



# St. Leo's Parish

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**Jan. 28, 2024**

## Fourth 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:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13, PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mk 5:1-20

**TUESDAY:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3, PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43

**WEDNESDAY:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17, PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7, MK 6:1-6

**THURSDAY:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12, 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd, Mk 6:7-13

**FRIDAY: FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
Mal 3:1-4, PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40

**SATURDAY:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13, PS 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Mk 6:30-34

**SUNDAY:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7, Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Mk 1:29-39

### 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>



### Prayer for Catholic Schools

God of all growth, we ask You to bless all students in Catholic schools. May they remain constantly curious in their pursuit of knowledge and truth. May they use their gifts and talents to spread Your light and love throughout the earth. And may all of their learning ultimately draw them closer to Your Son, Christ the Teacher. We make this prayer in Your Holy Name,

*Amen*

### Parish Clergy

**Fr. Don Buhrman, Pastor**  
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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 just want to remind everyone that the warmth of the sun will return. Live with hope and positive expectation. In the meantime, keep your boots on and your scarf and hat on securely.

This past week we celebrated the great Sacrament of Reconciliation with our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. What a joyful experience that is seen on their faces after it is done. Reconciliation is a wonderful and simple way of receiving God's loving grace. All God wants to do is love us and we invite the intimacy of it by humbly admitting our sins and receiving his love. Like any relationship that is hurting, to reconcile is wonderful. In a few weeks we as the greater church will enter into the Penitential Season of Lent. That is a special time to reflect on our relationship with God, with God's Church with others. You can start and end the season with a good celebration of Reconciliation. Thank you parents, Godparents and Catechists for preparing the children for this sacrament.

This week starts Catholic Schools Week. It is an annual time to acknowledge the opportunity present in Grand Island with Grand Island Central Catholic Schools. For the first time in over 50 years, Grand Island will have an elementary school as an option in the fall of 2024. The building construction is moving along rapidly. Staff and other personnel are being hired. Plans are made to begin a new adventure. Grand Island Central Catholic High School has been here since the mid 50s. Middle school grades were added after the elementary schools were closed at Blessed Sacrament and St. Mary's in the 70s. Soon we will have the opportunity for Catholic education and formation for all the grades. Thank you to all who contributed to the capital campaign. Thank you to the families who have trusted the school with your children. And thank you families of younger children for giving GICC Schools an opportunity to help form Catholic Disciples from Catholic families.

God bless you all. Fr. Don Buhrman.

### PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING:

*Jan. 28, 2024, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- \* How do you tend to respond to authority?
- \* Who have you experienced as a true prophet? Who has revealed God's voice to you?
- \* How do you lend your voice to Jesus's teachings?

#### 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, Feb. 13, 2024**, in the Knights of Columbus room of the Parish Hall.

### Pray for Vocations

In honor of **World Day for Consecrated Life** on Feb. 2, please remember our seminarians in thoughts, prayers and even gifts in this new year. Go to <https://gidiocese.org/seminarians> for names and addresses of all of our Grand Island Diocese seminarians.



*"I will raise up for them a prophet like you."* If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to Fr. Don or reach out to the Vocation Office at 308-234-1539 or email: [vocations@gidiocese.org](mailto:vocations@gidiocese.org)

## World Day for Consecrated Life Feb. 2; Mass to be celebrated at Cathedral



In honor of World Day for Consecrated Life, St. Leo's will honor Sr. Carlene Headrick and Sr. Carole Wakefield with spiritual bouquets. Parishioners are asked to fill out a spiritual bouquet note and place them in the gold box in the gathering area.

*Thank you Sisters!*

**A Mass for Consecrated Life will be at 5 pm Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Cathedral with Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt presiding. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and thank them on their special day.**

## **This Week at St. Leo's**

### **Sunday, Jan. 28 ~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DOUGHNUTS ~**

8:00 am Mass Intention: Mark Volkl +  
By: Pam Tagel  
9:05 am Jesus & the Eucharist Series  
10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community

### **Monday, Jan. 29**

9:00 am Mass Intention: Alvera Irvine+  
By: Martin Irvine  
9:30 am Chair Stretch

### **Tuesday, Jan. 30**

9:00 am Mass Intention: Roy Rempe+  
By: Patricia Rempe  
5:30 pm AA

### **Wednesday, Jan. 31**

9:00 am Mass Intention: Fr. Joseph K. Joseph 40th Jubilee  
By: Den Bill & Nancy Buchta  
9:30 am Chair Stretch  
5:45 pm Little Disciples

### **Thursday, Feb. 1**

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, Feb. 2**

10:00 am Al Anon  
10:30 am Memorial Mass for Kathleen O'Brien

### **Saturday, Feb. 3**

10:30 am Memorial Mass for Deb Arthur  
4:00 pm Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass Intention: Al Nabity+  
By: Beata Nabity

### **Sunday, Feb. 4 ~ CINNY ROLL SUNDAY ~**

8:00 am Mass Intention: Parish Community  
9:05 am Jesus & the Eucharist Series  
10:30 am Mass Intention: Sara Towey+  
By: Family

## **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. 28—Carmen Moreno  
Jan. 29—Mary Krupicka, Michael Niece  
Jan. 30—Rose Holthaus, Cathy Ferguson  
Jan. 31—Maureen Mendyk  
Feb. 1—Alan Brisnehan  
Feb. 2—Marilyn Retzlaff  
Feb. 3—Judy Roscoe  
Feb. 4—Joyce Yosten, Beth Clemans

**Rest In Peace** to those who have died recently including **Marius Baumert, father of parishioner Mark Baumert; Deb Arthur, wife of parishioner Tim Arthur; Cindy Willey, sister of parishioner Steve Ryan; and Drue Gellatly, father of parishioners Sean Gellatly and Farra Gellatly.** 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**



I hope and pray all is well with our St. Leo's family. With the recent blizzards, Nancy and I were able to watch TV. If you are looking for a movie that depicts the Good News in people, watch a "Miracle at Midnight." (Disney +) a wonderful movie which depicts the goodness of people in a brutal time of history based on World War II. Junior high ages and above for families and grandkids. Let me know what you think.

Ash Wednesday will be unique this year as it falls on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day! This will be coming soon, so prepare with prayer. The ashes are from the palm leaves from the previous year. These are blessed on Ash Wednesday and distributed to the homebound and nursing homes as well.

Also, I encourage all high school students and college students to listen to Husker Volleyball player, Bekka Allick on Google. It is a powerful 16 minute video where she shares her faith experience at UNL, she is talking to Pius X students last December. Powerful and a good witness!

Repent and Believe in the Gospel, Deacon Bill



**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, Feb. 3, 5:00pm	Sunday, Feb. 4, 8:00 AM	Sunday, Feb. 4, 10:30 AM
Lector	Bethany Schock	<b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b>	Preston Ramaekers
Commentator	Kathy Boroff (Sub requested)	Norma Gauthier	Rhonda Riha
Communion Minister	<b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> —Body 1 Presiding Priest— Body 2 <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> —Body 3 <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> —Blood 1 <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> —Blood 2 <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> —Blood 3 <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> —Blood 1 <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> —Blood 2 <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> —Blood 3	Patty Hooker— Body 1 Presiding Priest— Body 2 Rodney Hooker— Body 3 Jeff Haney—Blood 1 Stacy Kalvoda—Blood 2 Jim Meyer - Blood 3 Nathan Keep- Blood 1 Mike Kalvoda- Blood 2 Carol Meyer—Blood 3	John McMahon—Body 1 Presiding Priest— Body 2 Francis Sindelar - Body 3 Dusty Hast—Blood 1 Donna Douglass—Blood 2 Ashley Lothrop -Blood 3 Rose Ann Sindelar- Blood 1 Chris Riha -Blood 2 Kristie Dolton- Blood 3
Server	Liam Borowski Cody Golka	<b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b> <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b>	Lilian Ramaekers Sofia Ramaekers
Greeter	Lee Petersen Bob Rupp Jon Shaffer Joyce Shaffer	Jim Bishop Nancy Bishop Isabelle Heinzman <b>NEED A VOLUNTEER</b>	Ashley Clausen Casey Clausen Eddie Dimmitt Denise Jarmer
Minister to the Homebound		Mike Kalvoda- PYX 1 Mike Gauthier-PYX 2 Bob and RoseAnn Allen- PYX 3 Dawnell Glunz-PYX 4	

If you have any questions regarding the Ministry Schedule, please contact [Jami@saintleos.org](mailto:Jami@saintleos.org)

If you are interested in helping livestream Mass, we would love to have more help. Please email [publications@saintleos.org](mailto:publications@saintleos.org)

## World Marriage Day anniversary Mass planned Feb. 10 at Cathedral

In celebration of World Marriage Day, Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt will preside at an Anniversary Mass at 5 pm Saturday, Feb. 10, at St. Mary's Cathedral. All married couples in the Diocese of Grand Island whose anniversary is divisible by 5 in the years 2023-2024 will be honored at the Holy Mass. Please RSVP to St. Mary's Cathedral, 308-384-2523, or email [secretary@stmarysgl.com](mailto:secretary@stmarysgl.com); or Glenda Stittsworth, 308-379-9325, email [glenarch@charter.net](mailto:glenarch@charter.net), by Feb. 7. A lasagna dinner will follow at Cathedral Square. The meal is dine-in or carry-out. A free will offering is requested.



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Brothers & sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." There are many things to be anxious about in these days. Let us learn to calm our anxieties in our life by learning how to communicate better on a 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.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org). Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @wvmeColorado

♦ 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.



## Pancake feed at Resurrection Sunday



Resurrection Church youth, along with the Knights of Columbus will host a pancake feed on **Sunday, Jan. 28**, after their 9 am Mass. All proceeds will be used for youth mission trips and retreats.

## Lasagna dinner Feb. 10 at Cathedral

St. Mary's Cathedral ladies will host a lasagna dinner from 5 to 7 pm Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Cathedral Square. The menu will include lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Meals are dine-in or carry-out. Free will offering requested.



## 2023/24 Diocesan Appeal Update

as of 1/22/24

St Leo's Parish

Parish Goal: \$83,781

Total Raised: \$56,200

Household Goal: 240

Current Households: 161



### TITHING

#### Last Week's Offertory

Regular Collection \$27,449.17

Plate/Youth \$ 481.54

Online \$ 3,149.00

\$31,079.71

Estimated Weekly Budget for January \$16,269

## Cost reduced to attend Eucharistic Congress

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.



## Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt to hold synodal listening sessions

Following upon the October 2023 gathering for the Synod in Rome, the Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops has asked diocesan bishops to hold 2-3 listening sessions regarding two "guiding questions" from the Synod.

Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt has scheduled two listening sessions and is inviting all Catholics, including those who may be inactive in the practice of the faith, to attend and share their perspective. A listening session will be from 7 to 8:30 pm **Tuesday, Feb. 6**, at Resurrection Church.

The guiding questions upon which you are encouraged to reflect include

- \* Where have I seen or experienced successes – and distresses – within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
- \* How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ.



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

Jan. 18, 2024

Jan. 25, 2024

Feb. 1, 2024

Feb. 15, 2024

Feb. 22, 2024

Feb. 29, 2024

Mar. 7, 2024

Session focus

What's Our Story?

Who is Jesus?

Am I Saved?

Why a Church?

God is with Us

Story of the Eucharist

Bread for the Journey

Coffee & rolls will be served

Jan. 21, 2024

Jan. 28, 2024

Feb. 4, 2024

Feb. 18, 2024

Feb. 25, 2024

Mar. 3, 2024

Mar. 10, 2024





"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.

## Stewardship in action

## *Saving the best for last ... client testimonials*

down on themselves. One of the CNCAP employees gave the client a body wash set from the giving tree. That client was happy and thankful.

—A married couple needed help with their electric bill because last month the husband couldn't afford his medication as he doesn't have health insurance. He ended up in the emergency room and lost a week of work. After looking at the budget, St. Leo's paid their electric bill and also referred the husband to an insurance agent that has helped people get affordable healthcare.

—CNCAP had a client that they were helping with rent and this client had just lost their job and they were super sad and just really

—A client was living in Hope Harbor and was accepted into income based housing. This client only receives disability so when she needed rent and deposit, it would have been hard to come up with both. St. Leo's paid for the deposit for her and she is now living on her own.

—A client had lost their job and was without a job for 2 weeks. She is a single mom and had 2 children at home. She was able to get another job but was unable to pay her full rent, since she was off for 2 weeks. She had to wait another 2 weeks for her first paycheck from her new job. The client had \$300 go towards her rent. St. Leo's partnered with the Salvation Army to pay the remaining rent so she can stay housed.

## NEEDS in the community:

Hope Harbor is in need of hand soap and Willow Rising is in need of laundry soap. If you would like to help please bring these items to Peachis and she will deliver them. Thanks!



Registration begins Feb. 1!



**HGXF - July 7-11, 2024** Higher Ground Extreme Faith (HGXF) Middle School Retreat is a Catholic youth program for those who have completed sixth, seventh, or eighth grade in the spring of 2024. At HGXF, participants gather in a welcoming atmosphere to have a lot of fun while growing closer to God.

Higher Ground is for youth who are **currently sophomores, juniors, or seniors** in high school. Come enjoy an environment of belonging, discover life-long friendships and grow a stronger relationship with God.



Youth Mission Trip—Albuquerque, NM—July 6-July 12

Make a difference, make lasting friendships, receive an amazing experience that you will never forget! [rita@saintleos.org](mailto:rita@saintleos.org) or go to [www.saintleos.org/youth-mission-trip.html](http://www.saintleos.org/youth-mission-trip.html)



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*Food for Thought*

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

St. Maximilian Kolbe

## Collection for Church of Latin America

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

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**LAST CHANCE!**  
**Last Cinnny Roll Sunday of the Cinnny Roll Season! Feb. 4 after Masses**  
 Proceeds go toward the Youth Mission Trip

**2024 Prolife art contest underway**  
 The Diocese of Grand Island is now accepting entries for the 2024 Prolife youth art contest. Entries must be postmarked by Feb. 21. Any student, grades K-6, living within the boundaries of the diocese may enter. Contest winners will be eligible to compete in the Knights of Columbus statewide contest. Prizes are \$20 for third place; \$30 for second place and \$40 for first place. The winning statewide entry will receive \$200 and their art will be on the One Rose, One Life prayer card. For more information and contest entry form and rules, contact the Chancery Office at 308-382-6565.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT St. Leo's



First Reconciliation was Jan. 24 at St. Leo's for the Little Disciples group with 11 youth participating in the sacrament. A dinner followed the event. Thank you to all the parents, leaders and Fathers Don Buhrman, David Rykwaldner and James Janovec!

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
*Invitation*  
 If you or someone you love is grieving the death of a dear one and still experiencing difficulty, join us for a six-week grief support group beginning Feb. 19, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral Square, 112 Cedar St. Rm 221. Trish Curran of Curran Funeral Chapel will facilitate with the assistance of Sr. Ann Ference. For questions, contact Trish at 308-384-8862 or Sr. Ann at 308-391-2950. RSVPs are needed by Feb. 15.



With a couple of icy days, the parking lot was a little hazardous for people who came to daily Mass. Even though the surfaces were salted, staff members still helped people walk back to their cars before and after Mass. Thank you staff!

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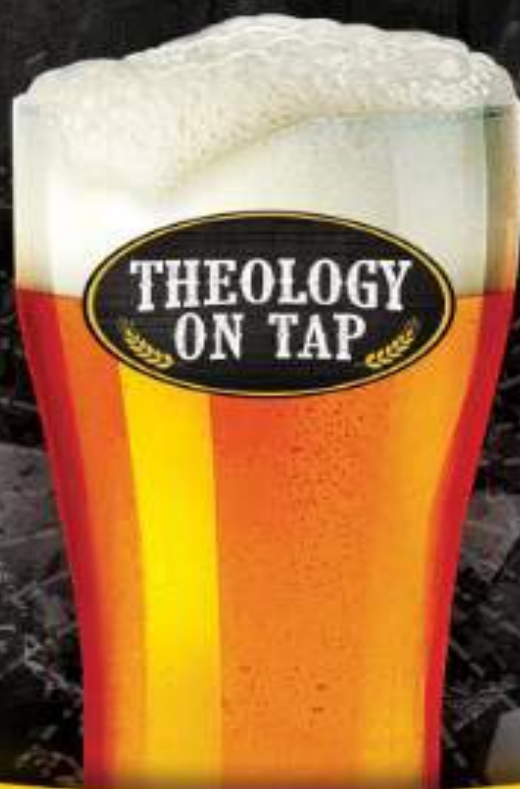
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