

St. Leo's Parish

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308-382-4753 2410 South Blaine Grand Island NE 68801 http://www.saintleos.org

Jan. 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: 1 Sm 15:16-23, 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23, Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY: 1 Sm 16:1-13, 89:20, 21-22, 27-28, Mk 2:23-28 **WEDNESDAY: MEMORIAL OF ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10, Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7, 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13, Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY: 1 Sm 24:3-21, PS 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11, Mk 3:13-19 **SATURDAY:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27, PS 80:2-3, 5-7,

Mk 3:20-21

SUNDAY: Jon 3:1-5, 10, Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 1 Cor 7:29-31,

Mk 1:14-20

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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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 write this from St. Mundelein Seminary near Chicago as I finish training in Spiritual Direction according to the St. Ignatian model. It is hard to believe my three years are finished. It has been personally very beneficial and encourages my faith and my faith in the young clergy around the country. We have many good men who are serving the Lord and the people with great love and the desire to lead each person to a more intimate relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist and all the Sacraments. We strive to lead people to a more intimate awareness of God in their lives and discover the will of God. It has been great. Thank you for the prayers and support you have shown me these three years. I pray it has and does make a positive difference in the way I pastor you the parishioners. May God bless you always.

Fr. Don Buhrman

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING:

Jan. 14, 2024,

- * John the Baptist points out Jesus to Andrew, and Andrew brings Simon to Jesus. Who has pointed the way to Christ for you? Who brings you closer to Jesus?
- * What are some of the times you've heard God's call in your life? How have you responded?
 - * Where do you struggle to hear God's voice?

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**, **Jan. 16**, **2024**, in the Knights of Columbus room of the Parish Hall.

Pray for Vocations!

Traveling Crucifix for Vocations

Please consider signing up for the Traveling Crucifix for Vocations. There is a sign up sheet in the three ring binder on the vocations table in the hallway. Please take the time to sign up & renew our process of specifically praying for vocations. Prayer is a Powerful Tool!

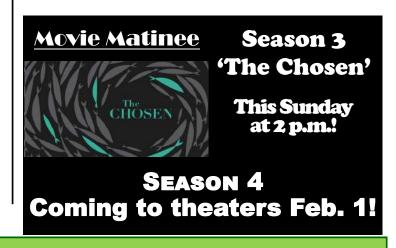


Pray for Vocations

"Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priest-hood or consecrated life. Talk to Fr. Don or reach out to Fr. Neal Hock at the Vocation Office at 308-234-1539 or email: vocations@gidiocese.org

Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt to lead pro-life holy hour Jan. 22 at St. Mary's Cathedral

January 22 is the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." In all the Dioceses of the United States, Jan. 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. In Grand Island at St. Mary's Cathedral, Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt will lead us in prayer for the protection of the unborn. Please join him for a Holy Hour from **6:30 to 7:30 pm on Monday, Jan. 22**. All are welcome. For more information go to https://www.respectlife.org/january-22



This Week at St. Leo's

Sunday, Jan. 14

8:00 am Mass Intention: Sr Rita Kolbet

By: Den Bill & Nancy Buchta

10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community

11:30 am First Reconciliation Retreat #2

2:00 pm "The Chosen" movie matinee

Monday, Jan. 15

9:00 am Mass Intention: Julia Foote+

By: Kris Mleczko

9:30 am Yoga

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, Jan. 16

9:00 am Mass Intention: Mark Volkl+

By: John Schultz

11:30 am Golden Gems

12:00 pm Finance Committee

5:15 pm E-Team

5:30 pm AA

6:00 pm Parish Council

Wednesday, Jan. 17

8:30 am Continuum of Care

9:00 am Mass Intention: Clifford Meyer Family

By: John & Barbara Reilly

9:30 am Yoga

5:45 pm Little Disciples

6:15 pm Stewardship

7:00 pm Empower Youth

Thursday, Jan. 18

9:00 am Mass Intention: Roy Rempe+

By: Patricia Rempe

9:30 am Women of Faith Sharing

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl

6:00 pm Jesus & the Eucharist Series

6:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, Jan. 19

9:00 am Mass Intention: Catholic Daughters #1263

10:00 am Al Anon

Saturday, Jan. 20

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass Intention: Sara Towey+

By: Jim & Karma Lewandowski

Sunday, Jan. 21

~ LADIES OF LEOS DOUGHNUTS ~

8:00 am Mass Intention: Fr. Bob Rooney+

By: Den Bill & Nancy Buchta

9:05 am Jesus & the Eucharist Series

10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community

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.

Jan. 14—Colleen Todd

Jan. 15—Betty Aalborg, Diana Hast

Jan. 16—Elizabeth Harrison, Eileen Ding Werth

Jan. 17—Deacon Bill & Nancy Buchta

Jan. 18—Anita Polansky

Jan. 19—Roger Riesberg

Jan. 20—Michelle Matthews, Jan Spiehs

Jan. 21—Elaine Janulewicz

Rest In Peace to those who have died recently including Wilma Kellogg, mother of parishioner Chris Wissing. 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



Thoughts from Deacon Bill

Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than

abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today, I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the prolife movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice, not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen



American Red Cross Give blood. Help save lives.

Blood Drive at St. Leo's parish hall 10 am to 4 pm on Friday, Feb. 9



Donate in February for a \$20 Amazon gift card. For appointment, contact Nichole at nichole.bubak@yahoo.com

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



| | Saturday, Jan. 20, 5:00pm | Sunday, Jan. 21, 8:00 AM | Sunday, Jan. 21, 10:30 AM | | |
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| Lector | Karma Lewandowski | Ann Goetz | Empower Youth*** | | |
| Commentator | Mike Kalovda | Ron Golka | ***Empower Youth | | |
| Communion Minister | Presiding Priest– Body 1 Harold Arnold-Body 2 Sandy Arnold—Body 3 Doris Rempe— Blood 1 Stacy Kalvoda—Blood 2 Dcn Bill Buchta—Blood 3 Shaun Hooper—Blood 1 Judy Brott–Blood 2 Ann Miller—Blood 3 | Presiding Priest– Body 1 Connie Swanson— Body 2 Dcn Bill Buchta- Body 3 Barbara Reilly-Blood 1 John Reilly- Blood 2 Doug Glunz - Blood 3 Maureen Wede - Blood 1 Andrew Wede- Blood 2 John Schwieger -Blood 3 | Presiding Priest– Body 1 Sonia Eden - Body 2 Ted Eden—Body 3 Chad Chrastil—Blood 1 Kayla Chrastil- Blood 2 Alexa Anderson -Blood 3 Dianne McMahon (sub requested)- Blood 1 Dcn Bill Buchta-Blood 2 Carmen Moreno- Blood 3 | | |
| Server | Jocelynn Price Emily Price | Norah Olsen NEED A VOLUNTEER | Reese Chrastil Katelyn Sodomka | | |
| Greeter | Mike Brott Julie Hamik Greg Hamik NEED A VOLUNTEER | Pete Haase David McDonald Paula Riesberg Roger Riesberg | *Empower Youth **Empower Youth Empower* Youth Empower ** Youth | | |
| Minister to the Homebound | | Connie Werner- PYX 1 Irene Beckstead-PYX 2 Dan & Kathy Boroff- PYX 3 Dawnell Glunz-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

Explore GI Central Catholic Night open to students

www.gicc.org/explore-gicc-rsvp.html.

Explore GICC Night for families with current 5th-11th graders will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Grand Island Central Catholic, 1200 Ruby Ave., Door #1. RSVPs are required by Jan. 18 at https://

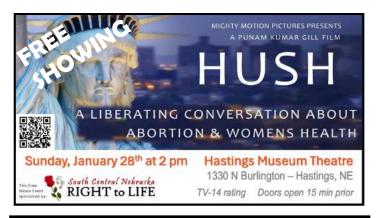


Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" We should be looking for the graces of God in our marriage. Discover those graces by attending the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience February 9-11, Lincoln. For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, contact Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839. Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, visit www.wwme.org. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @wwmeColorado

◆ Give your marriage the promise of a great year by learning how to better communicate and love each other. ◆ The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can enhance your marriage to be the best it can be. Join us and see how your relationship can grow.





TITHING

Last Week's Offertory

Regular Collection \$62,172.90 Plate/Youth 681.93 Online \$ 4,184.00 \$67,038.83

Estimated Weekly Budget for January \$ 16,269

2023/24 Diocesan Appeal Update

as of 1/10/24

St Leo's Parish

Parish Goal: \$83,781 Total Raised: \$53.120 Household Goal: Current Households: 156





"Bring to your encounter with Jesus, hidden in the Eucharist, all the enthusiasm of our age, all your hopes, all your desire to love."

Pope St. John Paul II, Mane nobiscum Domine, Oct. 7, 2004



All men are welcome to join Brothers in Christ on Friday, Jan. 19, at Resurrection Church. It begins with a hearty breakfast from 5:30-6 am; meet together from 6-6:50 am; Mass 7-7:30 am (if you have sither the, best a great

way to start your Friday). Please enter either the east or west door of the church.

We are meeting together in the spring to share our stories and learn more about what God is calling us to do. Please join us as we grow this ministry in our community.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Court Queen of Peace #2227 will meet at 11 am Thursday, Jan. 18, at Blessed Sacrament. Mass will be at 12:00 with a luncheon after. Dues are due and members may bring a small relish or dessert.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING STEUBENVILLE OF THE ROCKIES?

If you are interested in being an adult leader for the Grand Island Diocesan team to the Steubenville Youth Conference



this June, please email rita@saintleos.org for details. You would be the leader for any St. Leo's youth interested and your registration would be paid.

Travel packages available to attend **National Eucharistic Congress**

Cost reduced to \$750

We know what happens when two or more are gathered in the Lord's name but what happens with 80,000?! Join the Grand Island Diocese delegation to attend the National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21 in Indianapolis.

More information can be found at https:// gidiocese.org/national-conference with details of the travel package put together by the diocese. Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt has agreed to subsidize the bus costs to Indianapolis, so the final travel package price has been reduced to \$750.



"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.



Willow Rising

(formerly known as the Crisis Center) 2251 N. Webb Rd 308-381-0555 https://www.willowrising.org/



Willow Rising programs strategically address the many issues facing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault while working to reduce the number of future victims through education and prevention. Programming areas include > Safety > Support > Education and > Empowerment

Willow Rising assures that victims have everything they need to create a safe and strong life for themselves and their families. The service areas include Hall, Hamilton, Howard and Merrick counties in Nebraska.

Safety services include

- 24/7 hotline
- Provide counseling and legal aid referrals
- Support and assist in completing the protection and harassment orders
- Maintains 1 safe shelter in GI and utilizes hotels/motels as needed

Self-Sufficiency Services include

- Budgeting, career services, and on going support
- Providing adult and children support groups to help cope with trauma, and set goals for the future

Volunteer opportunites: They need help in organizing the donation room, volunteers to assist in "youth groups" at Willow Rising and Hope Harbor. "Youth group" is in English and Spanish and is for youth who have experienced domestic violence in their home or who have experienced assault. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office.



Sign up for Jesus and the Eucharist or do the series on your own:





Thursdays, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. or Sundays @ 9:05 a.m.-10:20 a.m.

| Soup dinner will be served | Session focus | Coffee & rolls will be served |
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| Jan. 18, 2024 | What's Our Story? | Jan. 21, 2024 |
| Jan. 25, 2024 | Who is Jesus? | Jan. 28, 2024 |
| Feb. 1, 2024 | Am I Saved? | Feb. 4, 2024 |
| Feb. 15, 2024 | Why a Church? | Feb. 18, 2024 |
| Feb. 22, 2024 | God is with Us | Feb. 25, 2024 |
| Feb. 29, 2024 | Story of the Eucharist | Mar. 3, 2024 |
| Mar. 7, 2024 | Bread for the Journey | Mar. 10, 2024 |



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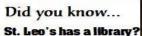
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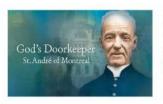
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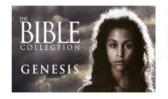
Come check it out on the east wall of the parish hall





God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of



The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of based of the installar installar less than based of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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What's happening at



Middle school students split up into teams at Empower Youth and began designing dioramas depicting one of five miracle stories from the Gospel.



Empower Youth high school students helped the liturgy committee as they transitioned from the Christmas Season to Ordinary Time using white poinsettias. Ordinary time will continue until Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.



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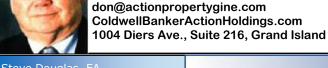


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