



**ST. LEO THE GREAT**  
PARISH & SCHOOL

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

January 17, 2021

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**Father James J. Vesely**  
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Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKENDS**

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM and 11:00AM

**WEEKDAYS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ~ 8:30AM

Thursday - Communion Service ~ 8:30AM

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

8:30AM and 7:00PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Individual confessions can be heard after Mass by request or any time by appointment.

**NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!**

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing address are asked to contact the Rectory office.

**BAPTISMS**

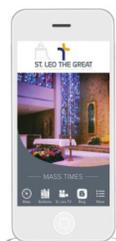
Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Preparations and arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with a priest. Only then can a wedding date be confirmed.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

If you are curious about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.



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IN ORDINARY TIME**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.

**ROSARY**



Please join us in church on **Wednesday, January 27th**, as we say the rosary at 7:00pm What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.



*In Loving Memory of  
**Genevieve A. Novak***

*Born: February 8, 1924*

*Entered into Rest: December 18, 2020*

**Mass of Christian Burial**  
*St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
Saturday ~ December 26, 2020  
At 11:00 a.m.*

**Burial**

*Holy Cross Cemetery  
Section: 12 Lot: 3368 Grave: 1*

*Holy Mother of Czestochowa,  
Thou art full of grace, goodness and mercy.  
I consecrate to Thee all my thoughts,  
words and actions, my soul and body.  
I beseech Thy blessings and especially prayers  
for my salvation. Today, I consecrate myself to Thee,  
Good Mother, totally with body and soul  
amid joy and sufferings to obtain for  
myself and others Thy blessings on this earth  
and eternal life in Heaven. Amen.*

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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Christine E. Nielson-Aigner**

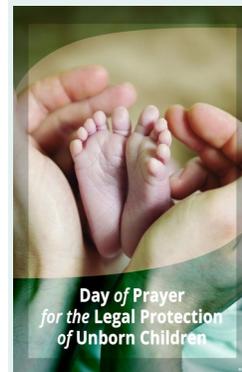
March 19, 1947  
December 25, 2020

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**  
January 9, 2021  
St. Leo the Great Church

God saw that you were getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

*Chambers Funeral Homes*

**DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION  
OF UNBORN CHILDREN - 1/22/21**



Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.

You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child

in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Encourage us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**



Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Mlady, Ralph Rath, Joseph Mackey, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath, James Cook, Cherie Seitz, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum & Chuck Pacanovsky.



**Monday, January 18th - Weekday**  
8:30am Mary Kubala (Family)

**Tuesday, January 19th - Weekday**  
8:30am +Dolores (Bobbie) & Bob Whittaker (The St. Catherine 8th Grade Class)

**Wednesday, January 20th - SS. Fabian & Sebastian**  
8:30am +Kristine Hoffrica (Family)

**Thursday, January 21st - St. Agnes**  
8:30am Communion Service

**Friday, January 22nd - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**  
8:30am +Unborn Children

**Saturday, January 23rd—SS. Vincent & Marianne Cope**  
4:00pm Seniors

**Sunday, January 24th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am +Charles Hakaim (Eva Bunosky)



**WE WELCOME**

**Aliyah Sankey  
&  
Dakota Riley Fender**

as they are baptized this weekend.

*May the blessings you received from God guide you throughout your life!*

**GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS**

**AL & MARGE BALLAUER**

January 11, 2021—\$100.00 Winner



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at online at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org) or at the Rectory Office.

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life.

**Dale Shafer**  
**Holy Family, Parma**  
**Aspirant - Diaconate Formation**



Pray that he may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19**

Today's reading takes place 11 centuries before Christ at an Israelite shrine, which is referred to as a "temple" in the text. At the shrine was the "Ark of God," a wooden chest overlaid by gold in which the 10 Commandments were kept. Eli was the high priest at the shrine. Samuel was a young man in Eli's service. We will hear how God called Samuel to be a prophetic leader of Israel.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20**

Today and for the next few Sundays, our second reading will be from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Corinth, a port city in ancient Greece, was noted for its widespread immorality. Anything and everything was thought permissible. Paul doesn't counter this attitude by putting down the human body as evil or of little worth. Rather he does just the opposite.

**Readings for the week of January 17, 2021**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, -7,8-9/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Jn 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



**Sunday, January 3rd**

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| Collection .....      | \$ 3,563.00 |
| WeShare(online) ..... | \$ 1,845.00 |
| Total .....           | \$ 5,408.00 |

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

*Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)*

## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrated a Funeral Mass for Barbara Stawicki last week, who died on January 1<sup>st</sup>. She was married for 54 years to her husband Edward and they have 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Barb & Edward were married at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Barb always began meals at home with a prayer and loved family gatherings, especially during the holidays. Their son Joe died in 2017 and of course this brought much sorrow to Barb but we pray she will be reunited with him in God's kingdom.

Dora DiFranco's husband died almost 20 years ago but she was married to him for 45 years and they had 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. Dora enjoyed making pasta and baked various nationality desserts but her brownies & cookies were the favorites of the grandchildren, and she taught them how to make pizza. Dora was a first generation immigrant from Italy and lived a life of faith by attending Mass, praying the rosary and sending her children to our parish school. She also had a devotion to St. Anthony and so we pray that through his intercession, Dora may rest in God's peace.

Christine Neilson-Aigner died on Christmas, a day she loved to celebrate so much. She was married for 27 years until her husband Tom passed away. But she gained 6 step-children & several grand & great-grandchildren. Chris had a gift for being creative and was known as a kind and caring person who practiced the virtue of generosity. She enjoyed the gift of life God gave to her and so experienced what Jesus said when he promised that he has come so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. May Chris experience the fullness of life now in the kingdom of heaven.

As I announced last weekend, we had a Zoom meeting last Monday where I shared some insights which came from a book I read last year called "Forming Intentional Disciples." The premise of the book is that many Catholics were raised "culturally" in the sense that their parents had them baptized, made sure they were catechized by attending Catholic school or PSR (what we used to call "CCD" classes), and then had their children receive the other sacraments such as Holy Communion and Confirmation. While many Catholics were catechized (taught the Catholic faith), unfortunately many were not "instructed" about how to have a personal relationship with God through the person of Jesus Christ. As a result, many stop practicing their faith as they get older, finding that they are just going through the religious motions encouraged by their parents without the most important piece: a relationship with God. Many today even speak of being "spiritual but not religious," meaning that they believe in God but not in the practice of a religion since they have not found that meaningful (without the relationship at the heart of it). In our preaching, Deacon Pat & I are trying to emphasize the necessity of such a personal encounter with God through Christ. And book studies such as these are meant to help facilitate that awareness. If you missed our meeting, you can watch it (or even just listen to it) on demand via a link on our website. You can also join us for the next Zoom meeting in February. To receive the book for free, just call or stop in the rectory office & ask for one. I believe you will find it as intriguing and helpful as I did. May it help lead you to a true friendship with Christ.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

### ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE



The Annual Mass for Life will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, January 22nd at 10:00 am. This will be a ticket - only event, but it will be

live streamed on the Diocesan website: <http://dioceseofcleveland.org> and aired on AM 1260 The Rock, both radio & website [am1260therock.com](http://am1260therock.com). Please join us as we celebrate and respect life from the moment of conception until natural death.

*A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.*

*Pope Saint John Paul II - Evangelium Vitae*

### 9 DAYS FOR LIFE



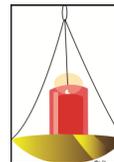
Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, January 21-29, 2020. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

### ORNAMENTS FROM REMEMBRANCE TREES



If you did not have a chance to take your ornament from the Remembrance Trees, the ornaments will be in the main vestibule of the church through January 31st.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



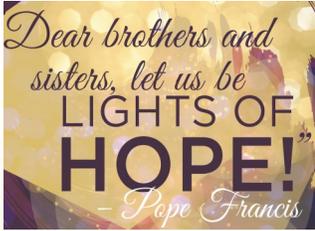
January 17th to January 30th

**THE DINA AND JAHOLNYCKY FAMILIES**



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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



To be sure your Charitable donations are being used the way you intend them to be, please consider donating to your St. Vincent De Paul Outreach Organization throughout the year. We are a volunteer organization that provides assistance to the needy in our area, whether it is due to job layoffs, illness or other misfortune. No questions are asked about religious affiliation, and everything is kept confidential.

The Organization prides itself on the fact that ALL donations go directly back to the people we serve. There is NO overhead, NO administration cost, and ALL services are volunteered, so Contributors can be assured their donations are being put to the best use.

Remember that people need help throughout the whole year. Of course, there is always a sharp increase for our services at this time of the year as the weather gets colder. Our Poor Boxes are located at the entrances of the Church or you can put your donation in an envelope and mark it "St. Vincent de Paul". We thank you for your continued support.



### 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To receive a copy of your 2020 contribution statement, please email your request to [mlhauck@leothegreat.org](mailto:mlhauck@leothegreat.org).

You can also call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement—pick up in the office, e-mail or mail.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Davis Foundation is offering Scholarships for interested students who are in the 8th Grade at St. Leo the Great and to students who graduated from St. Leo the Great. The process for eligibility has changed from previous years. Please contact Ms. Dodson ([mdodson@leothegreat.org](mailto:mdodson@leothegreat.org)) for more information if you are interested. The deadline for consideration is January 29, 2021. Thank you and God bless you!

### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS



We are taking intentions for Sanctuary Candle Intentions for 2021. The donation for the candle will be \$10.00. Please only one request per family.

You can stop by the Rectory Office to request a Sanctuary Candle Intention or call us at 216-661-1006.

### GIFT CARD PROGRAM



Buying our gift cards is an excellent way to help support our Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at our office or on our website at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org). Gift Cards can be used for your grocery needs, drugstore items, gasoline, or used as a simple thank you.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

### ONLINE GIVING



Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website: [www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

### REGISTER WITH US



Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the rectory office, go online at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org) or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.

### 2021 MASS INTENTIONS



The 2021 Mass Intention Book is open. Please come to the Rectory Office where masks are required, and schedule your 2021 Masses. You may also call the Rectory at 216-661-1006 and schedule your intentions. The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

### BRING IT TO THE BIN



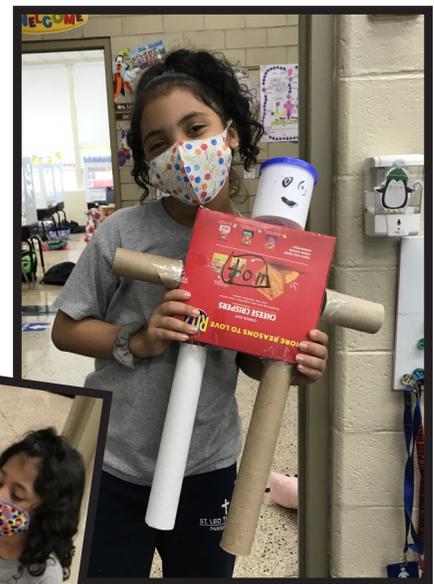
Did you know you can help our school earn \$\$? Just bring it to the bin. Bring CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER, Mail, Newspapers, Hard and Soft Bound Books, Phone books, Brown Paper Bags, and Flattened Cardboard. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to save their paper too!

# School News



Before Christmas break the younger students celebrated "Polar Express Day" by wearing their PJ's to school and watching the movie.

Mrs. Grosels' 2nd grade class had an "Elf" day. Students used recycled materials to create toys! Their creativity was quite impressive!



**Need Information Now?**  
**Kindergarten through 8th Grade**  
**School - Call (216) 661-2120** ←  
**Preschool - Call (216) 661-5330** →

**2021 Preschool, Kindergarten & Grades 1 thru 8**

## Open House

**Sunday - January 31 - 10:00 am - 12:30 p.m.**

Due to the Pandemic the Open House is for **NEW** interested families. Interested families can bring their children to tour the school, and receive registration information.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**



This weekend we are collecting for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting-edge research in multiple fields. Your donation will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project. The Catholic Project is an initiative of the University that aims to help clergy and the lay faithful develop a deeper understanding of the lay vocation and principles for effective action in the wake of the recent Church crisis. Thank you for your generosity.

**HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The Rectory Office will be closed **Tomorrow, Monday, January 18th** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 19th at 9:00am.

**“The time is always right to do what is right.”**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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Mary Queen of Peace will host their Third Sunday FREE Community Meal ...which is TAKE-OUT only this Sunday, January 17th at 1pm. Please pull around to the back doors of the Parish Center to pick up your delicious meal to bring home and enjoy!

**Everyone is welcome to come take home a meal.**

**ST. IGNATIUS JOB POSITION  
CAMPUS DINING**



St. Ignatius is currently looking to hire in Campus Dining. Looking for people who are hardworking and dedicated. Below is the link to the job description.

<https://www.ignatius.edu/SaintIgnatius/media/>

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