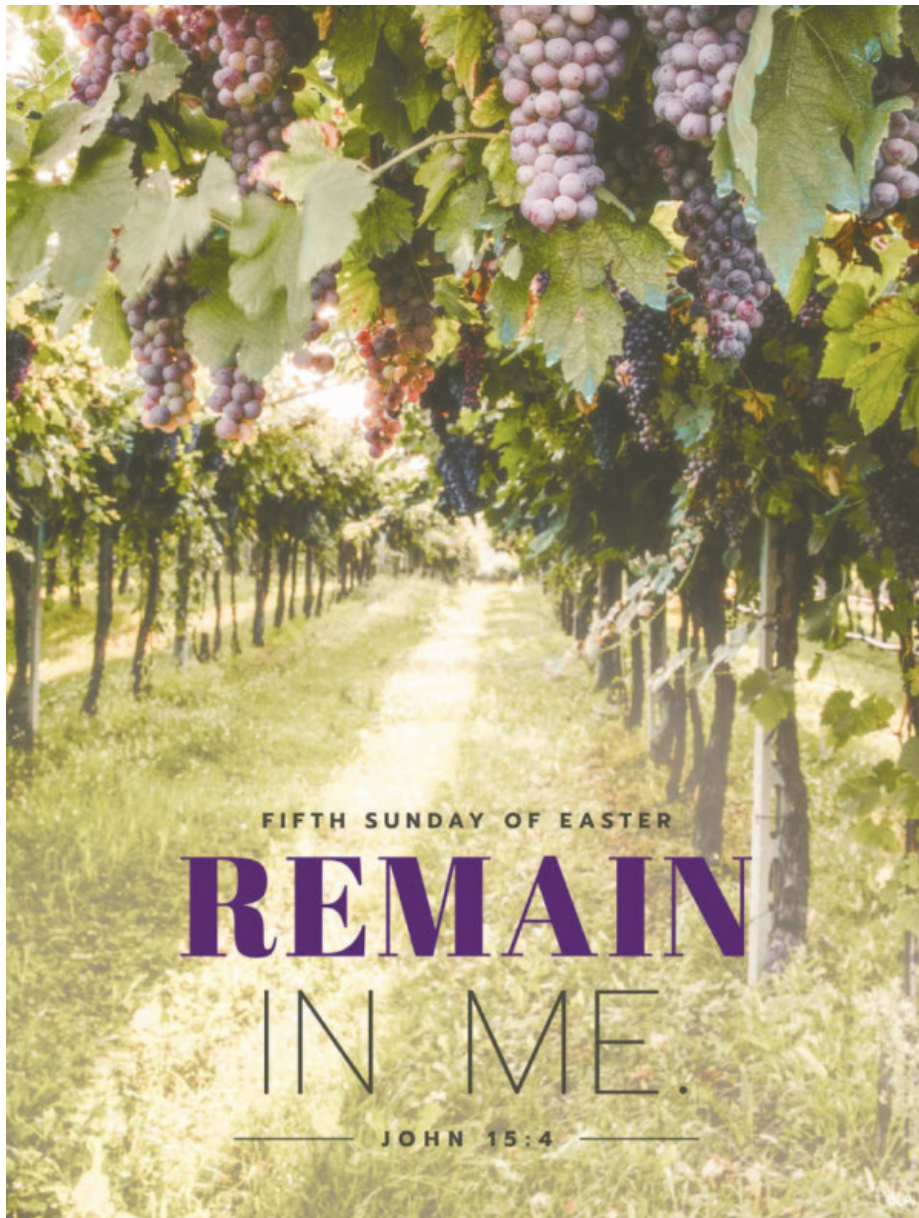




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April
28
2024

Pastor

Fr. Craig Loecker

Associate Pastor

Fr. Michael Swanton

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00noon, 5:30pm

Monday-Friday: 7:30am

Confessions

Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm

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Principal: Dr. Cory Sepich

St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

St. Leo the Great Parish is a faith-filled community dedicated to...

Offering inspiring & prayerful worship, Developing & maintaining quality, life-long religious education for everyone, Providing loving service to those in need, Celebrating the great events in our parish family.

A Note from Fr. Craig

Dear Parishioners,
Some have asked to bring back the cups at Mass for the precious blood. I have delayed it for the following reason: only a priest or deacon can purify the cups. When we pour water into the cups we must drink the water. We are not allowed to pour it down a sink or sacrarium. I am not comfortable drinking the water after several people have drank from the cup. I don't want to get sick. So, for now, we will wait. Thank you for understanding.

May is the month of Mary. May is considered the season of the beginning of new life. Mary is crowned with flowers and given special honor. Mary has the title "Queen of Heaven and Earth." We do not worship Mary but give her special honor for being the Mother



of Jesus and the Mother of the Church. Let us ask for Mary's intercession and follow her example of faith throughout the month of May. If you are able to, please pray the rosary for our country and world.

Also, please join us for a May Crowning on May 1 at 4:30 and 6:00pm in the St. Leo Holy Family Garden. We will also pray the rosary daily at 6:30pm in the garden during the month of May.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their support of their soda bread fundraiser for tuition assistance at St. Pius X/St. Leo School. This year was a record year for donations. Thanks to your generosity, they presented a check to the school this week for \$27,500. I am very grateful to our Knights and all of you for making this fundraiser such a huge success!

THANK YOU 2024 SODA BREAD

Have a good week,
Fr. Craig

Parish Financial Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Donations Received April 21, 2024

Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes:

\$44,123.00

Monthly ACH Donations: 24,028.00

Sunday Plate: \$2,335.91

Total Sunday: \$70,486.91

~Our per Sunday goal is \$30,673~

Fiscal Year to Date:

+\$34,633.74

Building Fund Envelopes: \$100.00

Human Needs Envelopes: \$350.00

Easter to Date: \$60,146.55

Home & Foreign Missions to Date:

\$360.00

Annual Appeal Update

St. Leo Parish Goal: \$118,661.34

Pledges to Date: \$111,210.00

% of Goal Reached: 93.72%

Deficit: \$7,451.34

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 29

7:30am + Dut Nguyen

Tuesday, April 30

7:30am + Theresa Izuegbunam

Wednesday, May 1

7:30am + Dennis Waggoner

Thursday, May 2

7:30am + Henry & Janet
Sampers

Friday, May 3

7:30am + Muriel Munchrath

Saturday, May 4

5:00pm + Jim Kelly

Sunday, May 5

8:00am + Catherine Tirone

10:00am Spec. Int for Bob May

& Shirley Simons

12:00pm + Cornelius Izuegbunam

5:30pm St. Leo Parish Family

Presider Schedule

May 4 & 5

Sat. 5:00pm: Fr. Craig

Sun. 8:00am: TBA

Sun. 10:00am: Fr. Craig

Sun. 12:00noon: Fr. Craig

Sun. 5:30pm: Fr. Craig

St. Leo Prayer Line

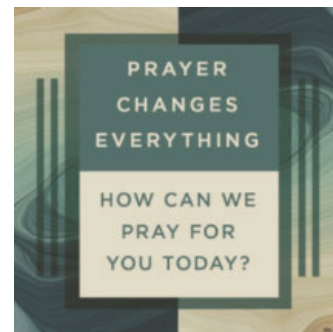
Call or email the following with prayer requests:

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Kathy kw1209@yahoo.com

Parish Office 402-397-0407

or dina@stleo.net



May Crowning Ceremony

May 1st at 4:30pm & 6:00pm

St. Leo Holy Family Garden

Led by our Wednesday Faith Formation Families

All are welcome!



Please join us for the crowning of the Blessed Mother's statue in the parish garden. Everyone is welcome to join us at either time. Also, all are invited to pray the rosary daily at 6:30pm in the prayer garden during the month of May. Please note: On Tuesdays, the rosary will be prayed inside the church as part of adoration.

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In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers those who have been born into eternal life, especially **Dorothy Ford**, mother of Derek Ford; and for **Esther Delgado**, aunt of Lora Hansen.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

St. Leo Children's Choir The Youth Choir is singing on Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12 @ the 10:00 mass and practice will be on Sunday, May 5 at 1:00. All children are invited! Join us for practice and call the office, 402-397.0407 if you have any questions!

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We're so excited to be a part of Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving!

The real success of Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving will not be how much money we raise but the tremendous impact those dollars will have when nonprofits across our community put them to work! Join the giving on May 1st.

You can support our campaign by visiting our website and clicking on the Day of Giving link on May 1st to donate. We are located under St. Leo the Great. You can also find our school under St. Pius X/St. Leo School.


Faith Discoveries: Join the continuing discussion of Ronald Rolheiser's book, **Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist**. Meet at 9-10:30am on May 4, in W1 at St. Leo. ?'s Linda: 402-350-1788.

All Are Invited to the St. Leo Catholic Social Justice Meeting April 30, 2024
 Join us on Tuesday, April 30 at 7:15pm at St. Leo. The Social Justice Team will continue the work in the Mental Health Needs education and resources of our parish and community. We will also review and plan for project action with Youth Group and with our Family of Parishes, and with Welcome a Stranger). For more info, contact marydonovan@cox.net.

Parishioner Wendy Wessling is looking to hire someone for 2 days a week (preferably Tues & Thurs) for about 4 hours during the day. Wendy is a 12-year survivor of Glioblastoma, a form of brain cancer, and uses a wheelchair most often but needs help with wheelchair transfers, basic exercises and meal preparation. If you are interested, please call or text her at 402-926-1356.

St. Pius X/St. Leo April High Bridge Scores
 Maury Zach and Denis Weis 4160
 Gene and Mary Ann Kuhn 3980
 Herman & Ellen Weist 3910

Abortion Amendment Presentation with the Nebraska Catholic Conference and Abortion Dialogue Academy St. Roberts- Saturday, May 4th, 9 am – 12 pm
 RSVP by using the QR code below.



ST. LEO MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
SATURDAY, MAY 11TH
9:30 - 11:30AM

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Tickets are \$15 each and are available at the St. Leo office. Deadline to purchase tickets: May 6th. Breakfast catered by "A Catered Affair".



ST. LEO GROUNDS INFO

It's Spring! We have a lot of wonderful things happening all over the St. Leo campus. Here are some fun updates. More to come!

New Trees and Shrubs

On Tuesday, April 30th we are scheduled to receive 24 assorted trees and 40+ shrubs being delivered by Great Plains Nursery to be added to the landscape. All the trees will be planted, staked, and mulched by Great Plains in the west field of the Pollinating Garden and on the 102nd Street right of way replacing the Ash trees removed last year. We have been fortunate to have received recent donations earmarked specifically for trees, in addition to our Grant requirements for reimbursement involved in adding more trees.

New Retaining Wall on 102 & Blondo

Our corner has been updated and new shrubs and plants will be added soon. This project is using funds received from a grant through Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. It looks great!



GOOD NEWS FROM ST. PIUS X / ST. LEO SCHOOL

St. Pius X / St. Leo School is a diverse community forming students in the Catholic faith to excel in academics and service to others.

Hello St. Pius X / St. Leo Community members,

Spring blessings! I wanted to share with you all some amazing success from our Recently, some of our 6th, 7th and 8th graders participated in the Math League Press contest. The students take the test and the top five scores from each grade are submitted with the sum of those scores representing our school scores. Students and the schools are then ranked regionally and nationally.

Congratulations to our sixth graders

who earned 2nd place nationally AND regionally! The top students were:

Daniel Martinez, who placed 9th nationally. Roman Chapeau, Macy Phillips, and Connelly Cunningham who all tied for 11th nationally.

More congratulations to our 7th graders who earned 5th place nationally. The top scorers in 7th grade were: Jon Sample who ranked 9th nationally. Richard Marip who was in 10th place. Connor Carney, Thomas Morrison, Michael Rusch and Julie Zboja all tied for 11th place.

Lastly, congratulations to our 8th graders who placed 2nd both nationally and regionally! The top scorers in 8th grade included: Bronson Chapeau who placed 6th. Saron Goitom and Thomas Smith tied for 9th place. Also, Luke Engel and Jonathan Walker tied for 10th place.

Way to go Panthers. We are so blessed with such talented students and amazing teachers!

Peace and blessings,
Principal Cory Sepich

ST. LEO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 3-6, 2024

9:00am - 12:00pm

Children ages 5-12 (Entering Kindergarten - Grade 5 in fall of 2024) are invited to join us to dive deep into friendship with God!

Register by May 15th at NOON to ensure a t-shirt for your child.

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a t-shirt.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Register and more info at www.stleo.net or scan the QR code!



In Pursuit of Life, Love and Happiness

Deacon Jim Shipman

Many of us follow team sports and one thing is usually true about a great team, they have a great coach. The coach can bring average players together and they can excel with the proper training. The same thing is true with our walk with the Lord. If we listen and follow the teaching of Jesus Christ, we can become great and Holy people on God's team.

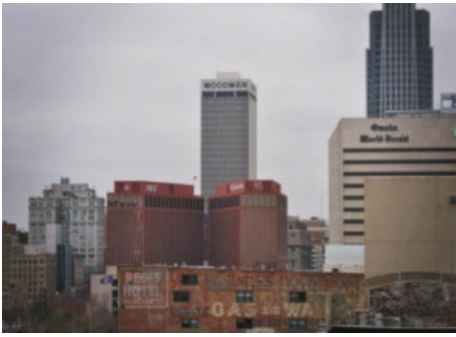
In the Gospel from John, Jesus, the greatest coach of all time, is giving last minute training to His Apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus told them, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." That is so true for us also, we can do nothing good or Holy without Our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, we can live our life without the Lord, but we will probably fail and have a sin filled, lonely and miserable life. With Jesus Christ leading our lives with the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish all things in

Christ. The key is what Jesus told His Apostles, "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."

Being on God's team is not easy. It will take hard work, dedication, teamwork, and above all the desire to serve Our Lord Jesus Christ. As Saint John said in his letter, "Those who keep his commandments remain in Him, and He in them, and the way we know that He remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us." Are you ready to join God's team?

Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24 and John 15:1-8





Jerry Baggert, Mick Bayne, Ronnie Beasley, Todd Callahan, Bill Clark, T.J. Ewin, Matt Fadell, Tim Harding, Bernie Kanger Jr., Ken Kanger, Brandon Krajewski, B.J. Kreikemeier, D.J. Kreikemeier, Scott Kriener, Keith Lampert, Brendan O'Flynn, Michael O'Hanlon, Jonathan Rieschl, Adam Rokes, D.J. Roshone, Ken Rowe, Justin Rudloff, Scott Schendt, Brian Schmaderer, Todd Schmaderer, Dave Schneider,

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If you have a loved one (family or friend) who is currently serving our city and would like their name listed each week asking for prayers, email dina@stleo.net.

Prayer for Those Serving our City as Police, Fire & Rescue

Blessed are you Lord, God of Mercy, Send down your blessings and your protection on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Protect them and grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. +Amen

Prayer for Those Serving our Country in the Military

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. +Amen

Scott, Ashby, John Banker, David Banker, Leigh Barry, Andy Bayne, Carl Benander, John Bergmann, Pete Bruening, Maury Champoux, Chandler Clark, Jake Dreessen, Drew Dunham, Anthony Fleming, Kris Fleming, Ed Fuchs, Amy Gerwitz, Amber Hagy, Jonathon Hale, Jordan Hammond, A.J. Hickey, Glen Hickey, Brice Hilfiker, Wesley Hulstein, Deborah Infante, Zach Juteau, TJ Kafka, Alex Kelly, Anton Deeths Kerrigan, Tristin Knoell, Brandon Kreikemeier, Daniel Kudlacz, Paul Lampert, Doug Langhorst, Andrew Leary, Matthew Leary, Nick Lynch, Drew McChesney, Cameron McWilliams, Jessica Milbourn, Josh Navarro, Kaitlyn Hickey Oiler, Matt Oiler, Nathan Pence, Jacob Phillips, Eli Reichert, Joseph Reynolds, Karoline Rieks, Chris Rivers, Nathan Rokes, Ashley Sanchez, Jon Schroeder, Will Schroeder, Jake Schumacher, Ben Stokesbary, Spencer Swerczek, Brad Tomasek, Ryan Walker, Sean P. Walz, Andrea J. White, Nate Whisler, Matt Wolford, Maggie Yakus If you have a loved one (family or friend) who is currently serving our country and would like their name listed each week asking for prayers, email dina@stleo.net.



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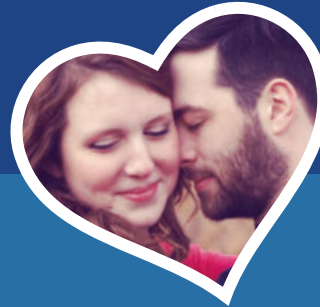
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will renew their strength.*

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they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Isaiah 29-31



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