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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
- Lk 4:18

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January
26
2025

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

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Principal: Katie Chattin

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, Please see this information about helping a refuge family get settled in Omaha. St. Pius X and St. Leo are working together to welcome this family. Have a good week!

Fr. Craig

Refugee Arrival Soon

We are happy to announce that relatives of the Syrian Abughalyoon family, co-sponsored several years ago by St. Pius X and St. Leo, are scheduled to arrive in Omaha on February 11th.

On the St. Leo website (stleo.net) you will find a Sign-Up Genius link with a list of household and clothing items needed for this family of a sister-in-law and her 7 children as well as volunteer opportunities to help move furniture and items to the home and help get everything set up in the home.

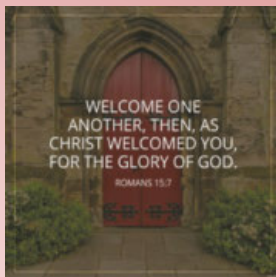
Please sign-up for any item(s) you would like to donate and/or ways

you can volunteer your time.

Household items will be needed very quickly (by February 1st) and can be purchased locally and dropped off or ordered online (through Amazon or another seller) to be sent to Roselyn Volkmer, 2539 N 55th Street, Omaha, NE, 68104

We will also be most grateful for financial gifts to support their transition for the first few months they are here.

Donations can be made to the St. Pius



X Refugee Ministry Fund at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stpiusxomaha>. If you choose to make a financial gift to the fund using this option, write OmahaCares in the notes box.

Thank you in advance for any help and prayers you can offer in warmly welcoming this family who have been displaced from their homeland for many, many years.

Questions:

Rosie Volkmer
roselynvolkmer@gmail.com

Jen Mangan
jenmangan@cox.net

Kathleen Burns
mkmcehl@cox.net

Parish Financial Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Donations Received January 19, 2025

Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes:

\$11,612.00

Monthly ACH Donations: \$22,032.00

Sunday Plate: \$2,533.25

Total Sunday: \$36,177.25

~Our per Sunday goal is \$31,500~

Fiscal Year to Date Deficit:

\$-19,011.03

Building Fund Envelopes: \$85.00

Human Needs Envelopes: \$155.00

Christmas Collection to Date:

\$100,654.00

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

2024 Goal: \$118,661.34

Received: \$110,002.37

(92.70%)

Deficit: \$8,658.97

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 27

7:30am + Laurence & Cora Esch
Family

Tuesday, January 28

7:30am + Lois Peterson

Wednesday, January 29

7:30am + Paul Peters

Thursday, January 30

7:30am + Ardyth Salerno

Friday, January 31

7:30am + Larry Kerrigan

Saturday, February 1

5:00pm + Christopher Musitano

Sunday, February 2

8:00am St. Leo Parish Family

10:00am + Rexline Seraphine

12:00pm + Dave Keller

5:30pm + Judy Svoboda

Presider Schedule

February 1 & 2

Sat. 5:00pm: Fr. Craig

Sun. 8:00am: Fr. Gillick

Sun. 10:00am: Fr. Craig

Sun. 12:00noon: Fr. Mike

Sun. 5:30pm: Fr. Mike

St. Leo Prayer Line

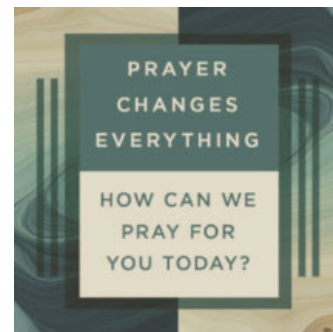
Call or email the following with prayer requests:

Jeanne (5pm-9pm) 493-0145

Kathy kw1209@yahoo.com

Parish Office 402-397-0407

or dina@stleo.net



In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers those who have been born into eternal life, especially **Dennis Loecker**, uncle of Fr. Craig Loecker; and for **Hugh Cowdin**, husband of Catherine Cowdin.

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

St. Leo is hosting a Blood Drive on January 28 from 12noon to 6:00pm. We need donors! Please visit redcrossblood.org to search for St. Leo (zip code 68114) and sign up to donate today!



We need Jelly! Our food pantry is running low on jelly. Any donations can be dropped off in the pantry box in the office entryway. Thank you!

Hospital Ministers Needed!

We are in need of EMHCs to bring communion to those in the hospital. This is such an important ministry and we are running low on volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the parish office, 402-397-0407 or dina@stleo.net. You can pick your own schedule and what hospital you would like to visit. St. Leo Parish helps at Methodist and Immanuel. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to bring Jesus to the sick.



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read (Neh 8:8)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

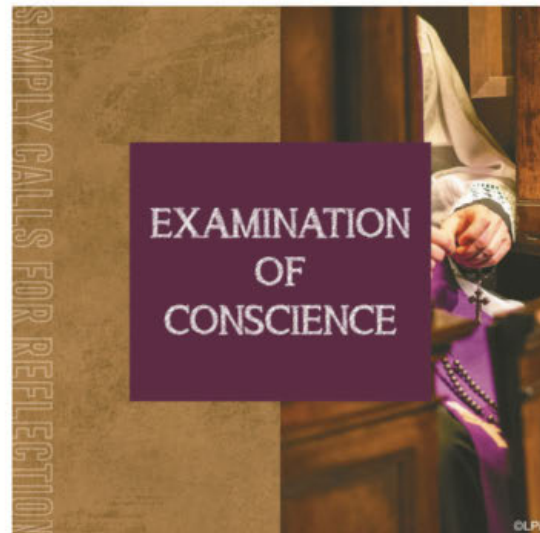
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture passage he reads in the synagogue, a missive of promise and hope from an ancient prophet. But he invites us to be part of his work, here and now, in our own lives, our own communities. Be part of the fulfillment.

Observances for the week of January 26, 2025

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Saturday:**
- Next Sunday:** The Presentation of the Lord,
World Day for Consecrated Life



Devotions, *Explained!*

The practice of examining one's conscience dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith. It simply calls for reflection on one's actions, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Prayer of Mission

Spirit of the Living God,
Anoint me to bring your love,
light, and freedom to the places
you call. From the heights to the
depths: you are there, you are
actively moving, and when you
call, you will also provide.

Amen.

Dear Parishioners,

This week, we are excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2025! Our celebration kicks off with Round-Up for incoming Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarteners. We are grateful to have our Pastors joining us at Round-up to welcome families and share our school mission focused on academic excellence in a faith-filled and welcoming environment guided by service to others. If you are interested in enrolling students at SPSL School for the 2025-26 school year, please contact Emily Abboud at 402-551-6667 or emily.abboud@sps.net.

This weekend, St. Pius X / St. Leo School students from our 5th grade and Kindergarten grades are leading a Sunday Mass at St. Pius X and St. Leo Parishes.

Kindergarten and 5th grades are partnering together to lead the Mass, because they are grade-level partners at SPSL School. This means that each Kindergarten student is matched with a 5th grade student partner.

Likewise, the other grades have a partner grade as well. Throughout the year, the grade partners periodically get together to celebrate holidays, attend Mass, and do service projects. This is a chance for our students to engage with students who they might not otherwise interact with during the school day. Older students shine as leaders, and the younger students get so excited to spend time with the older kids. It is a very special part of being a student at SPSL School.

Another favorite part of Catholic Schools Week is our family Masses at both Parishes. Half of our students and their families will gather at St. Leo for Mass on Tuesday, January 28 and the other half at St. Pius X on Wednesday, January 29. These Masses are an important opportunity for us to worship together and celebrate the partnership between our parishes, school, and families. We recognize that it is a sacrifice for families to send their children to a Catholic school, and we are grateful

to work with families in nurturing the minds and hearts of their children.

A flurry of additional activities are sprinkled throughout the week including Spelling Bees, retreats for 5th and 7th grades, and the SPSL Drama Club production of *The Lion King* on January 31 and February 1. SPSL 8th graders also get to gather at Cathedral for Mass with all the other 8th graders in Archdiocese schools.

During Catholic Schools Week, and always, St. Pius X / St. Leo School is grateful for the guidance, support, and generosity of St. Pius X and St. Leo the Great parishioners. Thank you from SPSL School!

Michaela Smith, SPSL Director of Operations



In Pursuit of Life, Love and Happiness

Deacon Jim Shipman

At the Catholic Church we hear the Holy Scriptures proclaimed at each Mass. If you attend daily Mass you have heard most of the Bible over a three year period. The First Reading is normally from the Old Testament Scripture. A Psalm is read at each Mass, which helps bring home the point of the Scriptures. On Sunday's or Feast Days a Second Reading from the New Testament is read which is from one of the Letters of Apostles. Then, a reading from the Holy Gospels written by one of the four Evangelists is proclaimed.

This has been a Doctrine and Tradition of the Church since the Fourth century. In the early church mostly the Old Testament Scriptures were read and maybe one of the Apostolic Let-

ters passed around by various authors. It wasn't until the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD that The Canon of Scriptures were compiled into what we now refer to as The Bible. Today the Church still uses this set of Sacred Scriptures, which are Books inspired by the Holy Spirit of God's love for His people and the Story of Salvation.

In the Book of Nehemiah, we hear the story of Ezra reading the Sacred Scriptures to the people after the exile. The Psalm proclaims the Law of the Lord is Perfect, Trustworthy, and filled with Wisdom. Saint Paul's Letter to Corinthian's indicates that we are all part of Christ's Body and each of us has Gifts from the Holy Spirit to enrich the Body of Christ. In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus proclaims that the Spirit of the Lord is

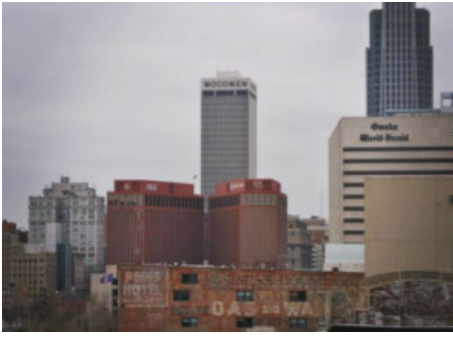
upon Him, and that today the scriptures are fulfilled.

The Scriptures are the Living Word of

God and we should always listen attentively when they are read. God always speaks through Sacred Scripture. What is He saying to you today?

Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10; Psalm 19: 8-9, 10,15; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 and Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21





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

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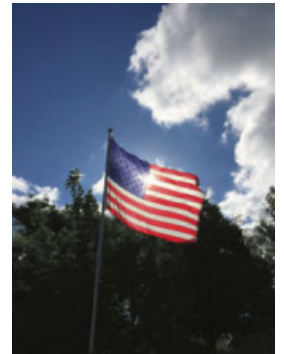
Prayer for Those Serving our City as Police, Fire & Rescue

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

○ 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, Madi Lorimer, Thomas Lorimer, Nick Lynch, Drew McChesney, Cameron McWilliams, Jessica Milbourn, Josh Navarro, Kaitlyn Hickey Oiler, Matt Oiler, Nathan Pence, Jacob Phillips, Eli Reichert, Joseph Reynolds, 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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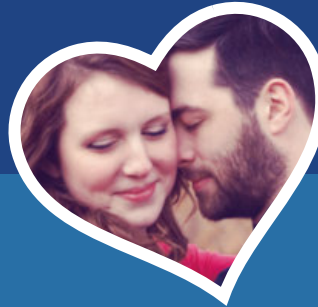
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