



Saint Leo Catholic Church

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 6, 2025

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"Though everything in the world reflects God, nothing in the world is God. Therefore, if we want truly to love the Lord, we want to cultivate a spirituality of detachment. We don't cling to worldly goods as though they are our ultimate good. Rather we let go of them for the sake of God."

~Bishop Barron

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Gn 28:10-22a

Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33

Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:51-57; 42:5-7a,
17-24a

Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29;
45:1-5

Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a

Mt 10:24-33

TODAY'S READINGS

Is 66:10-14c

Gal 6:14-18

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20



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**SACRAMENT OF
BAPTISM***Call the St. Leo office
507-825-3152***SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION***Tuesdays 4:30-5:00 PM
Other times by appointment***SACRAMENT OF
MARRIAGE***Contact the St. Leo office
at least 6 months prior
to the desired date***DIOCESE OF
WINONA-ROCHESTER***507-454-4643
www.dowr.org*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: July 7—July 13, 2025

Monday, July 7th			No Public Mass
Tuesday, July 8th	St. Leo	4:00 PM	Adoration
Tuesday, July 8th	St. Leo	5:15 PM	+Mary Ehlers
Wednesday, July 9th	St. Catherine	9:00 AM	+Arnold & +Ruth Reese
Thursday July 10th	Ridgeview	10:30 AM	+Harry Kelley
Friday July 11th	Parkview	9:00 AM	Rosary & Communion
Friday, July 11th	Tuff Home	10:00 AM	+Tom & +Agnes McCarty
Saturday July 12th	St. Leo	5:00 PM	+Bob Timmer
Sunday July 13th	St. Catherine	8:30 AM	+Sienbehler Family
Sunday July 13th	St. Leo	10:30 AM	+Bruce Matthiesen
Sunday July 13th	St. Leo	1:00 PM	For the Parishioners

**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER
JOSHUA...**

Greetings in the Risen Lord to all the parishioners of St. Catherine and St. Leo Parishes. I am Father Joshua Miller, your new pastor. Please call me Father Joshua. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped me unload my things and move them into the rectory on Monday. It was a very smooth and easy move from Owatonna. A special thanks to Msgr. Kosse for having everything ready for me when I arrived.

I am sure that I will come to know you all better in the coming days, but for now here is a little bit of my story. My parents are Gregory and Karen Miller, and I grew up on a farm just north of Waseca. I am the older brother of four sisters. I graduated from Waseca High School in 2008, and I attended the US Military Academy at West Point where I graduated in 2012 and was commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer in the US Army. During my first duty assignment at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, many of the soldiers under my command were combat veterans with various symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress. Throughout the course of my assignment, I recognized the desire in my own heart to be a spiritual father to my Soldiers rather than just be their boss. This desire grew and eventually led me to the pursuit of becoming a Priest and Army Chaplain. In 2017, I transferred to the Army Reserves and became a seminarian for the Diocese of Fairbanks, AK. At the time, Bishop Chad Zielinski, a retired Air Force Chaplain, mentored me and supported me along the way. He is now the bishop of the Diocese of New Ulm, just north of us. I began my studies at Mundelein Seminary, in Mundelein, IL. Eventually, the Lord made it clear to me that He wanted me to be closer to my family. I transferred to the Diocese of Winona-Rochester in 2023 and consequently I also transferred to the St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

*Continue next page...***LITURGICAL HELPERS****Saturday, July 12 ~ 5:00 PM**Sacristan: Elaine FenicleAltar Servers: Marcus NizLectors: Linda DelaneyEucharistic Ministers: Dan Delaney, Linda DelaneyUshers: *Need Help, *Need HelpMusic: Jim Baustian, Stella Lingen**Sunday, July 13 ~ 10:30 AM**Sacristan: Elaine FenicleAltar Servers: Summer LaBrune, Blake Einck,
*Need helpLectors: Gene Halbur, Linda HalburEucharistic Ministers: Katie Einck, Julie Stevens,
Elaine Fenicle, Joe Baustian, Deb Hagedorn, *Need
HelpUshers: Connie Carrow, Greg Carrow, Jeff
Manderscheid, *Need HelpMusic: Lori Goelz, Cindy Koenders**FAIR BOOTH VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for volunteers to help in our St. Leo booth in the blue building during the county fair. July 30-Aug 1. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 1:00-8:00 PM during fair week. Please call or stop at the office if you interested.

**THANK YOU FROM MSGR. GERALD
KOSSE**

I want to thank all of you for the Farewell Parties at St. Leo and St. Catherine on the occasion of my retirement. The many years that I was your pastor were blessed years, blessed first by the Lord Jesus and blessed by your presence. Together we walked with the Lord, listening to his calling be his present disciples. Thank you for your prayers and many gifts. Know that I will always hold you in my prayers. You made the many years I was at St. Leo and St. Catherine "home" to me.

I was ordained by Bishop Barron to the Priesthood on 8 June, 2024 and my first assignment was as the Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish in Owatonna and Assistant with Sacramental Ministry for St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna and Christ the King Parish in Medford.

In April, Bishop Barron appointed me as the Pastor of St. Catherine Parish in Luverne, and St. Leo Parish in Pipestone beginning 1 July, 2025 and effective for two years. As a pastor, the bishop has entrusted to me the care of all the souls that reside in the parish boundaries, whether they are active, occasional, or lapsed Catholics. He also expects me to proclaim the Gospel to those who do not practice any religion or who do not believe in God. I am very honored and excited to begin this ministry as your shepherd.

The reason that my appointment as your pastor is for only two years is because I will be returning to Active Duty with the Army in 2027. The Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) is the diocese that is responsible for all the Catholics in the American military around the world. It is a diocese without borders. It also is a diocese without parishes and without its own priests. Every priest that serves as a chaplain in the US Military is on loan from another diocese or religious order. And as there is a shortage of priests in most dioceses in the US, there is an even greater shortage in the military since so few priests are able to be released for Active Duty.

I am a beneficiary/product of the AMS Seminarian Co-Sponsorship Program. The program dictates that the AMS pays for 50% of seminary education expenses for a priest and in return, the priest (with the approval of his bishop) will serve on Active Duty as a Chaplain for five years. This five year commitment does not begin until after the priest has had at least three years of pastoral experience in his home diocese. I was ordained in 2024 and thus I will serve in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester until 2027 when I return to Active Duty.

I am also currently serving as a Chaplain in the US Army Reserves. This means that I will be away from the parishes at least one weekend per month. This month, I will be away for Army Reserve Duty the 11-13 of July..

Please be patient with me as I learn how to be your pastor. With any change in leadership, there are bound to be other changes that come as well. As I continue to learn and integrate with the parishes, I expect to be making changes to the Mass schedule in the future. When those decisions are made, I will make sure that they are announced well in advance both in the parish bulletins and on the parish web-sites.

QUICK VIEW OF THE WEEK

Tue 7/7.....	1:00 PM.....	Quilting
Tue 7/7.....	4:00 PM.....	Adoration
Tue 7/7.....	5:15 PM.....	MASS

NAME TAG PLEASE!

On the first weekend of July we would like to ask everyone to please wear a name tag with your first name and last name when you go to Mass Saturday night and Sunday Morning. This is to help Father Joshua Miller put a name and face together. We will have the tags on a table at the concourse so you can Print your name yourself.

We appreciate your collaboration as we help welcoming Father Joshua Miller!

QUILTING

We are looking for new members to join Quilting . we will meet on Tuesday July 8 at 1:00 PM. Please bring your own sewing machines or if you just want to tie or cut blocks. All are welcome. We gather in the St. Joseph/St. Martin Room. And lunch is always good!



Noah's Ark Preschool has opening for all ages, 3 to 5 years olds, and would love to have your child join us for a fun, faith based preschool experience. We offer many ways of learning while exploring and having fun. We

have scholarships available. We are a Four Star Program so all staff are properly trained. We keep our classes small so that each child can receive individualized attention and learning. If you are interested please call the church office at 1-507-825-3152 and Sonia will put you in touch with Mrs. V. I would love to meet you and talk to you about our program.

We continue to appreciate all your prayers and support. ~Noah's Ark Preschool

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

When Bishop Robert Barron joined the Diocese of Winona Rochester in 2022, he challenged the people of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester to grow the number of seminarians from 20-40. We currently have 25 Seminarians who will be continuing their training in the fall. That's some great progress in just three years. More progress is needed but with continued progress there will be a need for more funding for education to allow them not to carry such a substantial burden of student debt. We will be doing a second collection for the Seminarian Education Fund Appeal next Sunday, July 13th.



Yay! We made it pass the half-way Mark!

The CMA is a primary source of funding to sustain and expand ministries in our parishes, schools, programs and departments of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. **Thank you to those who have already given.** May God bless you for your faithfulness to the ministries of His Church.

If you haven't donated yet please consider doing so. Donate what you can—every donation no matter the size helps us reach our goal. Any money donated above and beyond the \$26,207 goal comes back to St. Leo. If we don't meet our goal by year's end we need to pay it from our general budget.

If every family who has not yet donated gave just \$25.97 we would meet our goal!

Donation Envelopes are available in the office to pay by check or **you can give online at:**
www.catholicfsmn.org.

\$10,127.00 Left to go

CMA Pledges as of June 27, 2025

# of Donations	Amount Rec'd	% of Goal
45	\$16,080.00	61.36%

TOTUS TUUS

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. All students who have completed Kindergarten through 12th grade can attend Totus Tuus. The 2025 St Leo program runs July 20-25. Registration forms can be found on the St Leo website, www.stscl.org/faith-formation, or picked up in the church office. There is no registration fee. **The registration deadline is this Thursday, June 27th.** Contact Holly Baatz at 507-320-8441 or Kristi Faber at 507-215-1104 with questions.

MEDITATION GARDEN

Have you visited our meditation garden lately? The flowers are in full bloom and it's a most peaceful little spot to spend some time talking to God.

PRAYER PETITIONS FOR THE SICK

Catherine Ford, Bunny Johnson, Rosie Rolph, Maureen Bell, Kay Dubbelde, & James Waite.

May they know of our prayers in their time of need.

ST. LEO SACRIFICIAL GIVING WEEK 52 — JUNE 29, 2025

Needed weekly

\$7,335.00

Budget-to-date

\$381,420.00

Income-to-date

\$346,086.00

Adult\$3,898.00

Online Giving\$3,875.45

Offertory\$490.00

Building Maintenance\$10.00

Total.....\$8,273.45

Special Collection:

St. Leo Cemetery.....\$10.00

Diocesan Collection:

Peter's Pence\$467.00

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

ONLINE GIVING

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.