

St. Leo's Parish

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March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62, 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, 89:2-3, 4-5, 27

and 29, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

WEDNESDAY: ~FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH~ Dn 3:14-20, 91-

92, 95, Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56, Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9, 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13, 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7, Jn 10:31-42

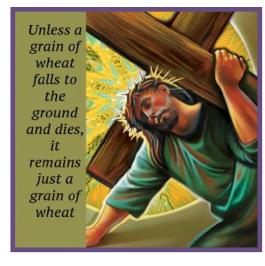
SATURDAY: Ez 37:21-28, Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd,

13, Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY: ~~**PALM SUNDAY** ~~ Mk 11:1-10, Is 50:4-7, 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1—15:47

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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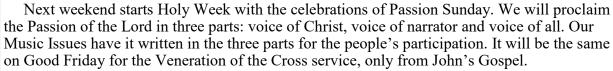
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Mission Statement: (8/29/2006)

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:



Holy Thursday is when you bring the Rice Bowl containers or your offering for them. Only Good Friday bring your silver or gold coin(s) to place in the wooden cross as an offering to the Holy Lands. Remember this is in replacement of the prayer coin you have been using throughout Lent. You can bring checks and dollars too, if you want.

Easter Saturday Night, starting about 8 pm, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil. This year we do NOT have any candidates for baptism or profession of faith. Even though that may be a sad thing, the positive side is that the Vigil will not be as LONG as it normally is. Therefore, if you have never participated in the Easter Vigil, this may be a great year to do so. It is one of the best Liturgies of the whole year. One person asked me a few years ago, "If I go to the Vigil do I have to come back on Easter Sunday?" The answer is NO. But you can if you want, just like any other Saturday night Mass and Sunday Mass. Because of the normal large crowd on Easter Sunday, of which we will have overflow in the hall, participating on Saturday may be helpful as well as inspirational.

Finally, notice the extra times in the bulletin for celebrating Reconciliation these next two weeks. Take advantage of these opportunities and rejoice with a clean soul. God bless you. Fr. Don Buhrman.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING:

March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

- How do you experience God's renewing work? How do you need God to make your heart new this Lent?
- How are you called to "lose your life" in order to follow Jesus? What sacrifices do you make and how do you find life within them?
- How might God be inviting you to take part in God's ongoing work of giving and sustaining life?



Be There When God Moves

July 17-21, 2024, thousands of passionate Catholics will gather for a transformative experience on a scale this generation has never seen.

Whether you join us for one day or all five, the grace you receive will spill out into our community when you return home-deeply in love with the Eucharist and excited about the future of the Church in America. Scan the code or to learn more about the event and explore the full schedule for each day.

The more people who register at once, the lower the cost becomes! Contact our parish office for more information about registering

with your fellow parishioners.

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, April 9, in the Knights of Columbus room of the Parish Hall.

Catholic Daughters to meet March 21

Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace No. 2227 will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at Blessed Sacrament. Members are asked to bring a food item for the food pantry.



Little Disciples group will lead stations of the cross Friday March 22 6:30 pm

Join us after for Root Beer floats!



Pray for Vocations

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to Fr. Don or reach out to the Vocation Office at 308-234-1539 or email: vocations @gidiocese.org

eucharisticcongress.org

This Week at St. Leo's

Sunday, March 17 ~ Ladies of Leo's Doughnuts ~ ~Cellphone Sunday ~

8:00 am Mass Intention: Bernie Krajewski+

By: Family

10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community (St. Leo's college scholarship winner announced)

Monday, March 18

9:00 am Mass Intention: Joan Riha+

By: Knights of Columbus #10387

9:30 am Chair Stretch

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 am Mass Intention: Jean Golka +

By: Bob & Pat Golka

5:15 pm E-Team

5:30 pm AA

Wednesday, March 20

9:00 am Mass Intention: Deb Arthur+

By: Tom & Carmen McKenny

9:30 am Chair Stretch

5:45 pm Little Disciples "Faith Fun Night"

6:15 pm Stewardship Council

7:00 pm Empower Youth

Thursday, March 21

9:00 am Mass Intention: Cindy Willey+

By: Steve & Cheri Schmidt

9:30 am Women of Faith Sharing

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl

6:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, March 22

8:15 am Reconciliation

9:00 am Mass Intention: Ron Miller+

By: Ann Miller

10:00 am Al Anon

11:30 am Reconciliation (11:30 am-1 pm)

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross with Little Disciples

Saturday, March 23

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass Intention: Dave Schmidt+

By: Dennis & Diana Carroll

Sunday, March 24 ~PALM SUNDAY~

8:00 am Mass Intention: Lee Machmuller+

By: Kathy Machmuller

10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community

7:00 pm Tenebrae

7:00 pm Reconciliation at Blessed Sacrament

2024 CATHOLICS TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST



Women's weekend rescheduled for March 22-24!

MEN'S: MARCH 22-24, 2024

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

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.

March 17—Deacon Bill & Nancy Buchta

March 18—Anita Polansky

March 19—Roger Riesberg

March 20—Michelle Matthews, Jan Spiehs

March 21—Elaine Janulewicz

March 22—Norbert Wenzl, Barbara Reilly

March 23—Zac Peirce, Jodi Koza

March 24—Judy Roscoe

Rest In Peace to those who have died recently including Susanne Macke, sister of parishioner Jean Whitcher. 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



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, March 23, 5:00pm	Sunday, March 24, 8:00 AM	Sunday, March 24, 10:30 AM		
Lector	Sr Carlene Headrick	Nancy Buchta	Preston Ramaekers		
Commentator	Kathy McFarland	Linda Hamik	Lisa Kehler		
Communion Minister	Heather Gearhart– Body 1 Dcn Bill Buchta- Body 2 Presiding Priest– Body 3 Martin Irvine—Blood 1 NEED A VOLUNTEER Blood 2 NEED A VOLUNTEER Blood 3 Nancy Buettner—Blood 1 Bill Buettner—Blood 2 Ann Miller—Blood 3	Mary Keslar—Body 1 Dcn Bill Buchta—Body 2 Presiding Priest—Body 3 Connie Swanson—Blood 1 Doug Glunz—Blood 2 Stacy Kalvoda - Blood 3 Paul Polansky -Blood 1 (sub requested) Jeff Haney—Blood 2 Rose Mary Staab—Blood 3	Ted Eden— Body 1 Dcn Bill Buchta— Body 2 Sonia Eden— Body 3 Carey Reilly—Blood 1 Elaine Janulewicz—Blood 2 Carmen Moreno- Blood 3 Tonya Appel—Blood 1 Francis Sindelar—Blood 2 Rose Ann Sindelar—Blood 3		
Server	Claire Chmelka (sub requested) Connor Chmelka	Ben Miller Norah Olsen	Jordan Ramaekers Madelyn Ramaekers		
Greeter	Jeff Chmelka Valerie Chmelka Cory Gearhart NEED A VOLUNTEER	Robert Allen RoseAnn Allen John Schwieger Kathy Schwieger	Lisa Esquivel Tino Esquivel Jamie Meyer Steve Meyer		
Minister to the Homebound		Dawnell Glunz-PYX 1 Cheri Schmidt-PYX 2 Rose Mary Staab- PYX 3 Bob & RoseAnn Allen-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





Communal Pennance Services

Sunday, March 24, 7 pm **BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday, March 25, 7 pm St. LEO's

Tuesday, March 26, 7 pm **St. Mary's Cathedral**

Wednesday, March 27, 7 pm **RESURRECTION**



As part of the event leading up to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21, a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is being planned. This will be one of the largest Eucharistic pilgrimages in history with all four routes beginning in June and ending in Indianapolis on July 17 for the start of the Congress. The three dioceses in Nebraska are taking part in the Junipero Serra Route of this pilgrimage. More information can be found at https://gidiocese.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage.

2023/24 Diocesan Appeal Update as of 3/11/24 St Leo's Parish

Parish Goal: \$83,781 Total Raised: \$62,485 Household Goal: 240 Current Households: 171



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Last Week's Offertory

Regular Collection \$4,345.92
Plate/Youth \$511.82
Online \$3,930.00
\$8,787.74

Estimated Weekly Budget for March \$11,609

Brown Bag Lunch Talks

Lenten Brown Bag Talks at St. Mary's Cathedral Square from 12 to 1 pm. Guests are invited to bring their sack lunches; drinks will be provided. Topic and speaker:

March 20—Fr. Suresh Bandha: Reconciliation

Spring Deanery meeting April 26

Mark your calendars for the Spring Deanery meeting April 26 in Wood River. Events will begin with registration from 8:30 to 9 a.m.; business meeting from 9 to 10 a.m.; Speaker Vince Hernandez on "Scams" from 10 to 11 a.m. and Mass from 11 a.m. to Noon. The meeting will conclude with lunch. Cost remains at \$10 per person with \$6 going to the hosting parish and the remaining funds go to our Deanery to help pay for the speakers, etc. The Spring Assembly will be April 15-16 in Broken Bow.

Catholic Relief accepting donations online

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. St. Leo's brought in almost \$350. If you missed the collection, it's not too late! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information.



Please mail to:

Lilies for the Parish St. Leo's Catholic Church 2410 S Blaine St Grand Island, NE 68801 The names of all memorials will be listed in a special insert in the Easter St. Leo's Sunday Bulletin. Return this form and the donation in an envelope either to the church secretary, through the mail or in the Sunday church collection. Please return by March 25, 2024 for time to complete the insert for the bulletin

(Or drop off at the church)



The following donation of \$_____ is for the purchase of Lilies and flowers for St Leo's altar.

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Thanks, Ladies of St. Leo's



"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

Volunteer Opportunities <u>We need you!</u>



Bingo!

2nd Wednesday of every month at Good Samaritan. If you are interested in calling bingo, please call Peachis. This is a great way to show God's love and to have fun with the senior citizens.

Habitat for Humanity Build
Saturday, April 20, from 7:30 am- 3:30 pm

St. Leo's will be volunteering at the Habitat site doing roof sheathing, wrapping the house and drywall backing. You do not need to have any experience in doing this, we just need people to volunteer on this day. We are in need of at least 12 individuals. A light breakfast, lunch and t-shirt is provided. Sign up sheets are in the gathering area.

Mission Statement: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.



Openings available for Steubenville of the Rockies

The Steubenville of the Rockies Youth
Conference for Catholic teens will be
June 21-23 in Aurora, Colo. Speakers will include Paul Kim, Jackie Francois Angel,
Fr. Mike Schmitz, Bob Lesnefsky and Ben
Walther. Openings are still available. Scan the
QR code or go to https://gidiocese.org/
steubenville to register.



"We must always have courage, and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfumes and we will undoubtedly regain our strength"

St. Padre Pio

"Cinderella"

"Cinderella"

March 22-23 at 7:30 pm
& March 24 at 2 pm

Howard Schumann Gymnasium
1200 N Ruby, Grand Island.
Tickets are \$10 for adults & \$8 for
students, available at
Central Catholic or Ace Hardware



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Faith to the streets. Visit www.streetevangelization.com to learn more. You can also contact Dennis Harb (deharb@mail.com), (call the office for his phone number) about joining a team already operating in Grand Island.

Spring Assembly

GRAND ISLAND DIOCESAN
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Monday, April 15—Tuesday, April 16

St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Cobblestone Hotel in Broken Bow

"Igniting Holiness in Ordinary Families"

Keynote speaker: Katie Sciba

Nine-time Catholic Press Award winning columnist. The best part of her ministry, she said, is spreading the hope and humor of Christ to fellow souls.

Room Reservations: Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, Boarders Inn and Suites \$100 per night (per room) Use code CDM when making reservations.

Assembly registration cost is \$50 per person Events will include Mass, games, silent auction, raffle, door prizes, style show & prayer.

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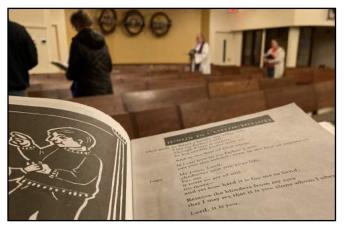
What's happening at **St.** Leo's

Thank You!



Thank you St. Leo's for all the donations of diapers and wipes for Mary's Cradle! It is so appreciated and will be put to good use!

Mary's Cradle Director, Linda Kube



Stations of the Cross were prayed Friday evening March 8 with Fr. Don Buhrman. Stations of the cross are prayed each Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm. The last before the Easter Season will be March 22.

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



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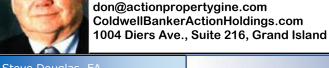


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