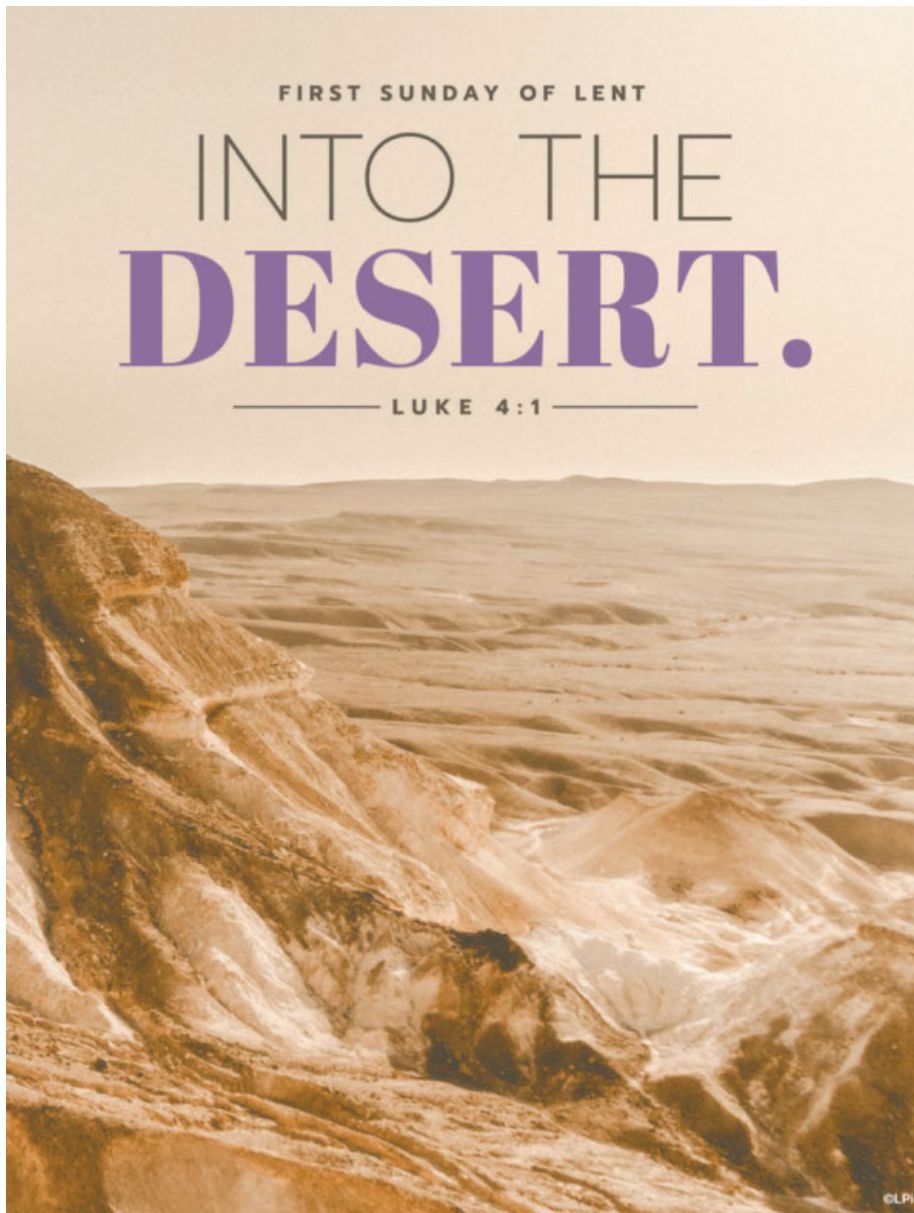




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March  
**09**  
2025

## 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

6905 Blondo Street

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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 for the prayers and well wishes these past weeks. I am very glad to be home and to be able to celebrate Mass with you. Thank you as well for the many birthday wishes. I was glad to be home to celebrate. I missed the Mardi Gras party but I heard it was a really good time. Thank you to our great crew who put the evening together. They are hard at work planning our St. Patrick's Day Lunch on March 18. I hope you can join us for that.

I wish all of you a good and holy Lent. We offer Stations of the Cross every Friday at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Starting March 14, you can then go to Pasta Fridays at St. Pius X Parish following Stations.

Have a good week,  
Fr. Craig.

## Parish Financial Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

### Donations Received February 23, 2025

#### Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes:

\$24,162.60

Sunday Plate: \$2,606.22

Total Sunday: \$26,768.82

### Donations Received March 2, 2025

#### Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes:

\$15,071.00

Sunday Plate: \$2,507.00

Total Sunday: \$17,578.00

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

#### Fiscal Year to Date Deficit:

\$-38,341.27

Building Fund Envelopes: \$646.00

Human Needs Envelopes: \$662.00

Black/Indian Missions to Date: 101.00

Catholic Relief Services to Date:

\$100.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## 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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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 10

7:30am Spec. Int. For Mary  
Smith

### Tuesday, March 11

7:30am + All Souls

### Wednesday, March 12

7:30am + David Anthony Francl

### Thursday, March 13

7:30am + Judy Svoboda

### Friday, March 14

7:30am + Berberich Family

### Saturday, March 15

5:00pm + Kathleen Fox Larsen

### Sunday, March 16

8:00am + Mary Ann Clark

10:00am + Don Sutton

12:00pm + James DuBe

5:30pm St. Leo Parish Family

## Presider Schedule

### March 15 & 16

Sat. 5:00pm: Fr. Fr. Craig

Sun. 8:00am: Fr. Craig

Sun. 10:00am: Fr. Harry Buse

Sun. 12:00noon: Fr. Craig

Sun. 5:30pm: TBA

## 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



# Lent

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

**Good Friday April 18**  
12noon & 3:00pm

## INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

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

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

Please remember in your prayers those who have been born into eternal life, especially **Patrick McGinnis**, husband of Patricia McGinnis; **Donald Barth**, father of Kelly Barth; **Bill Mertens**, nephew of Mary Jean Kasher; **Patricia Kasperek**, sister of Bob Nelson; and for **Dick Mundy**.

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



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

Registration Opens March 16

## St. Leo Men's Retreat

**April 5, 2025 9am-12noon**  
**St. Leo Church**

Fr. Craig Loecker, presenter  
Topic: Men of the Bible

Join us for a continental breakfast at 9:00am with a presentation and discussion to follow with Fr. Craig on Men of the Bible. There is no charge; a free will offering will be taken. Please contact Dina at [dina@stleo.net](mailto:dina@stleo.net) or 402-397-0407 to register.



## St. Leo Women's Retreat

**April 12, 2025 9am-12noon**  
**St. Leo Church**

Rachel Connelly, presenter  
Topic: Living Hope

Join us for a continental breakfast at 9:00am with a presentation and discussion to follow with Rachel Connelly, our Director of Religious Formation at St. Leo on Living Hope. There is no charge; a free will offering will be taken. Please contact Dina at [dina@stleo.net](mailto:dina@stleo.net) or 402-397-0407 to register.



**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.



**All are welcome to join a Tuesday morning session of Live Lent Together**

at 11:00am beginning March 11th. If you are interested or have questions, call the office, or just show up on Tuesday in classroom W2.

**Pius Pasta Fridays**

Join us as we celebrate our 23rd year!  
**March 14, 21, 28 & April 4**

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**Happy Sunday from SPSL.** It has been a busy beginning to 3rd quarter and it's hard to believe we are already in March. February was filled with exciting news for our 8th graders as they found out which high school they would be attending. We had 11 academic scholarships given out to our 8th graders for having high test scores on the high school entrance exam one given for academic achievement to Brownell Talbot and one student earning a full-ride scholarship to high school for her dedication to education and strong character. We are very proud of their accomplishments.



This week I would like to introduce you to our 6th grade team.

This team welcomes students to junior high and typically represents our largest group of new students each year. We are known for helping new students have a successful junior high experience, and many families choose to join our school at this stage, often due to positive word-of-mouth from current families. We have 2 full-time teachers, Dean Sullivan who teaches Science and Social Studies,

and Jennifer Long who teaches language arts including our advanced literature class. Mr. Steve Pesek joined us last year from Westside with over 30 years of experience in Math to teach our 6th graders and his room partner is Mrs. Annie Wise who teaches religion in the afternoon. They are supported by a teaching assistant who helps with duties, grading, small-group instruction, and tasks like filing and copying. They recently welcomed Aiden Chattin to this role in February.

Sixth grade holds a special place in my heart because it was the grade level that brought me to SPSL. I jump at the chance to cover social studies anytime because I miss teaching ancient history. Science in 6th grade begins the work of using the NGSS standards (Next Generation Science Standards) for all of their class work. They build on each of the following topics in 6th, 7th and 8th grade so students are ready for high school: chemistry, physics, space and earth science, and biology.

Math focuses on connecting ratios and rates to whole numbers, solving problems using algebraic expressions, and applying geometric formulas to calculate area and volume. We are blessed to have such a master teacher to educate our students in this area.

Reading continues to strengthen writ-

ing skills, including understanding the author's point of view. Students explore informational texts more deeply and develop comprehension across a wide range of materials. They expand their vocabulary, including conversational, academic, and grade-level-specific terms. In writing, they practice informative, explanatory, and research-based modes.

Religion focuses on the Old Testament and our students are blessed to spend time in adoration in the church.

We are getting close to being full in all of our Jr. High classes so if you are interested in registering for the 2025-26 school year please check out our "Considering SPSL" tab on [spsl.net](http://spsl.net) or call the school office at 402-551-6667.

We are hiring for the 2025-26 school year so please check out our open positions or reach out with questions at [katy.chattin@spsl.net](mailto:katy.chattin@spsl.net).



## In Pursuit of Life, Love and Happiness

Deacon Jim Shipman

The Scriptures of this Sunday's liturgy teach us four very important words that we must learn and understand to better be in union with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Those words are **Presence, Covenant, Transformation, and Conform.**

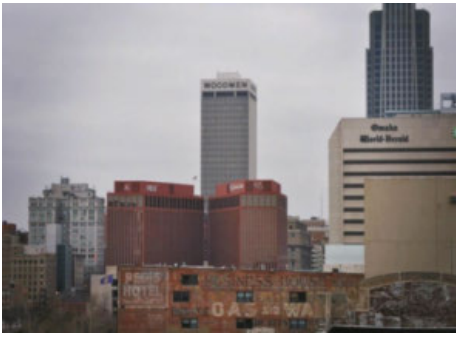
In the First Reading from Genesis, Abram, who will be called Abraham later in the story, is in the **Presence** of God. The Lord tells Abram that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars. Then God makes the first **Covenant** with him as the Father of

many nations and gives him the land from edge of Egypt to the river Euphrates. This is an area of land from Egypt to modern Iraq. This is the place at which the Hebrew lived and Judaism faith began.

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus is **Transformed** into His Divine Presence before three of His disciples. The Church has given the big word, Transfiguration, for His change in appearance or **Transformation**. God the Father speaks from a cloud to the disciples saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." When we Listen to Our Lord Jesus Christ in Mass, Scripture or Prayers, we are **Transformed** into believers, and we **Con-**

**form** our lives to the teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ. By **Conforming** to the Church's teaching we enter into The New Covenant with God and are **Transformed** into New Creation in Christ. The deeper relationship we build with the Lord, the closer we are to live each day in the **Presence** of God.

This is only the beginning! As Saint Paul proclaimed in our Second Reading from Philippians, "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to Conform with his glorified body." Wow, I can hardly wait for that day.



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

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

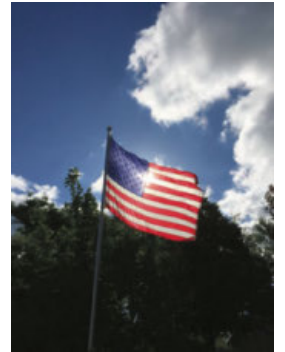
Blessed are you Lord, God of Mercy, Send down your blessings and your protection on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Protect them and grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion 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

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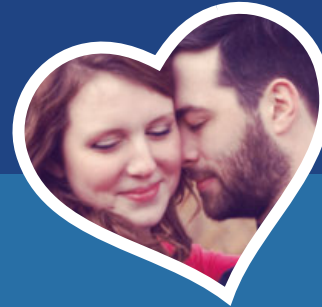
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