

St. Leo's Parish

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April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday Evening 5 p.m.

Sunday Morning 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass 9 a.m. **Holy Days** 9 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday
4-4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism
Preparation
Call Jen Golka
to Register

Marriage
Preparation
By appointment
at least 4 months
in advance

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Acts 11:1-18, Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4, Jn 10:1-10 **TUESDAY:** Acts 11:19-26, 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 10:22-

30

WEDNESDAY: Acts 12:24—13:5a, 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8, Jn

12:44-50

THURSDAY: ~FEAST OF SAINT MARK~

1 Pt 5:5b-14, 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17, Mk 16:15-20

FRIDAY: Acts 13:26-33, 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab, Jn 14:1-6 SATURDAY: Acts 13:44-52, 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Jn 14:7-

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SUNDAY: Acts 9:26-31, Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32, 1 Jn

3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8

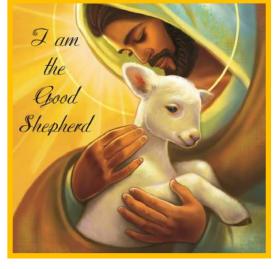
Welcome to St. Leo's!

If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would welcome you into our family. Please call the office at 382-4753 or to register visit our web site http://saintleos.org









Parish Clergy

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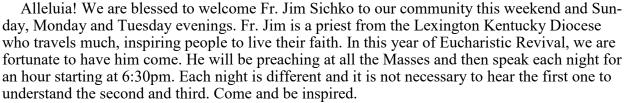
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Mission Statement: (8/29/2006)

As a Vatican II Church, we strive to provide uplifting experiences where people gather to be nourished, to be given new hope, to be challenged by the Gospel and to be reenergized so that they can return to the world to fulfill Jesus' mission of loving God and loving humankind.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



I am grateful to Jen Golka, the Catechists who helped her and the parents who helped prepare our children for First Holy Communion. It is always a joy to see their innocence and love for

As Religious Formation comes to an end for the academic year please note that there are other opportunities for children and families to keep growing in their faith. There will be summer activities like Vacation Bible School and M.A.D. Camp. Every registered household has access to FORMED.ORG which leads to what I call "NET Flicks for Catholics." There are blogs, series, Bible Studies, movies, books to read and books to listen to, as well as cartoons for all ages. I invite families to consider a FORMED NIGHT in their household each week to continue learning about our faith, the Saints and what the church teaches about the Sacraments. Learning never ends, even in the summertime.

God bless you all. Fr. Don Buhrman



HELP WANTED: Sue Kohles, our Office Manager, has informed Fr. Don of her plans to retire this summer. If you are interested in this full time position, please send your resume to the parish office. A job description is being finalized. If you have questions, contact Fr. Don Buhrman.

FOUND: In the north parking lot, a partial dental plate. Claim at front office.

PROMPTS FOR SHARING April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

- What does the image of Jesus as good shepherd mean
- Where do you most clearly recognize Jesus in your life? What makes your heart stir with recognition that you are known and loved?
- How can you extend Jesus's loving care to others in your life?

Parish Council

Linda Hamik-Chair, Jim Brisnehan, Heather Gearhart, Amy Haney, Dr. Bill Kusek, Ashley Ruble, Andy Wede, Taylor Olsen-Vice Chair, David McDonald

The next regular scheduled Parish Council meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, in the Knights of Columbus room of the Parish Hall.

Pray for Vocations



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"There is no salvation through anyone else." Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. Talk to Fr. Don or reach out to the Vocation Office at 308-234-1539 or email: vocations @gidiocese.org

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to pray for our seminarians and ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead
- Keep Fr. Don and our seminarians in your prayers throughout the week
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister
- Participate in the rosary which is offered for vocations before weekday and weekend masses, for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call

This Week at St. Leo's

Sunday, April 21

8:00 am Mass Intention: John Bishop+

By: Knights of Columbus #10347

10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community 6:30 pm Fr Jim Sichko—parish mission

Monday, April 22

9:00 am Mass Intention: Ron Miller+

By: Ann Miller

9:30 am Chair Stretch

11:30 am Human Concerns

6:30 pm Fr Jim Sichko—parish mission

Tuesday, April 23

9:00 am Mass Intention: Dorothy Bonczynski+

By: Knights of Columbus #10387

5:30 pm AA

6:30 pm Fr Jim Sichko—parish mission

Wednesday, April 24

9:00 am Mass Intention: Earl Leiting+ By: LaDonna Leiting

9:30 am Chair Stretch

Thursday, April 25

9:00 am Mass Intention: Dave Schmidt+

By: Steve & Cheri Schmidt

9:30 am Women of Faith Sharing

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group

6:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, April 26

9:00 am Mass Intention: Cindy Willey+

By: Knights of Columbus #10387

10:00 am Al-Anon

Saturday, April 27

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass Intention: Pat Brishnehan+

By: Al Brisnehan

Sunday, April 28

8:00 am Mass Intention: Deb Arthur+

By: Tom & Carmen McKenny

10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community

Spring Deanery meeting April 26

Mark your calendars for the Spring Deanery meeting April 26 in Wood River. Events will begin with registration from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and the business meeting from 9 to 10 a.m. Guest speaker is Vince Hernandez on "Scams" from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by Mass from 11 a.m. to Noon. The meeting will conclude with lunch. Cost is \$10 per person with \$6 going to the hosting parish and the remaining funds go to our Deanery to help pay for the speakers, etc.

The 31 Club

The 31 Club promotes praying for our current seminarians, priests and nuns. The 31 Club fosters and promotes vocations to ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service and supports our priests and seminarians as well as consecrated religious life.

One day a month.

April 21—Elaine Janulewicz

April 22—Norbert Wenzl, Barbara Reilly

April 23—Zac Peirce, Jodi Koza

April 24—Judy Roscoe

April 25—Laurie Sodomka

April 26—John Schwieger, Mary Harb

April 27—Sue Kohles

April 28—Carmen Moreno

Rest In Peace to those who have died recently. If

you know of a former parishioner or a family member of a current parishioner that has died and you have the permission to publish this information, please let us know and we will include it in the most recent bulletin so others may pray for the deceased and offer consolation to their family.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. ~Amen

Catholic Home Missions Appeal collection next week

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Ap-

peal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the U.S. and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeall. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.





Food for Thought

"Were we to disregard the Eucharist, how could we overcome our own deficiency?" — Pope St. John Paul II, Ecclesia de Eucharistia April 17, 2003

Use the QR code to log on to *your* ministry account to volunteer. Reach out to Jami Kusek at jami@saintleos.org or Kristen Schutte with any questions. Thank you!



| | Saturday, April 27, 5:00 PM | Sunday, April 28, 8:00 AM | Sunday, April 28, 10:30 AM |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Lector | Bethany Schock | Cheri Schmidt | Michael Matthews |
| Commentator | NEED VOLUNTEER | Kathy Boroff | Steve Riehle |
| Communion Minister | Presiding Priest——Body 1 NEED VOLUNTEER -Body 2 Barb Faimon —Body 3 Vince Fiala (sub request)—Blood 1 Cory Gearhart—Blood 2 Heather Gearhart—Blood 3 Doris Rempe—Blood 1 Karma Lewandowski—Blood 2 Julie Fiala—Blood 3 | Presiding Priest—Body 1 Lynda Dubas—Body 2 Don Dubas—Body 3 Frank Prucha—Blood 1 John Reilly—Blood 2 Cheryl O'Curran (sub request)—Blood 3 Robert Allen—Blood 1 Roseann Allen—Blood 2 Mary Keslar—Blood 3 | Presiding Priest——Body 1 Lisa Esquivel—Body 2 Elaine Janulewicz—Body 3 Brent Keenportz—Blood 1 Dusty Hast-Blood 2 Francis Sindelar—Blood 3 Janae Liberty—Blood 1 Becky Steinke—Blood 2 Diana Hast—Blood 3 |
| Server | Emily Price Jocelynn Price | Frank Schneider Hattie Schneider | Madison Schneider Thomas Schneider |
| Greeter | Mike Brott Jenny Golka Lee Petersen NEED VOLUNTEER | Edwin Lewandowski Marlene Lewandowski Angie Smolek Jack Smolek | Amber Kelly Brad Kelly Larry Skarka Shirley Skarka |
| Minister to the Homebound | | Dan & Kathy Boroff—PYX 1 Bob & Roseann Allen-PYX 2 Frank & Marsha Prucha—PYX 3 Joyce Aspen—PYX 4 | |

If you have any questions regarding the Ministry Schedule, please contact Jami@saintleos.org

If you are interested in helping livestream Mass, we would love to have more help. Please email publications@saintleos.org

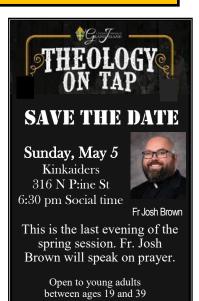
Knights pancake feed April 28

The Knights of
Columbus will host a
breakfast after Sunday
Masses, April 28, at St.
Leo's serving pancakes,
sausage &
eggs. Free
will donations
accepted.

Celebrating Memories of
Blessed Sacrament
Preschool will be at 2 pm Mass
Sunday, April 28
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
A social will follow Mass from
3 to 5 pm in the Jubilee Center

Ballot initiative discussion April 25-26

A pro-abortion ballot initiative presentation will be at 7 pm April 25 at Resurrection Catholic Church, 4130 Cannon Rd. A panel discussion including Marion Miner, NCC and other pro-life advocates will explain the pro-abortion ballot initiative. Miner will also speak at the 6 am meeting of Brothers in Christ on April 26.



Cathedral Ladies Spring Fling

April Showers bring May Flowers

Salad Supper—April 24

Salad supper at 6 pm Doors open at 5:30 pm St. Mary's Cathedral Square, 112 S. Cedar

Program: Mary's Cradle by Linda Kube and patio pots and succulents by Kelly from Bump Up Pot, Shelton NE

RSVP to Marie Schuster /308-379-9238 or

Ellie Cornelius /308-384-6376

Open to all ladies 12 years and older. Cost is \$10/person payable at the door. Reservations are requested

hank You

Well, I am finally home in Loup City as of April 10. Dec. 21 was my quadruple bypass surgery. After dismissal, I spent over 3 1/2 months at my sister Linda's house in Ord. I had 12 weeks of cardio-rehab (physical therapy) 3 times a week. I am feeling stronger each day. Thank you for all of the thoughts, prayers and cards. They meant a lot!

Father Mark

TITHING

Last Week's Offertory

Regular Collection \$ 23,372.30 Plate/Youth 691.71 Online \$ 5,089.00 \$ 29,153.01

Estimated Weekly Budget for April \$13,621

Spirit Catholic Radio to host 2-day symposium in Omaha

OMAHA—Spirit Catholic Radio will host a 2-day symposium at St. Robert Bellarmine in Omaha April 26 and 27. Guests from EWTN and Catholic Answers will speak on The Eucha-



rist: The Source and Summit of our Faith. This 2day symposium will feature Father Wade Menezes, Tim Staples, Coleen Kelly Mast, Joe Heschmeyer and Stacy Trasancos. Jack Williams, General Manager of EWTN Radio, will be the emcee.

A bookstore will be open before, during, and after the symposium with a Saturday box lunch available for pre-purchase. The symposium will from 7 to 9:30 pm Friday, April 26, and from 9 am to 4:30 pm Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$25 each. For more info and to purchase tickets, go to spiritcatholicradio.com/april

2023/24 Diocesan Appeal Update as of 4/15/24 St Leo's Parish

Parish Goal: \$83,781 Total Raised: \$67,390 Household Goal: 240 Current Households: 191



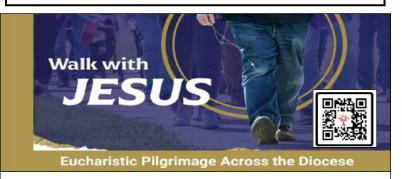
We are now over half way through the appeal and we have work to do to reach our goals. The financial goal is \$83,781 and

we have received \$67,390 or 80%. Our participation goal is 240 households and we have 191 so far. The more we have involved, even with a small financial gift, the better off we will be. Remember the Annual

St Leo's Diocesan Appeal \$83,781.00 \$67,390.00 80°/°; Me sie st

Diocesan Appeal supports things like the **Newman** Centers, Continuing Education for Priests, Priest Retreats, International Priest Program, Retired Priest Medical Insurance, Permanent Diaconate, Seminary Formation, Vocations, Pro-Life, Youth & **Young Adult Ministries**

> Thank you for your support of our Diocesan Church!



Be part of the National Eucharistic Procession throughout the Grand Island Diocese. Find the schedule of stops and events at https://gidiocese.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage

Community Potluck

 June 18 - 5:30 PM CT, St. Mary Cathedral Square Grand Island

Eucharistic Adoration

 June 18 - 7:30 PM CT, St. Mary Cathedral, Grand Island

 June 19 - 8:00 AM CT, St. Mary Cathedral, Grand Island

Eucharistic Procession

· June 19 - following Mass, St. Mary Cathedral, Grand Island



"Let us reach out personally to the hungry and the homeless, to the poor and the powerless, and to the troubled and the vulnerable. In serving them, we serve Christ. Our service efforts cannot substitute for... just public policies, but they can help us practice what we preach about human life and human dignity."

Economic Justice for All, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1986, #26.



Cases for CASA

When children are removed from their home and placed into foster care most of the time they have to leave in a hurry without gathering their belongings or all their belongings are put into a garbage bag. Heartland CASA provides each child with a rolling suitcase or duffle bag with hygiene products and activities for them to ease the transition to foster care. For the month of April, we will be accepting donations to provide Heartland CASA with CASES for children. Donations needed:

- ◆Small rolling suitcases or duffle bags (for teenagers)
- ♦ Hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair comb)
- ◆Feminine hygiene products
- ♦ Socks
- ◆Activities for children or teenagers (coloring books, crayons, puzzles, cards, board games, crossroad puzzles)

There are 2 suitcases set up in the gathering area for your donations. We are accepting donations until Friday, April 26.

Thank you!



April is Child Abuse Prevention month

Blue ribbons are available in the gathering area. Wear yours to show your support for the prevention of child abuse



Openings available for Steubenville of the Rockies

The Steubenville of the Rockies Youth Conference for Catholic teens will be June 21-23 in Aurora, Colo. Speakers will include Paul Kim, Jackie Francois Angel, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Bob Lesnefsky and Ben Walther. Openings are still available. Scan the QR code or go to https://gidiocese.org/steubenville to register.

Knight Notes ** Highway clean-up

Highway clean-up rescheduled for April 24

The Knights of Columbus highway clean-up has been rescheduled for

Wednesday, April 24

with a meal at 5:30. Pickup trash will begin at 6:00.





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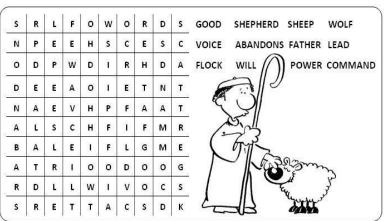
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What's happening at St. eo's



Members of the rosary group enjoyed the nice weather in the grotto at St. Leo's last weekend. Pictured are Carol Woodward, Francis and Rose Ann Sindelar and Mary Harb. (Photo courtesy, Sr. Carlene Headrick)

Any young men or women interested in discern-

ing their vocation is invited to join Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt & the diocesan vocation team for a meal & informal discussion at the **Andrew-Miriam Dinner** 6 pm April 30 at St. Mary's Cathedral Square Names and contact information of any young men or women in their junior year and anyone up to college-age who might be interested should contact Cosme Cham, executive officer, Vocations Office at ccham@gidiocese.org or via text at (402)899-9123. Parents of high schoolage students are encouraged to attend.



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