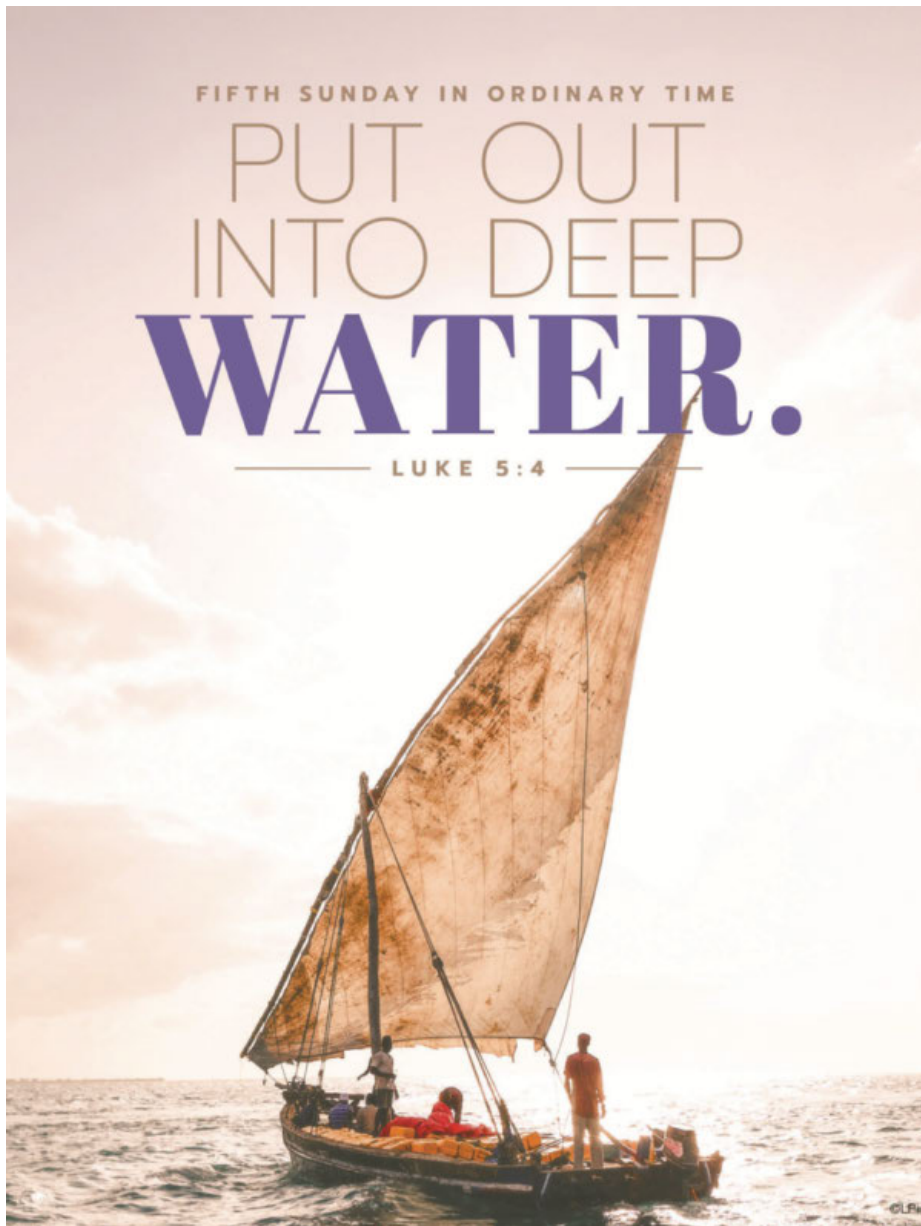




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Pastor

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

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A Note from Fr. Craig

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to announce our Parish Festival date this year: Sunday, September 7th. Be sure to mark your calendars!



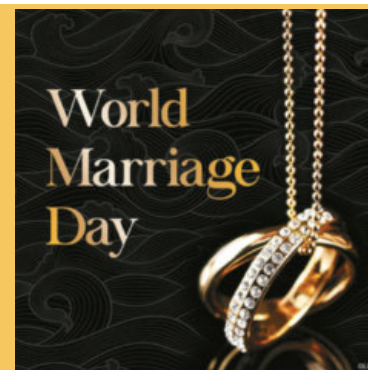
We are in the process of looking for someone to chair our festival committee. We have great volunteers on the committee, including our new silent auction leaders, Ron & Marsha Bauer, but we are in need of someone to oversee and coordinate the festival. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the parish office.

This week, Fr. Mike and I will be attending the clergy conference on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Because of the timing, we will have a communion service on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Our Young at Heart Ministry is hosting a Mardi Gras party for the parish on March 1st. Please see the bulletin for details. I hope you can join us.

Please be sure to see info in this bulletin about our upcoming Men's and Women's Retreats and our Live Lent program.

Have a good week,
Fr. Craig



Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married Couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
+Amen.

Parish Financial Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Donations Received February 2, 2025

Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes:

\$33,196.00

Sunday Plate: \$2,776.30

Total Sunday: \$35,972.30

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

Fiscal Year to Date Deficit:

\$-26,711.14

Building Fund Envelopes: \$593.00

Human Needs Envelopes: \$1,500.00

Fr. Osmond Computer: \$415.00

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

2024 Goal: \$118,661.34

Received: \$110,295.37
(92.95%)

Deficit: \$8,365.97

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 10

7:30am + James DuBe

Tuesday, February 11

7:30am + Ardyth Salerno

Wednesday, February 12

7:30am Communion Service

Thursday, February 13

7:30am Communion Service

Friday, February 14

7:30am + Kathleen Fox-Larsen

Saturday, February 15

5:00pm + Randy Buhrman

Sunday, February 16

8:00am + Mary Murphy

10:00am St. Leo Parish Family

12:00pm + Tom Kocarnik

5:30pm + Lucy Fernandes

Presider Schedule

February 15 & 16

Sat. 5:00pm: Fr. Craig

Sun. 8:00am: Fr. Craig

Sun. 10:00am: Fr. Gillick

Sun. 12:00noon: Fr. Mike

Sun. 5:30pm: Fr. Mike

St. Leo Prayer Line

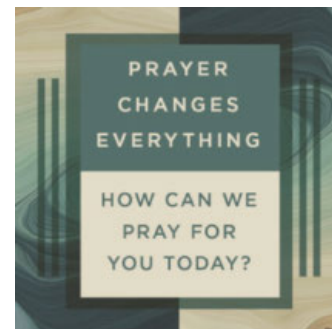
Call or email the following with prayer requests:

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Celebrate Mardi Gras!

March 1, 2025 6:00pm

St. Leo Church

Enjoy a catered dinner and music by Billy Troy. Billy is a singer, songwriter and Grammy nominated producer. He has performed as a Nashville singer and on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry. His music is from the 50's, 60's, 70's and beyond. His voice along with his passion for the wonderful stories behind the music bring great enjoyment!

Tickets are \$20 per person. Please RSVP to St. Leo Parish office with payment by February 24th.
This event is open to all adults!
Sponsored by Young at Heart



Please remember in your prayers those who have been born into eternal life, especially **Jim O'Neil**, brother of Peg Monzu; and for **Al Remedios**, father of Monica Sheehan.

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

St. Leo Men's Retreat
April 5, 2025
9am-12noon
St. Leo Church
 Fr. Craig Loecker, presenter
 Topic: Men of the Bible
 More details soon.

St. Leo Women's Retreat
April 12, 2025
9am-12noon
St. Leo Church
 Rachel Connelly, presenter
 Topic: Living Hope
 More details soon.



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 us know and we will send the link to you. Contact Randy at randy@stleo.net or 402-397-0407 if interested.

All Are Invited to the St. Leo Catholic Social Justice Meeting February 11, 2025 Join us on Tuesday, February 11 at 7:15pm at St. Leo. The Social Justice Ministry looks forward to continuation of work of Catholic Social Justice principles during this Jubilee Year of Hope. All are welcome.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Therefore, whether it be I or they,
so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel:

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men."
When they brought their boats to the shore,
they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"I am a sinful man," says Simon Peter as he falls to his knees before Jesus. He had doubted the Lord, had hesitated to follow his instructions. How often can the same be said of us? Remember that God knows the outcome. He knows our nets will be filled. Do not be afraid.

Observances for the week of February 9, 2025

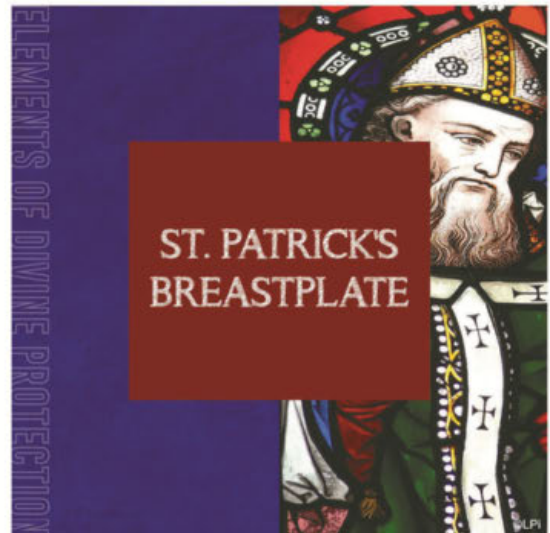
Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Monday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

St. Patrick's Breastplate is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. Its eleven sections call upon different elements of divine protection, beseeching Christ to surround the physical and spiritual reality of those who say it.

Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus,
When you call me to places where I am unfamiliar, be with me. When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me your strength. Help me to leave everything and follow you.

Amen.



**St. Leo Vacation
Bible School
June 2-5, 2025
9am-12noon**

**Registration Opens
March 16**

“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 10:30am 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.



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 contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.

In Pursuit of Life, Love and Happiness

Deacon Jim Shipman

The Scriptures today reflect two different emotions in the persons in the Biblical Stories. First is a Fear of the Lord and the second is desire to Serve the Lord.

In the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, he has a vision of being in the presence of Lord seated on His throne, as the angles cried out, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" I

think sometimes our Fear of the Lord keeps us from participating. We are ashamed to be in His presence. We avoid facing our sinfulness and don't allow the Lord to Heal us.

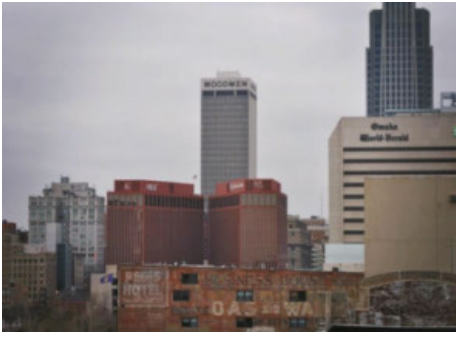
The First Reading continues as Isaiah is purified by the Lord when a Seraphim touched his tongue with a hot coal from the alter and said "your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Once we allow the Lord to purify us and make us Holy, we are open to doing God's will. As Isaiah responded when God said, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? Here I am, I said; send me!"

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is teaching and performs the miracle of the multiplication of the fish. Peter is overwhelmed as he said, "Depart from

me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Jesus takes away his Fear and said, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." Let the Lord purify your heart and be ready to serve Him.

Isaiah 6: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 and Luke 5: 1-11





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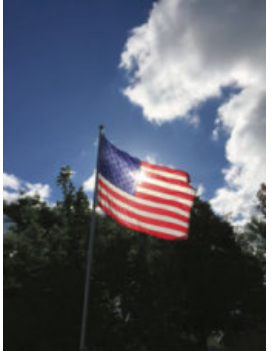
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Prayer for Those Serving our City as Police, Fire & Rescue
 Blessed are you Lord, God of Mercy, Send down your blessings and your protection on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Protect them and grant them 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
 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.



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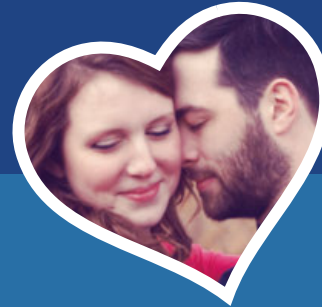
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