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March
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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

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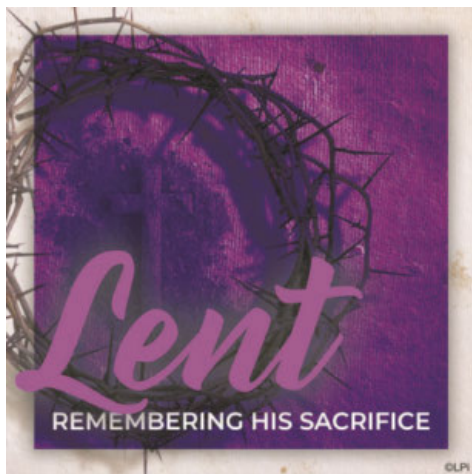
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St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

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



This week we begin the season of Lent. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We will have Masses at 7:30am, 12noon, 5:30pm & 7:00pm.

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence from meat. Fasting is for those from 18-59 years of age. We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence from meat is for those 14 years old and up. We abstain on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

We will offer Stations of the Cross every Friday at 5:30pm. We also

offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday evenings. You are encouraged to come to Church anytime for prayer time during Lent. See more about Lent on page 3 of this bulletin.



Parish Financial Update

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Mass Schedule

March 5, 2025

7:30am
12noon
5:30pm
7:00pm

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 3

7:30am + Danielle Bemis & Helen Soby

Tuesday, March 4

7:30am + Jeff Hoefer

Wednesday, March 5

7:30am St. Leo Parish Family
12:00pm + Lucy Fernandez
5:30pm + Al Remedios
7:00pm + Andrew Arokiaswamy

Thursday, March 6

7:30am + Jim McDonald

Friday, March 7

7:30am + All Souls

Saturday, March 8

5:00pm + Jim O'Neil

Sunday, March 9

8:00am + Anita Lois Hicks
10:00am + Tom & Gerald Albers
12:00pm + Dave Keller
5:30pm St. Leo Parish Family

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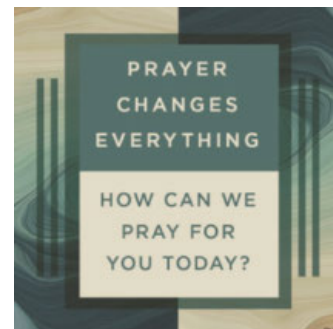
March 8 & 9

Sat. 5:00pm: Fr. Craig
Sun. 8:00am: Fr. Craig
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
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Parish Office 402-397-0407
or dina@stleo.net



Lent

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Fridays at 5:30pm
March 7, 14, 21, 28
April 4 & 11

Good Friday April 18
12noon & 3:00pm

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm:
 March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
 April 5 & 12

April 10 & 11 6:00-7:00pm
April 16, 17 & 18
 12noon-1:00pm

Pius Pasta Fridays
 Join us as we celebrate
 our 23rd year!

March 14, 21, 28 & April 4
 Serving from 5:00-7:30pm
 St. Pius X Parish Center 69th & Blondo

Please join us for your choice of five great meatless sauces over a variety of pastas. Macaroni and cheese or cheese pizza for the kids. Salad, bread and beverages included.

Tickets are \$12 Adults, \$10 Seniors, \$7 teens, \$6 Kids \$40 Family (2 Adults and their children). Questions? 402-558-8446.



Lenten Disciplines and Regulations

Prayer— Possible ways to observe: Attendance at Sunday and weekday Mass or watching Mass online, Spiritual Reading, Praying the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Family Prayer, or attend a Parish Retreat.

Fasting-By Church Law, Catholics, ages 18-58 are to take only one full meal and two lesser meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There is no eating between meals. All Catholics over the age of 14 are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, and all Fridays during Lent.

Almsgiving or Giving to the Poor -Possible ways to observe: Contribute to the Ash Wednesday collection for St. Leo Human Needs, participate in the Rice Bowl Program, Contribute to Catholic Relief Services on Sunday, March 30. There is a long tradition of combining acts of almsgiving with acts of fasting thus making both disciplines more meaningful.

The St. Leo Parish Resource Center
 has many books and resources for Lent that are available to be checked out.

Online Lent Resources

Creighton University Lent Ministry
<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

Loyola Press Lent Ministry
<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/len>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/len>

Hungering for the Journey
 Join our parish community--and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States--in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.
 Pick up your family's rice bowl in the social hall and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.



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.



In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers those who have been born into eternal life, especially **Roger Woeste**, brother of Bob Woeste.

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

Vigil Candle Wall

To help us offset the cost of candles, we ask that you consider a minimum donation of \$5 for large candles and \$2 for small candles.



Thank you for beautifying our worship space with your prayers and candlelight!

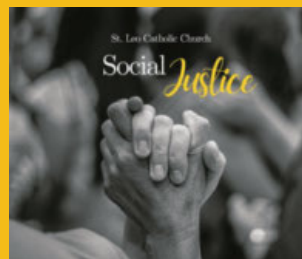


St. Leo Vacation Bible School
June 2-5, 2025
9am-12noon

Registration
Opens
March 16

All Are Invited to the St. Leo Catholic Social Justice Meeting March 11, 2025

Join us on Tuesday, March 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.



Father Mike will be leaving for Medjugorje on Friday, March 14. He is happy to take your prayer petitions to the Marian shrine to have our Blessed Mother intercede.

St. Pius X/St. Leo February High Bridge Scores

First place: Shirlee Goaley and Father Harry Buse 3,650
Second place Liz and Steve Gleason 3,550
Third place Mary Ann and Gene Kuhn 3,520

John Costello from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church this week for our bulletin. Contact John if you are interested in advertising in our bulletin: 402-840-3080 or jcostello@4lpi.com.

You may place the petitions in the marked box on the table in the narthex. Your petitions will only be read by our Mother Mary.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

March 18, 2025 11:30am St. Leo Great

Enjoy a catered traditional Irish lunch, followed by a dancing performance provided by the Dancing Grannies! Their troupe is in their 5th decade of performing. The dancers are from ages 50-89. The rat-a tat-tat of the tap shoes promises to entertain!

Tickets are \$15 per person.

RSVP at St. Leo Parish office with payment by March 11th.

This event is open to all!

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God's People on the Move:

Theology of Migration and Mission

Theology Matters

Sunday, March 16

11:00 am

St. Pius X

Parish Center,
6905 Blondo St.



Photo courtesy of Catholic Relief Services

Look at the history and responsibility of migration through the lens of theology.

Speakers Dr. Aimee Hein, author of *Theology in Motion: Migration, History, and Responsibility* and Fr. Chris Saenz & Fr. Michael Hoban of the Missionary Society of St. Columban will share decades of scholarship and personal experience.

Join us. Bring a friend or two.

Sponsored by Creighton University's Amelia & Emil Graff Chair of Catholic Theology & SPX Spectrum Team.

In Pursuit of Life, Love and Happiness

Deacon Jim Shipman

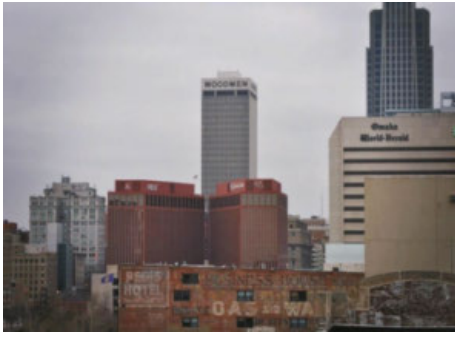
We have seen recently the destructive force of wildfires. Many communities in California were devastated by these fires and many people lost everything. Property can be replaced, but when a person's honor and credibility is damaged by someone else's words or behavior, it can cause great harm and may be damaged beyond repair. We all probably have heard that old expression, "Sticks and Stones will break my bones, but words will never hurt me!" WRONG! When someone is slandered or defamed that can destroy them forever.

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus is continuing His Sermon on the Plain, Jesus points out some obvious human faults that can cause great damage. Jesus starts by talking about the blind leading the blind. If by our behavior or speech we guide someone in the wrong direction, it can ruin their life and ours. It is easy to criticize someone's behavior or speech, however Jesus teaches us to really look at ourselves first, before we offer advice or criticism. We need to correct our own lives before we try to correct someone else. Jesus goes on to say, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil;" our behavior can bring so much goodness or so much evil."

At the end of the Gospel, Jesus said, "a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." What Our Lord Jesus Christ is teaching us is that our tongue is the most powerful tool we as human beings utilize. Our speech can bring goodness and holiness, or it can speak evil and be destructive.

By the Holy Spirit we can learn to speak and do what is Holy and Life-Giving. Let us speak and act with Goodness and Truth.

Sirach 27: 4-7; 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 and Luke 6: 39-45



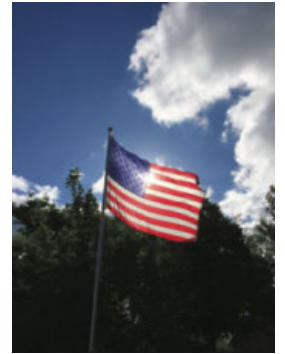
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Prayer for Those Serving our City as Police, Fire & Rescue
 Blessed are you Lord, God of Mercy, Send down your blessings and your protection on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Protect them and grant them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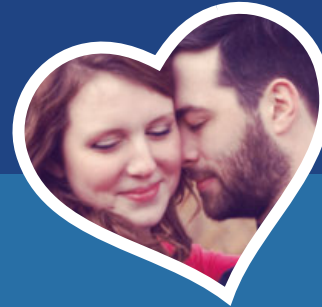
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