

St. Catherine & St. Leo Catholic Parishes



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SUNDAY IN
ADVENT

"Therefore, you must also
be prepared, because the
Son of Man will come at
an hour when you do not
expect him."

Matthew 24:44



FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOSHUA

*****Advent Penance Service: On Wednesday, December 17th, St. Leo's Adoration and Confessions will begin at 2 PM, Mass will be at 3 PM, and the St. Leo's Advent Penance Service will begin at 5:30 PM and go until 7:30 PM. Monsignors Kosse and Colletti will be assisting with Confessions.*****

Friday, December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will be at 6:00 PM on this day at St. Leo's. This is a very important occasion for Americans. On December 12th, 1531, Our Blessed Mother appeared to a poor man named Juan Diego (now a Saint, his feast day is December 9th). As a result of her apparitions and messages to the Bishop of Mexico, there were an estimated 9 million people baptized in Mexico as a direct result of her message and especially her image, which she left on St. Juan Diego's garment (called a tilma) which remains on display in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe today. We have a copy of this image in St. Leo's. This is especially remarkable because around the same time that this was happening, millions of Catholics were apostatizing from the Catholic Church in Europe during the Protestant Rebellion. God allowed approximately one third of Europe to abandon the One True Church, only to send the Blessed Mother on a mission of evangelization to the New World to win even more souls for Christ. The poor indigenous people of Mexico were so eager to be baptized that there were not enough priests to perform the baptisms. There are accounts of the priests being so tired from performing baptisms, that the lay faithful would hold the priest's hands and arms to perform the baptisms while the priest said the words of Baptism. Divine Providence

always finds a way. His Will be done.

St. Catherine: Doyle Hall construction is underway. Please be mindful of the construction crews while they are working. The west end of the gym will still be used for Faith Formation and preparations for the Christmas Pageant on Wednesdays.

Both St. Catherine and St. Leo Finance Councils are updating the facility rental policies and prices. Once the final decisions are made, the new policies will be communicated to all groups that have been habitually renting our facilities. The next St. Leo Finance Council meeting is December 10th. The next St. Catherine Finance Council meeting is January 6th.

As a follow up to my announcement last week regarding the dispensation for parishioners to not attend Mass due to degraded driving conditions, it is still an obligation to observe the Sunday sabbath. If parishioners are not able to come to Mass in person, they are encouraged to watch Mass on EWTN or the livestream recording from St. Catherine's. Activities should still be focused on using our time on Sunday to Rest in the Lord (Genesis 2:3). This is not a replacement for the Mass and receiving Holy Communion, but it is appropriate to set aside the time that would have been dedicated to worshipping God in His Holy Sanctuary to be used for prayers at home. This could look like praying the Holy Rosary as a family or reading the Sunday Mass readings and listening to a homily from +Bishop Barron, or an Advent devotion in preparation for the great Nativity of the Lord. Know that you are in my prayers. I know I am in yours. -Fr. Joshua

IGLESIA CATOLICA DE SAN LEO

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PR. JOSHUA...

*****Servicio de penitencia de Adviento: El miércoles 17 de diciembre**, la adoración y las confesiones de San Leo comenzarán a las 2 p. m., la misa será a las 3 p. m. y el servicio de penitencia de Adviento de San Leo comenzará a las 5:30 p. m. y durará hasta las 7:30 p. m. Los monseñores Kosse y Colletti ayudarán con las confesiones.***

El viernes 12 de diciembre es la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La misa será a las 6:00 p. m. de ese día en St. Leo's. Esta es una ocasión muy importante para los estadounidenses. El 12 de diciembre de 1531, Nuestra Santísima Madre se le apareció a un hombre pobre llamado Juan Diego (ahora santo, su fiesta es el 9 de diciembre). Como resultado de sus apariciones y mensajes al obispo de México, se estima que 9 millones de personas fueron bautizadas en México como consecuencia directa de su mensaje y, especialmente, de su imagen, que dejó en la tilma de San Juan Diego y que hoy se exhibe en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Tenemos una copia de esta imagen en San León. Esto es especialmente notable porque, aproximadamente al mismo tiempo que esto sucedía, millones de católicos apostataban de la Iglesia católica en Europa durante la rebelión protestante. Dios permitió que aproximadamente un tercio de Europa abandonara la única Iglesia verdadera, solo para enviar a la Santísima Virgen en una misión de evangelización al Nuevo Mundo para ganar aún más almas para Cristo. Los pobres indígenas de México estaban tan ansiosos por ser bautizados que no había suficientes sacerdotes para realizar los bautismos. Hay relatos de que los sacerdotes estaban tan cansados de realizar bautismos, que los fieles laicos sostenían las manos y los brazos del sacerdote para realizar los bautismos

mientras el sacerdote pronunciaba las palabras del bautismo. La Divina Providencia siempre encuentra una manera. Hágase Su voluntad.

Santa Catalina: La construcción del Doyle Hall está en marcha. Por favor, tengan en cuenta a los trabajadores de la construcción mientras realizan su labor. El extremo oeste del gimnasio seguirá utilizándose para la formación en la fe y los preparativos del desfile de Navidad los miércoles.

Los consejos financieros de Santa Catalina y San Leo están actualizando las políticas y los precios de alquiler de las instalaciones. Una vez que se tomen las decisiones definitivas, las nuevas políticas se comunicarán a todos los grupos que suelen alquilar nuestras instalaciones. La próxima reunión del consejo financiero de San Leo es el 10 de diciembre. La próxima reunión del consejo financiero de Santa Catalina es el 6 de enero.

Como continuación a mi anuncio de la semana pasada sobre la dispensa para los feligreses de no asistir a misa debido a las malas condiciones para conducir, sigue siendo obligatorio observar el domingo como día de descanso. Si los feligreses no pueden asistir a misa en persona, se les anima a ver la misa en EWTN o la retransmisión en directo desde St. Catherine's. Las actividades deben seguir centrándose en utilizar nuestro tiempo del domingo para descansar en el Señor (Génesis 2:3). Esto no sustituye a la misa y a la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión, pero es apropiado reservar el tiempo que se habría dedicado a adorar a Dios en su santo santuario para utilizarlo en la oración en casa. Esto podría consistir en rezar el Santo Rosario en familia o leer las lecturas de la misa dominical y escuchar una homilía del obispo Barron, o una devoción de Adviento en preparación para la gran Natividad del Señor. Sepan que están en mis oraciones. Sé que yo estoy en las suyas. -P. Joshua

SAN LEO - VISTAZO DE LA SEMANA

Lun 12/8 1:30 PM Hacer Rosarios en Ridgeview
Mié 12/10..... 6:00 PM Practica de Coro

Mié 12/10..... 5:30 PM FF K-5to grado
Mié 12/10..... 7:00PM FF 6to-12ce grado

DONACIÓN DE FLORES: Si le gustaria apoyar el fondo de flores para la siguiente procesión de la Virgen de Guadalupe y/o para recordatorio de un ser querido esta temporada Navideña con alguna planta o flores, por favor asiguelo a "Flores" y los checks deben de ser a su parroquia gracias!

CONTRIBUCIONES DE FIN DE AÑO: Solo un recordatorio de que las contribuciones que desea acreditar al año 2025 para fines fiscales deben estar EN la oficina de la iglesia antes del 31 de diciembre. ¡¡Gracias!!

CANCELACIONES POR EL TIEMPO: Cancelaciones de actividades será transmitido en la radio KLOH y en nuestra pagina de Facebook. Para encontrarnos en Facebook busque Iglesia Catolica San Leo y dele un "me gusta."

NUESTRA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE: La fiesta de NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE va a ser celebrada en San Leo el día viernes 12 de diciembre y la Misa será a las 6:00 PM. Por favor acompañenos para disfrutar de una deliciosa comida compartida terminando la Misa en el gimnasio. Si le gustaria traer una comida para compartir es bienvenido.

PETICIÓN DE ORACIÓN POR LOS ENFERMOS: Lucy Wallerich, Duanne Carlson, Catherine Ford, Bunny & Brad Johnson, Rosie Rolph, Maureen Bell, & Kay Dub-belde. *Que sépan de nuestras oraciones en su tiempo de necesidad.*

Esta semana comenzamos hablar del Nacimiento de nuestro Salvador! Esto es una gratificante y divertida historia para enseñar a los niños(as). Diremos esta historia muchas veces a los niños(as)

para que lo aprendan. También reforzaremos la importancia de este Nacimiento con muchos títulos de libros que leeremos! También hablaremos de Adviento y la corona de Adviento. Expandiremos en esto cada semana. La nieve fue bienvenida pero esperearemos un poco a que la temperatura caliente para poder divertirnos en ella. Estamos tomando registros para el año escolar 2025-2026. Nos gustaria tener a su hijo(a) de años 3, 4 o 5 para que disfrute de de una escuela Pre-escolar con experiencia basado en diversion y fe.. Por favor contacte a Mrs. V. al 507-360-4362. Ella le respondera cualquier pregunta que tenga. Agradecemos por todo su apoyo y oraciones.

~Escuela del Arca de Noé.



ST. CATHERINE'S HAPPENINGS: *News & Announcements*

THANK YOU: The family of Mary Pike would like to thank those who gave to the Doyle Hall Renovation Fund in memory of Mary Pike.

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU: We collected just over \$1,600.00 for our Seminarian Michal Rahm at the Knights of Columbus breakfast on November 23rd. We appreciate all the support from those who contributed!

ADORATION: Adoration has moved back to the Adoration Chapel on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. There are a few spots individuals are covering to be able to move back to the Chapel that they would like support with, so if you are interested in committing to an hour please contact: Becky Ranschau, Barb Daly, Rosie Paquette, and/or the Parish Office.

THE WALK TO MARY: The Diocese of Winona-Rochester (DOW-R) is excited to send, for a second time, a group of religious and laity from our diocese to experience and participate in the Walk to Mary! The Walk to Mary is an annual, twenty-two-mile pilgrimage walk in Wisconsin. The pilgrimage begins at the National Shrine of St. Joseph located at St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI and ends at the only Church-approved Marian apparition site in the United States of America, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. For more details related to the pilgrimage (i.e. Itinerary, Packing List, Registration, Cost, etc.) please consult, as a resource, our Walk to Mary Info Guide. For additional questions, please contact Brian Hansen (Phone: 507-361-1939), our diocese's Coordinator of Adult and Lay Formation, or Kat Larson (Phone: 507-361-3069) administrative assistant to our diocese's Office of Evangelization. Below are some important dates for prospective pilgrims to be aware of when considering to register for this diocesan event. We hope you will join us on this sacred journey!

- Date of Event: Friday, May 1 - Sunday, May 3, 2026
- Early Bird Registration Discount Deadline: Thursday, January 1, 2026

Registration Deadline: Sunday, March 1, 2026.

MISSION SEWING SILENT AUCTION: St. Catherine Mission Sewing Group is doing a silent auction of a Polar Bear quilt that was made by the Mission Sewing Group through December 14th. Please consider participating as Mission Sewing has many great missions: baptismal blankets, memory blankets, blankets to SHARE, etc.

ROSARY SERVICE: There is a Rosary Service at St. Catherine on Wednesdays at 9:15 AM followed by fellowship, treats, and coffee. Please join us for this time of prayer and relationship building.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

St. Leo
6:00 PM

St. Catherine
10:00 PM *midnight Mass*

Christmas Day

St. Catherine
9:00 AM

St. Leo
12:00 PM



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THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA) St. Catherine's Goal for 2025 is \$26,802.00. If you haven't already contributed, please return your CMA pledge card, or give online at www.catholicismn.org. As a parish, it would be wonderful to have 50% of our registered families, which is 210 families, contribute to the CMA this year.

CMA Pledges as of November 30, 2025	Donors	Received	Percentage
	73	\$17,200.00	64.17%

Fruit of the SPIRIT

An Advent Family Bible Study

Join us every Sunday in Advent from 6:30 - 7:30
for a Lectio Divina style family bible study; reflecting & focusing on gospel readings about the Christmas Story

Nov. 30 - The Annunciation

Dec. 7 - The Visitation

Dec. 14 - The Adoration of the Shepherds

Dec. 21 - The Wisemen from the East

There will be a family friendly guided reading and meditation then time with your family/small group for discussion questions and contemplation. This is a great way to prepare as a family for Christmas and dig into your Bibles!

Each week is a different theme/story so if you can only make it to a couple or have to miss a day, no worries, just come! No homework or preparation required.

NO COST - but please register in the Faith Formation Office or by contacting Nicole (ffd@stscsl.org) so we know about how many to plan for.



"Let us make the traditional Advent prayer our own: 'Come, Lord Jesus.' ... We can say it at the beginning of each day and repeat it often, before our meetings, our studies and our work, before making decisions, in every important or difficult moment of our lives: 'Come, Lord Jesus.'" ~ Pope Francis

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Contributions (Adult

Envelopes, Offertory, & Holy Days)

Adult\$12,353.89

Donation\$100.00

Faith Formation\$25.00

Total.....\$12,478.89

Please remember St. Catherine **needs weekly contributions of \$8,098.00** to keep current on monthly expenses.

Week 22 - (7/1/25-11/30/25)

Needed to Date\$178,156.00

Income to Date\$142,973.18

Please Include St. Mary Cemetery, St. Catherine Church, or St. Catherine Cemetery in your Last Will and Testament. We encourage giving through ParishSOFT - the QR Code for Online Giving through ParishSOFT is below. Call or email Jody Richters 283-8502, fa@stscsl.org, for more information or to sign up.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/f6260034-ff6b-4187-a4cf-e7d15dd119fb>



Birthday Greetings!

Davey Rock, Audie Christensen, Andrew DeBoer, Mifa Afkas, Annie Christensen, Shane Peterson, Diane Banck, Becky Christensen, Hannah Kempema, Jeff Mages, and Corey Nelson

Anniversaries!

Tyler & Kim Klaassen



FAITH FORMATION • St Catherine & St. Leo Youth News

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Reminder - all students participating in Confirmation (grades 9 -12) should sign-in at Mass using the QR Code posted on the bulletin board at both parishes. The QR code for each parish is different but you can sign in at St. Catherine or St. Leo if you go to either and it will get recorded. If you go elsewhere, please bring in a signed bulletin to show where you went. Mass attendance is a requirement of Confirmation and it is something we are keeping track of. Students who miss 3 or more Masses in a row will be asked to come and meet with Father Joshua.

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: This year our performance is Saturday, December 20 AFTER the 5:00 PM Mass. We are hoping to be able to hold the pageant in Doyle Hall with Christmas treats served after the performance. Mark your calendar to join us on December 20!

ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH ADVENT SERVICE PROJECTS: Here are the planned Advent Service Projects for our Faith Formation Students this year:

- **12th grade:** Delivering meals on Parish meal night (Dec. 17)
- **11th grade:** Holiday Decorating Helpers**
- **10th grade:** Praying for the Sick service at Hospice
- **9th grade:** Praying for the Sick service at Hospice
- **8th grade:** Create Giving Tree for the Gathering Space and wrap gifts for delivery
- **7th grade:** Stuff Christmas bags for the homebound
- **6th grade:** Pray for the Deceased of our Parish service
- **5th grade:** Cards/letters for students and staff at Annunciation in MSP
- **4th grade:** Cards/letters for students and staff at Annunciation in MSP
- **3rd grade:** Make cards (2 each) for the Homebound Christmas Bags
- **2nd grade:** Make cards (2 each) for the Homebound Christmas Bags
- **1st grade:** Make cards (2 each) for the Homebound Christmas Bags
- **Kinder:** Make cards (2 each) for the Homebound Christmas Bags

****We are looking for elderly or homebound parishioners who might want help putting up their Christmas tree or doing some indoor decorating. If this is something you are interested in, please contact the parish office at 283-8502.**

BULLETIN SUBMISSION TIME: The deadline to submit information for the bulletin is Tuesdays at noon as we will need more time to coordinate with the combining of St. Leo & St. Catherine bulletins. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this process of change.

ST. CATHERINE DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday, December 9 – PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, December 10 – Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

Tuesday, December 16 – PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, December 17 – Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM & 7:00 PM) with Parish Meal 5:00- 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 20 – Youth Christmas Pageant after 5:00 PM Mass

Tuesday, December 23 – NO PreK CGS

Wednesday, December 24 – NO FAITH FORMATION – MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 31 – NO FAITH FORMATION – MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, January 6 – PreK CGS (9:45 AM)

Wednesday, January 7 – Wednesday Faith Formation (4:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

ST. LEO DATES TO NOTE:

Wednesday, December 10 – Wednesday Faith Formation (5:30 PM & 7:00 PM) with Gathering Meal

Wednesday, December 10 – MS/HS Youth Group (5:30 – 7:00 PM)

Wednesday, December 17 – Wednesday Faith Formation (5:30 PM & 7:00 PM) –Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 24 – NO FAITH FORMATION – MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 31 – NO FAITH FORMATION – MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, January 7 – Wednesday Faith Formation (5:30 PM & 7:00 PM)



Worthington Deanery
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AT CONFIRMATION, CHRIST SEALS US WITH THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SO THAT WE CAN BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL LIKE THE APOSTLES WERE AT PENTECOST. BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO JUST RECEIVE THESE GIFTS - WE MUST ACCEPT THEM AND CHOOSE TO USE THEM IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

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ST. LEO - QUICK VIEW OF THE WEEK

Mon 12/8..... 1:30 PM .. Make Rosary @ Ridgeview
Wed 12/10.... 6:00 PM Choir Practice

Wed 12/10.... 5:30 PM FF K-5th Grade
Wed 12/10.... 7:00 PM FF 6th-12th Grade

FLOWER DONATIONS: If you would like to help support the Flower Fund for the upcoming Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession and/or to remember you loved ones with a poinsettia during the Christmas season, please note on your donation envelope or check memo line "Flowers". Checks should be made payable to your parish. Thank you!

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Just a reminder that contributions you wish to be credited to the year 2025 for tax purposes must physically be IN the church office by December 31.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: Weather cancellations will be broadcast on KLOH and on our Facebook page. To find us on Facebook search St. Leo's Catholic Church and "like" our page.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: The feast of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE will be celebrated at St. Leo on Friday, December 12, at 6:00 PM. Please join us after Mass for a potluck in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe! You are welcome to bring a dish to share.

PRAYER PETITIONS FOR THE SICK: Lucy Wallerich, Duanne Carlson, Catherine Ford, Bunny & Brad Johnson, Rosie Rolph, Maureen Bell, & Kay Dubbelde. *May they know of our prayers in their time of need.*

HARVEST OF SOULS CANDLES: The candles from the Harvest of Souls are near the baptismal font and family are invited to take home their loved one's candle.

SECOND COLLECTION: We will be collecting a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious and Catholic University next Sunday, December 14. You can read about the retirement fund from the insert in this bulletin. 90% of your giving will go to that fund

This week we began talking about the birth of our Savior! This is a rewarding and fun story to teach the children. We will tell the story many times for the children to learn it. We will also reinforce the importance of this birth with many different little books that we will read! We also talked about Advent and the Advent wreath. We will expand on this weekly. We welcomed the snow but now wait for a little warmer temp so we can have fun in it. We are taking registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. We would love to have your 3, 4, or 5yr old join us for a fun, faith based preschool experience Please contact Mrs. V. at 507-360-4362. She would love to answer any questions you may have. We thank you for all your prayers and support.

~ Noah's Ark Preschool



and 10% will go towards the Catholic University of America which is located in Washington, DC. The CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition and this collection provides scholarships for students. Please make checks payable to your parish.

GATHERING MEAL: December's gathering meal is going to be a fun meal of pizza. So I'm looking for 2 volunteers to help serve from 6-7pm on December 10. Let me know if you're interested in helping. Thanks, Kristie Faber.

ST. LEO CHURCH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Adult	\$1,501.45
Online Giving.....	\$1,790.34
Children	\$14.00
Offertory.....	\$150.00
Utilities	\$1.00
Rent	\$40.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$11.00
Total	\$3,507.79
Please remember St. Leo needs weekly contributions of \$7,335.00 to keep current on monthly expenses.	
Week 22 - (7/1/25-11/30/25)	
Needed to Date	\$161,370.00
Income to Date	\$146,100.00

Thank you for giving of your time, talent & treasure!

Give online safely and securely via the ParishSOFT Online Giving platform by visiting <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stleopipestone> to find the online giving link. You can choose to make a one-time or a recurring donation to the fund of your choice. For giving to the general fund, registered adult members of St. Leo should choose the Adult fund. For questions please call the St. Leo office. Also use the QR code here.



TODAY'S READINGS

Is 11:1-10
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Gn 3:9-15, 20 | Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11 | Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31 | Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Is 41:13-20 | Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Zec 2:14-17 | Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 | Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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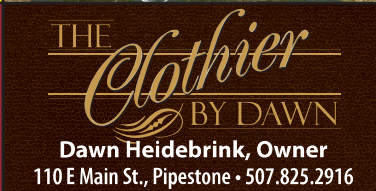
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