

St. Leo's Parish

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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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: Feast of St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 14:5-18, Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16, Jn 14:21-26

TUESDAY: Acts 14:19-28, Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21,

Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY: Acts 15:1-6, PS 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, Jn

15:1-8

THURSDAY: FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS

Acts 15:7-21, PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10, Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY: FEAST OF STS. PHILIP AND JAMES

1 Cor 15:1-8, Ps 19:2-3, 4-5, Jn 14:6-14

SATURDAY: Acts 16:1-10, Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5, Jn 15:18-21

SUNDAY: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-

4, 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17

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:



First of all, "thank you very much" for all the Spiritual Bouquets. I feel the prayers already and am very grateful. I am grateful for what I get to do in ministering with and for you. May God graciously reward each of you for your generosity of spirit. I pray for all our parishioners and their families almost every day. I'm working at doing that every day instead of being lazy.

Didn't the Evangelization Team do a wonderful job of arranging for Fr. Jim Sichko to come and inspire us? They not only communicated with him but did the advertising, the set up and service each night as well as offering hospitality to the abundance of attendees. Members of the E-Team, as we call them, are Kathy Boroff, Beata Nabity, Cheri Schmidt, Dee Hansen, Alexa

Anderson, Veronica Barney, Tracy Keenportz, Dee Hanssen, Kathy McFarland, Deacon Bill Buchta and (exofficio) Jen Golka, Rita Hemmer and Colleen Gallion. It was great. Of course, Fr. Jim does a good job of selfpromotion in a very positive way. The crowds were very good and I believe most everyone was able to pay attention. Pray for Fr. Jim Sichko as he travels the world sharing the good news. God bless you all. Fr. Don Buhrman

PS—Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving, a 24-hour event intended to inspire generosity that will benefit Catholic parishes, schools, ministries and organizations throughout the state, is May 1 (Nebraska.igivecatholictogether.org) and Go Big Give, a 24-hour online giving event to grow philanthropy in Hall, Hamilton, Howard and Merrick counties, is Thursday, May 2. (GoBigGive.org).



May 1, 2024

MAY 2 · 24 HOURS TO CLICK & GIVE

HELP WANTED: Sue Kohles, our Office Manager, has informed Fr. Don of her plans to retire this summer. If you are interested in this full time position, please send your resume to the parish

office. A job description is being finalized. If you have questions, contact Fr. Don Buhrman.

Explaining the Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative

ST. LIBORY—Tom Venzor, executive director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference, will explain the pro-abortion ballot initiative at a 7 p.m. discussion May 2 at St. Libory Catholic Church in St. Libory.

Mass will be celebrated at 6 pm with a light meal at 6:30 pm.

PROMPTS FOR SHARING April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter



- What in your life might need pruning away? What could you detach from in order to bear more fruit for God?
- ◆ How have you experienced God answering your prayers? How have you come to understand God's presence in prayers that seem to go unanswered?
- To whom do you feel called to preach God's love and kindness? How could you extend God's love to them through both word and deed?

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, May 21, in the Knights of Columbus room of the Parish Hall.

Pray for Vocations

Religious Brothers Day—May 1st



"He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus." Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation talk to Fr. Don or reach out to the Vocation Office at 308-234-1539 or email: vocations @gidiocese.org

This Week at St. Leo's

Sunday, April 28~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE FEED~

8:00 am Mass Intention: Deb Arthur+

By: Tom & Carmen McKenny

10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community

Monday, April 29

9:00 am Mass Intention: Earl Leiting +

By: LaDonna Leiting

9:30 am Chair Stretch

Tuesday, April 30

9:00 am Mass Intention: Marius Baumert+

By: Knights of Columbus #10397

5:30 pm AA

Wednesday, May 1

10:30 am Norm Schuster Funeral 5:45 pm Little Disciples

Thursday, May 2

9:00 am Mass Intention: Wilma Kellogg+

By: Knights of Columbus #10387

9:30 am Women of Faith Sharing

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group

6:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, May 3

10:00 am Al-Anon

11:00 am Elizabeth Harrison Funeral

Saturday, May 4

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass Intention: Peter & Anna+

By: Nguyen Family

Sunday, May 5 ~LADIES OF LEOS DONUTS~

8:00 am Mass Intention: Deb Arthur+

By: Tom & Carmen McKenny

10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community



Food for Thought

"Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment, a memory! Jesus is a 'person,' always alive and present with us! Love Jesus present in the Eucharist. He is present in a sacrificial way in Holy Mass, which renews the Sacrifice of the Cross. To go to Mass means going to Calvary to meet him, our Redeemer. He comes to us in Holy Communion and remains present in the tabernacles of our churches, for he is our friend."

Pope St. John Paul II Address to Italian youth, Nov. 8, 1978

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 28—Carmen Moreno

April 29—Mary Krupicka, Michael Niece

April 30—Rose Holthaus, Cathy Ferguson

May 1—Alan Brisnehan

May 2—Marilyn Retzlaff

May 3—Judy Roscoe

May 4—Joyce Yosten, Beth Clemans

May 5—Sr. Carlene Headrick

Rest In Peace to those who have died recently in-

cluding Robert Sperling, father of parishioner Nancy Buettner; Bob Ostdiek, brother of parishioner Pat Golka and parishioner Elizabeth Harrison. 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 re-



cent 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

Catholic Home Missions Appeal this weekend

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the U.S. and its territories are consid-

ered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the U.S. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Single Catholic Women ages 20-35:

Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line discernment events designed for you.

Discover your calling and purpose. Visit https://fscc-calledtobe.org or contact Sr. Julie Ann at (920) 323-9632.

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, May 4, 5:00 PM	Sunday, May 5, 8:00 AM	Sunday, May 5, 10:30 AM
Lector	Jim Lewandowski	Linda Hamik	Ed Jarmer
Commentator	Kathy McFarland	Ron Golka	Linda Rea
Communion Minister	Dcn Bill Buchta——Body 1 Presiding Priest——Body 2 Sr Carlene Headrick—Body 3 Shaun Hooper—Blood 1 Martin Irvine—Blood 2 Nancy Buettner—Blood 3 Ann Miller—Blood 1 Jeanette Krajewski—Blood 2 Bill Buettner—Blood 3	Dcn Bill Buchta— Body 1 Presiding Priest—Body 2 Nathan Keep— Body 3 Rose Mary Staab –Blood 1 Patty Hooker—Blood 2 Rodney Hooker — Blood 3 Kathleen Schiweger – Blood 1 Chris Stinson—Blood 2 Sue Stinson—Blood 3	Dcn Bill Buchta——Body 1 Presiding Priest—Body 2 Michael Wardyn—Body 3 Ashley Lothrop—Blood 1 Chad Chrastil—Blood 2 Darien Cox—Blood 3 Zach Peirce—Blood 1 NEED A VOLUNTEER —Blood 2 Kayla Chrastil—Blood 3
Server	Connor Chmelka Cody Golka	Ben Miller Norah Olsen	Katelyn Sodomka NEED A VOLUNTEER
Greeter	Kevin Placzek Susan Gunter Jean Wilson Mike Wilson	Dayle Schutte John Schutte Carl Tesmer Debby Tesmer	Rose Callahan Denise Jarmer NEED A VOLUNTEER NEED A VOLUNTEER
Minister to the Homebound		John Schwieger—PYX 1 Dawnell GlunzPYX 2 Rose Mary Staab—PYX 3 Norbert Wenzl—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

Knights pancake feed April 28

The Knights of
Columbus will host a
breakfast after Sunday
Masses, April 28, at St.
Leo's serving pancakes,
sausage &
eggs. Free
will donations
accepted.

Celebrating Memories of
Blessed Sacrament
Preschool will be at 2 pm Mass
Sunday, April 28
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
A social will follow Mass from
3 to 5 pm in the Jubilee Center

Traveling Crucifix for Vocations



Consider signing up for the Traveling Crucifix for Vocations on the vocations table in the hallway.

Prayer is a Powerful Tool!



2023/24 Diocesan Appeal Update as of 4/22/24 St Leo's Parish

Parish Goal: \$83,781 Total Raised: \$67,640 Household Goal: 240 Current Households: 192



We are now over half way through the appeal and we have work to do to reach our goals. The financial goal is \$83,781 and we are up to \$67,640

or 81%! Our participation goal is 240 households and we have 192 so far. The more we have involved. even with a small financial gift, the better off we will be. Remember the Annual Diocesan

St. Leo's Diocesan Appeal \$83,781.00 Me are at \$67,640.00

Household Goal

240

192

Appeal supports things like the Newman Cen-

ters, Continuing Education for Priests, Priest

Retreats, International Priest Program,

We are at 80°/01 Retired Priest Medical Insurance, Permanent Diaconate, Seminary Formation, Vocations, Pro-

Life, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

of our Diocesan Church!

Thank you for your support

TITHING

Last Week's Offertory

Regular Collection \$ 5,885.17 Plate/Youth 599.30 Online \$ 5,114.00 \$ 11,598.47

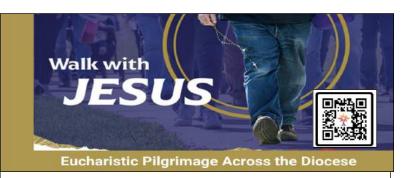
Estimated Weekly Budget for April \$13,621

Congratulations!

To all the children who received their First Holy Communion on April 13, 2024!







Be part of the National Eucharistic Procession throughout the Grand Island Diocese. Find the schedule of stops and events at https://gidiocese.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage

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

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

Eucharistic Procession

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



"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.

THANK

Thank you to those who volunteered their time this past Saturday for the Habitat Build. Pictured with outreach coordinator Peachis Amadou are the ladies who will be getting a habitat house. What a blessing that we are able to help those get into housing.



Cases for CASA



Thank you to all who donated items for Cases for CASA!

REMINDER

Next weekend, May 4 & 5, is our monthly food collection for St. Mary's

May 2 is Go Big Give!

Go Big GIVE brings Hall, Hamilton, Howard, and Merrick Counties together as one community, raising money and awareness for our local nonprofits during the 24-hour online giving day on May 2.



24 HOURS TO CLICK & GIVE

We inspire people to give generously to nonprofits making the heart-land stronger, creating a thriving community for all.

There will be fundraisers all day to support these local nonprofits. Find fundraisers on www.gobiggive.org



April is Child Abuse Prevention month

Blue ribbons are available in the gathering area. Wear yours to show your support for the prevention of child abuse



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.

St. Leo's COLLEGE Scholarship deadline April 30!



St. Leo's Parish will award one (1) scholarship of \$1,000.00 to one (1) young adult, who is a registered member of St. Leo's Parish and a current college student. Easy online application! Click on the qr code or go to www.saintleos.org/st-leos-scholarship.html

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GRAND ISLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



St. Paul Street Evangelization is a grassroots, non-profit Catholic evangelization organization, dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus to preach the gospel to all nations by taking

our Catholic 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.

Welcome Jenny and Justin!

Jenny Stelk & Justin Brown will be confirmed and receive their first Holy Communion at 5 pm Mass on Saturday, May 4



Jenny Stelk

Jenny is the daughter of Mark and Wanda Stelk. She has a brother. Scott, and a sister, Kim. She has 10 nieces and nephews: Ryleigh, Makayla, Austin, Alex, Erin, Maley, David, Dana, Joley and Maci. She was baptized and confirmed Presbyterian. She is a single "fur mom" to dogs Kiya, Foltz and Rex.

"As a young adult, I wandered away from my faith. After experiencing some of the darkest days of my life in the last year, I started to examine myself internally.

"...the Holy Spirit drew me to have a relationship Spirit drew me to with Jesus Christ"

Through this process the Holy have a relationship with Jesus

Christ. I started reading about different religions and was drawn to the Catholic Church because it was founded by Jesus Christ. After reading the book "Catholicism for Dummies" I was sold on the church. I loved how the Church is what the Bible says. I feel a sense of peace, joy and hope I have not felt in years." "I am an ultramarathon runner who is training for a 100-mile race. Running on the trails in the wee hours of the morning is where I love to spend time with Jesus. I've actually prayed the rosary out loud while runnina."

"The catechesis process helped me make my final decision because I learned that the Church follows the same core set of beliefs I share. Dan, Kathy and my sponsor, Taylor, have given me so much love and

"The parish has welcomed me with open arms. I appreciate everyone who has introduced themselves to me and makes me feel at home. I love this parish! I would especially like to thank Father Don for giving me so much love and support."

Justin grew up in Kansas and has lived in Texas. Illinois, Florida and California. His father (now

tired Army



officer, college professor and business owner. His mother was a paralegal and now runs a legal blog. He has a sister who is an IT professional with one daughter (age 14), and one son (12).

He is a single "The catechesis nonprocess has denominasolidified my tional Chrisfaith in God, tian and is a Jesus and the state compli-Holy Spirit" ance repre-

sentative at the casinos.

"I wanted to be Catholic growing up and had Catholic friends," he said. "I went to Catholic boys' summer camps."

"The catechesis process has solidified my faith in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit," he said.

"Several parishioners have made me feel welcome. Father Don is easy to talk to. Dan and Kathy have answered the questions that I had, and Dan has invited me to Brothers in Christ for bible study and helped me find like-minded friends.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

St. eo's



Students in Empower Youth and Little Disciples participated in a Eucharistic Pilgrimage with Father Don Buhrman and Deacon Bill Buchta (pictured) in honor of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage happening in June. More details are available at www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org.



Internationally known speaker and Papal Missionary Father Jim Sichko from the Diocese of Lexington, Ky., celebrated Mass April 20 at St. Leo's. He presented 1-hour long parish mission evening talks April 21, 22 and 23. He is scheduled to return to St. Paul, Neb. in November.

Did you enjoy hearing the message from Father Jim Sichko? Would you like to be part of the team that brought him to St. Leo's? We are looking for new members to join the E-Team! Email publications@saintleos.org

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



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