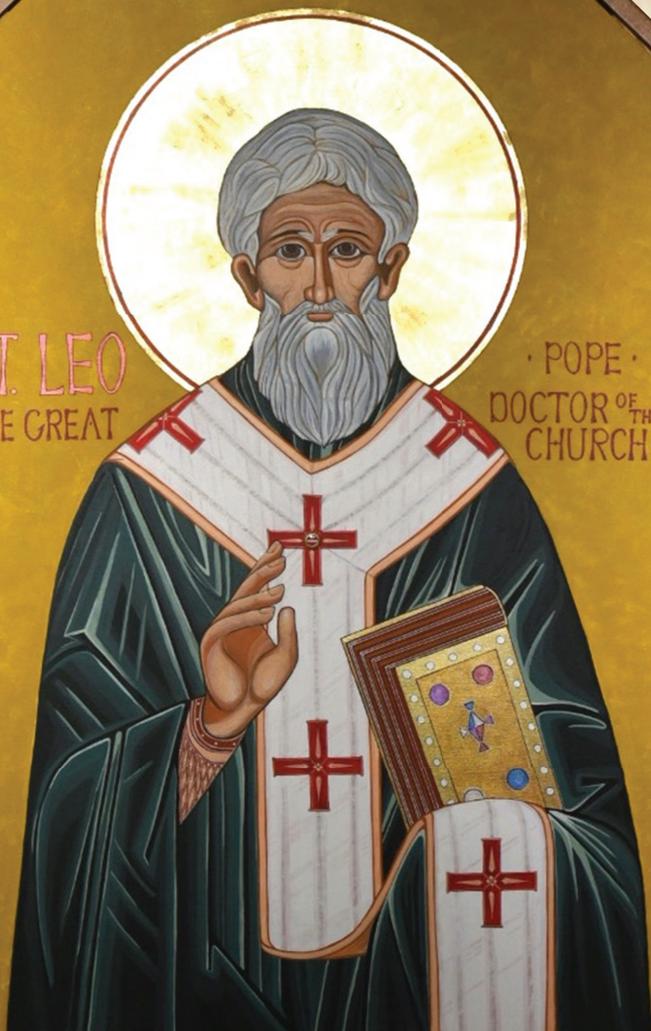


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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to welcome all of our new members who registered this past year and thank all current members for all you do for St. Leo's Parish. Our Ministry Guide and Directory will help us all come to know our parish and one another. Please take the time to read our history and look over all of our different ministries. I invite everyone to full and active participation in parish life.

In this parish I have seen and experienced a parish that is active and alive. The deacons conclude Mass with the phrase, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Our faith and worship compel us to serve each other in so many ways both inside the parish and outward to the wider community. This way of living out our faith is at the heart of Stewardship. It is central to who we are.

I invite you to look over all of our different ministries. If you are looking for a way to serve the Lord, perhaps one of our ministries would be of interest to you. I would hope all of you serve our parish and the community in some way. Perhaps there is a ministry that you are interested in that is not listed that you would like to start. That would be great.

The Church teaches that there is a profound connection between our worship and our work in the world. We gather in the Church building weekly to celebrate Christ's presence among us, to be forgiven and strengthened, to be nourished by Word and Sacrament, and then to be sent out. The parish is the place where our faith is celebrated both in liturgy and in action.

Please join us whenever and however you can in our liturgies, our parish celebrations and in our ministries to the wider community. Share your talents and gifts with God's people here so that all of us may better understand and do God's will.

May God bless us all on our pilgrimage of life. After we have lived our faith well on earth, may all be brought together again around the table of the Lord in Heaven.

Fr. Craig

ST. LEO THE GREAT MISSION STATEMENT

St. Leo the Great Parish is a faith-filled community dedicated to offering inspiring and prayerful worship, developing and maintaining quality, life-long religious education for everyone, providing loving service to those in need, celebrating the great events in our parish family.

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Anticipatory)
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00
Noon, 5:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday 6:40 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment

Communal Reconciliation during Lent and Advent - Dates and times are listed in the bulletin.

PARISH HISTORY

St. Leo was founded in June of 1978 by 800 families mainly from St. Pius X Parish. Masses and parish activities were held in the Music Hall at Boys Town until the original building was completed.

The church proper is focused on the action of hearing the Word of God and celebrating the Eucharist at God's Table. Earth tones were chosen to highlight that the people bring the life and color to the building. The red bricks were made locally, and the artwork was also designed and crafted by local artists. The large Commons area was meant to enhance socialization of the community. The original building was dedicated on September 5, 1980.

Since the beginning of the parish, over 5,000 baptisms and 2,000 weddings have been celebrated. The rich sacramental life of the parish has continually supported and united our community.

St. Leo Parish has continued to grow, and the need for additional space led to the addition of a new Religious Education wing which was added to the original building and completed in August of 1992. This addition has provided great possibilities for our educational, social and outreach ministerial programs.

In January of 1996 the parish purchased a new rectory for the parish which provides housing for the priests.

In the fall of 2003, the main worship area of our church was renovated with the construction of a permanent altar platform and sanctuary area.

As a focal point, a crucifix of stained glass and bronze, designed and crafted by local artists, was also incorporated into the space. At present, St. Leo parish has approximately 1,625 families. There are about 171 parish children at St. Pius X/ St. Leo School, and 155 in our Religious Education program.

PARISH ART

The art work chosen for St. Leo Church was designed and crafted by local artists. The altar, ambo and matching tables were designed by parishioner Helen Gloeb in collaboration with Fr. Vincent Mainelli, founding Pastor, and Bro. William Woeger of the Archdiocesan Worship Office. They were constructed by parishioner Dave Fitzpatrick from solid oak in a natural finish to remind us of the simplicity of the Lord's table. Matching chairs for the presider and deacon were added in 1996.

The wall hanging of the parish family tree was designed by Helen Gloeb and made by dozens of women who sewed and quilted pieces of material donated by founding parishioners. The triptych on the west wall was similarly constructed and unveiled for Easter 2000.

The large triple icon on the north wall of the sanctuary was painted by Bro. Woeger. The center panel of the icon features the Risen Christ, the left panel, the Virgin and Child, the right panel, the Archangel Gabriel. They are in the style of paintings done at Chilandari Monastery at Mt. Athos between 1350 and 1530 A.D. The icon is a visual summary of our belief: Jesus is the Lord and center of our faith, Mary is the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of God who prays for us, and Gabriel was the heavenly messenger who announced to Mary her unique role and asked her consent, thus opening a new era.

The Stations of the Cross are the original work of Dick Tobin. They were painted directly on the oak plaques. The designs are the original work of the artist.

The tabernacle door is an icon painted by Bro. Woeger depicting the Holy Trinity as the three visitors to Abraham and Sarah under the oak of Mamre. The icon is from the masterpiece of Andrei Rublev (ca.1370-1430). The hands of all three visitors gesture toward the dish containing the sacrificial meal, which is considered a symbol of the Eucharist.

The icon of Our Savior, usually located in the commons, is the work of Dick Tobin. It is a copy of an original 15th century work by the Monk Rublev, as it exists today after centuries of damage.

The oak altar candle stands and the Easter candle stand were designed for us by fellow parishioner Dave Nelson and crafted by Dave Fitzpatrick. The crucifix was designed and sculpted by local artist John Lajba with the stained glass cross designed and crafted by Ray and Helen Gloeb.

Wall mounted vigil lights were added to the worship space in 2018 and 2019.

The icon of St. Leo the Great, located to the left of the altar, is the work of Fr. Richard Reiser. It was added to our worship space in November 2019.

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BAPTISM INFORMATION

The St. Leo Parish baptism program consists of one preparation session required after the child's birth, but prior to baptism. Information presented includes sacramental preparation as well as information on child temperament, adjusting to parenthood, and family spirituality. Both parents are encouraged to participate, whether Catholic or not.

After attending a Sunday morning instruction session, the baptisms are celebrated at a Mass during that month. For specific dates, times, and further information, please visit our website at www.stleo.net or call the parish office at 402-397-0407.

MARRIAGE INFORMATION

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance of your desired wedding date.

St. Leo Parish participates in the archdiocesan FOCCUS program for marriage preparation in conjunction with the Family Life Office.

In addition to marriage preparation with the priest, there is also a program called When Families Marry, which is facilitated by trained lay couples through the archdiocesan Family Life Office. For information on this program, contact the Family Life Office at 402-551-9003.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Assembly

Nothing is more important to the life of a Parish Community than our regular participation in the Mass together! You are ministering to each other every time we gather in hope, joy and faith to celebrate the Mass. We look forward to seeing you every weekend you are able, on feast days and even daily Mass. Join us whenever you can.

Altar Servers

Parishioners in 6th-12th grades (5th graders may start later in the spring semester) are responsible for participating in the ancient and vibrant roll of assisting the presider each Sunday and Feast Day Mass. Training along with a fellowship supper is offered four times a year, and Servers are mentored by priests and sacristans. This ministry is ideal for teens and young teenagers who wish to be involved at St. Leo's but have multiple school commitments. Serve our church and become an even more educated parishioner while also fulfilling your weekly obligation to the Mass.

Contact: Fr. Emmanuel Agbo at emmanuel@stleo.net, 402-397-0407, ext. 210.

Lectors

During Daily, Sunday and Feast Day Masses, parish Lectors proclaim the Word of God to our faithful in attendance. This ministry is a fantastic place of service for our parishioners who love expressive, social and public interaction in their workplaces and daily lives. Lectors are mentored by ministers already in service at the parish as well as at the Archdiocesan level, culminating in a Mandation Mass they attend the year they begin their ministry. You may have already been mandated for service in our Archdiocese if you were trained in another Diocese or Parish. New or Returning Lectors are always welcome to serve.

Contact: christy@stleo.net, 402-397-0407, ext. 214.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (E.M.H.C.)

During each Mass and as ministers to the sick and homebound, St. Leo Parishioners of this ministry assist our Priests in the distribution of Holy Communion to encourage our entire parish family's regular participation in the Eucharist. These Ministers are trained by currently serving ministers in the Parish, at the Archdiocesan level and are Mandated by the Archdiocese the year their service begins. You may have already been mandated for service in our Archdiocese, if you were trained in another Diocese or Parish. New or Returning E.M.H.C.'s are always welcome to serve. This ministry is of the utmost importance, but all practicing Catholics are invited to explore serving the church in this way.

Contact: christy@stleo.net, 402-397-0407, ext. 214.

Hospital Ministry

Hospitalized parishioners and Catholics from the area are visited by caring people who extend the healing touch of Jesus to the sick and hurting; listening, praying, and bringing the love and comfort of the Christian community, as well as Eucharist, to those they visit. One group visits in the daytime and another, composed mainly of working people, visits in the evening. Ministers are scheduled for two to three hours once or twice a month. Hospital ministers also bring communion to parishioners who are homebound. For further details, contact christy@stleo.net, 402-397-0407, ext. 214.

Communion Services for Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Homebound

Every Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m. we do Communion Services at Brighton Gardens Nursing Home, Waterford, Bickford Cottage, Camelot Assisted Living, and Old Mill Rehab. On the first Friday of the month, we offer a Communion Service at Remington Heights. To participate, you must be a mandated Communion Minister with a desire to serve. For more information, please contact christy@stleo.net, 402-397-0407, ext. 214.



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Contact: christy@stleo.net, 402-397-0407, ext. 214.

Ushers

Ushers are the face of our Parish at Mass. Help our Parishioners experience St. Leo's hospitality and warmth while they participate in the most streamlined and complete possible way.

Contact: christy@stleo.net, 402-397-0407, ext. 214.

Environment Ministry

Our Environment Committee helps make sure the seasons of our Church year and the spirit of our natural calendar year are reflected and celebrated at our Mass. Floral arrangements, Art, lighting and décor are designed and maintained by enthusiastic members whenever a season or feast warrants cause to renew our celebration's perspective.

Contact: christy@stleo.net, 402-397-0407, ext. 214.

Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC)

Every other week during the school year, children in attendance at our 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word with our experienced mentors who present the scriptures to young people in a vernacular they can enjoy and appreciate. New Leaders and Teachers are always welcome! Contact: christy@stleo.net, 402-397-0407, ext. 214.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Singers, Pianists, and other instrumentalists are always welcome to participate in leading our congregation's worship for Feast Days and Sundays. Cantor/Instrumentalist Ensembles lead worship at our 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and on Sundays at 12:00 Noon and 5:30 p.m. The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass worship is led by the St. Leo Choir. Membership and participation in all our ensembles is open to all Parishioners. Please consider joining our musical community as a soloist, a player, or a chorister. The St. Leo Choir rehearses Monday at 7:00 p.m. Please feel very invited to participate!

Contact: jenny@stleo.net, 402-397-0407, ext. 214.

Live Sound at St. Leo

We are blessed to have incredible sound technology at St. Leo's to amplify the reach and quality of our music ministry. At our 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and on High Feast Days you can see our technicians enhancing our worship at the Sound Board. No experience necessary. Please consider participating! Contact: jenny@stleo.net, 402-397-0407, ext. 214.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls are available to anyone knowing individuals who would enjoy having one. The prayer shawls that have been blessed are located in the Commons area of the church near the Prayer Line Journal. Volunteers make our prayer shawls as they pray for the people who will receive them. The parish community continues to pray for all who have received prayer shawls. A donation of \$10 to \$20 for each prayer shawl is requested to help defray the cost of materials and enable our ministry to continue. If you can knit, crochet, or tie knots, let us know so that you can participate in creating additional shawls for distribution. For more information on our Prayer Shawl Ministry, please call the parish office at 402-397-0407.

Prayer Line Ministry

Parishioners committed to prayer and to our parish community receive prayer requests through a phone tree, and respond with daily prayer in their own home. Prayers offered include both intercessions and thanksgiving. All information obtained through the prayer line is confidential. For additional information, call the parish office at 402-397-0407.

St. Monica's Group

St. Monica is the patron saint of mothers because she prayed night and day that her wayward son would change his ways and return to God and His Church. Her son, Augustine, did change his ways and became one of the great saints of the Church. St. Monica's Group at St. Leo's appeals to St. Monica to bring our children (or anyone else), back to God and His Church, as well as pray for vocations. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Chapel. All are welcome.

FORMATION & EDUCATION

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is a process of information and formation for adults. It is designed for non-Catholics interested in learning about the Church, non-Catholics considering joining the Church, and people who have been baptized Catholic but received very little formal instruction and have not received all the initiation sacraments.

The process is an experience of community including weekly sessions and various liturgical experiences. Each weekly session includes prayer, formal instruction, small group discussion, and time for fellowship. It is coordinated by a team of lay people who serve as group facilitators and work with the Pastor. No one is obligated to join the Church after attending the sessions. For further information, contact the parish office at 402-397-0407.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION PROCESS FOR CHILDREN

Sacramental Preparation

This program runs through the school year for children Grades 3 through 8 who have not celebrated one or more of the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation, and for children interested in an initiation into the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Jen Fuller at 402-397-0407, ext. 208 or e-mail jen@stleo.net.

St. Pius X/St. Leo Five Day School

Parish children in Grades K through eight attend the St. Pius X/St. Leo School which we share with St. Pius X Parish at 6905 Blondo Street. The school is a community of parents, students, teachers and staff working to develop and emphasize the purposes of a Catholic education, the formation of community, the worship of God, and service to both parishes and the larger community.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities from assisting in the classrooms, library and cafeteria to serving on the Ad Hoc Education Committee. Members of both parishes annually stage a major “Fund Raiser” to provide money for programs in the school which would not otherwise be funded. For enrollment and other information, please call the school at 402-551-6667.

Grades K through 8

Family Formation & Sacrament Preparation

St. Leo offers Family Formation on the first and third Wednesdays of each month during the school year. Sacrament Preparation is offered the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The goal of the program is to help disciples (students) and their families develop a living, growing faith that permeates their daily lives. We believe formation of faith takes place in the home, parish, and small gatherings of disciples. Therefore, we incorporate activities that include the family and the parish, stressing the importance of passing on traditions of the past while challenging all of us in the present to take on the mind, heart and actions of Jesus. The role of our volunteer catechists (teachers) is of witness, mentor, and co-learner.

Registration forms may be found at the parish office or on-line at www.stleo.net.

Volunteers: All programs coordinated through the Religious Education Office are accomplished by parish volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome and needed. All volunteers must be Safe Environment certified as required by the Archdiocese of Omaha. For additional information, please call Jen Fuller in the Religious Education Office at 402-397-0407, ext. 208 or e-mail jen@stleo.net.

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Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is held during the summer, usually the first week of June. Children ages five through fifth grade meet during the morning for four days and enjoy a variety of activities including instruction, music, crafts, drama and social activities designed to make them more familiar with the Bible and their faith.

Volunteers from grade six through adults are coordinated by a lay team that works with the Parish Director of Religious Education. Watch the bulletin for specific details, or contact the Religious Education Office at 402-397-0407 or e-mail jen@stleo.net.

St. Leo & St. Pius X High School Youth Group

St. Leo's and St. Pius X's joint High School Youth Group invites all High School youth of either parish to gather weekly during the school year on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is provided and we take time to grow in our relationship with God and others through a variety of ways. Meetings cover current issues, faith, and community. We have games, discussions, speakers, and prayer.

Youth Group also participates in a variety of events throughout the year. Highlights include leadership camps, the National Catholic Youth Conference, Summer Mission Trip, and fun events like Worlds of Fun, Haunted Hayride, Bowling, and Christmas Lights Tour. Youth are also invited to share their gifts as Liturgical Ministers including EMHC, Lectors, Ushers, and Music.

St. Leo & St. Pius X Junior High Youth Group

Junior High Youth Group is open to all 7th and 8th graders from either parish. This growing group meets the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the St. Pius X Parish Center. Special events are spread throughout the year and include the Junior High Youth Rally, Worlds of Fun, Holy Fire Conference, and Just 5 Days. For more information, contact Janet Drvol at 402-397-0407 or janet@stleo.net. Visit us on the web at www.stleo.net.

Adult Education/Formation

There are learning opportunities on a variety of topics throughout the year. Additionally, adult education is provided for parish groups including in-services for Religious Education catechists, training for hospital ministers, bible study, Catholicism series, etc. Classes are publicized in the parish bulletin. Suggestions for programs are always welcome.

We are offering Alpha, a series of sessions exploring our faith, to all parishioners on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. The Alpha Bible Study seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to help us live our faith more fully. All are invited to attend.

Bible Study

Bible Study is a way to know the Bible by exploring the deeper meaning of God's Word to make the Gospel message alive in the world today. These remarkable journeys through the Bible give the participants the big picture they need to put the story of the Bible into the context of their lives. It is a combination of individual reading and study, group discussion, and lecture commentary with study guides for the participants. There are many options of various lengths. There is a fee to cover the cost of the materials. Alpha and Bible Studies are offered at various times and are also available for private individual study. For more information contact Sr. Ann Marie at 402-397-0407 or sam@stleo.net.

Parish Resource Library

The library provides resources for readers in various stages on life's journey. It is equipped with print and non-print media to support individuals, families and staff members in their pursuit of lifelong Catholic learning and enjoyment. At the East side of the Commons the items are organized by categories: Bibles, Biographies, Catholic Beliefs, Children, Church History, Marriage/Family Life, Grief/Suffering, John Paul VI, Mother Teresa, Novels, Personal Growth, Poetry, Prayer, Seasonal, Scripture, Social Issues, Spiritual Life and Young Adult. Subject, Title and Author lists are featured on the St. Leo website.

Faith Discoveries Book Club

Faith Discoveries provides an opportunity to develop spiritual reflection and dialogue using current materials by renowned Christian authors. Faith Discoveries meets on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Linda Leary at 402-493-0261.

PARISH OUTREACH

Catholic Social Teaching Ministry

The Catholic Social Teaching Ministry of St. Leo works to promote education and action supporting the Catholic tradition of living responsibly and faithfully to the beatitudes as taught by Jesus. Through the Generations of Faith parish offerings, opportunities are provided that promote peace and justice for people in our city, our country, and the world. If you would like more information, please contact Fr. Craig Loecker at 402-397-0407.

Human Needs Ministry

Occasionally we are called upon for direct help with a financial crisis or situation. Our response through the St. Leo Human Needs Ministry can include helping someone pay a utility bill, rent, or assisting with a food pantry. If you would like to join the Human Needs Ministry, please call the parish office at 402-397-0407.

Habitat for Humanity

St. Leo Parish participates in the international Habitat for Humanity organization. Every year we join several other parishes to build a house for a homeless family. Volunteers, both skilled and unskilled, help with the construction, while others provide food for the work crews. A substantial cash donation from the parish is also included in our support. For more information, contact Jerry and Pat Heinrichs at 402-492-8950.

Francis House Ministry

The Francis House is a shelter for homeless men located near downtown Omaha. It operates in connection with Siena House, which is a shelter for women and children. Parishioners from St. Leo provide four meals a month to these shelters, feeding 250-300 people each time. Individuals prepare a specific menu item (casserole, salad, dessert, etc.) for about 15 people, and then deliver the prepared food to St. Leo Church. Volunteers then drive the food to the Francis House.

Most menu items can be made ahead, allowing for flexibility to accommodate the drop off time to your individual work schedule. If you are interested in providing food, or helping with driving the food, please contact the parish office at 402-397-0407.

“Harvest of Faith” Community Garden

St. Leo Parish offers a community garden. For a small “rental fee”, parishioners are invited to plant, tend and harvest individual plots. They may donate extra produce to weekly sales after Sunday Masses. Proceeds from the sales go to support our Human Needs Ministry. For further information, contact the parish office at 402-397-0407.

Bereavement Ministry

St. Leo volunteers visit parishioners whose family member was buried from St. Leo Church. The name of the deceased loved one is placed on a Memorial Cross which hangs in the main worship space. After one year, bereavement ministers deliver the cross to a family member. We also assist with the annual All Souls Day Memorial Mass in November. For more information, contact the parish office at 402-397-0407.

Funeral Lunch Committee

The Funeral Lunch Committee provides sustenance and comfort to the bereaved in the form of a lunch served in the parish social hall following the funeral. The committee is made up of people who call volunteers to prepare food in their homes to deliver to the church, and those who serve the lunch. If you would like to become part of St. Leo’s Funeral Lunch ministry, either as a food preparer or server, please call Dina Turco or Betsy Bridgeford at 402-397-0407.

Respect Life Ministry

St. Leo's Pro-Life Group is part of the National Organization of the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Respect Life. Members work to raise awareness of Catholics to the aggressive attacks on the dignity of human life in the political arena, medical community and other organizations. Members are committed to prayer, volunteer activities, financial assistance, and keeping informed on the issues. To get involved, contact Lynn Weist at 402-393-0781.

GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

Women's Group

The St. Leo the Great Women's Group provides a welcoming and supportive environment where all women of the parish can gather socially, spiritually, and in service to each other, to our parish and to our community. For more information, contact Linda Leary at lleary1@cox.net or 402-493-0261.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, fraternal service organization firmly rooted in the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. They volunteer many hours to parish and community service. This organization is open to every Catholic man, 18 years or older. For more information, click on the K of C link at www.stleo.net.

“Re-Connect” for College Students (ages 18-22)

“Re-Connect” is an opportunity for college-age adults, ages 18-22. Students can come together to continue strengthening their faith and re-connecting with friends and their Church. We meet Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. to connect with other college-aged students, discuss faith and real-life issues, and grow in our relationship with God. For more information, contact Janet Drvol at 402-397-0407 or janet@stleo.net.

“Staying Connected” for Young Adults (20's and 30's)

“Staying Connected” is St. Leo's ministry with young adults in their 20s and 30s. We gather to socialize, pray, learn, and serve. We come from all walks of life: married or single, and with or without children. We offer Spiritual Activities and Groups such as Study Series and Faith Sharing Groups. Social Events have included bowling, game nights, baseball games, dinner, and more.

We are looking to expand this ministry. If you have new ideas or needs, please contact us. For more information please contact Janet Drvol at 402-397-0407 or janet@stleo.net. Find us at www.stleo.net/young_adult_ministry.php.

50s + Singles Group

The 50s + Singles Group is a social group of single men and women, unmarried for any reason. We welcome everyone who is legally single (widowed, divorced, or never married), regardless of their religious affiliation. We offer TGIFs, monthly dinners, movie and football get togethers, house parties, potlucks, progressive dinners, workshops and trips to art fairs, wineries, etc. For details, please see our website: http://www.stleo.net/singles_group.php. Our current newsletter is posted monthly. If you don't have internet access, please call St. Leo's at 402-397-0407 for a newsletter. Contact Patti at ppeacecockoma@yahoo.com with any other questions.

Young at Heart - Senior Adult Ministry

Young at Heart is an active group of people over 55. They meet monthly and gather for lunch, speakers, trips and fun activities. Occasionally, the Young at Heart join other groups for indoor picnics, holiday parties and local art events. A core group meets on the first Thursday of each month to plan the gatherings. This is a joint group with St. Pius X parish. For more information, or to join, please contact Sr. Ann Marie at 402-397-0407, or sam@stleo.net.

SP/SL Couples Bridge Club

Mixed couples play Bridge on the third Friday of every month at St. Leo Church. The group gathers from January to October, with a break in July. Interested couples are asked to call Herman and Ellen Weist at 402-238-3344.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Parish Pastoral Council

Twelve adults selected from parish nominations, and two youth members appointed by the Director of Youth Ministry, make up the Parish Pastoral Council. Council members assist the pastor in decision making and serve as a coordinating body for all organizations and group activities within the parish. Members serve three-year terms. For more information on the Parish Pastoral Council, contact Janelle Schuttler at 402-680-2037.

Finance and Development

St. Leo parishioners are asked to commit to the St. Leo Plan of Giving, which has been the financial part of our approach to stewardship. The Plan calls for donating five percent or \$1.00 per week for each \$1,000 of annual gross income. Financial matters for the parish are overseen by members of the Finance Committee who work with the Business Manager and the Pastor to provide sound financial decisions. Committee members are appointed by the Pastor and serve a three-year, renewable term.

Board of Education (SP/SL School)

Selected from parish volunteers, St. Leo Board of Education members serve a three-year term along with members from St. Pius X Parish, to foster Christian education by setting policy for St. Pius X/St. Leo School. To obtain further information, contact the parish office at 402-397-0407.

PARISH MAINTENANCE

Heavenly Helpers

Each Saturday, a group of six to eight people clean the church from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Cleaning includes vacuuming, dusting, straightening pews, cleaning windows, etc. Individuals unable to clean on Saturday morning have often cleaned on Friday afternoon. Groups are scheduled on a rotating basis cleaning approximately four to five times a year. To volunteer for this ministry, contact Betsy Bridgeford at churchlady107@juno.com, 402-397-0407, ext. 211.

Buildings and Grounds

Volunteers help with the upkeep of parish buildings and grounds - painting, mowing, weeding, trimming, planting, mulching, plumbing, electrical, etc. The projects vary from helping on clean-up day to caring for the flowers, trees and bushes on a regular basis. For more information, or to volunteer your time and services, contact Mark McDermott at 402-496-7533.

NOTES

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our parish experiences a great deal of movement by individuals and families that join and move out of the parish or just change addresses within the parish. Often we get an address change from the Post Office when we are unable to send mail to an out-of-date address. When a family moves, phone numbers may or may not change. In addition, names and/or marital status can change.

If your personal information contained in the following pages is not correct, please provide the following information and return it to the parish office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have a name change, please include how we have you listed now, as well as the correct listing.

OLD INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

NEW CORRECT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____