



St. Leo's Parish

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Jan. 7, 2024

Epiphany of the Lord

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: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10, Mk 1:7-11

TUESDAY: 1 Sm 1:9-20, 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd, Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY: 1 Sm 4:1-11, 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25, Mk 1:40-45

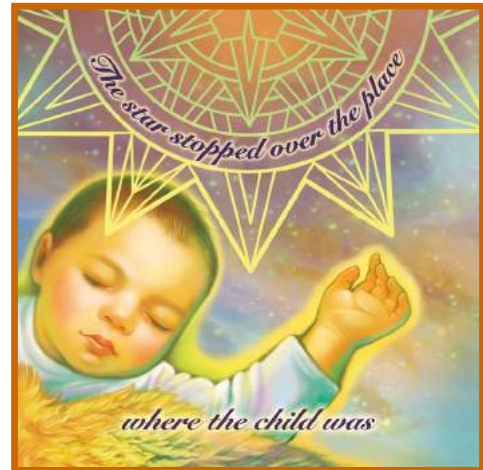
FRIDAY: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, 89:16-17, 18-19, Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1, 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19, Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:35-42

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>



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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:



Last weekend I wore a mask because I thought I had a cold and I wanted to demonstrate an appropriate way to participate in Mass even when feeling infirmed. I used the hand sanitizer numerous times. As it turns out, I tested positive for Covid on Sunday afternoon and have been in the 5 day isolations protocol and on meds. I don't feel any worse than if I had a bad cold. Therefore my recommendation is, if you feel like you are catching a cold do one of two things: either mask up for the protection of others OR get tested for Covid. It is now cold and flu season, therefore, mask up and use the sanitizer often. If you have symptoms, DO NOT drink from the chalice at communion. You receive the fullness of grace from the Body alone.

I am gone this week to Chicago for the last of my classes on Spiritual Direction. I think it has been helpful for me but I admit I am glad to not have to leave the parish three times a year for this reason. Please take care of each other and I know you will offer good hospitality to the Fathers and Bishops who will pray with you and our guests. God bless you.

Fr. Don Buhrman

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING:

Jan. 7, 2024, Epiphany of the Lord

* The magi come looking for Jesus, but they start by looking in the wrong place. When might your expectations be keeping you from seeing the fullness of God's work?

*Herod's wickedness has him clinging fast to power. What is a place in your life where you might need to let go of some power or control?

*The magi finally encounter Jesus not in the palace they expected but just in a house. When have you encountered God in a surprising place? ◀

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.

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

"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people." Is Christ

calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother or priest? Talk to Fr. Don or reach out to

Fr. Neal Hock at the Vocation Office at 308-234-1539 or email: vocations@gidiocese.org



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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

This Week at St. Leo's

Sunday, Jan. 7 ~EPIPHANY OF THE LORD~

8:00 am Mass Intention: Parish Community
 10:30 am Mass Intention: Diane Rathjen+
 By: Kevin & Kam Rathjen

Monday, Jan. 8 ~BAPTISM OF THE LORD~

9:00 am Mass Intention: Al Nabity+
 By: Beata Nabity
 9:30 am Yoga
 6:30 pm Baptism Class

Tuesday, Jan. 9

9:00 am Mass Intention: Roy Rempe+
 By: Patricia Rempe
 11:30 am Golden Gems
 4:00 pm Liturgy Committee
 5:30 pm AA

Wednesday, Jan. 10

9:00 am Mass Intention: Ken Kalvoda+
 By: Dcn Bill & Nancy Buchta
 9:30 am Yoga
 7:00 pm Empower Youth
 7:00 pm Ladies of Leos

Thursday, Jan. 11

9:00 am Communion Service (No Mass)
 9:30 am Women of Faith Sharing
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
 6:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, Jan. 12

9:00 am Mass Intention: Ron Miller+
 By: Ann Miller
 10:00 am Al Anon

Saturday, Jan. 13

4:00 pm Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass Intention: Sara Towey+
 By: Dcn Bill & Nancy Buchta

Sunday, Jan. 14

8:00 am Mass Intention: Sr Rita Kolbet
 By: Dcn Bill & Nancy Buchta
 10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community
 11:30 am First Reconciliation Retreat #2
 2:00 pm "The Chosen" Movie Matinee

TITHING

Last Week's Offertory

Regular Collection	\$16,583.52
Plate/Youth	\$ 385.30
Online	\$ <u>3,904.00</u>
	\$20,872.82

Estimated Weekly Budget for Dec. \$31,083

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. 7—Marv & Dorothy Rief
 Jan. 8—Paula Riesberg
 Jan. 9—Brenda Riley, Judy Roscoe
 Jan. 10—Cheri Schmidt
 Jan. 11—Beata Nabity
 Jan. 12—Rose Ann Sindelar
 Jan. 13—Dee Hanssen and GICC School
 Jan. 14—Colleen Todd

Rest In Peace to those who have died recently including **Charlotte O'Curran, sister of parishioner Cheryl O'Curran and Corwin Roscoe, brother of parishioner Wendell Roscoe.** 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



St. Leo's Parish scholarship to be awarded in March 2024

St. Leo's Parish Community will award \$1000.00 scholarships to three St. Leo's high school seniors based on their involvement and contribution to their parish, community and school.

The scholarship application for the **class of 2024 began on November 24, 2023, and will close on January 31, 2024.** A three member panel of volunteer parish members evaluate and determine our recipients. Three (3) \$1000.00 scholarships will be awarded in March 2024.

Applications are available at local high school guidance counselor's offices, the youth bulletin board in the parish gathering area or online at <http://www.saintleos.org/st-leos-scholarship.html>



The Golden Gems monthly potluck will be Tuesday, Jan. 9. A soup and sandwich lunch will begin at Noon.



Arrive at 11:30 a.m. for blood pressure checks

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. 13, 5:00pm	Sunday, Jan. 14, 8:00 AM	Sunday, Jan. 14, 10:30 AM
Lector	Bethany Schock	Cheri Schmidt	Ed Jarmer
Commentator	Kathy McFarland	Norma Gauthier	Karen Cox
Communion Minister	Presiding Priest– Body 1 Dcn Bill Buchta (sub requested)—Body 2 Jeanette Krajewski—Body 3 NEED A VOLUNTEER — Blood 1 NEED A VOLUNTEER — Blood 2 Sr. Carlene Headrick-Blood 3 Julie Fiala—Blood 1 Vince Fiala—Blood 2 NEED A VOLUNTEER - Blood 3	Presiding Priest– Body 1 Dcn Bill Buchta (sub requested)- Body 2 Robert Allen- Body 3 Chris Stinson-Blood 1 Sue Stinson- Blood 2 Patty Hooker - Blood 3 Jim Meyer - Blood 1 Carol Meyer- Blood 2 Rodney Hooker -Blood 3	Presiding Priest– Body 1 Dcn Bill Buchta (sub requested) - Body 2 Shirley Skarka- Body 3 Linda Rea- Blood 1 Elaine Janulewicz- Blood 2 Matthew Kaslon -Blood 3 Janae Liberty- Blood 1 Darien Cox-Blood 2 Ashley Lothrop- Blood 3
Server	Liam Borowski Cody Golka	Hattie Schneider Frank Schneider	Madison Schneider Thomas Schneider
Greeter	Curtis Mickey Mary Mickey Mike Wilson Jean Wilson	Isabelle Heinzman Greg Keslar Mary Keslar Chelsea Turek	Jean Kaslon Daniel Kaslon Janelle Riehle Steve Riehle
Minister to the Homebound		Bob & RoseAnn Allen- PYX 1 Joyce Aspen-PYX 2 Frank & Marsha Prucha- PYX 3 Rita Griesman-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

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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, let us give homage to the presence of God in our marriages by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on 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.



SEEK Conference 2024 scheduled

Are you a young adult age 21-39:

- Who is being called into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church?
- Who wants to experience truth, beauty, and goodness?
- Who is interested in connecting with peers who journey together?

Check out the opportunity to take part in the 2024 SEEK Conference @ <https://www.gidiocese.org/young-adults>

Homebound Ministry



Do you know anyone homebound or unable to come to Mass? Ask them if they would like to receive communion from one of our Eucharistic Ministers. Call St. Leo's office at 308-382-4753.

2023/24 Diocesan Appeal Update

as of 1/2/24

St Leo's Parish

Parish Goal: \$83,781

Total Raised: \$52,875

Household Goal: 240

Current Households: 156



NEW



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

Food for Thought

"Enrich your soul in the great goodness of God:
The Father is your table, the Son is your food, and
the Holy Spirit waits on you and then makes His
dwelling in you."

St. Catherine of Siena



Don't forget your

Epiphany Blessing this weekend!

Twelfth Night Door Blessing

Each year around the Feast of the Epiphany, many parishes participate in an blessing of chalk. It is an tradition that not only at the entrance of your places your entire family protection. Take the blessed first write the initials of the Men (Caspar, Melchior and connected with Crosses, inside of your front door.



annual ancient places God home, it under His chalk and three Wise Balthasar), over the

Then write the year, breaking up the numbers and the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials (20 C+M+B 24.)

It is also popularly believed that the Kings initials stand for "Christus mansionem benedicat" or "Christ Bless this house."



PRAYER: As we remember the visit of the wise men to the home of Jesus, God please bless our home this year. Protect each person who lives and stays here and may each of us know your hope, peace, joy and love.

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>. Details of the travel package put together by the diocese are enclosed. 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.



This weekend, Jan. 6 & 7, is the monthly food collection for St. Mary's!



Your stewardship helps:

Rent	6
Utilities	3
Medical care expense	1

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you who donated to our giving tree. So many people were blessed by your donations for Christmas. We received many children's coats from the giving tree. These will be given out during the coat giveaway 2024. Thank you!



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



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival



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

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Did you know...
St. Leo's has a library?
 Come check it out on the east wall of the parish hall



THIS WEEK ON FORMED



What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.




Arianism

Is Jesus truly God? Learn about the fourth-century heresy, Arianism, and the derivative heresy of Apollinarianism.

Movie Matinee **Season 3**
'The Chosen'
 2 pm Sunday, Jan. 14



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT St. Leo's



Little Disciples teacher Emily Schwiager helps her group with snack before starting class. After 2 weeks off for the holidays, classes resumed Jan. 3.



After a holiday break from classes, Little Disciples teacher Tracy Keenportz shows her students how to baptize their baby dolls and explained why we are baptized during class on Jan. 3.

check out St. Leo's website: www.saintleos.org

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National Eucharistic Congress Indianapolis, IN July 16-21, 2024

Grand Island Diocese Travel Package

Journey to the National Eucharistic Congress

Make history by joining others from across the country to be part of the first Congress in 83 years.

\$750 Per Adult Double Occupancy

INCLUDING:

- 5 nights hotel stay
- 5-day Congress pass
- Bus travel to and from Indianapolis IN

Travel Itinerary

- Leave Grand Island July 16, 2024, at 8:00 AM
- Stay overnight July 16, 2024, Springfield IL
- Leave Springfield IL at 8:00 AM and travel to Indianapolis, IN arriving by 1:00 PM
- Leave Indianapolis July 21, 2024, at 1:00 PM drive through returning to Grand Island early AM July 22, 2024.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Food & Incidentals
- Travel within Indianapolis during event

Practical things to know

- The Congress is open to everyone. Families are encouraged to attend.
- Registration is a two-part process. Please see instructions on the diocese website.
- Children ages 13-18 are a reduced costs. Children under 12 are free.
- Bus travel is around 14 hours with several stops including an overnight stay on the trip to Indianapolis. Return travel will be straight through with an early morning arrival in Grand Island on July 22. This is necessary due to the time and distance and restrictions on the bus drivers.

Things to know about the Congress

- There will be a lot of walking to the Congress facilities and within the facilities.
- Shuttle service by the Congress will only be available to those who identify as ADA. Transportation during the event is the responsibility of attendees.
- You will be able to customize your experience through the many tracks.
- Translation services will be available for some languages. See Congress website.
- Food and beverage vendors will be available at facilities, but you may want to plan your meals ahead of time.

Walk with **JESUS**

Eucharistic Pilgrimage Across the Diocese

Stop 1 Sidney NE

Eucharistic Adoration

- June 12 - 6:00 PM MT,
St. Joseph Church, Kimball

Mass

- June 13 - 10:00 AM MT,
St. Patrick Church, Sidney

Eucharistic Procession

- June 13 - following Mass
St. Patrick Church, Sidney

Stop 2 Ogallala NE

Community Potluck

- June 13 - 6:00 PM MT,
St. Luke Church, Ogallala

Eucharistic Adoration

- June 13 - 7:30 PM MT,
St. Luke Church, Ogallala

Mass

- June 14 - 8:00 AM MT,
St. Luke Church, Ogallala

Eucharistic Procession

- June 14 - following Mass,
St. Luke Church, Ogallala

Stop 3 North Platte NE

Eucharistic Adoration

- June 14 - 6:30 PM CT,
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
North Platte

Mass

- June 15 - 8:00 AM CT,
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
North Platte, Brunch to follow

Community Service

- June 15 - 10:00 AM CT,
Catholic Cemetery North Platte

Mass

- June 16 - 11:00 AM CT,
McDaid Elementary School,
North Platte

Eucharistic Procession

- June 16 - following Mass,
McDaid Elementary School,
North Platte

Stop 4 Lexington NE

Eucharistic Adoration

- June 16 - 7:30 PM CT,
St. Ann Church, Lexington

Mass

- June 17 - 8:00 AM CT,
St. Ann Church, Lexington

Eucharistic Procession

- June 17 - following Mass
St. Ann Church, Lexington

NOTE: These services will be bilingual

Stop 5 Grand Island NE

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

Mass

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

Eucharistic Procession

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



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**



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