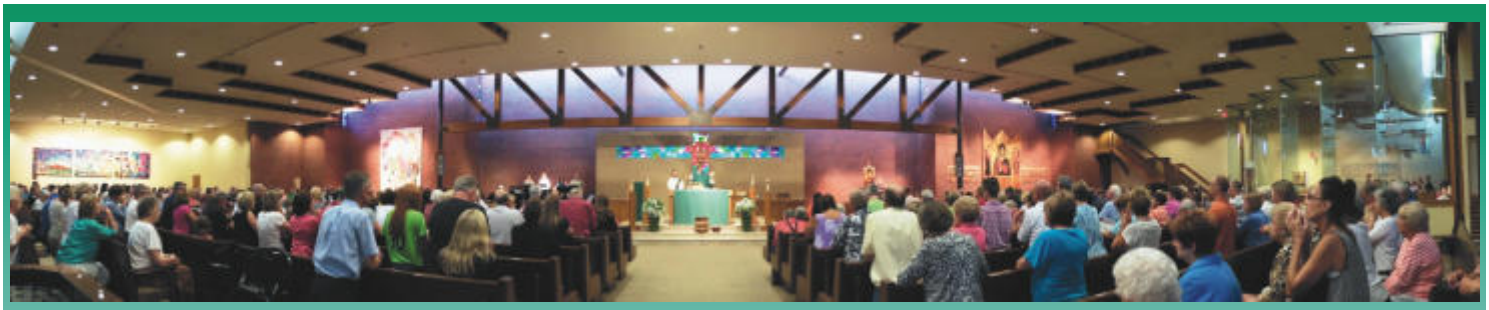

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July
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Pastor
Fr. Craig Loecker

Associate Pastor
Fr. Emmanuel Agbo

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

Monday-Friday: 6:40am, 8:00am

Confessions
Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm

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402.551.6667
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.

In Pursuit of Life, Love and Happiness

By: Deacon Jim Shipman

Has someone given you directions and found yourself even more lost than before? There is nothing more frustrating or aggravating than to have someone to lead you in the wrong direction.

Our scriptures today speak of how God's people were lead in the wrong direction by their spiritual and political shepherds. The scriptures speak to us of how God will punish those who have lead his people away from Him. These readings also speak to us of how Jesus Christ was appointed as the shepherd by God the Father to lead His people back to Him.

One thing is for certain, that those who are leaders of our lives and our country, must have their guidance and wisdom from the Lord if want to lead correctly. That is also true in guiding of our families. Without Our Lord Jesus Christ to direct and teach us, how can we expect to lead our children and grandchildren in the right direction?

Our Bishops, the shepherds of our Church, are being challenged by the world to change the Church's teachings. As Catholic Christians we are being persuaded to forget the truth and to follow along with the rest of society. Catholic Christians are losing to the way of the world, because people don't want to follow the truth, but only to what feels good or exciting.

We all need to pray for the shepherds of our Church to always follow God's truth. We need to pray for our political leaders and judges, that they seek Our Lord's guidance in every decision that they make for us. Pray that we all come back to God with all our heart, mind and soul before it's too late.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Faithful Builders Coalition, of which St. Leo Parish is a member, will be building a house this year starting July 31st. The location of the house is 2506 Monroe, 6600 South.

We Need Help!

~To volunteer to help build the house
~To contribute money to help with the construction cost
~To contribute money to purchase lunch food. St. Leo's lunch day is August 6th.

*To volunteer to help build, call Jerry Heinrichs at 402-492-8950 and he will answer any questions and will e-mail you a construction schedule.
*To contribute to the construction fund, make your check payable to St. Leo and mark it for Habitat for Humanity and drop it in the collection box or mail it to St. Leo.
*To contribute to the lunch fund, write your check to St. Leo and mark it for Habitat lunch fund and drop it in the collection box or mail it to St. Leo.
*We appreciate your continued support of the Faithful Builders annual Habitat for Humanity construction project.

If you have any questions, call Jerry or Pat Heinrichs at 402-492-8950.

Opportunity to help a Refugee Family

Omaha will become the home for some new refugees this summer, and the parishioners of St. Pius and St. Leo Parishes are invited to participate in welcoming them to our city. If you would like to assist this family, please visit www.stleo.net to find a link to a Sign Up Genius, which contains categories of items needed. If you have furniture or larger items to donate, please call/text Tom or Margaret at 402-553-7547 (h) or 402-709-4624 (c) to make arrangements for pick up. Smaller items can be delivered to St. Leo Church from 8:30-5:00 until July 21. There will be an area of tables in the gymnasium labeled Refugee Family Supplies.

St. Pius X / St. Leo School is currently accepting applications for the school's kitchen and cafeteria manager position.

The manager is responsible for preparation and serving of school meals, for communication with District 66 Nutrition Services (who is the school's lunch provider) and responsible for the business side of the cafeteria and managing the financial side alongside the school's business/personnel coordinator. This includes being able to maintain pleasant working relations with fellow employees, being able to react to change productively and handle other essential tasks as assigned, maintain a positive attitude toward the food service program while being able to also interact with students, building staff, and supervisors in a positive manner.

If you have interest in the position or know someone who may be interested, please contact me at cory.sepich@spsl.net. Prior food service experience is not required for the position.

Religious Education Family Formation

Mark Your Calendars:

FAMILY FORMATION begins on September 15, 2021! Register today. Registration forms can be found on our website www.stleo.net, or email reled@stleo.net.

~ Praying For Vocations ~

We pray for our seminarians and priests who place their hope and trust in the message of God's love and forgiveness that they may become as little children of God.

The St. Leo's Single 50+ Group is a social group of men & women in their 50s & better, single for any reason regardless of religious beliefs. You can view our monthly calendar on the St. Leo website, www.stleo.net on the forms and link page. If you do not have internet access, you can contact Bev at 402-739-4118 to request a newsletter. We also have a facebook page: Omaha St. Leo's Singles 50+ Group. You can check out upcoming events there as well.

Join us this month for the following events:

Friday, July 23 5:00pm: TGIF Kick-off Event at Clancy's Pub, 2905 S 168th St. RSVP via text or phone to Bev C 402-739-4118 or email pschmitz327@gmail.com.

Friday, July 30 5:00pm: Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, 12020 Anne St. RSVP via text or phone to Bev C 402-793-4118 or email pschmiz327@gmail.com.

St. Leo Blood Drive
July 26 12pm-6pm
To donate, visit www.redcrossblood.org.

In Loving Memory

Please remember in your prayers those who have been born into eternal life, especially **Val Stauffer,** brother of Marcia Bauer; and for **Richard Spaulding,** brother of Linda Leary.

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

St. Leo Prayer Line

Call or email the following with prayer requests:
Jane M. (9am-5pm) 391-8826
Jeanne S. (5pm-9pm) 493-0145
Linda L.: lindaleary576@gmail.com
The Parish Office (9am-5pm) 402-397-0407

Parish Financial Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Donations Received July 4, 2021

Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes: $14,729.00
Sunday Plate: $1,306.19
Total Sunday: 16,035.19

Donations Received July 11, 2021

Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes: $19,773.00
Sunday Plate: $2,308.66
Total Sunday: 22,081.66

~Our per Sunday goal is $29,470~

Fiscal Year to Date Deficit: $-20,823.14

Building Fund: $340.00
St. Leo Capital Improvements: $35.00
Human Needs: $210.00
Parish House Modifications to Date: $52,150.86
Van for Fr. Craig to Date: $43,146.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 19
6:40am + Gerry Condon
8:00am + Josephine Gaeta
Tuesday, July 20
6:40am + Barbara Ann Clark
8:00am + Kim Witherspoon
Wednesday, July 21
6:40am + Agnes Fitzgibbons
8:00am + Jack & Joyce Gibbs
Thursday, July 22
6:40am + All Souls
8:00am + Lucille Shirley
Friday, July 23
6:40am + Robert Casey
8:00am + Don Fischer
Saturday, July 24
5:00pm + Walt Maginn
Sunday, July 25
8:00am + Pat Catton
10:00am + Joe Ziskey
12:00pm + John W. Voss
5:30pm St. Leo Parish Family

September 12, 2021
11:00am-6:00pm

Mark Your Calendars for this fun event.

Great Food ★ Silent Auction
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Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with the Set-up/Tear-down and to work our Booth Games. We also need your help with donations of cases of water, pop/Gatorade, condiments (ketchup, mustard, and relish), 2-liters of pop (for the Ring Toss game) and silent auction items. Every little bit helps this event to succeed! We will have sign-up sheets on the Sign-up Genius App and on the tables in the commons soon. Please join us on September 12th, 2021 from 11:00am to 6:00pm for Fellowship, Fun, and Fabulous Food.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock
from all the lands to which I have driven them
and bring them back to their meadow;
there they shall increase and multiply. (Jer 23:3)

PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

SECOND READING:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have become near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)

GOSPEL:

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many things. (Mk 6:34)

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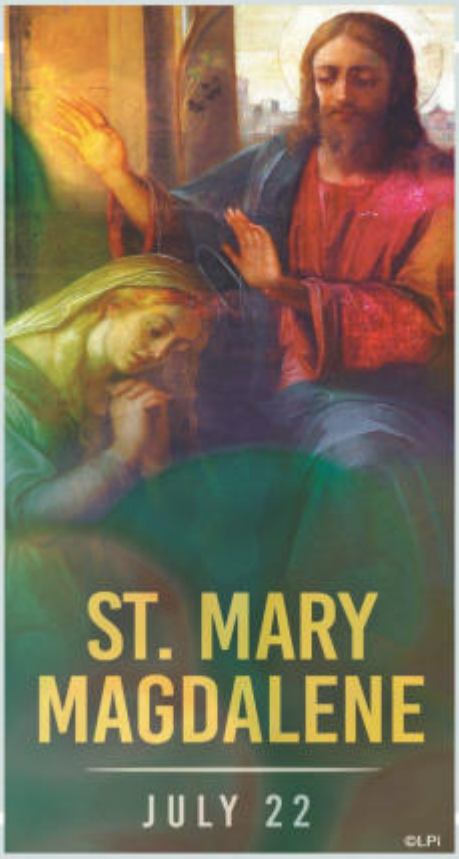
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Friday:	St. Bridget, Religious
Saturday:	St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest; BVM
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Jeremiah spoke of God's negative reaction to "the shepherds" (false rulers) who neglected and mislead his "sheep" (the people of Israel and Judah). What characteristics make for an ideal leader?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Ephesians that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus established unity and peace for all believers. When have you experienced harmony in your faith community?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. What gets in your way from resting and retreating?

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

Please keep the following men and women in your prayers as they currently serve our city:

Jerry Baggert, Ronnie Beasley, Todd Callahan, Bill Clark, Matt Fadell, Tim Harding, Bernie Kanger Jr., Ken Kanger, Brandon Krajeski, B.J. Kreikemeier, D.J. Kreikemeier, Scott Kriener, Brendan O'Flynn, Michael O'Hanlon, Adam Rokes, D.J. Roshone, Justin Rudloff, Scott Schendt, Brian Schmaderer, Todd Schmaderer, Dave Schneider, David Shavlik, Kenneth Shipman, Mike Smith, Joel Strominger, Aaron Tierney, T.J. Wurth

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, please email dina@stleo.net.

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.

Thank you for your support of our CARE program!

Prayer for Those Serving our Country in the Military

Please keep these men and women in your prayers:

John Banker, David Banker, Leigh Barry, Carl Benander, John Bergmann, Maury Champoux, Chandler Clark, Jake Dreessen, Ryan Fetters, Anthony Fleming, Ed Fuchs, Aaron Hagy, Amber Hagy, Jonathon Hale, Jordan Hammond, Brice Hilfiker Wesley Hulstein, Deborah Infante, Jack Johnston, TJ Kafka, Alex Kelly, Tristin Knoell, Daniel Kudlacz, Doug Langhorst, Donovan Leary, Andrew Leary, Matthew Leary, Jackie Leary, Nick Lynch, Drew McChesney, Cameron McWilliams, Jessica Milbourn, Matt Oiler, Jacob Phillips, Eli Reichert, Karoline Rieks, Chris Rivers, Nathan Rokes, Ashley Sanchez, Jake Schumacher, Jason Strominger, 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 here asking for prayers, please email dina@stleo.net.

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

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