



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

**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 25, 2020**

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**Father James J. Vesely**  
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**SCHOOL HOURS:**

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.



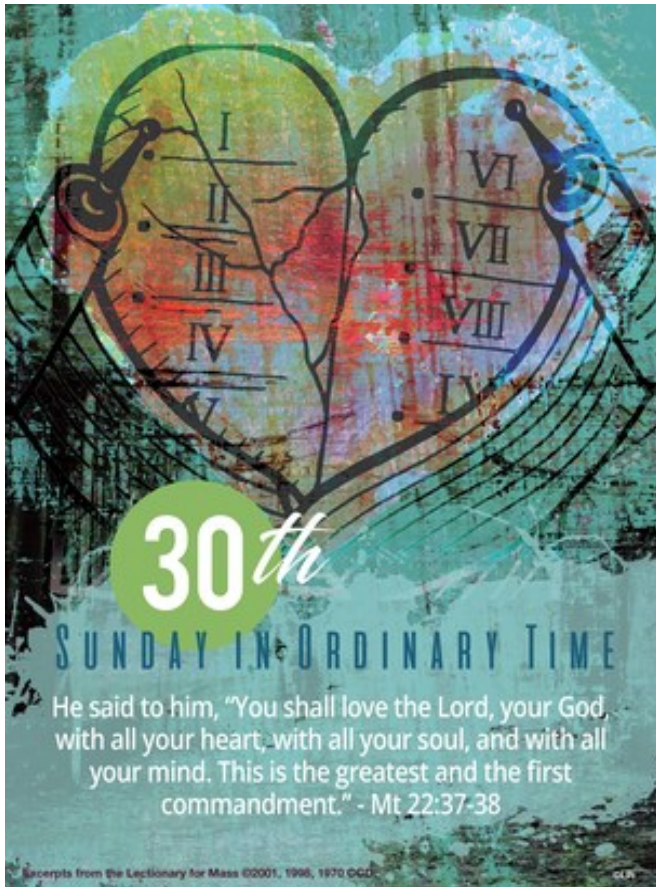
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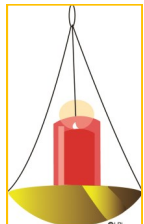
### CALCULATING LOVE

Have you ever Googled the word “love”? If you did you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife’s. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn’t read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: “Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever.” Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

October 25th to November 7th

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
RUSSELL WALKER

Miss You,  
Your Children



### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is the candle next to the Tabernacle, which signifies the real presence of Christ within it. You can dedicate this Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for two weeks; the name will be published in the bulletin so that your intention can be prayed for by everyone during that time.

We will start taking intentions for 2021 the week-end of November 14th/15th. The donation for the candle will be \$10.00. Please only one request per family.

Please stop by the Rectory Office to request a Sanctuary Candle Intention.



Please join us in church on Tuesday, November 10th, the Feast Day of St. Leo the Great, the patron saint of our parish, as we say the rosary at 7:00pm. What is 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.



### 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.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, William and Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Mlady, Ralph Rath, Walter Alflen, Joseph Mackey, Diana, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath, James Cook & Rob Blum.



**Monday, October 26th - Weekday**  
8:30am +Henryka Dyszlewska (Friend)

**Tuesday, October 27th - Weekday**  
8:30am +Larry Clancy (Smith & Leary Families)

**Wednesday, October 28th - SS. Simon & Jude**  
8:30am St. Jude - In Thanksgiving

**Thursday, October 29th - Weekday**  
8:30am Communion Service

**Friday, October 30th - Weekday**  
8:30am +Decenzio & Maria Neroni (Family)

**Saturday, October 31st - Weekday**  
4:00pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, November 1st**  
8:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am People of the Parish



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

JOSEPH ZUCHOWSKI  
October 19, 2020  
\$100.00 Winner



Our last drawing for this year will be on the Feast of St. Leo the Great, Tuesday, November 10th.

We are pleased to announce our **NEW Great Sweepstakes weekly drawings will resume on January 1, 2021.** We will begin selling tickets on **Saturday, November 14th.** The drawing will go from January 1, 2021 thru November 10, 2021 (Feast of St. Leo). There will be (44) \$100 Weekly Drawings, (5) \$200 Special Drawings and (1) \$1,000 Super Drawing on the Feast of St. Leo on November 10, 2021.

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

JOANATHAN SHELL  
St. Mary Magdalene, Willowick  
First Year, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

Sunday, October 18th

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Collection .....     | \$ 3,447.00 |
| WeShare(online)..... | \$ 2,292.50 |
| Total .....          | \$ 5,739.50 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

The book of Exodus recounts how the Jews escaped from slavery in Egypt and made a covenant with God at Mount Sinai. While we're familiar with the Ten Commandments as part of this covenant, God also included other laws. Note that many of them deal with how we treat other people.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Some geography will help us appreciate this reading. Macedonia was a Roman province in northern Greece in which the city of Thessalonica was located. Achaia was the province in southern Greece to which Paul journeyed after preaching to the Thessalonians. In this, his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul reports that, on his journey, he learned that their *exemplary* faith was already known and talked about throughout Greece.

Readings for the week of October 25, 2020

**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Monday:** Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

**Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a



## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

I want to repeat here what I spoke about during the 4pm Mass last Saturday when we heard a gospel passage which discussed political issues in Jesus' time such as taxes, the Roman government & about Caesar, the man in office at the time. On the homepage of our website, I put a link to a YouTube video produced by the Word on Fire organization which was created by the popular Bishop Robert Barron. He and the content producer had a 20 minute discussion regarding Catholics & Politics where Bishop Barron answered questions based on a recent article by the Pew Research Center called "8 Facts about Catholics & Politics in the U.S." (which I've also linked on the website). What I most appreciated was how he pointed out that when someone asks him whether he is a Republican or Democrat, his response is, "I am a Catholic before all else." Though every bishop, priest & deacon has a political opinion like everyone else, when we represent the Church, we speak about issues that are important to us as Catholic people. The Pew Research Center said that Catholics are split down the middle politically: 48% identify as Republican & 47% as Democrat. So the Bishop pointed out that issues that are typically associated with those on the left, are values that are upheld in Catholic Social Teaching over the Church's very long history, like concern for the poor, social justice, migrants, refugees, opposition to capital punishment & concern for the environment. And issues usually associated with those on the right are also upheld in Catholic Social Teaching, such as religious liberty, opposition to abortion & euthanasia, defense of the traditional family, opposition to gender choice & gay marriage. So **Catholic Teaching speaks to issues on both sides.**

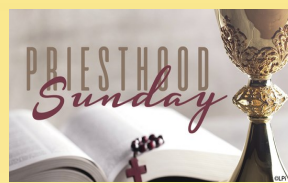
What the Bishop finds regrettable is that a majority of Catholics (62%) believe churches should keep out of politics, which is very troubling as faith and politics both have to do with the issues we face every day in society. 75% of Catholics also believe the Church should not endorse a political candidate, which the Church agrees with.

I then pointed out that the (first) letter Bishop Malesic wrote to the faithful of the Cleveland Diocese (published in the bulletin & on our website) adds to Barron's remarks by saying that while we must consider all the issues when choosing to vote for a particular candidate, some issues are more weighty or fundamental than others. For example, the bishops have said that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself..." and that "while we are not a 'single issue' Church...these additional rights flow from and are rooted in the fundamental right to life itself." I believe the message from Bishop Barron and Bishop Malesic need to be heard and reflected upon together.

I urge you to watch the video mentioned above, to read Bishop Malesic's letter, & to read the other articles which I've linked on our website. Each of us needs the guidance of the Holy Spirit to inform our conscience and to help us vote accordingly.

If you're feeling heated up just by the mention of politics in this column, it's probably just the heat that was just turned on in the church this past week. So enjoy the warmth and keep a cool head as we get closer to the election next week. And always remember that God is in control no matter what happens & asks that we trust he will remain faithful to us always.

*Fr. James Schmitz*



This Sunday, Oct. 25th is Priesthood Sunday. This day is set aside to acknowledge the spiritual role of the priests in our lives — whether through

the celebration of the Mass, the celebration of the sacraments, or their presence at a time in need. Please take a moment to thank the priests who have been a part of your life and let them know what a difference they have made. Keep them in your prayers so that they will have the strength and ability to carry on God's work.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood.

You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people,

as you shepherd your entire church.

We pray for them in their daily work.

Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.

Lead them not into temptation

and protect them from the grasp of the evil one.

It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.

May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.



Join us in prayer for the election and for the country on Sunday, November 1st at 7:00pm. in the church. If you can't attend in person, it will be live-streamed. Elections are always important as a means for shaping our country especially during this time of unrest and uncertainty. Please plan on joining us either in person or virtually on Sunday, November 1st at 7:00pm.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR ROSARY.**

### ALL SOULS' DAY



November 2nd is All Souls' Day—remembering all of our deceased family members and friends who have gone before us. We will remember

the deceased throughout the month of November. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

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### Festival Thank You

Due to the pandemic, this year's FESTIVAL was far from what we were used to, but we wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way—the committee members, the volunteers, the staff and maintenance crew and all of the people who supported us by buying food and selling raffle tickets. We couldn't have done it without you! And speaking of raffle tickets, the winners of the main raffle are:

**1st prize: \$5,000.00 - Joan Karich**

**2nd prize: \$2,000.00 - Bill LaGodnay**

**3rd prize: \$1,000.00 - John Deutsch**

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU to  
YURCH FUNERAL HOME and  
HONEY HUT  
for their support!**

### PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

**GREAT  
ROOM  
FOR RENT**

The Great Room, located in our Parish Community Center, is available to rent. (with social distancing in place)

For information or to book, please **contact Richard Czech at 216-269-1577** or visit our parish website at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org).

### OUR NEW GUIDE BOOK DIRECTORY IS HERE!



Look in your mailbox for our new Guide Book Directory. It should be arriving in the coming week.

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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TWO LITTLE WORDS: "THANK YOU!"



Those two words are so inadequate, they do however, express the appreciation of those you have helped to feed. For them, your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization says "THANK YOU!"

### THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION...



This year the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH ORGANIZATION** will be giving to our clients a gift card to purchase their Thanksgiving turkey & additional items to help make their thanksgiving dinner more complete. If you are able, please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Please put your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVDP Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection box or take it to the Rectory Office. You can also create or log into your WeShare account at [leothegreatweshareonline.org](http://leothegreatweshareonline.org). There is an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly collection. We thank you very much for helping us this Thanksgiving.



Have YOU been purchasing your...

# Gift Cards



**THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!**

**Are you planning on using gift cards for your shopping needs? If so, you can place your order in early to assure we have your favorite cards on hand.**

**Supplies may be limited as we try to keep our inventory to a minimum. Cards can be ordered and received in a couple of days.**

**PLEASE STOP BY OUR RECTORY OFFICE AND PURCHASE SOME TODAY!**

# School News

The St. Leo Preschool program opened for the 2020-2021 School year with full enrollment. There were a few changes made due to COVID 19; Only full time available, smaller class size, and enhanced classroom protocols. Along with Mrs. Jennifer Robinson, Preschool Director and Ms. Cindy Kosiba, we welcomed our new Preschool Teacher, Mrs. Bailey Milcinovic to the teaching team.



**Our Preschoolers enjoy learning and exploring together!**



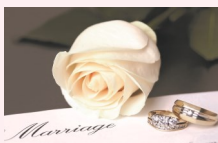
Fireman Scott Visits



Lunch outdoors in a park like setting with your friends!  
Nothing Better!



### 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The coronavirus pandemic has greatly disrupted our plans. At this time, bringing together couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary is not possible.

However, the Diocese does not want the year to pass by without marking this very special occasion. To honor all couples married in 1970, we would like to send a diocesan certificate as a keepsake. We ask all jubilarians to go to the Diocese of Cleveland website, [www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org), and fill out the form. If you need help getting to this form, please call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006 and we will be glad to help you. Catholic couples celebrating a significant anniversary, or those close to them, may also wish to consider ordering a parchment marking a Papal Blessing, via the website of the Office of Papal Charities at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va). If circumstances change and make it possible for us to safely gather for a Mass to celebrate the 50th anniversary of couples married in 1970, the Diocese will notify all those who completed the diocesan form. Visit the website or contact the Marriage and Family Ministry office for more information.

#### A Closer Walk With Thee

##### New Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter

Catholic Cemeteries Association has a wonderful new monthly grief support e-newsletter named, 'A Closer Walk with Thee.' This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, visit [the Bereavement page on our website](#), or contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866.



### ALL SAINTS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION



All Saints Federal Credit Union is running a Christmas Loan Promotion! **Borrow up to \$3000.00 with a rate as low as 7.99% for 12 months.**

This promotion runs from **November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020**. Visit or call any of our three branch locations; for hours, addresses, phone numbers, and additional information, please visit our website at [www.allsaintsfcu.com](http://www.allsaintsfcu.com).

### UNITY CATHOLIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Volunteer Positions Open at Unity Catholic FCU



Credit Unions are not for profit, not for charity, but for service - it's what makes us unique among financial institutions. Consider devoting your talent and knowledge as a member of Unity Catholic FCU's volunteer Board of Directors. We are currently accepting nominations to our 2021 Board of Directors for the following positions.

2 - three year term positions for Board of Directors

**To be considered for any nominated position it is required that you are a credit union member in good standing and are over age 18. You can fill out the nomination form at [www.unitycatholiccu.org](http://www.unitycatholiccu.org) or pick up a packet at any credit union office. The deadline is November 30, 2020**

**Consider being a board member and helping the credit union difference shine through - we need you!**

### BRING IT TO THE BIN



Did you know you can help our school earn \$\$? Just bring it to the bin. Bring your 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!

