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St. Leo's Parish

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Aug. 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	*Baptism Preparation*	*Marriage Preparation*
Saturday 4-4:30 p.m. or by appointment	Call Jen Golka to register	By appointment at least 6 months in advance

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Psalm 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16, Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14, Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Psalm 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21, Luke 4:38-44
Thursday:~Memorial of St. Gregory the Great~ 1 Corinthians 3:18-23, Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, Luke 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40, Luke 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15, Psalm 145:17-18, 19-20, 21, Luke 6:1-5
Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9, Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

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 **www.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:

Dear parishioners and friends of Christ,

Parents watching children becoming young adults often have ups and downs, joys and sorrows... St. Monica is known for her persistent desire that her children embrace Jesus Christ and serve Him. One of her sons was an inquisitive, bright young man who was searching for meaning in life and embraced several different philosophies before He came to faith in the person of Jesus Christ. He was blessed with a good education as a young boy but in his teens his family situation changed and did not have money to continue his education; he developed some bad habits with the influence of peers. Feeling confined, this son got on a ship to get away and seek his freedom.

Eventually this son became a teacher of rhetoric, persuasive speaking. Also, during this time of his life, the son lived with a young woman and together they had a child; despite their common living they never married. Monica journeyed to Milan, Italy, to meet a bishop known for his great leadership and preaching. She asked the bishop to go speak with her son. He said to her, "No, now is not the time." He understood that the young man had to be the one who would come to him with an openness prepared by God and respecting his freedom.

St. Monica learned from the bishop, St. Ambrose, to be patient yet confident "it is impossible that the son of so many tears should perish." She learned to pray for God to give grace in His time, knowing that God loves her son even more than she does. She had to deepen her trust in God and His providence.

At the age of 35, Monica's son, Augustine, became a Christian and was baptized, along with his son, Adeodatus, by the bishop Ambrose. A few months later, on the way home to Hippo, North Africa, with Augustine and Adeodatus, Monica fell ill and died. When death was approaching Monica told her family, "Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you any concern. One thing only I ask of you; that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

Monica would not have known that her prayers and devotion would affect not only the life of her son but also the course of world history. Augustine would become not only a firm believer of Christ but discover his calling to be a priest, bishop and doctor of the Church.

Sts. Monica and Augustine, pray for us, especially those who do not yet have faith!

Msgr. Mark Huber

Summer HOURS

REMINDER

St. Leo's office CLOSES at noon on Fridays!
We will return to regular hours after Labor Day

Commitment Sunday is in Two Weeks

Get ready to be inspired! We will hear the true story of a fellow parishioner who has embraced stewardship as a way of life and the difference it has made for them. Is something holding you back from embracing this incredible way of life? Pray about it this week. Review the stewardship materials you received in the mail and take a step forward in faith. Remember to bring your Commitment Card to Mass on commitment Sunday or fill one out online at the www.saintleos.org!

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug. 30, 2026

- Jeremiah's prayer in the first reading is an incredibly honest dialogue with God, even blaming God for his suffering. Are you able to have this same vulnerability in prayer? What keeps you from being open with God?
- If you were with the disciples in today's gospel, how would you feel about Jesus's prediction? Is Peter's rebuke understandable? How about Jesus' response?
- In your circumstances right now, what does it mean to take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Join us at the Nebraska State Fair for an outdoor Mass on the southwest corner of the fairgrounds on the ACP Stage in front of the Aurora Co-op Pavillion (east side).
Bishop Emeritus William Dendinger will celebrate Mass on Aug. 30; Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt will celebrate Mass on Sept. 6. Both Masses begin at 8:30 am. All donations will go to the Howard County Food Pantry.
For more information contact the Diocese of Grand Island Chancery, 2708 Old Fair Rd, 308-382-6565 or by email frontdesk@gidiocese.org.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

Pray for Vocations

Vocations Ministry Team

Jesus entrusts his Church to faithful servants and calls each of us to lay down our lives in love and service. Priests, religious, and married couples all share in this call to embrace sacrifice for the good of others. Consider how God may be inviting you. If you feel called to the priesthood or consecrated life, be open and vigilant in prayer and if you have questions, talk to Fr. Neal Hock at the Vocation Office 308-234-1539 or email vocations@gidiocese.org.

Stewardship

The Steward's Reward

Think of a time when you felt a deep sense of satisfaction in a job well done. Chances are, what you were doing was not always easy. The extra effort, care or time given came from a heightened sense of responsibility, something that you needed to accomplish that required your talents or time, something only you could do. How many of those moments stand out in your life? To be a Christian disciple is a rewarding way of life.

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, AUG. 30 ~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONUTS~
8:30 am Mass Intention: Eileen Dingwerth+
10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community

MONDAY, AUG. 31
9:00 am Mass Intention: Bea Wede+
By: Gloria Hasek

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1
9:00 am Mass Intention: Mildred Siebrass+
By: Dcn Bill & Nancy Buchta
5:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2
6:30 am 4th Day Group
9:00 am Mass Intention: Judy Wagoner
9:30 am Widow's Group
9:30 am Vocations Team

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3
9:00 am Mass Intention: Peachis Amadou & Baby
9:30 am Women's Bible Group (*Gathering Room)*
11:30 am Human Concerns
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl *(Gathering Room)*

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4
10:30 am **FUNERAL FOR ANNETTE NABITY**
12:00 pm **OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5
5:00 pm Mass Intention: Jim Watson+
By: Marie Platek

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6
8:30 am Mass Intention: Larry Cornelius+
By: Bob & Roseann Allen
10:30 am Mass Intention: Parish Community

Prayer Chain: Beth Clemans, 308-379-4442
Homebound Ministry: Joyce Aspen, 308-379-9478
The 31 Club: Sr. Carlene Headrick, 308-380-9100

Finance Council

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

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*
Micah Schutte, Nancy Buettner, Nathan Keep, Ashley Ruble, Heather Gearhart, John Hartman, Gerald Janulewicz

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

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.

Aug. 30—Rose Holthaus, Cathy Ferguson
Aug. 31—Maureen Mendyk
Sept. 1—Alan Brisnehan
Sept. 2—Marilyn Retzlaff
Sept. 3—Kathy Hartman
Sept. 4—Beth Clemans
Sept. 5—Sr. Carlene Headrick
Sept. 6—**OPEN**

The 31 Club has an opening for the 6th and 24th days of the month. Contact the office if you are interested.

REST IN PEACE to those who have died recently including **Father Richard Piontkowski** and **parishioner Annette Nabity.** If you know of a former parishioner or a family member of a current parishioner who 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 at jami@saintleos.org** or **Kristen Schutte** with any questions. Thank you!

	Saturday Sept. 5 5 PM	Sunday Sept. 6 8:30 AM	Sunday, Sept. 6 10:30 AM
Lector	Karma Lewandowski	Nancy Buchta	Chris Wissing
Commentator	Matthew Kaslon	**NEED A VOLUNTEER**	Chris Riha
Communion Minister	**NEED A VOLUNTEER**—Body 1 Dcn Bill Buchta—Body 2 Presiding Priest—Body 3 Jeanette Krajewski—Blood 1 Justin Brown—Blood 2 Wes Tjaden—Blood 3 Jim Lewandowski—Blood 1 Doris Rempe—Blood 2 Mike Wilson—Blood 3	Don Dubas—Body 1 Dcn Bill Buchta—Body 2 Presiding Priest—Body 3 Gary Maresh—Blood 1 Connie Swanson—Blood 2 Dianne Harms—Blood 3 Patty Hooker—Blood 1 Jim Meyer—Blood 2 Rodney Hooker—Blood 3	Michael Wardyn—Body 1 Dcn Bill Buchta—Body 2 Presiding Priest—Body 3 Chad Chrastil—Blood 1 Rhonda Riha—Blood 2 Reese Chrastil—Blood 3 Sean Gellatly—Blood 1 Kayla Chrastil— Blood 2 Janae Liberty—Blood 3
Altar Server	Emily Price Jocelynn Price	Luke Morris (sub request) Ella Olson	Alex Schneider Oliver Vance
Greeter	**NEED A VOLUNTEER** **NEED A VOLUNTEER** **NEED A VOLUNTEER** **NEED A VOLUNTEER**	Paula Riesberg Roger Riesberg **NEED A VOLUNTEER** **NEED A VOLUNTEER**	Janelle Riehle Steve Riehle Christy Smith Ryan Smith
Minister to the Homebound		Connie Werner —PYX 1 Cheri Schmidt—PYX 2 Bob & RoseAnn Allen—PYX 3 Jonathan Doll—PYX 4 (sub request)	

Weekend retreat scheduled Sept. 18-20 in Hastings

A weekend Unbound retreat will be Sept. 18-20 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Hastings. The retreat will begin at 6 pm Friday evening and will end after lunch on Sunday.

If you are sometimes overwhelmed, hurt or discouraged with the burdens of life or you want the freedom that comes with experiencing God's love and mercy, then this retreat is for you.

Father Bill Holoubek, pastor at St. Anthony in Steinauer and director of the Diocesan Mission Office for the Diocese of Lincoln, is the retreat master.

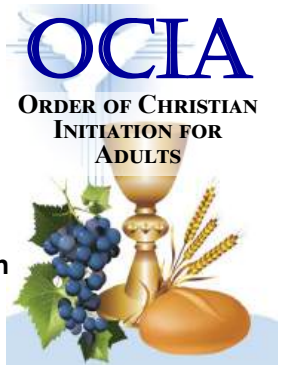
Registration is requested but not required. Contact Fr. Clinch, (402-463-1336); Marg Noecker, (402-984-4120); Fr. Hazuka (402-463-1023) or Mary Koch (402-984-6624).

There is no fee for the retreat or meals but it is recommended that participants purchase and read "Unbound" before the retreat. Books are available for purchase from STC Church or Marg Noecker. The cost is $14 for the book and $16 for the workbook.

OCIA to begin Sept. 10

An OCIA class has been scheduled to meet on

Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 pm beginning Sept. 10



Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, being baptized or confirmed or for those who have other questions about the Catholic faith, please contact Msgr. Huber at 382-4753 or email frhuber@saintleos.org.

Last Week's Tithings

Regular Collection	$ 8,055.00
Plate/Youth	$ 564.00
Online	$ 4,189.00
	$12,808.00

Estimated Weekly Budget for Aug. $11,727

WANTED: Maintenance Director for St. Mary's Cathedral

ST. MARY'S Cathedral

The director of maintenance oversees maintenance and janitorial operations of the church, rectory, parish hall, campus grounds **AND reports to the pastor, working closely with the pastor, parish staff and volunteers.** The director of maintenance is an experienced leader with strong technical, communication and problem-solving skills.

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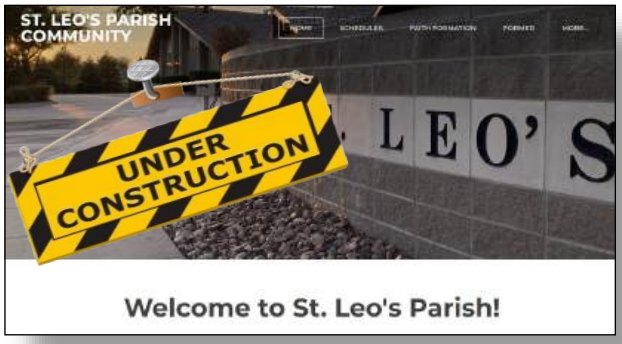
The successful candidate will also be responsible for compliance with federal, state and archdiocese maintenance and safety regulations. To apply call 308-382-2523 or email office@stmarysgi.com

Website still under construction, we hope to be done soon!



A NOTE FROM HEATHER ...

The gospel according to volleyball

Heather Tjaden

In the spirit of faith, fellowship, and questionable decision-making, your Office Manager is heading to Texas to watch the Husker Girls Volleyball team play at AT&T Stadium for **ONE MILLION DOLLARS.** Some may call this a vacation. Others may call it a volleyball tournament. **I prefer to call it a pilgrimage** as I will be traveling hundreds of miles, gathering with thousands of people, loudly professing my faith… in the Huskers.

I'm pretty sure Jesus said something about going forth and making disciples. He probably didn't specifically mention volleyball, but I'm confident He would understand.

Please pray for safe travels, a Husker victory, and for Father Huber to continue believing keeping me on as your office manager is still a good idea! **Go Big Red!**

Heather

New session begins Sept. 11!

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Join us on ***FRIDAYS for***
- ***5:30 am breakfast***
- ***6 am video teaching***
- ***6:30 am discussion/prayer***

Now meeting at St. Leo's

Widowed?

You don't have to walk this journey alone

The St. Leo's Widow's Group is an ongoing gathering where you can share your grief journey, find friendship and connect with others who truly understand. Participants share stories, memories, joys, challenges and sometimes even laughter. New members are always welcome. The group meets in the Gathering Room on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 am after Daily Mass.

Community OUTREACH

"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.

Annual Coat Drive is Oct. 22

Volunteers needed for coat repair/cleaning

The 22nd annual St. Leo's Parish Coat Drive & Giveaway will be from 10 am to 5:30 pm, Oct. 22. Donations of new or gently used coats and other winter-wear are now being accepted and can be dropped off at St. Leo's. The "coat prep team" has begun to meet on Tuesdays after Daily Mass to check donated coats for any repairs or zippers they may need or if they need to be washed. Anyone interested in helping can call or just stop by on Tuesdays after Mass.

Collection for Food Pantry NEXT WEEKEND, Sept. 5/6

St. Leo's will collect food for St. Mary's Food Pantry on the first weekend of each month beginning **NEXT WEEKEND, Sept. 5 and 6.** Bring your non-perishable items in whatever bag they came in. Support the local community and help families facing hunger.

Next Marriage Encounter is Sept. 18-20

Jesus said, "If anyone is willing to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Learn techniques to help face challenges in your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience **Sept. 18-20, in Grand Island or** Nov. 6-8 in Grand Junction, Colo. Call or text 402-370-5839 for more information. For Spanish contact Victor and Lupita Corona at 651-343-2348. For additional dates and locations, visit wwme.org or on Instagram and Facebook at worldwidemarriageencounter.

Find us online at www.saintleos.org or go to

Shoot 4 Life scheduled for Sept. 19

The Shoot-4-Life sporting clay charity event will be from 8:30 am to 1 pm on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Heartland Public Shooting Park in Grand Island. This event is an annual benefit for Pro-Life organizations in Nebraska. Entries are now being accepted for a 4-person team, individual adult or youth (18 & younger). The fee includes ammo, lunch and a chance to win prizes. Register at www.shoot4life.org.

Help needed for bingo at State Fair

The Knights of Columbus are looking for volunteers to help with bingo at the Nebraska State Fair. Please sign up in the binder located in the gathering area or contact Francis Sindelar at 308-4561 to schedule a shift.

Pray for Vocations

Traveling Crucifix For Vocations

It's no secret that the Diocese of Grand Island needs more vocations, particularly priests. The vast size of our diocese (more than 40,000 square miles) makes it difficult for one priest to cover more than a couple of parishes within a reasonable driving distance. Help increase vocations with prayer by signing up for either the Traveling Crucifix or the Vocations Bear. ***Prayer is a powerful tool!***

The Vocations Bear

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What's Happening at St. Leo's

Montana Mission Report

"Mission Montana" volunteers gave a presentation to Golden Gems on what they did for a week with Catholic Heart Work camp in June. About 20 youth participated in the mission trip. Thank you for giving your time to help others!

Clean-up on Blaine Street

A little closer to home, St. Leo's youth worked a roadside clean-up along Blaine Street last week. Thank you for all your hard work!

World Youth Day, Aug 1-10, 2027
Seoul, South Korea
$4,645 per person
Join the Diocese of Grand Island and Verso Ministries for a life-changing encounter at World Youth Day Aug. 1-10, 2027, in Seoul, South Korea. For the Diocese of Grand Island, participation is for young adults **ages 19 and older** by the time of travel. Final pricing may be adjusted based on WYD registration fees, airfare and/or any significant changes in currency exchange rates.
Questions? Call 574.383.9396

5-Day Pilgrimage and Mission to Mexico City

All area faithful are invited to a 5-day journey organized by St. Mary's Church in Ashland on Oct. 22-27, 2026. It will be a life-changing encounter with Christ through service, prayer, and pilgrimage. We will serve the poor alongside the ministry Hope of the Poor. We will also have extended times at the Basilica with Our Lady of Guadalupe, daily Mass, and teachings about Juan Diego's tilma. The cost of $850/person covers all transportation, meals, and lodging in Mexico City (excludes flight)

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Welcome dinner & intro

September 9, 2026

5:45pm—6:45pm

Rooted in TRUTH

Let your roots grow down into him,
and let your lives be built on him.
Then your faith will grow strong
in the truth you were taught,
and you will overflow with thankfulness.
-Colossians 2:7-

Little Disciples

St. Leo's Youth Ministry News

Empower Youth

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" **- St. Catherine of Siena**

Sept. 9 at 7:00 p.m.—kickoff!

Empower Youth Wed. Night Youth Group Welcomes all 6th through 10th grades

* ***Empower Youth Fall days:***

**** Sept. 9, 16, 23 (BEHOLD Night - Sept. 23 - Boulder Flats)***

Oct. 7, 14, 21

Nov. 4 (BEHOLD Night—Boulder Flats), Nov. 11, *(Parish Advent Night, Nov. 18)*

Dec. 2, 9, 16

Use the qr code for more info about Empower Youth and to register!

BEHOLD

A worship night for 7-12 grades

Step away from the noise and into grace: live contemporary music, a relatable message, an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Wed. Sept. 23, 7:00—8:30 p.m. / Boulder Flats venue— 4058 Enterprise Avenue

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Confirmation Preparation
Candidate / Parent Orientation

Sunday, Sept. 13 7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

This night is an introduction to the Confirmation preparation program for high school juniors and <u>all parents</u> .

Come see what this experience has to offer;

hear from seniors who were just Confirmed.