



St. Leo's Parish

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Feb. 11, 2024

Sixth 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: Jas 1:1-11, Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76,
Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY: Jas 1:12-18, Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19,
Mk 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY: ~ **ASH WEDNESDAY** ~ Jl 2:12-18, Ps
51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17, 2 Cor 5:20—6:2, Mt
6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY: Dt 30:15-20, PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Lk
9:22-25

FRIDAY: Is 58:1-9a, PS 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19, Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY: Is 58:9b-14, PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Lk 5:27-
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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:



As we celebrate the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we hear of the healing of the leper by Jesus. It is a good reminder to all of us to ask for Jesus' healing power in our lives and be grateful. This week we begin the season of Lent. It is a penitential season to turn away from our sinfulness and return to the life of faithfulness to the Gospel. An insert of the bulletin provides a schedule of prayer and sacramental experiences throughout the season. It also explains the use of the "Judas Coin" as a way to resist the temptation to betray Jesus as Judas did. I pray that this Lenten season is beneficial for your spiritual life of Holiness. Build on what you did, or didn't do, last year. Grow in anticipation of the Resurrection.

God bless you. Fr. Don Buhrman

Ash Wednesday Services:

St. Leo's: 9 am and 5:30 pm

St. Mary's: 7 am, 12:05 pm, 5:15 pm (bilingual), 7 pm Spanish

Resurrection: 7:30 am and 5:45 pm

Blessed Sacrament: 12:05 pm and 6 pm



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING:

Feb. 11, 2024, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- * When is a time you felt that your plans had been disrupted by Jesus? How did you respond?
- * The leper's illness separated him from his community; what keeps you from living in full communion with yours? How might you ask Jesus to heal that?
- * The psalm reassures us that God is with us in troubled times and wants to bring us through them to a place of joy. What troubles do you need to bring to God right now? How can your community help you endure them? ◀

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.



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Food for Thought

*"Since Christ Himself has said 'This is My Body,'
who shall dare to doubt that It is His Body?"*

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Collection for Central-Eastern Europe begins

Next week will be the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe that supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee.



Pray for Vocations

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY—

"Do everything for the glory of God."



Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.

The Vocation Ministry Team (VMT) would like the St. Leo's congregation to pray the Rosary followed by the Prayer for Vocational Discernment before all weekend Masses during Lent with the special intention for the increase of vocations. Anyone interested in leading the congregation please contact one of the following VMT members: Sr. Carlene Headrick, Joyce Yosten, Rita Czaplewski, Don Mehring, Norbert Wenzl or Marv Rief.

Thank you!

This Week at St. Leo's

Sunday, Feb. 11 ~ LADIES OF LEOS DONUTS ~

8:00 am Mass Intention: Mark Volkl+

By: Pam Tagel

10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community

11:45 am 1st Communion Retreat #1

2:00 pm Movie Matinee "The Chosen"

Monday, Feb. 12

9:00 am Mass Intention: Mike McDonald

By: Mike & Jean Wenzl

9:30 am Chair Stretch

6:30 pm Baptism Prep

Tuesday, Feb. 13

9:00 am Mass Intention: Mary Luebbe

By: Ann Miller

10:00 am Mass at Good Samaritan Village

12:00 pm Golden Gems

12:00 pm Finance Council

4:00 pm Liturgy Council

5:30 pm AA

6:00 pm Parish Council

Wednesday, Feb. 14~ASH WEDNESDAY~

9:00 am Mass Intention: Fr. Joseph K Joseph 40th Jubilee

By: Den Bill & Nancy Buchta

9:30 am Chair Stretch

5:30 pm Mass Intention: Parish Community

7:00 pm Empower Youth

Thursday, Feb. 15

9:00 am Mass Intention: Mike Wenzl's 80th Birthday

By: Fr. Don Buhrman

9:30 am Women of Faith Sharing

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl

6:00 pm Jesus & the Eucharist

6:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, Feb. 16

9:00 am Mass Intention: Joan Riha+

By: Chris & Rhonda Riha

10:00 am Mass at Emerald Nursing & Rehab

10:00 am Al Anon

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Feb. 17

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass Intention: Mary & Michael+

By: Nguyen Family

Sunday, Feb. 18

8:00 am Mass Intention: Parish Community

9:05 am Jesus & the Eucharist

10:30 am Mass Intention: Kerry McGrath+

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.

Feb. 11—Beata Nabity

Feb. 12—Rose Ann Sindelar

Feb. 13—Dee Hanssen and GICC School

Feb. 14—Colleen Todd

Feb. 15—Betty Aalborg, Diana Hast

Feb. 16—Elizabeth Harrison, Eileen Dingwerth

Feb. 17—Deacon Bill & Nancy Buchta

Feb. 18—Anita Polansky

Rest In Peace to those who have died recently including **Earl Leiting, father of parishioner Troy Leiting.**

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

Yes, the readings match — Remember a few weeks ago when Fr. Don in his sermon stated the 1st reading from the Old Testament is tied to the Gospel reading from the New Testament. For this 6th week of Ordinary time, it is a strong match. Leviticus and Mark both talk about **leprosy**. As we get ready for Lent, we should identify and focus on one sin and correct the "scab or pustule or blotch which appears." Let us get on our knees and beg like the leper did in the Gospel to ask Jesus for the healing of our sin. From Mark's Gospel on the Mass last Wednesday, he stated, "From within the man, from his heart, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance and folly."

This Lent, let's pick one sin that takes the focus off of Jesus in our daily life. Come to Jesus on our knees, like the leper in the Gospel and ask Jesus to remove the leprosy of sin from our lives.

Blessings, Deacon Bill

Golden Gems to meet Feb. 13



Golden Gems will gather for a Valentine's Day lunch of fried chicken. Hall County Election Commissioner Tracy Overstreet will speak. Blood pressure checks begin at 11:30 am with the meal & program beginning at noon.

Check out the Ash Wednesday ministry schedule for volunteer opportunities!



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. 17, 5:00pm	Sunday, Feb. 18, 8:00 AM	Sunday, Feb. 18, 10:30 AM
Lector	Jim Lewandowski	Mike Kalvoda	Youth *** Ministry
Commentator	Barb Faimon (sub requested)	Paul Polansky	*** Youth Ministry
Communion Minister	Karma Lewandowski— Body 1 Presiding Priest— Body 2 NEED A VOLUNTEER —Body 3 Sr Carlene Headrick—Blood 1 Ann Miller—Blood 2 Martin Irvine—Blood 3 Jeanette Krajewski—Blood 1 Shaun Hooper—Blood 2 Doris Rempe—Blood 3	Kathleen Schwieger— Body 1 Presiding Priest— Body 2 John Schwieger— Body 3 Bob Allen—Blood 1 Stacy Kalvoda—Blood 2 RoseAnn Allen - Blood 3 Patty Hooker- Blood 1 (sub requested) Rodney Hooker- Blood 2 (sub requested) Connie Swanson-Blood 3 (sub requested)	Lisa Kehler— Body 1 Presiding Priest— Body 2 Sean Gellatly- Body 3 Tonya Appel—Blood 1 Chris Riha—Blood 2 Diana Hast--Blood 3 Michael Wardyn- Blood 1 Zach Peirce -Blood 2 Dusty Hast- Blood 3
Server	Claire Chmelka (sub requested) Conner Chmelka (sub requested)	Norah Olsen NEED A VOLUNTEER	Dax Gellatly Thomas Schneider
Greeter	Jeff Chmelka (sub requested) Valerie Chmelka (sub requested) Curtis Mickey Mary Mickey	Edwin Lewandowski Marlene Lewandowski Carl Tesmer Debby Tesmer	**Youth Ministry *Youth Ministry Youth*Ministry Youth**Ministry
Minister to the Homebound		Steve & Cheri Schmidt- PYX 1 John Schwieger-PYX 2 Dcn Bill & Nancy Buchta- 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

First Sundays at 6:30 pm

The next Theology on Tap will be March 3 at Kinkaiders. Join other young adults in their 20s & 30s for a night of thoughtful conversation. Madison Sutton, a student athlete from Benedictine College, will be the guest speaker.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

No matter how long you have been married, you can still have romance in your marriage. Learn how during a Marriage Encounter Experience. To find out more contact Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839 or visit www.wvme.org. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook!



Please Notice This



No Ladies of Leo's meeting on Feb. 14!

No Jesus and the Eucharist Series on Feb. 11!

REMINDERS

St. Leo's College Scholarship Application Open

St. Leo's Parish will award one (1) scholarship of \$1,000 to one (1) recipient, who is a registered member of St. Leo's Parish, is a full time student in a postsecondary educational institution in the current year (2022-2023) AND will be a full time student in a post-secondary educational institution in 2024-2025.

- ♦ The application is completely online
- ♦ The application requires just one reference letter.
- ♦ The application can be found at: www.saintleos.org/st-leos-scholarship.html or use this qr code.



2023/24 Diocesan Appeal Update as of 2/5/24 St Leo's Parish

Parish Goal: \$83,781
Total Raised: \$59,835
Household Goal: 240
Current Households: 167



TITHING

Last Week's Offertory

Regular Collection	\$16,171 .00
Plate/Youth	\$ 521.08
Online	<u>\$ 5,618.00</u>
	\$22,310.08

Estimated Weekly Budget for January \$16,269



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Jesus and the Eucharist Series

Thursdays, 6 pm – 7:30 pm with a soup dinner

OR Sundays, 9:05 am – 10:20 am with coffee & rolls

Upcoming sessions:

Feb. 15, 2024	Topic: Why a Church?
Feb. 18, 2024	
Feb. 22, 2024	Topic: God is with Us
Feb. 25, 2024	
Feb. 29, 2024	Topic: Story of the Eucharist
Mar. 3, 2024	
Mar. 7, 2024	Topic: Bread for the Journey
Mar. 10, 2024	

Brown Bag Lunch Talks

Lenten Brown Bag Talks will again be at St. Mary's Cathedral Square for five Wednesdays during Lent, beginning Feb. 21, from 12 to 1 pm. Guests are invited to bring their sack lunches; drinks will be provided. This year's speakers and topics include

Feb. 21—Fr. Sid Bruggeman: *Mass--Why Aren't You Getting Anything Out of It?*

Feb. 28—Elizabeth Heidt Kozisek, Ph.D. *Victim Assistance: Hope in the Midst of Darkness*

March 6—Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt: *Virtue*

March 13—Bp. Emeritus William Dendinger: *Jonah and the Whale*

March 20—Fr. Suresh Bandha: *Reconciliation*

Fifth annual Pro-Life Coffee set for Feb. 17



The Fifth Annual Pro-Life Coffee will be Feb. 17, at Riverside Golf Club in Grand Island. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with a program from 9 to 11 a.m. Coffee, refreshments and light breakfast will be served. The program will feature state senators from central and south-central Nebraska. In addition, Senator Rick Holdcraft of Bellevue will make a special presentation on his priority bill, "The Newborn Save Haven Act, LB 876." RSVP appreciated, but not required. To register go to <https://www.gidiocese.org/pro-life> or email Cheryl at frontdesk@gidiocese.org or scan the QR code. Please include name, phone number and number attending.



2024 CATHOLICS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

weekends

WOMEN'S : MARCH 8-10, 2024

MEN'S : MARCH 22-24, 2024

Scan the QR code to register at www.gidiocese.org





"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.



American Red Cross

We are collecting water and gatorade bottles for the American Red Cross for the month of February. Please bring cases to Peachis. These bottles are used to give to those who are giving blood and they are taken to those who are experiencing a disaster.



American Red Cross services:

- Provide help to those who are affected by a home fire or other disaster
- Hold blood drives for people to give blood
- Provide help for members of the military, veterans and their families to prepare for, cope with and respond to the challenges for military service.
- Provide CPR, First Aid, water safety and other lifesaving skills

The American Red Cross also provides a free online resource to anyone who needs to create a will, www.freewill.com
The American Red Cross is in urgent need of blood donations. For the month of February, they are giving those who donate a \$20 Amazon gift card. If you would like to donate, register at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>. Thank you to those who donated at St. Leo's Friday!

Cost reduced to attend national congress

Make history by joining others from across the diocese and the U.S. to be part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years. This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. Find out how to be part of our diocese delegation at <https://gidiocese.org/national-conference>. Bus capacity is limited so don't delay, sign up today.



Opportunity Scholarship Nebraska

The Opportunity Scholarship Nebraska is a new law that was passed in 2023 allowing for a tax credit to benefit private school students. For more information and to apply go to nebraskaoportunity.org



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Coming to St. Mary's Cathedral: Mary's Cradle

All parishes are welcome to participate in Mary's Cradle opening this spring at St. Mary's Cathedral Square. Mary's Cradle is a donation-based, non-profit outreach program located in Room 227 on the second floor of the Cathedral Square. Hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 am- 12:30 pm or by appointment at 308-384-2523.



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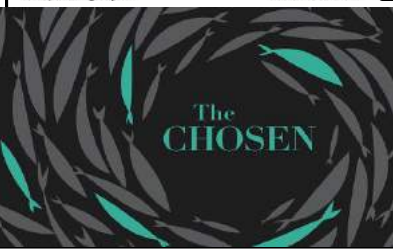
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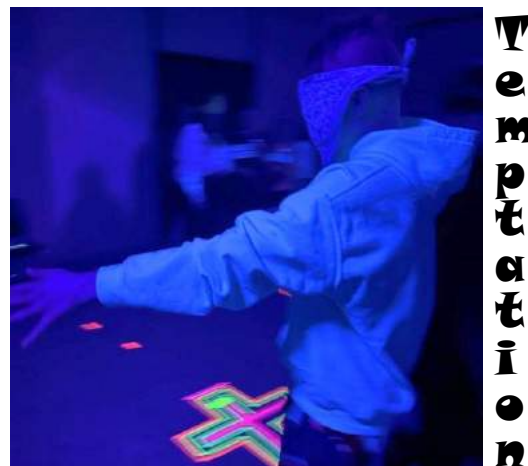
Movie Matinee
Season 3
Sunday, Feb. 11
2 pm



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 AVOIDING



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The Empower Youth activity for Lent Night included blacklights, blindfolds and sand as they learned about Jesus in the desert for 40 days.

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.



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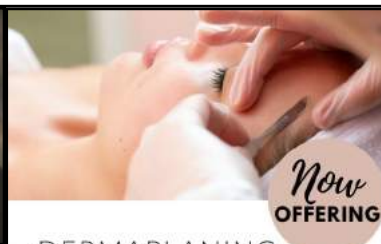

Empower Youth students also helped during the Lent Night prayer service Feb. 7 as readers.

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Grand Island Catholic Youth 2024 Summer Mission Trip Albuquerque, NM July 6 to July 12

This summer, Catholic HEART Workcamp embraces a simple yet powerful theme: recognizing that young people aren't just the Church's future; they are its heartbeat, meant to live out their faith in the present

St. Leo's will be sponsoring a 2024 Youth Mission Trip for current 9th to 12 graders with Catholic Heart Workcamp. We are encouraging youth from the Grand Island area to join us!



**HERE
& NOW**
CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP



Fundraising is available!

Registration: \$450.00
+ Travel expenses: \$125.00

Most youth fundraise their entire reg. fee.

\$100.00 deposit due at time of registration.

Use this qr code for more information or to register. Or go to www.saintleos.org/youth-mission-trip.html

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www.HigherGroundRetreats.org

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JULY 7-11, 2024

\$400 PER PERSON

Registration Opens Feb 1

Early Bird Special (Before Feb. 15) \$350

SCAN TO REGISTER

www.HigherGroundRetreats.com

Registration Opens Feb 1st

ILLUMINATE

JOHN 1:5

Steubenville of the Rockies

June 21-23, 2024

Dear St. Leo's parishioners,

Lent is upon us. Are you ready? If not, we have some directives for you and a schedule of how you can participate in this penitential season of conversion. A focus item for this year is a symbolic silver coin, we call the 'Judas Coin.'

"When Judas Iscariot bargained with the leaders of Israel for the betrayal of Jesus he asked, 'what are you willing to give me if I deliver him to you?' The leaders then counted out a mere 'thirty pieces of silver,' (Matthew 26:15). They considered the cost of Jesus' death to be that of a slave. Later, when Judas was overcome with guilt for the betraying Jesus, he fulfilled Zachariah's prophecy and threw all he was paid into the temple (Matthew 27:3-5). Then the leaders used the money to buy a field from a potter for the poor.

As part of your prayer discipline, we ask everyone to take a silver coin from the cross bowl. This coin is a physical symbol of Judas' betrayal of Jesus who did not resist the temptation of the devil. By taking this "Judas Coin", you are accepting the 40-day challenge to resist temptation. While Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and praying, he was tired, thirsty and hungry but He put his trust and faith in the Father. Because He trusted whole heartedly He was able to resist the temptation of the devil. Use this coin as a prayer reminder, or when faced with a temptation, pull it out and talk to Jesus. He is always ready and listening, for by His grace we are able to resist temptation.

This coin is a representation for each of us of how we might not be tempted with 30 pieces of silver. The question is 'what is the silver in our lives'? It could be the newest phone, social media, a bigger house, gossiping, etc. What is stopping us from drawing close to Jesus rather than betraying Jesus? Discover the silver temptations in your life and throw them back in the temple for use with the poor. On Good Friday we ask that you bring your 'Judas Coin' back to the church and return it to the Cross bowl with a monetary gift that will be used for the poor in the Holy Land.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. LEO'S

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES are 9 am and 5:30 pm with distribution of ashes at both

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6:30 pm in the church starting Friday, Feb. 16

TENEBRAE SERVICE will be at 7 pm Sunday, March 24.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE: 7 pm Monday, March 25. **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR**

RECONCILIATION during Lent are Fridays at 8:15 am; March 22, 11:30 am – 1 pm and

March 27, 11:30 am – 1 pm

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION on Sunday evening, Feb. 25, at 7 pm & First Friday, March 1, 9:30 am – 1 pm

THE RICE BOWL project will start on Ash Wednesday and be brought to Holy Thursday Mass.

PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING are the traditional disciplines of the season. Choose one simple thing in each area that can make a positive difference for the rest of your life.

DURING LENT, the Mass schedule remains the same on weekends and weekdays.

OBLIGATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and every Friday of Lent: All who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to refrain from meat these days.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Everyone from the ages of 18 to 59 must fast, which means only one full meal that day, no snacking in between. If necessary, especially for health reasons, two smaller meals may be eaten but not to equal the amount of a full meal.

Pray every day this Lent

