



# St. Leo's Parish

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**April 7, 2024**

## Divine Mercy Sunday Second 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: ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** — Is 7:10-14; 8:10, 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38

**TUESDAY:** Acts 4:32-37, Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5, Jn 3:7b-15

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

**THURSDAY:** Acts 5:27-33, PS 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20, Jn 3:31-36

**FRIDAY:** Acts 5:34-42, Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14, Jn 6:1-15

**SATURDAY:** Acts 6:1-7, PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, Jn 6:16-21

**SUNDAY:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9, 1 Jn 2:1-5a, Lk 24:35-48

### 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>



Give thanks to the Lord  
for he is good,  
his love is  
**EVERLASTING.**

### Parish Clergy

**Fr. Don Buhrman, Pastor**  
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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:



*God Bless You! Fr. Don*

### 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.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

### *Food for Thought*

*"Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world. It unites heaven and earth. It embraces and permeates all creation."*

*Pope St. John Paul II, Ecclesia de Eucharistia  
April 17, 2003*

**Find more info at [www.saintleos.org](http://www.saintleos.org)**

## Pray for Vocations

***Uplift your Priest starts April 8***



**"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you."** Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Talk to Fr. Don or reach out to the Vocation Office at 308-234-1539 or email: [vocations@gidiocese.org](mailto:vocations@gidiocese.org)

## 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, award winning columnist

**Room Reservations:** Cobblestone Hotel & Suites and  
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.

Father Don Buhrman 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 during the **"Uplift Your Priest Campaign"** April 8-19. At the Masses on April 13-14, the choir will lead the congregation in affirming Fr. Don with **"The Blessing Song."** Also that weekend you will find spiritual bouquet cards at the ends of the pew, please fill one out and place it in the gold box located in the gathering area.

## This Week at St. Leo's

### Sunday, April 7 ~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~

8:00 am Mass Intention: Parish Community  
10:30 am Mass Intention: Kay McGowan+  
By: Catholic Daughters #1263

### Monday, April 8 ~ ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD ~

9:00 am Mass Intention: Deb Arthur+  
By: Knights of Columbus #10387  
9:30 am Chair Stretch  
5:30 pm Annunciation Mass & Blessing of Pregnant Moms

### Tuesday, April 9

9:00 am Mass Intention: Wilma Kellogg+  
By: Knights of Columbus #10387  
12:00 pm Golden Gems  
12:00 pm Finance Committee  
4:00 pm Liturgy Committee  
5:30 pm AA  
6:00 pm Parish Council  
6:30 pm Baptism Class

### Wednesday, April 10

9:00 am Mass Intention: Marius Baumert+  
By: Knights of Columbus #10387  
9:30 am Chair Stretch  
6:00 pm First Communion practice  
7:00 pm Ladies of Leos  
7:00 pm Empower Youth

### Thursday, April 11

9:00 am Mass Intention: Earl Leiting+  
By: LaDonna Leiting  
9:30 am Women of Faith Sharing  
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group  
6:00 pm Quilt Group  
6:30 pm Music Ministry

### Friday, April 12

9:00 am Mass Intention: John Bishop+  
By: Jim & Nancy Bishop  
10:00 am Al-Anon  
6:00 pm First Communion practice

### Saturday, April 13

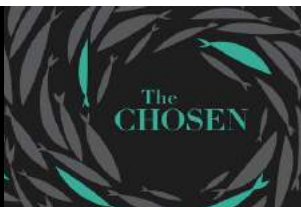
4:00 pm Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass (**FIRST COMMUNION**)  
Mass Intention: Dave Schmidt+  
By: John & Kathy Hartman

### Sunday, April 14 ~ LADIES OF LEO'S DOUGHNUTS ~

8:00 am Mass Intention: Parish Community  
10:30 am Mass Intention: Julia Foote+  
By: Kris Mleczko  
2:00 pm "The Chosen" movie matinee

## Movie Matinee

**Season 3, Episode 3**  
**Sunday, April 14**  
**2 pm**



## **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 7—Marv & Dorothy Rief  
April 8—Paula Riesberg  
April 9—Brenda Riley, Judy Roscoe  
April 10—Cheri Schmidt  
April 11—Beata Nabity  
April 12—Rose Ann Sindelar  
April 13—Dee Hanssen and GICC School  
April 14—Colleen Todd

**Rest In Peace** to those who have died recently including **Rob Colgan, son of parishioner Vianne Colgan**. 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*



## **PROMPTS FOR SHARING**

*April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter*

- ◆ How do you encounter the risen Christ? What evidence does Jesus give you of his presence and power?
- ◆ What might you learn about Jesus from people who are different from you? Think of differences in age, culture and vocation. How might you seek out others' stories of Jesus so that you might appreciate him more fully?
- ◆ The first reading reveals an early church that holds all things in common. Shaped as we are by capitalism and consumerism, it is hard for us to envision living in such a way, but what is one way you could loosen your grasp of possessions and share with those who are in need?

## **Happy 95th Bon!**

**April 11**



Send your greetings to:

Bon Blair  
2915 S North Road  
Grand Island NE 68803

*He'd love to hear from you!*



Use the QR code to log on to **your** ministry account to volunteer.  
 Reach out to **Jami Kusek** at [jami@saintleos.org](mailto:jami@saintleos.org) or **Kristen Schutte** with any questions. Thank you!



	Saturday, April 13, 5:00 PM	Sunday, April 14, 8:00 AM	Sunday, April 14, 10:30 AM
Lector	Jim Lewandowski	Linda Hamik	Elaine Janulewicz
Commentator	Karma Lewandowski (sub req)	Frank Prucha	Karen Cox
Communion Minister	Presiding Priest—Body 1 <b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b> -Body 2 Cory Gearhart—Body 3 Heather Gearhart—Blood 1 Sue Stinson (sub req)—Blood 2 <b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b> —Blood 3 Julia Fiala—Blood 1 Vince Fiala—Blood 2 Chris Stinson (sub req)—Blood 3	Presiding Priest—Body 1 <b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b> – Body 2 <b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b> — Body 3 John Schwieger—Blood 1 RoseAnn Allen—Blood 2 Mary Keslar— Blood 3 Connie Swanson – Blood 1 Robert Allen— Blood 2 Kathleen Schwieger —Blood 3	Presiding Priest—Body 1 Doug Glunz—Body 2 Jamie Meyer— Body 3 Chad Chrastil—Blood 1 Michael Wardyn-Blood 2 Dawnell Glunz— Blood 3 Kayla Chrastil— Blood 1 Sean Gellatly—Blood 2 Ashley Lothrop—Blood 3
Server	Kenzie Clausen Maci Clausen	Frank Schneider Hatti Schneider	Reese Chrastil Dax Gellatly
Greeter	Mary Krupicka Tim Krupicka Jon Shaffer Joyce Shaffer	Anita Polansky Paul Polansky Dorothy Rief Marv Rief	Kristie Dolton Thomas Dolton Christy Smith Ryan Smith
Minister to the Homebound		Frank and Marsha Prucha—PYX 1 John Schwieger-PYX 2 Bob and RoseAnn Allen—PYX 3 Mike Gauthier—PYX 4	

If you have any questions regarding the Ministry Schedule, please contact [jami@saintleos.org](mailto:jami@saintleos.org)  
 If you are interested in helping livestream Mass, we would love to have more help. Please email [publications@saintleos.org](mailto:publications@saintleos.org)



Marriage as Prayer, April 12 – 14, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Fathers Larry Gillick & Greg Carlson, SJ. Get in touch with the way God has been a guide for your life and marriage, calling you to love each other, yourself and God! You will be given time to pray individually and as a couple, to share with each other, and to explore the beautiful retreat space while seeking to deepen your relationship with God and your spouse. This retreat honors times of silence and private couple sharing but encourages discussion with others during meals. We welcome all couples seeking greater union with God and one another. Friday, 7 pm to Sunday, noon. Register at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.

**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**  
**the Jubilee Center**



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

**2023/24 Diocesan Appeal Update** as of 4/2/24

**St Leo's Parish**

Parish Goal: \$83,781  
 Total Raised: \$65,455  
 Household Goal: 240  
 Current Households: 184



TITHING	
Last Week's Offertory	
Regular Collection	\$10,307.17
Plate/Youth	\$ 780.12
Online	\$ 6,073.00
	<b>\$17,160.20</b>
Estimated Weekly Budget for March \$11,609	
Holy Land Collection	\$1,944.52
Rice Bowl Collection	\$1,039.64
Easter	\$8,522.00

**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.; and the business meeting from 9 to 10 a.m. Guest speaker is Vince Hernandez on "Scams" from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by Mass from 11 a.m. to Noon. The meeting will conclude with lunch. Cost is \$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.

**Golden Gems to gather April 9**

Golden Gems will meet Tuesday, April 9, for a noon luncheon at St. Leo's. Blood pressure checks will begin at 11:30 am with the program beginning at noon.



**MEETINGS IN GRAND ISLAND**  
**APRIL 23, 2024**

*Walking with Moms in Need*

**PRESENTERS**

**Michael Kube**  
 Director, Pro-Life Office  
 Diocese of Grand Island

**Joey Ruff**  
 Director, Collage Center,  
 Grand Island

**Linda Kube**  
 Coordinator,  
 Mary's Cradle

**What:** *Walking with Moms-Getting Started, Diocese of Grand Island*

**When:** *Tuesday, April 23, 4:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. (your choice)*

**Where:** *St. Mary's Cathedral Square*

- Learn how your parish can start this wonderful initiative
- Hear from Director of Collage about their Pregnancy Help Center
- Tour the new "Mary's Cradle" at St. Mary's Cathedral Square
- Parishes encouraged to send a representative

**REGISTER TODAY**

(308)382-6565 or [frontdesk@gdiocese.org](mailto:frontdesk@gdiocese.org)  
 RSVP Date: April 18 (Requested, but not required)

Scan Barcode For Information

Any young men or women interested in discerning their vocation is invited to join Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt & the diocesan vocation team for a meal & informal discussion at the

**Andrew-Miriam Dinner**

**6 pm April 30 at St. Mary's Cathedral Square**

Names and contact information of any young men or women in their junior year and anyone up to college-age who might be interested should contact Cosme Cham, executive officer, Vocations Office at [ccham@gdiocese.org](mailto:ccham@gdiocese.org) or via text at (402)899-9123. Parents of high school-age students are encouraged to attend.

**Also**, any young men 16 years and over who would like to attend the **Encounter Weekend** April 20-22 at Conception Seminary are encouraged to **RSVP Cham by April 8.**

The Vocations office is organizing transportation and chaperones for the weekend.



“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*



Your stewardship helps:

Rent	6
Rental deposit	2
Utilities	5
Other	4

## Volunteer Opportunities

**We need you!**



**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.

## Cases for CASA

When children are removed from their home and placed into foster care most of the time they have to leave in a hurry without gathering their belongings or all their belongings are put into a garbage bag. Heartland CASA provides each child with a rolling suitcase or duffle bag with hygiene products and activities for them to ease the transition to foster care. For the month of April, we will be accepting donations to provide Heartland CASA with CASES for children. Donations that are needed:

- ◆ Small rolling suitcases or duffle bags (for teenagers)
- ◆ Hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair comb)
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products
- ◆ Socks
- ◆ Activities for children or teenagers (coloring books, crayons, puzzles, cards, board games, crossword puzzles)

There will be 2 suitcases set up in the gathering area for your donations. We are accepting donations until Friday, April 26.

## REMINDER

This weekend is our monthly food collection for St. Mary's Food Pantry!



## April is Child Abuse Prevention month

The Human Concerns committee will be handing out blue ribbons this weekend. Please wear your ribbon to support the prevention of child abuse.

Registration  
Opens Feb 1st



Steubenville of the Rockies  
June 21-23, 2024




## 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://gdiocese.org/steubenville> to register.

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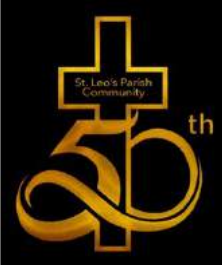
St. Leo's Parish Mission  
 .....  
**April 21, 22, 23**  
**6:30 - 7:30 pm**  
 in the church  
  
**60 Minutes for Jesus with Fr. Jim Sichko**  
 Come and laugh, cry, sing along and feel inspired  
  
 Each talk is completely family friendly and a 'stand alone' topic. If you can't come all three nights that's okay. Come as much as you can

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT  
**St. Leo's**  
 Holy Thursday



T	S	B	U	O	D	Y	E	S	R	STORY	ROAD	BREAD	FRIGHT
N	E	O	B	T	R	E	H	E	H	GHOST	DOUBTS	HANDS	FEET
E	Y	N	R	O	T	S	C	E	S	TOUCH	BONES	FISH	PSALMS
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 **50th Anniversary Souvenirs**  
 Souvenirs from St. Leo's 50th anniversary are still available.  
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### **Explainer on Bishops' Response to Alternative Ballot Proposal Providing Protections for Preborn Babies**

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, a ballot initiative proposal providing protections for preborn babies was launched by “Protect Women and Children”. This proposal differs from the morally evil pro-abortion proposal launched in November.

The newly launched proposal reads: “Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimester.”

The three Bishops of Nebraska—through the Nebraska Catholic Conference—stated it is morally permissible for Nebraskans to support the newly proposed initiative language, for the following reasons:

- The proposal provides constitutional protection for preborn babies during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester.
- The proposal leaves protections for preborn babies in the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester and in cases of rape, incest, or medical emergency to the Nebraska Legislature.
- The proposal does *not* affect Nebraska’s current pro-life law which protects preborn babies at 12 weeks with exceptions for rape, incest, and medical emergency, and it leaves intact countless other health and safety laws passed over the last 50 years to protect women and babies from abortion.

The Bishops further determined that a voter can support the proposal, under the following conditions:

- The voter must understand that all abortion must be opposed, and that direct abortion is never morally acceptable under any circumstances.
- The voter must view this proposal as an incremental step toward full protection of all human life from abortion, and not as a permanent compromise. Supporters must remain committed to the effort of recognizing the right to life of all preborn children.<sup>1</sup>
- The voter must accept that the proposal does *not* create any right to abortion in the Nebraska Constitution. The Nebraska Legislature remains free to provide greater protection for human life.
- The voter must understand that this proposal is an imperfect alternative to the intrinsically evil pro-abortion ballot initiative proposal launched in November. That pro-abortion ballot initiative cannot be supported under any circumstance and must be rejected. To learn more about the problems with the pro-abortion ballot initiative, visit [www.NEcatholic.org](http://www.NEcatholic.org).

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<sup>1</sup> See Saint Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (Gospel of Life), paragraph 73: “A particular problem of conscience can arise in cases where a legislative vote would be decisive for the passage of a more restrictive law, aimed at limiting the number of authorized abortions, in place of a more permissive law already passed *or ready to be voted on*. Such cases are not infrequent. It is a fact that while in some parts of the world there continue to be campaigns to introduce laws favoring abortion, often supported by powerful international organizations, in other nations—particularly those which have already experienced the bitter fruits of such permissive legislation—there are growing signs of a rethinking in this matter. In a case like the one just mentioned, when it is not possible to overturn or completely abrogate a pro-abortion law, an elected official, whose absolute personal opposition to procured abortion was well known, could licitly support proposals aimed at limiting the harm done by such a law and at lessening its negative consequences at the level of general opinion and public morality. This does not in fact represent an illicit cooperation with an unjust law, but rather a legitimate and proper attempt to limit its evil aspects.” (emphasis added)