

Lee O'Day Bio

Hi, I'm Lee O'Day. I am a Dad to three grown Children, Dan, the eldest is in Baltimore, Tim my middle child is in Knoxville Tennessee and my Daughter Jaime and her husband live in Topeka. I have two Grandkids from Dan, LeighAnn is 21 and Alex is 20. Tim and his wife Rachel have four kids, Blake, Kaleb, Linkin and Kinley ranging from 15 to 2. I love being a dad and grandpa.

I was born and raised in Rochester NY. From early on I had an interest in Radio. An article in a February 1992 issue of The Leaven recalled how I used to talk into pop bottles, making believe it was a microphone. By the age of 10 I had a studio in the basement to "Play Radio". My parents were a captive audience, as I had wired speakers around the house so they could hear my broadcast. Soon a real transmitter was added so I could broadcast to the neighbors too. In High School, while in the St Genesis Drama Club I set up a closed circuit radio station to broadcast to the cafeteria before and after school.

After graduation I got a part time job at WSAY in Rochester which led to a full position a few months later. The station did not have many sponsors but one of them pretty much paid the bills. The station sold a half hour of air time at 7pm every night for the "Family Rosary for Peace". It was a live broadcast from the St. Francis of Assisi parish center in Rochester. I wanted to continue that tradition as a nightly feature on KSWZ-LP.

I continued in radio to stations in the Western New York area and in 1980 I accepted a job in Topeka at a station changing to a Country music format. From that station, KSKX AM, I moved to WIBW AM then on to KTPK FM.

Through those years in Rochester I became involved in early Folk Masses in the mid to late 60's and through the 70's I directed a group of High School teens, singing at Mass each week and performing at Churches, Nursing homes and Civic organizations. God used this experience to prepare me for the move to Kansas. Here I joined Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish, where I played Guitar for Mass. The Lord was calling me to a deeper relationship and in 1983, after playing for a Sunday Mass, a man started a conversation with me. As we talked I felt the urging in my spirit to ask him a question: "Are you a member of the Glory to God prayer group?". It turned out that he was one of the coordinators of the group and he gave

me three tapes to listen to. I was so excited by the direction God was leading me. I was "Prayed over" for a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit in my life. After joining the Glory to God Catholic Covenant Community I became involved in the Music Ministry and led the Praise and Worship music for a worldwide conference Glory to God hosted for the IBOC (International Brother-hood of Communities), Glory to God Community was one of the founding communities when Pope Saint John Paul II instituted the Catholic Fraternity of Covenant Communities and Fellowships. I was blessed to be in the Holy Father's presence in Rome in 1994 at a private audience with the Catholic Fraternity.

With Glory to God Community I became very interested in the "Topeka Outpouring of 1901", where a group of Bible students received the Charismatic gifts on the first day of the 20th Century. I tracked down the location of where the building stood and have written a book "It's All in God's Plan" scheduled to be published in the next few months. I host a web page on the subject: www.stonesfolly.com. I also have hosted www.dailyprayerpage.com for 15 years.

Speaking of things being in God's plan, I believe that I am here on KSWZ-LP because God prepared me in my Faith and work skills to serve Him in Catholic Radio. I am looking forward to meeting Priests and Parishioners all around the Western part of the Archdiocese and working to bring the best, service oriented Catholic Radio Station for God's Glory.