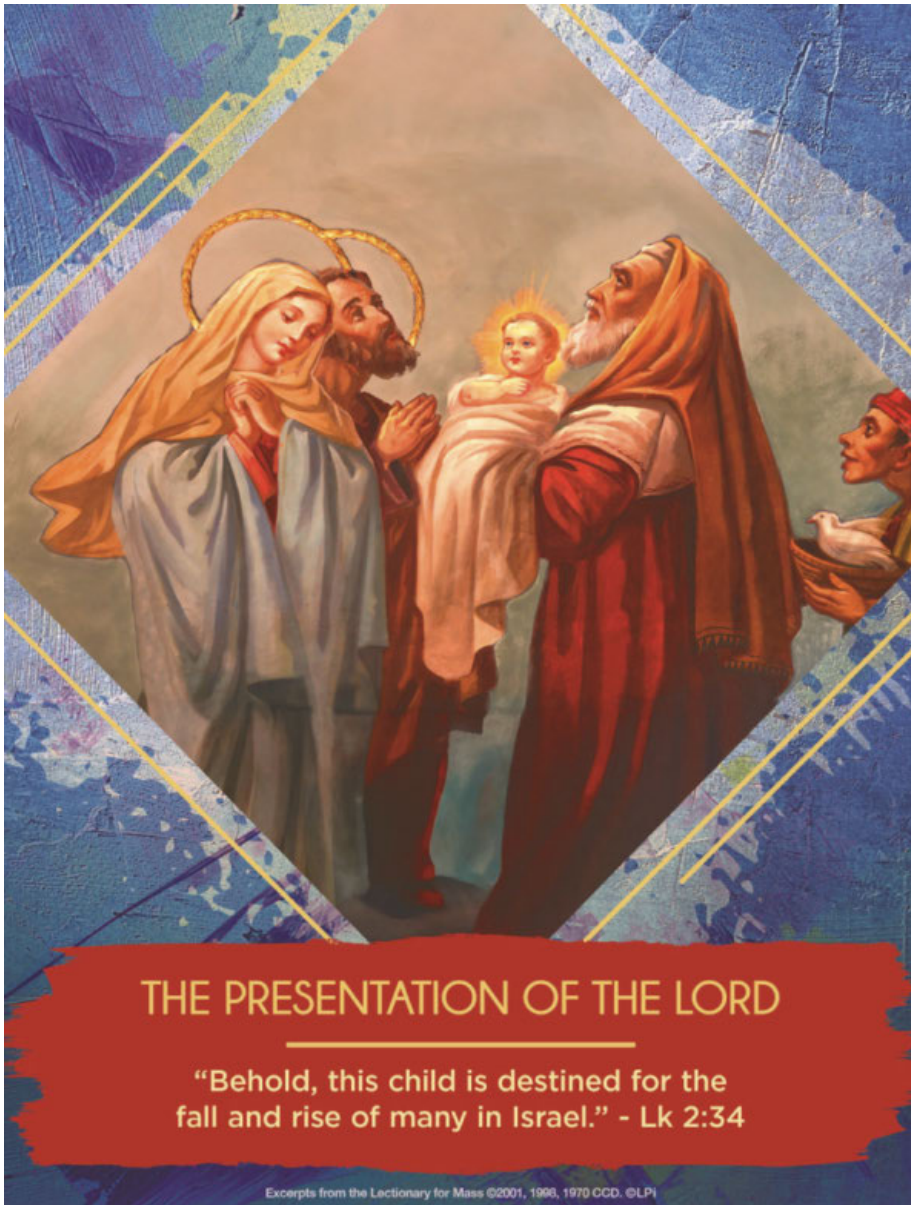




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## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

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February  
**02**  
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,  
Thank you to all who helped make our International Dinner such a success. It was an enjoyable night with a lot of great food and sharing of cultures. Our Social Justice ministry team hopes to make this an annual event.

Fr. Osmond, who is the parish priest at our sister parish in Tanzania has been sending me notes and reports on how well the medical clinic is operating, thanks to your generous financial support to help get the clinic up and running. One thing they are now in need of is a laptop and printer to be able to use National Insurance for their patients. The laptop and a printer would run around \$735. If you would like to help contribute towards the purchase of these items, please make the check out to St. Leo and write "Fr. Osmond Computer" on the envelope. We will send any additional funds

raised along to Fr. Osmond to help them continue to purchase medical supplies for the clinic. As always, thank you for your generosity. I am always so grateful at how generous our parish family is.

We are in need of a driver on the 3rd Monday of every month who can load up the food for Francis House around lunch time and take it down to the shelter at 17th & Nicholas Street. They have helpers there to unload the food. You will need a bigger car because this is one of our bigger donations days. Please call Dina at the office if you have questions or are interested.

Lent begins a little later this year, on March 5th. (Easter is on April 20th!) This year we will participate again in an Archdiocesan program for Lent called **Live Lent Together**. The program consists of small groups who meet weekly. They pray



together and read scripture and share if they choose. Small groups are made up of your friends, family or neighbors. It is a great way to form community and to pray together during Lent. You can meet at someone's home, a coffee house, or wherever the group would like to meet. There is an online video training if you would like to lead a group. Let the office know and we will send the link to you. Contact Randy at [randy@stleo.net](mailto:randy@stleo.net) or 402-397-0407 if interested.

Have a good week,  
Fr. Craig

## Parish Financial Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

### Donations Received January 26, 2025

#### Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes:

\$16,710.00

Sunday Plate: \$2,617.59

Total Sunday: \$19,327.59

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

#### Fiscal Year to Date Deficit:

\$-31,183.44

Building Fund Envelopes: \$190.00

Human Needs Envelopes: \$605.00

### 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, February 3

7:30am + Edward Fuxa, Jr.

### Tuesday, February 4

7:30am Spec. Int. Alex Wagner  
Family

### Wednesday, February 5

7:30am + Don Goaley

### Thursday, February 6

7:30am + Jane Chavez

### Friday, February 7

7:30am + Don Mangan

### Saturday, February 8

5:00pm +

### Sunday, February 9

8:00am + Socha Family

10:00am + Janelle Stolen

12:00pm + Elaine Tate, Jeff

Garvey and Curt Tate

5:30pm St. Leo Parish Family

## Presider Schedule

### February 8 & 9

Sat. 5:00pm: Fr. Mike

Sun. 8:00am: Fr. Gillick

Sun. 10:00am: Fr. Mike

Sun. 12:00noon: Fr. Craig

Sun. 5:30pm: Fr. Craig

## St. Leo Prayer Line

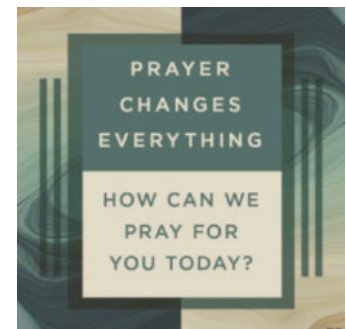
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Kathy [kw1209@yahoo.com](mailto:kw1209@yahoo.com)

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## 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.



Please remember in your prayers those who have been born into eternal life, especially **Don Sutton**, father of Mary Jean Sutton; **Al Remedios**, father of Monica Sheehan; and for **Shirley Good**, sister-in-law of Kathy Esch.

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



## Catholic Cemeteries Funeral Pre-Planning

Catholic Cemeteries is hosting a Pre-Planning and Funeral Rites workshop on Saturday February 15th at 10:30am. This workshop will demonstrate how faith, liturgy and practical cemetery planning can assist you in the immediacy of death of a loved one. To register or to receive more information, please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.

## St. Pius X/St. Leo Bridge Club January High Scores

1st Place	Greg and Barb Broderick	4100
2nd Place	Larry and Kathy Koester	3190
3rd Place	Gene and Mary Ann Kuhn	2610

## “The Way” Through Grief

If you have felt the pain of sorrow and grief, Catholic Cemeteries is offering a grief workshop called “The Way’ through Grief”.

This workshop consists of six-two-hour sessions beginning at 10:30 am on Saturday March 1st and running through April 5th.

Through prayerful reflection with guided fellowship, we learn to journey in life from grief to the life our Lord wishes for us. To register or for more information, contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Lo, I am sending my messenger  
to prepare the way before me;  
and suddenly there will come to the temple  
the LORD whom you seek. (Mal 3:1)

### Psalm:

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Ps 24)

### Second Reading:

Therefore, he had to become like his brothers  
and sisters in every way,  
that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest  
before God. (Heb 2:17)

### Gospel:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go  
in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation." (Lk 2:29-30)

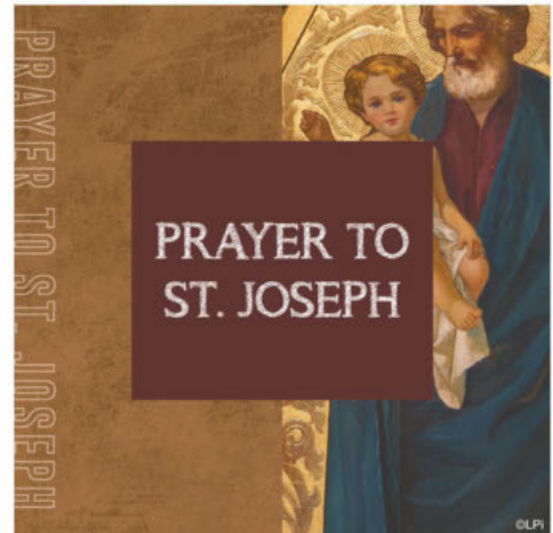
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Anna and Simeon saw greatness and glory in the face of a tiny babe. Jesus was insignificant in the eyes of others who looked for the Messiah in the gilded halls of kings. But Anna and Simeon recognized God when they saw him. Do we?

## Observances for the week of February 2, 2025

- Sunday:** The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
- Monday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Wednesday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day



## Devotions, Explained!

For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ. One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called "the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph."

## Prayer of Faith

Dear God,  
Open my eyes to Your  
movement in my life.  
And, even when I don't see it  
or don't understand, help me  
to rely on the promises of Your  
love and mercy.

Amen.

Hello from St. Pius X/St. Leo School,

We had such a wonderful Catholic Schools Week this year and during that time we celebrated our Community Partners during one of our days.

Did you know that the building of SPSL sits inside the boundary of the Westside Community Schools? This means that District 66 is our LEA which is our Local Education Agency. They are the district that offers special education services to our students who qualify, providing support in reading, math, or speech and language. We are lucky to have one full-time teacher from Westside housed in our building serving our students and she has a full-time assistant as well. We have a part-time speech and language pathologist who provides services to our speech/language students during the week

right here on campus instead of having our students leave our building.

Interestingly enough, part of our building lies within the OPS (Omaha Public Schools) district where many of our students live, so we also have Title 1 services provided to our students. We have 3 teachers from OPS who teach in our building 4 days a week with our students in Kindergarten-8th grade. So on top of the 45 plus teachers in our building we have these extra educators here helping our students with their needs...how lucky are we!

SPSL takes pride in providing a supportive environment where students achieve academic excellence, preparing them for high school while being able to offer assistance to those who need it. Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year has begun and there

are quite a few grades that are full already so please call the office if you are interested in our school.

Emily Abboud is our recruitment director and she can be reached at 402-551-6667 or visit our website at [spsl.net](http://spsl.net).

Katy Chattin,  
Principal



### **In Pursuit of Life, Love and Happiness**

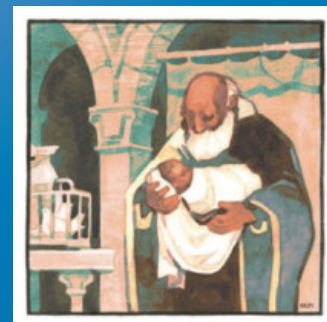
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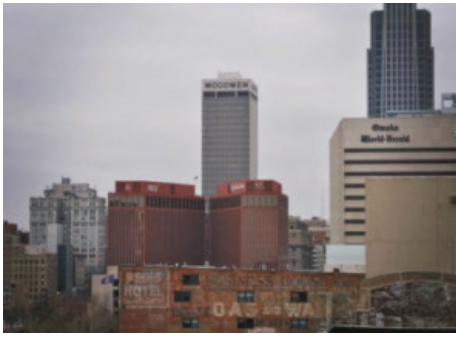
Have you ever experienced a real God moment? One of those moments when you feel Our Lord touch your heart and mind in a very special way? It's a moment that makes you tingle all over, even can make you cry with pure joy. You know in your heart this experience is something very special. In today's scriptures we are celebrating the Presentation of the Lord. Our First Reading from the prophet Malachi, proclaims a moment when God enters the temple; "And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek; And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire."

Our Gospel from Saint Luke describes when Mary and Joseph take the Infant Jesus to the temple 40 days after his birth, to consecrate Him to God. There are several people in this story that experience one of those God moments. Simeon, a righteous and devote man, feels God's presence as Mary and Joseph enter the temple with Jesus. "It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen Christ of the Lord." Now God's promise is happening, the Messiah has entered the temple! Taking Jesus in his arms he proclaims that salvation has come to the world. At this moment Mary and Joseph also experience a real God moment when Simeon prophesies about the child. Then the prophetess, Anna who was

present there speaks how this child will be the redemption for Jerusalem.

It's important for us as believers to learn to recognize those God moments in our lives when God is moving us in special way. It can be big or little things, but Our Lord is ALWAYS there with us and we need to desire His Presence every moment of our lives and live for those God Moments. *Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18 and Luke 2:22-40*





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, Jonathan Rieschl, Adam Rokes, D.J. Roshone, Ken Rowe, Justin Rudloff, Scott Schendt, Brian Schmaderer, Todd Schmaderer, Dave Schneider, 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).

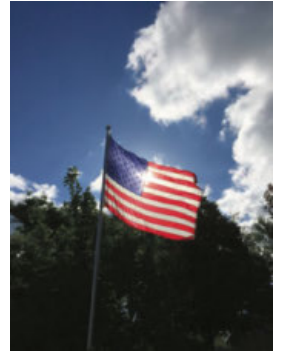
## Prayer for Those Serving our City as Police, Fire & Rescue

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, 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](mailto:dina@stleo.net).



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 Randy & Kami Landenberger

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 Jim Shipman, Director of Liturgy  
 Mike Short, Facilities Manager  
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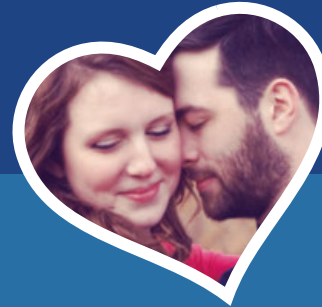
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