



St. Leo's Parish

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April 12, 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Saturday
4-4:30 p.m. or
by appointment

Baptism Preparation

Call Jen Golka
to register

Marriage Preparation

By appointment
at least 6 months
in advance

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Acts 4:23-31, Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9, John 3:1-8

TUESDAY: Acts 4:32-37, Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5, John 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:17-26, Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, John 3:16-21

THURSDAY: Acts 5:27-33, Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20, John 3:31-36

FRIDAY: Acts 5:34-42, Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14, John 6:1-15

SATURDAY: Acts 6:1-7, Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, John 6:16-21

SUNDAY ~THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~
Acts 2:14, 22-33, Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

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 <http://saintleos.org>



My
Lord
and
My
God!

John 20:19-

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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:

Lent has come to an end and the celebrations of Easter joy has begun. I am so very grateful to the parish Staff and all the volunteers who help make our celebrations so wonderful. Please affirm and thank those who helped prepare. On Sunday, I celebrated baptism by emersion with a young woman— Shayna Bocanegro, who has been preparing for a number of months. Thank you, Rita, for accompanying her. There is something special about Easter and Baptism together. Welcome Shayna.

This weekend our children in 2nd grade who have been preparing for First Holy Communion will celebrate at the 5 pm Saturday night Mass. I believe there are almost 20 children ready to receive Jesus. Thank you to the parents, sponsors and catechists who accompanied them in preparation. What a joy to continue in this Easter Season.

This weekend is also Divine Mercy Sunday. The chaplet will be prayed before both Sunday Masses instead of the rosary. I think you will find it a beautiful and powerful prayer. On Sunday at 3 pm, we are hosting St. Mary's Cathedral prayer group for the Divine Mercy service followed by a Eucharistic Procession from St. Leo's to St. Mary's Cathedral. They will conclude the service there followed by the regular 5 pm Sunday Mass. The opportunity for Reconciliation will be available at 3 pm at St. Leo's. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in any or all of it

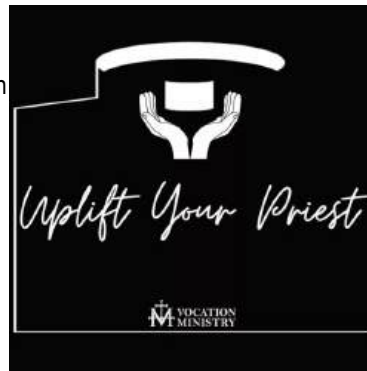
Let the Easter joy ring out in your words and in your actions over the next number of weeks. Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Blessings.

Fr Don Buhrman

Uplift our priests, Fr. Don and Fr. Masih — Thank you for saying 'Yes'

Father Don Buhrman and Father Wajid Masih responded to the call of heroic duty of the priesthood, generously showering us with love and support on a daily basis. Please join the Vocation Ministry Team to express our gratitude by affirming Fr. Don and Fr. Masih during the "Uplift Your Priest Campaign" April 12 through April 19.

At the masses on April 11 & 12, the choir will lead the congregation in affirming Fr. Don and Fr. Masih with "The Blessing Song." Also, that weekend, you will find Spiritual Bouquet cards at the ends of the pews. Please fill one out for each of our priests and place it in the gold box located in the gathering area.



DAILY DEED IDEAS

- ◆ Call, text, or email Fr. Don and Fr. Masih
- ◆ Fill out a "Spiritual Bouquet" card for Fr. Don and Fr. Masih and place it in the gold box in the gathering area
- ◆ Send Fr. Don and Fr. Masih a gift card for Amazon, Cabela's, or local restaurant
- ◆ Arrange to drop off or have lunch delivered for Fr. Don and Fr. Masih
- ◆ Send Fr. Don and Fr. Masih a "Thank You" card for their "YES" to their call to the priesthood

During this Easter Season, please remember our Seminarians. Scan the QR code for more information





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PROFESSIONAL STUDENT (SCHOLAR)

Finance Council

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

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

Parish Council


Dr. Bill Kusek-*Chair*, David McDonald-*Vice Chair*
Linda Hamik, Micah Schutte, Nancy Buettner, Nathan Keep, Heather Gearhart, Ashley Ruble, Taylor Olsen

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

"Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

Pray for Vocations

Uplift Your Priest starts April 13



As we begin the annual Uplift Your Priest campaign, we pray for those who bring Christ's peace through the priesthood, honoring and supporting them in their vocation. If you sense a call to this ministry of mercy, take time to explore God's plan for you. Be open and vigilant in prayer and if you have questions, talk to Fr Don or contact Fr. Neal Hock at the Vocation Office at 308-234-1539 or email vocations@gdiocese.org.

Stewardship

Stewards of Faith

Faith is a gift. You do not earn it, nor can you claim credit for having it. You steward faith well by growing in faith, allowing it to shape your life, and sharing it with others. Sharing faith is a way to acknowledge the place God has in your life. It is the natural response of one who is in love — when you love someone, you cannot help but want to share the impact of the love with the people around you.

Be gracious and give thanks

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

This Week at St. Leo's

SUNDAY, APRIL 12~LADIES OF LEO'S DONUTS~

8:30 am Mass Intention: Eileen Dingwerth+
10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community
3:00 pm Confessions/Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30 pm Confirmation Prep
6:30 pm Rosary Group (*Gathering Room*)

MONDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 am Mass Intention: Mildred Siebrass+
By: Deacon Couples
9:30 am Chair Stretch
6:30 pm Baptism Prep

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 am Mass Intention: Pam Kendall+
By: Ann Miller
12:00 pm Golden Gems
4:00 pm Liturgy
5:30 pm AA Meeting (*Meeting Room*)
6:00 pm CERT Training (*Parish Hall, 6 to 9 pm*)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 am Mass Intention: John Brickner
By: Dennis and Mary Harb
9:30 am Women's Widow Group
6:30 pm Stewardship Council
5:45 pm Little Disciples
7:00 pm Empower Youth

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 am Mass Intention: Andrew Warner+
By: Jim Dubas
9:30 am Women's Bible Group
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
6:00 pm CERT Training (*Parish Hall, 6 to 9 pm*)
6:30 pm Music Ministry
6:30 pm ProLife Meeting (*Gathering Room*)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 am Mass Intention: Marv and Dorothy Rief
By: Father Don Buhrman
9:30 am Chair Stretch
10:00 am Al Anon (*Meeting Room*)
6:30 pm GI Catholic Young Adults

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

4:00 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass Intention: Heather Tjaden
By: Connie Werner
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Game Night (6-9 pm)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

8:30 am Mass Intention: Eileen Dingwerth+
10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community
5:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner
6:30 pm Abide Adoration

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.

April 12—Rose Ann Sindelar
April 13—Dee Hanssen and GICC School
April 14—Colleen Todd
April 15—Betty Aalborg, Diana Hast
April 16—Jami Kusek
April 17—Deacon Bill & Nancy Buchta
April 18—Anita Polansky
April 19—Roger Riesberg

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



REST IN PEACE to those who have died recently. 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



Dcn Bill Buchta

CHARITABLE GIVING IDEAS SHARED AT RESURRECTION: GIVING WORKS

The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska will share ideas on making non-cash gifts. Plan a future gift to your parish but receive a tax deduction *now*. Learn how to give wisely and possibly lower your taxes next April 15. This is NOT a fundraiser.

WHEN: After 4:30 pm Mass, Saturday, **April 18** (approximately 5:45 pm) and Sunday **April 19** after 9 am Mass, (approximately 10:15 am) in the parish Hall at

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4110 Cannon Road
Have a joy-filled Easter Season.....HE IS RISEN INDEED

Deacon Bill

St. Leo's scholarship deadline May 15

St. Leo's Parish will award two (2) scholarships of \$1,000 to two (2) recipients. Applicants must be a registered member of St. Leo's Parish, enrolled in a post-secondary institution in the current year (2025-2026) AND will be enrolled in a post-secondary institution in 2026-2027. Use the qr code for more information and to apply.



CDA 2227 meeting April 16 at Blessed Sacrament

Catholic Daughters Court 2227 will meet at 6 pm Thursday, April 16 at Blessed Sacrament. Please bring an item for the Food Pantry.



CHI ST. FRANCIS MASS



Mass is celebrated in the
St. Francis Hospital Chapel
Each Wednesday at 10:15 am
ALL ARE WELCOME

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, April 18 5:00 PM	Sunday, April 19 8:30 AM	Sunday, April 19 10:30 AM
Lector	Lisa Esquivel	Chris Stinson	Will Armstrong
Commentator	Kathy McFarland	Cheryl (Aubery) O'Curran	Rhonda Riha
Communion Minister	Presiding Priest—Body 1 Wes Tjaden—Body 2 Deacon Bill Buchta—Body 3 Vince Fiala—Blood 1 Ann Miller—Blood 2 Heather Tjaden—Blood 3 Sr Carlene Headrick—Blood 1 Jeanette Krajewski—Blood 2 Julia Fiala—Blood 3	Presiding Priest—Body 1 Maureen Wede—Body 2 Deacon Bill Buchta—Body 3 Sue Stinson—Blood 1 Frank Prucha—Blood 2 RoseAnn Allen—Blood 3 Rodney Hooker—Blood 1 Robert Allen—Blood 2 Patty Hooker—Blood 3	Presiding Priest—Body 1 Dawnell Gunz—Body 2(sub request) Deacon Bill Buchta—Body 3 Doug Glunz—Blood 1 Zach Peirce—Blood 2 Dusty Hast—Blood 3 Chris Riha—Blood 1 Michael Wardyn— Blood 2 Diana Hast— Blood 3
Altar Server	Emily Price Jocelynn Price	Leighton Borowski Luke Morris	Madelyn Ramaekers Sofia Ramaekers
Greeter	Mary Krupicka Tim Prupicka Kevin Placzek Susan Placzek	Edwin Lewandowski Marlene Lewandowski (Sub Request) John McDonald Susan McDonald	Larry Burns Marlene Burns Dianne McMahon John McMahon
Minister to the Homebound		Bob & RoseAnn Allen—PYX 1 Frank & Marsha Prucha—PYX 2 Irene Beckstead—PYX 3 Norbert Wenzl—PYX 4	



Would **YOU** be someone our emergency responders could

count on if they needed help in a natural or man-made disaster?

YOU could be!

Community Emergency Response Team Training is coming to St. Leo's. Prepare to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people by joining CERT. Anyone, age 12 and up can come to any one of the sessions.

Scan to register or email jonr@grand-island.com

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-9 pm
April 14-May 5**



Tuesday, April 14, 2026	
Unit 1—Disaster Preparedness Build a disaster kit for your home	6:00 pm—8:30 pm Instructor: Rosenlund, Goetz
Thursday, April 16, 2026	
Unit 2—CERT Organization Unit 5— Disaster Psychology	6:00 pm—8:30 pm Instructor: Rosenlund, Goetz
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	
Unit 3—First Aid Part I Hands on experience	6:00 pm—8:30 pm Instructor: Rosenlund, Goetz
Thursday, April 23, 2026	
Unit 4—First Aid Part II, Hands on training Unit 8—CERT & Terrorism	6:00 pm—8:30 pm Instructor: Fausett, Goetz
Tuesday April 28, 2026	
Unit 6—Fire Safety, practice putting out a fire	6:00 pm—8:30 pm Instructor: Rosenlund, Goetz, Fausett
Thursday, April 30, 2026	
Unit 7—Light Search & Rescue, Hands on training	6:00 pm—8:30 pm Instructor: Rosenlund, Goetz, Fausett
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	
Unit 9—Final Exercise Practice what you've learned!	6:00 pm—8:30 pm Instructor: Rosenlund, Goetz

Learn the art of making kolaches April 18 at Ashton

The Polish Heritage Center Inc. in Ashton will host the second Kolache Making Class beginning at 10 am April 18, at St. Francis Parish Hall in Ashton. Participants will be guided through the art of making traditional kolaches. Recipes will be provided. All skill levels are welcome. To register or for more information call 308-750-6439.



St. Leo's Endowment Fund established

Are you considering, or in the middle of, estate planning for you and/or your family? Are you mapping out your charitable contributions for 2026? St. Leo's has established an **Endowment Fund**. Its mission is to help parishioners' with their plans of financially assisting St. Leo's, our Catholic beliefs and acts of service for the future. If you'd like to visit with someone from the St. Leo's Finance Council about your charitable ideas, or currently have assets to contribute (i.e. appreciated securities, qualified charitable distributions, IRA and/or life insurance beneficiary designations, vehicles, grain, etc.), contact Fr. Don, 308-382-4753; Will Armstrong, 308-382-3011; or Dennis Carroll 308-850-0766. We promise confidentiality, as requested.

NEW VIDEO PODCAST SERIES



Scan the QR code OR click on this **LINK** to watch the first Introductory episode – Check back each week for a new staff spotlight!!

Join parishioner Micah Schutte as he interviews the St. Leo's staff who have been "Called to Serve" our parish with the many gifts God has entrusted to them through their various ministries.



Special Stewardship Opportunity...

Could this be for you?

St. Leo's has a beautiful Baptismal fountain. For many years one of our staff members has taken on the responsibility of caring for it — cleaning, repairing, and maintaining it. They have recently offered their resignation and I have accepted it. A person who may be interested in this wonderful ministry would need to know how "hot tubs" work. The basic responsibilities would be discussed when you inquire. Training may be offered for consistency. If interested, please contact Fr. Don Buhrman at the office.

Altar Server Training

April 12, after Mass

11:45 am-12:45 pm

All girls & boys in 5th-12th grade are welcome!



A note from Heather

As the one who keeps the parish running (and occasionally running *late*), I'm comforted by the Easter message: God can bring life out of anything—even what seems finished. The Resurrection proves that no situation is beyond His power...did I mention we only need 57 more households to donate to the Diocesan Appeal? Rejoice—He is risen!



Heather Tjaden

Heather

Last Week's Tithings

Regular Collection /Easter	\$ 15,387.00
Plate/Youth	\$ 1,818.26
Online	\$ 5,022.00
	\$ 22,227.26

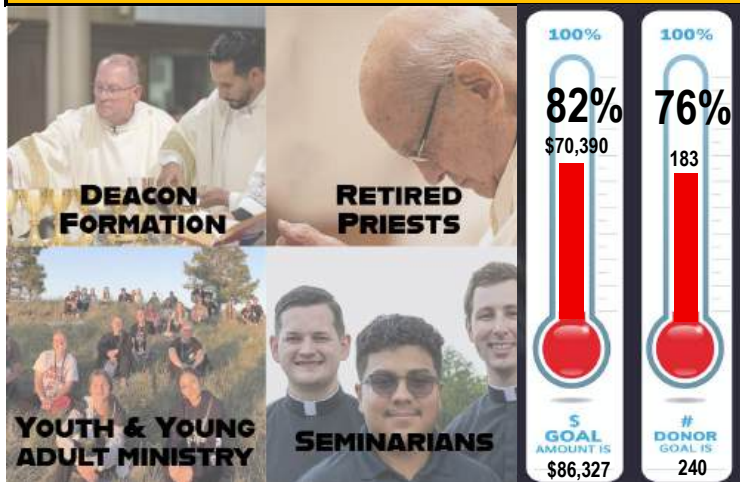
Estimated Weekly Budget for April \$14,224.00
Rice Bowls \$1,716.06

2025/26 Diocesan Appeal

St Leo's Parish 04/08/2026

Parish Goal: \$86,327
Total Raised: \$70,390
Household Goal: 240
Current Households: 183

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APPEAL



ProLife Corner

Deacon Bill & Nancy Buchta, Coordinators

A **ProLife Meeting** will be at 6:30 pm Thursday, April 16, in the Gathering Room at St. Leo's. This meeting is open to the Pro Life community of Grand Island. Guest Speakers will include Joey Ruff from Collage and Mike Kube, Director of ProLife Activities for the Diocese. The meeting will last about 50 minutes. Please enter through the south main doors. Plan to attend.

Find us online at saintleos.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.



The easiest way to volunteer with Habitat is by recycling your cans! You can bag and drop off aluminum cans at any of the following locations:

Grand Island Locations:

- Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity office - 502 W. 2nd St.
- Buck's Storage - 3414 W Capital Ave
- Ace Hardware
- Pump & Pantry, Stolley Park + HWY 281
- Pump & Pantry, Bismark + Shady Bend
- Pump & Pantry, S. Locust
- Indianhead Golf Club

Out-of-Town Locations:

- Pump & Pantry in Doniphan, Cairo, St. Libory, Central City, and Aurora

Wood River United Methodist Church

AND can donations are accepted directly benefit Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity

MASS FOR HEALING AND REPARATION
 Celebrant Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt
 Thursday, April 16th, 2026 at 5:15 pm



APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

"Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield."
 - Psalm 33:20

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Golden Gems lunch is April 14

Golden Gems will meet Tuesday, April 14, in the parish hall. The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska will speak on future non-cash gifts to give to your parish and receive a tax deduction now. Bring a dish to share if you can. Lunch is served at 12 noon. Arrive early (after 11:30) if you want your blood pressure checked.

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Music written by Kristen Schutte and Jami Kusek

<https://www.youtube.com/@RadiantHeartMusic>

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Saturday, April 18

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 40th**

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 presents a night of
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Friday, April 17 6:30 pm

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A powerful one-night parish mission to awaken hearts, renew faith, and inspire Catholics to live the Gospel boldly in today's world.



Blessed Sacrament Church
518 West State Street, Grand Island, NE

Monday, April 27, 2026 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Saint Michael Catholic Church
715 Creighton Avenue, Hastings, NE

Thursday, April 23, 2026
6:00-8:00 pm

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12

12:30 pm Santa Misa (Sp)

There will be a meal after Mass

St. Mary's Cathedral

2:15 pm Buses depart from

St. Mary's to St. Leo's Church

3pm Confession at St. Leo's Church

3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet St. Leo's

3:40 pm Begin procession at

St Leo's Church

To Cathedral

4:30 pm Benediction and Reposition at St. Mary's Cathedral

4:30 pm Confessions at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
(English)

These are only estimated times

Telling Our Stories, Healing our Hearts
Women sharing their personal stories of love, loss and hope in Christ

All women who are navigating the loss of a spouse are warmly welcome. Together we will share, pray, and support one another while walking the journey of healing.

Beginning: April 15, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Gathering Room, St. Leo's Church

"The Lord is close to the
brokenhearted and saves those who
are crushed in spirit."

Psalm 34:18

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