St. Leo's Parish

Deacon Sunday is this Sunday!

Thank you Deacon Bill & Deacon Ron!

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Oct. 11, 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday Evening 5 p.m.

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation	*Baptism Preparation*	*Marriage Preparation*
Saturday 4-4:30 p.m. or by appointment	Call Jen Golka to register	By appointment at least 6 months in advance

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31–5:1, Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7, Luke 11:29-32

TUESDAY: Galatians 5:1-6, Psalm 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, Luke 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY: Galatians 5:18-25, Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, Luke 11:42-46

THURSDAY: ~MEMORIAL OF ST. TERESA OF JESUS~ Ephesians 1:1-10, Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6, Luke 11:47-54

FRIDAY: Ephesians 1:11-14, Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13, Luke 12:1-7

SATURDAY:~MEMORIAL OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH~ Ephesians 1:15-23, Psalm 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7, Luke 12:8-12

SUNDAY: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b, Matthew 22:15-21

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 website **www.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:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week Saint Teresa of Avila, (1515-1583), is celebrated on the church calendar. She and St. John of the Cross were inspired primary instruments that God chose to reform the Carmelite Order.

However, Teresa was keenly aware of this truth: to convert others we must start with ourselves — this she worked on during the whole course of her life on earth!

Saint Teresa's "second conversion" remains central in her life and teaching to the point that in her autobiography she draws a golden divide: time before her second conversion and time after it. Before her conversion it's her life alone and afterwards it's Jesus' life in her. On the surface her religious life seemed good. She was observant to the rule of religious life. But from the perspective of the heart, she was failing to belong totally to Christ-The-Groom.

Saint Teresa learned from Jesus to live with a constant friend — the cross. Her health was always very fragile; she almost died young. In her 40s, as Saint Teresa of Avila carried out the Reform of the Carmelites, she suffered constant attacks and persecutions from many nuns in the convent who preferred a more comfortable lifestyle, from Carmelite priests and from other people who liked church life. Instead of becoming discouraged and losing heart, she joyfully trusted in the Lord anyway, it was His doing.

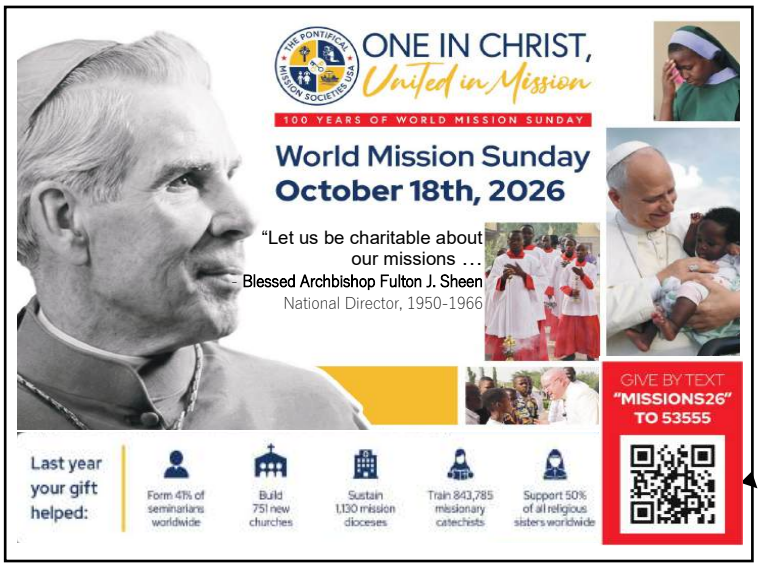
Saint Teresa of Avila gives us a definition of prayer.

"Prayer is nothing more than spending a long time alone with the one I know loves me."

On one occasion she was struggling with prayer, so she sought a priest for advice and it was simple, to the point yet changed her life! The priest insisted on praying to the Holy Spirit. From that point on, relying on the Holy Spirit, Teresa's prayer life improved markedly. Teresa's classics are "The Way of Perfection," "The Interior Castle" and "Foundation."

One of her key hallmarks of the spiritual heights is the importance of prayer. Meditate upon her words of wisdom: "We must have a determined determination to never give up prayer." Her most famous saying is "let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

Fr. Mark Huber



Parish Council

Dr. Bill Kusek-*Chair*, Ashley Ruble-*Vice Chair*, Micah Schutte, Nancy Buettner, David McDonald, Nathan Keep, Heather Gearhart, John Hartman, Gerald Janulewicz

The Parish Council meets at 6 pm the third Tuesday in the Knights of Columbus room of the Parish Hall.

"Many are invited, but few are chosen."
(Matthew 22:14)

Pray for Vocations

Deacon Sunday

Vocations Ministry Team

On Deacon Sunday, we celebrate permanent deacons who respond to God's call to serve His people. Take time to **thank a deacon**, pray for all who serve the Church in this meaningful way, and encourage men to consider answering God's invitation to the diaconate.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct. 11, 2026

- How have you recognized God's invitation in your life? What is God calling you to consider today?
- Where has God provided a banquet for you? Which needs and deep desires remain unfulfilled?
- How do you feel hearing the parable n today's gospel? How can you hold together both the generosity of the kings banquet and his treatment of those who do not respond well to the invitation?

Share Your Faith!

Finance Council

Deacon Ron Golka – *Chair,* Dennis Carroll- *Vice Chair*, Patty Hooker, Will Armstrong, James McDonald, Chris Stinson, Dave Faimon, Candy Conradt, Terry Pfeifer

The Finance Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Noon in the meeting room.

Stewardship

Seeing Gifts

Seeing the gifts around us requires us to be attentive. For us to be attentive we must notice things we normally would not see but we must pay attention in order to see ***what is already here***.

Be grateful, be generous, be gracious

From *"30 Days on Stewardship—Reflections and Inspiration on Sharing God's Gifts"*

This Week at St. Leo's

SUNDAY, OCT. 11~Ladies of Leo's Donuts
8:30 am Mass Intention: Don & Delores Koskovich
By: Terry & Brenda Koskovich
10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community
6:15 pm Confirmation Prep
6:30 pm Second Sunday Rosary Group

MONDAY, OCT. 12
9:00 am Mass Intention: Steve Lancaster+
By: Bob Rupp

TUESDAY, OCT. 13
9:00 am Mass Intention: Gene Greene+
By: Ann Miller
12:00 pm Golden Gems
5:30 pm AA
6:30 pm Wild Goose

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14
6:30 am 4th Day Group
9:00 am Mass Intention: Joseph Haschke+
By: Gloria Haschke
7:00 pm Ladies of Leos
7:00 pm Empower Youth

THURSDAY, OCT. 15
9:00 am Mass Intention: Mary Kusek+
By: Ann Miller
9:30 am Women's Bible Group (*Gathering Room)*
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl *(Gathering Room)*
6:30 pm OCIA

FRIDAY, OCT. 16
5:30 am Brothers in Christ
9:00 am Mass Intention: Pat Golka+
By: Helen Ostdiek
10:00 am Al Anon

SATURDAY, OCT. 17
5:00 pm Mass Intention: Bob Golka +
By: Allen & Mary Ostdiek

SUNDAY, OCT. 18~Cinny Roll Sunday~
8:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community
10:30 am Mass Intention: Fr Don Buhrman
By: Connie Werner
11:30 am Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Training
6:15 pm Confirmation Prep
7:00 pm Abide Adoration

Today is Deacon Sunday

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Pray for those men who serve us as deacons. By answering a call to the diaconate, a man seeks to follow Jesus' path by serving and enriching the lives of others. If you are called to serve as a deacon, speak with Msgr. Mark Huber.

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.

Oct. 11—Beata Nabity
Oct. 12—Rose Ann Sindelar
Oct. 13—Dee Hanssen and GICC School
Oct. 14—Colleen Todd
Oct. 15—Betty Aalborg, Diana Hast
Oct. 16—Jami Kusek
Oct. 17—Deacon Bill & Nancy Buchta
Oct. 18—Anita Polansky

The 31 Club has an opening for the 6th and 24th days of the month. Contact the office if you are interested.

Rest In Peace to those who have died recently including **parishioner Gloria (Duane) Parr**. If you know of a former parishioner or a family member of a current parishioner who 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 families.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace ~ ***Amen***

Thoughts from our Deacons

Thank you St. Leo's!

Thank you St Leo's Catholic family for your initial response to our Stewardship Renewal. We have received almost 30% of the cards back with 99 people stepping forward into a new ministry to make our parish stronger. If you have not returned your card, please do so as soon as possible for upcoming training events to give of your time and talents. God wants the first fruits of our time, talents and treasure! God Bless You,

Deacons Bill & Ron

Seven Sisters Apostolate

One *Priest*, One *Hour*, One *Day*

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is "a call to strengthen the church by ensuring that a holy hour is prayed each day of the week for the intention of a specific priest or bishop — a holy wasting (cf. Mt 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ." It is recommended that this hour be prayed anytime within the 24 hours of one day in the presence of the Eucharist.
Materials and information will be provided.
Six more ladies are needed for this apostolate. To join in prayer for Fr. Mark and reserve the day that best suits your schedule, call the Seven Sisters Anchoress for St. Leo's, Dianna Mueller, 308-258-4440 or email diandeemueller@yahoo.com

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, Oct. 17 5 PM	Sunday, Oct. 18 8:30 AM	Sunday, Oct. 18 10:30 AM
Lector	Cory Gearhart	Linda Hamik	Youth Ministry
Commentator	Matthew Kaslon	**NEED A VOLUNTEER**	Youth Ministry
Communion Minister	Presiding Priest—Body 1 Nancy Buettner—Body 2 sub requested Dcn Ron Golka—Body 3 Adriana Gearhart—Blood 1 Bill Buettner—Blood 2 sub requested Jim Lewandowski—Blood 3 Judy Brott—Blood 1 Heather Gearhart—Blood 2 Karma Lewandowski—Blood 3	Presiding Priest—Body 1 Jamie Meyer—Body 2 Dcn Ron Golka—Body 3 Rodney Hooker—Blood 1 Patty Hooker—Blood 2 Paul Polansky—Blood 3 RoseAnn Allen—Blood 1 Maureen Wede—Blood 2 Connie Swanson—Blood 3	Presiding Priest—Body 1 Shirley Skarka—Body 2 Dcn Ron Golka—Body 3 Linda Rea—Blood 1 Zach Peirce—Blood 2 Becky Steinke—Blood 3 sub requested Donna Douglass—Blood 1 Sean Gellatly—Blood 2 Doug Glunz—Blood 3
Altar Server	Max Gearhart Emily Price	Ben Miller **NEED A VOLUNTEER**	Izzy Schneider JR Schneider
Greeter	Greg Hamik Julie Hamik Jean Wilson Mike Wilson	Don Dubas Lynda Dubas Edwin Lewandowski Marlene Lewandowski	Youth Ministry Youth Ministry Youth Ministry Youth Ministry
Minister to the Homebound		Bob & RoseAnn Allen—PYX 1 Jonathan Doll—PYX 2 Sonia Eden—PYX 3 Cheri Schmidt—PYX 4	

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THURSDAYS 6:30—8 PM

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Training for
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Has been rescheduled for **Sunday, Oct. 18,** after the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone interested is welcome to attend!

Ladies of Leo's will meet at 7 pm on Oct. 14 at St. Leo's. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. All ladies are welcome!

Golden Gems to gather Oct. 13

Golden Gems will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 13, for their monthly potluck. Bring a dish to share. Lunch is served at Noon. Arrive early (after 11:30 am) if you want your blood pressure checked. Golden Gems meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Interested in helping? Call St. Leo's at 382-4753.

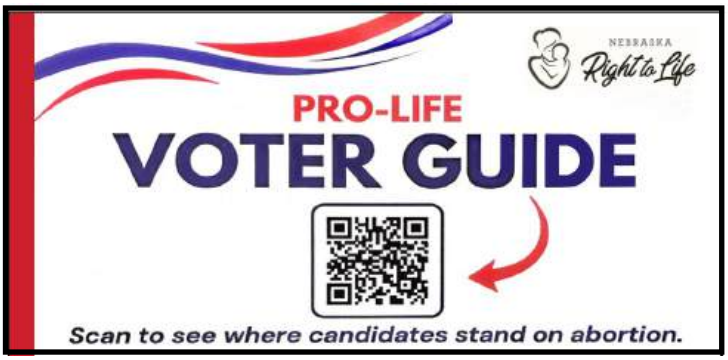
Last Week's Tithings

Regular Collection	$ 12,221.00
Plate/Youth	$ 1,458.00
Online	$ 5,324.00
	$ 19,003.00

Estimated Weekly Budget for October $12,218.00

K of C Tootsie Roll Drive is Oct. 17/18

The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive will be Oct. 17 and 18 at Hyvee in Grand Island. Sign up for a shift on the front counter in the gathering area. This annual fundraiser helps people with intellectual disabilities by providing health care, learning and quality of life opportunities. Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus!



Come join us and experience teachings on the Holy Spirit

When: Oct. 13, 2026
Where: St. Leo's Church (Gathering Room)
Time: 6:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

See you there!

5-Day Pilgrimage and Mission to Mexico City

All area faithful are invited to a 5-day journey organized by St. Mary's Church in Ashland on Oct. 22-27, 2026. It will be a life-changing encounter with Christ through service, prayer, and pilgrimage. We will serve the poor alongside the ministry Hope of the Poor. We will also have extended times at the Basilica with Our Lady of Guadalupe, daily Mass, and teachings about Juan Diego's tilma. The cost of $850/person covers all transportation, meals, and lodging in Mexico City (excludes flight) Go to stmaryashland.org to register.

A NOTE FROM HEATHER ...

Heather Tjaden

October is Pink October, a month to remember those we've lost to cancer, support those still fighting and celebrate survivors. As a cancer survivor, October has always been special to me but this year it feels even more meaningful because next week I'm turning 50, a milestone I wasn't sure I would make. And apparently, turning 50 wasn't exciting enough, so I decided to celebrate by dancing in the GRACE Cancer Foundation Gala!

But through all of this, I am incredibly thankful for my family, for the people who have walked beside me through the hard times and especially for my St. Leo's family. St. Leo's has become so much more than a place where I work and worship. You pray for me, encourage me, laugh with me and somehow continue to support my shenanigans.

As I celebrate 50 years, survivorship, Pink October and a questionable dance routine, I am reminded how blessed I truly am. Life is precious. Faith carries us through. Family makes it all worthwhile. Thank you, St. Leo's, for being my family. I am so very blessed to have you. Cheers!

Heather

Community OUTREACH

"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.

22nd annual St. Leo's Parish Coat Giveaway

Assisted by the State Knights of Columbus

Oct. 22, 10 am to 5:30 pm

Donations of new or gently used coats, gloves & scarves can be dropped off at St. Leo's or any of the following:

***Super Savers — North Broadwell & 2nd Street**
***Blessed Sacrament *Resurrection Church**
***Hyvee *GI Central Catholic *Eakes**

Want to know how YOU can help?

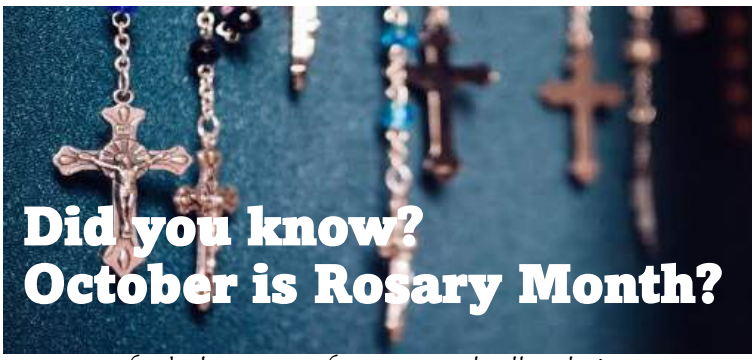
- **Sort coats after Daily Mass**
- **Take coats and wash them**
- **Sort & count coats 9:30-Noon, Wednesday, Oct. 21**
- **Volunteer for the coat giveaway-*especially needed are volunteers in the morning***

Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the gathering area

Help someone stay warm this winter!

WANTED: Spanish interpreters

Spanish interpreters are needed for the day of the coat giveaway **Oct. 22**. If you or someone you know can interpret, please contact Renee at 308-380-7062.



Striving for holiness, our first universal call includes praying and especially asking our Blessed Mother for prayers. She wants us to bring our sorrow and joy to Jesus. She is always pointing us to her son. Praying the Holy Rosary, especially with the intention of vocations, is a gentle way to encourage students to seek God's will in their lives. This prayer activity is perfect for walking on the school track, in the classroom, after Mass, or in many situations.

The 2026/27 Diocesan Appeal for the Diocese of Grand Island has begun. Send in your donation or go online at www.saintleos.org. Thank you!

Grief support *Invitation*

If you or someone you love is grieving the death of a dear one and still experiencing difficulty, please accept our invitation to join us for a six-week

grief support group

Beginning **Oct. 12** for six consecutive Mondays at St. Mary's Cathedral Square (just north of St. Mary's Cathedral) 112 S. Cedar St., Rm #226 From 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Trish Curran of Curran Funeral Chapel will facilitate. If you have questions, please call Trish at 308-384-8862 RSVP by Oct. 9, to Trish

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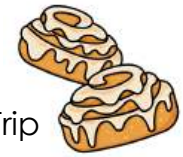
Cinny Roll Sunday!

Oct. 18 after both Masses!
Donations fund the Youth Mission Trip



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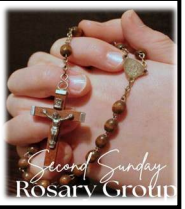
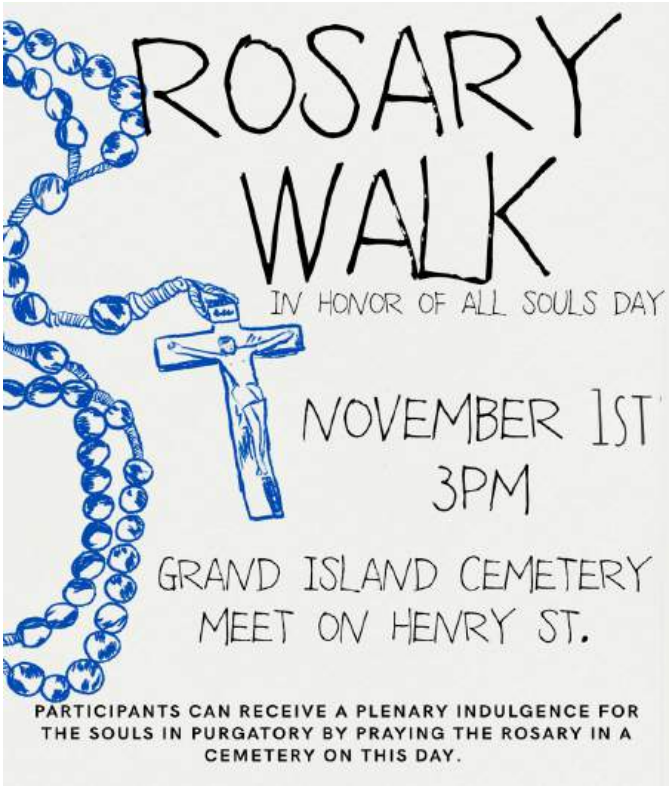
WHAT'S HAPPENING at St. Leo's

Second Sunday Rosary Group

St. Leo's Second Sunday Rosary Group meets at 6:30 pm on the second Sunday of the month. The next scriptural rosary will be **Oct. 11 in the Gathering Room** at St. Leo's. All are welcome. Call Mary Harb at 308-390-1750 or Sr. Carlene Headrick at 308-380-9100.





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Altar Server Training

Sunday October 25, 2026

11:30 AM

Boys and Girls
5th grade and older

ALTAR SERVERS

please email Dawnell Glunz at dsglunz64@gmail.com

What does an altar server do?

- Assists the priest and deacon at Mass
- Prepares the altar
- Lights candles

Why be an altar server?

Some silly reasons ...

YOU DON'T NEED TO SIT WITH YOUR PARENTS AND YOUR BROTHER WHO GETS YOU IN TROUBLE.

YOU GET A FRONT ROW SEAT

BUT SERIOUSLY...

- You will make a difference by performing an important ministry
- You will become a leader in our parish
- You will learn more about Mass and it will mean more to you

Eucharistic Procession St. Mary's Cathedral October 11, 3 pm

SCHEDULE

2:30 PM	Servers and help report to Sacristy
3:00 PM	Opening announcements and welcome. Begin Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
3:10 PM	Begin Procession Stops with Adoration Table: Rosary Decade Prayed Each Station
3:50 PM	End procession at St. Mary's Cathedral
3:55 PM	Benediction and Reposition at St. Mary's Cathedral
4:00 PM	End

ROUTE

-Starting at Cathedral, Exit East Door, -Proceed to:

Station One: South side of Cathedral Square

-Station Two - North side of Cathedral at the Blessed Virgin Statue

-Station Three - Lawn of the Nun's Convent

-Station Four - Is at the Rectory

-Station Five - In front of east side of the Cathedral Steps

BEHOLD

Behold Him. Know His love.

Attention 7th through 12 graders!
Make plans for BEHOLD
Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7 pm
Boulder Flatts
Hosted by St. Leo's and featuring American singer/songwriter, actress, American Idol Golden Ticket winner and national speaker,
Franki Moscato!
More details are coming!

THE NEBRASKA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE PRESENTS

HUMAN DIGNITY, AI, & THE COMMON GOOD

WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON AI?

BISHOP & BREWS

THURS OCT 22
7:00 PM

THE CHOCOLATE BAR
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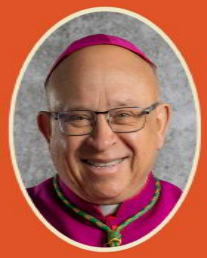

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Senator Tanya Storer
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Dr. Jordan Engle
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Join faith and policy leaders to explore the intersection of Catholic teaching, artificial intelligence, and human dignity in a digital age.

Abide Adoration

Sun. Oct 18, 7:00 pm

St. Leo's

"Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way..."
- Blessed Fulton Sheen

Join us for a holy hour adoring Jesus in the Eucharist through praise music, reflection and quiet adoration. We will have a special blessing for our youth.
A faith-filled evening for the entire family.

You are invited to write the names of deceased family members and loved ones in the parish "Book of Life." It will remain in the gathering area near the statue of the Holy Family through the end of November. Blank pages are in the front of each book or you may add to an existing family page.

St. Leo's Book of Life

In honor of those who have died this past year, all friends and family are welcome to attend a Memorial Service at the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, Nov. 1

St. Leo's Parish Community