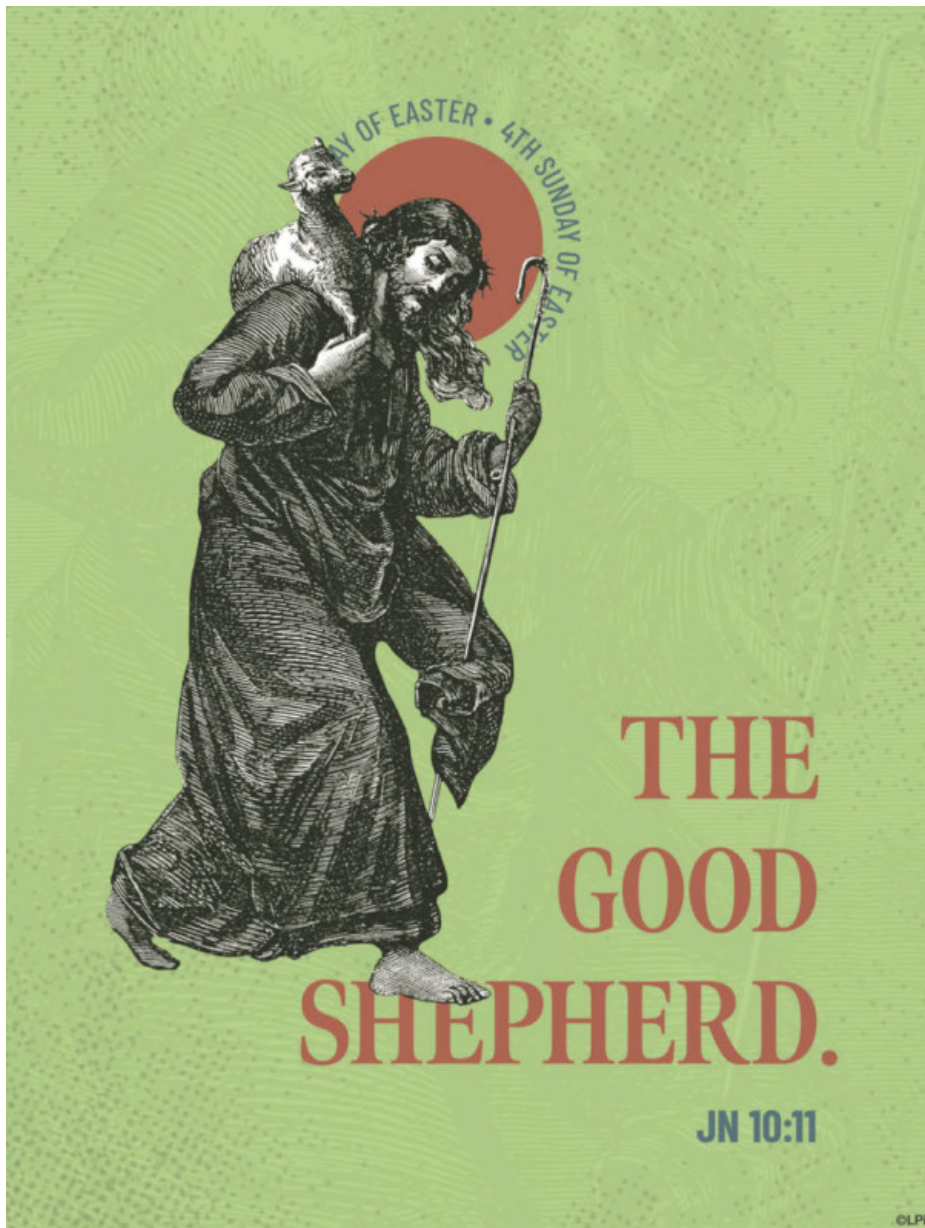




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April
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Pastor

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

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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 wanted to thank all of you who decorated our church for the Easter season and who are helping with the lilies. Our sanctuary looks beautiful and very special. I know how much work goes into decorating, including getting the big flowers ready and installed and putting the banners up. We appreciate our volunteers and their time and hard work. Thank you for your ministry.

Next weekend, we will take up a second collection for Home & Foreign Missions. See more information in the bulletin about all the good that this collection does. Thank you for your generosity.

I hope you all can join us for our 7th Annual Mother's Day Brunch on May 11th.

Have a good week,
Fr. Craig

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

Mothers are "Sew" Amazing
Let's Celebrate Moms!

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



Parish Financial Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Donations Received April 14, 2024

Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes:

\$15,224.00

Sunday Plate: \$3,038.25

Total Sunday: \$18,262.25

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

Fiscal Year to Date Deficit:

\$-5,180.17

Building Fund Envelopes: \$260.00

Human Needs Envelopes: \$350.00

Easter to Date: \$58,736.55

Home & Foreign Missions to Date:
\$310.00

Annual Appeal Update

St. Leo Parish Goal: \$118,661.34

Pledges to Date: \$111,210.00

% of Goal Reached: 93.72%

Deficit: \$7,451.34

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 22

7:30am St. Leo Parish Family

Tuesday, April 23

7:30am + Anna Marie Miller

Wednesday, April 24

7:30am + Melissa Shanley Bender

Thursday, April 25

7:30am Spec. Int. Dolores
Carlisle

Friday, April 26

7:30am + Thomas Boyd

Saturday, April 27

5:00pm + Anita Hicks

Sunday, April 28

8:00am St. Leo Parish Family

10:00am + Tom Dunham

12:00pm Spec. Int Joseph &

Debbie Sledge Family

5:30pm + All Souls

Presider Schedule

April 27 & 28

Sat. 5:00pm: Fr. Craig

Sun. 8:00am: Fr. Gillick

Sun. 10:00am: Fr. Gillick

Sun. 12:00noon: Fr. Craig

Sun. 5:30pm: Fr. Craig

St. Leo Prayer Line

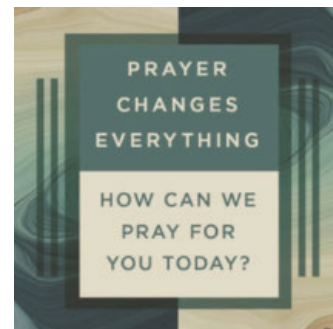
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St. Leo Donut Sundays 2024

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. We Need You!



Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

ST. LEO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 3 - Thursday, June 6

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.



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Register and more info at www.stleo.net or scan the QR code!



Faith Discoveries: Join the continuing discussion of Ronald Rolheiser's book, **Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist**. Meet at 9-10:30am on May 4, in W1 at St. Leo. ?'s Linda: 402-350-1788.

St. Leo Children's Choir The Youth Choir is singing on Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12 @ the 10:00 mass and practice will be on Sunday, May 5 at 1:00. All children are invited! Join us for practice and call the office, 402-397.0407 if you have any questions!

Abortion Amendment Presentation with the Nebraska Catholic Conference and Abortion Dialogue Academy
St. Roberts- Saturday, May 4th, 9 am – 12 pm
RSVP by using the QR code below.

Dangerous. Deceptive. Demeaning.
A Community Presentation on Defeating the Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative

Pro-abortion activists are leading an effort to create a right to late-pregnancy abortion in the Nebraska Constitution.

Join Marion Miner of the Nebraska Catholic Conference and Katherine Burow of Abortion Dialogue Academy to learn about this deceptive proposal, and how you can help defeat it.



Katherine Burow
Abortion Dialogue Academy



Marion Miner
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Saturday, May 4th



9 AM to 12 PM -
Light Breakfast, Rosary & Talks



May Crowning Ceremony

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May 1st at 4:30pm & 6:00pm

St. Leo Holy Family Garden

Led by our Wednesday Faith Formation Families

All are welcome!

Please join us for the crowning of the Blessed Mother's statue in the parish garden. Everyone is welcome to join us at either time. Also, all are invited to pray the rosary daily at 6:30pm in the prayer garden during the month of May. Please note: On Tuesdays, the rosary will be prayed inside the church as part of adoration.

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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,

Last week, I was very excited to announce the names of our 8th grade students who made Honor Roll for the third quarter. This week, we are also very pleased to announce the names of our 7th grade students who have made Honor Roll for the second quarter of this school year. In order to be placed on the honor roll, the family handbook states the conditions. It says: "If the average of all subjects is 94.5% or above and there are no N's or U's in general conduct, the student will be placed on the First Honor Roll for the quarter. If the average of all of these subjects is 89.5% to 94.4% and there are no N's or U's in general conduct, the student will be placed on the First Honor Roll for the quarter. Students on either Honor Roll receive a special certificate of Academic Achievement in their report card each quarter they are on the Honor Roll."

Among 7th grade students, we had

66% make the Honor Roll for the third quarter. In 7th grade, 28% were placed on the First Honor Roll and 38% received Second Honors. The 7th grade Honor Roll students are as follows:

First Honors:

Bennis Amyai, Colby Bluvass, Sophia Brown, Connor Carney, Sophia Giambrone, Bethany Holcomb, Chloe James, Branden Kelly, Julia Kubat, Oliver Lampe, Elijah Laywah, Richard Marip, Samuel Mendenhall, Lillian Perez, Sabina Pulido Volkmer, Michael Rusch, Josephine Stratman, Eliot Surdell, Zachary Townley, Cecilia Weist and Julie Zboja.

Second Honors:

Charles Aguilar, Godwin Akohin, Evelyn Beninato, Eleanor Biggs, Charles Brannen, Kamryn Bridgeford, Micah De Bruhl, Mark Hansen, Parker Heron, Skyler Hill, Nickson Klinger, Alexandra LaBarr, Allison Maca, Charlotte Mann, Scarlet Martin, Alice Matuella, Gregory McKamy, Nala Mills, Cooper Moragues, Michael Moyer,

Gabriel Naatz, Mckayla Nyamatore, Kenneth Patch, Lillian Reinstein, Ada Riley, Aubrey Rohatsch, Jonathon Sample Jr., Hallie Shaffar and Rorik Slater.

As you can tell, we have many 7th and 8th grade students who are studying very hard and keeping their behavior in check! We also know that there are many other 7th and 8th graders who are working hard and behaving as they should, but just didn't quite make the honor roll. We also salute these students! Our thanks to these students for their hard work and to their parents for the wonderful support they provide to their children. It takes everyone working together, the students, their parents and the teachers to succeed with such outstanding academic achievement. Congratulations to all!

Thank you for all of your support and we also pray you all have a great weekend! God bless you all.

Peace and blessings,
Principal Cory Sepich

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers those who have been born into eternal life, especially **Helene Soby**, wife of Carl Soby; **Sr. Bernice Mertens**, sister of Mary Jean Kasher; **Darcy Ford**, mother of Derek Ford; and for **Grant Yates**.

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

In Pursuit of Life, Love and Happiness

Deacon Jim Shipman

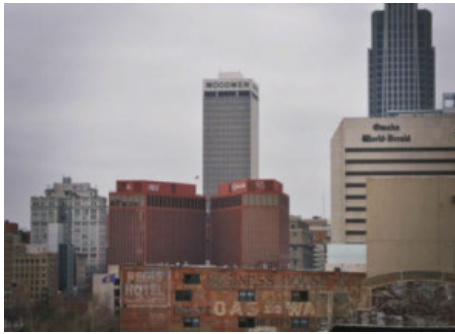
In the Second Reading from the First Letter of John it states, "Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." That statement should be of great comfort to us, and we should shout for joy each morning because we are children of God. Do we feel like His children or are we refusing His love and protection? Do we believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him, or do we believe only when we need Him?

John also states in his passage, "The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him." The First Reading from The Book of Acts is a perfect example of how Jesus Christ was rejected. The leaders of God's Holy people, the supposed children of God, don't recognize Jesus Christ and reject

God's teaching. The religious leaders reject Jesus Christ because they are not open to God and want to do their own thing. They want to run the show and desire to live in their world. Are we living too much in this world?

Our Gospel from John points out that Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd and His sheep hear his voice. Are we listening? Are we ready to follow Jesus Christ wherever He leads us? That means putting our total trust in Jesus Christ and following Him without hesitation. When we do this, we become God's Children.

John the Evangelist also gives us that eternal hope of Heaven in this Second Reading as he said, "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."



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.

Jerry Baggert, Mick Bayne, Ronnie Beasley, Todd Callahan, Bill Clark, T.J. Ewin, Matt Fadell, Tim Harding, Bernie Kanger Jr., Ken Kanger, Brandon Krajieski, 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.



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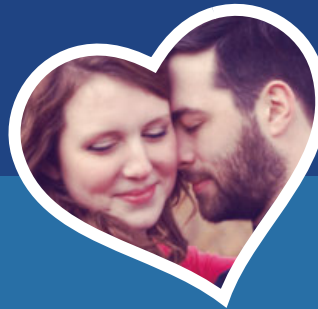
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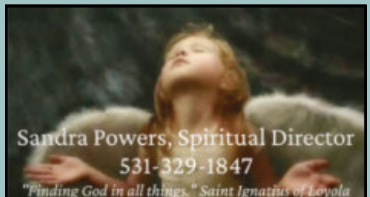
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they will walk and not be faint.*

Isaiah 29-31



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