



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 15, 2020

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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.



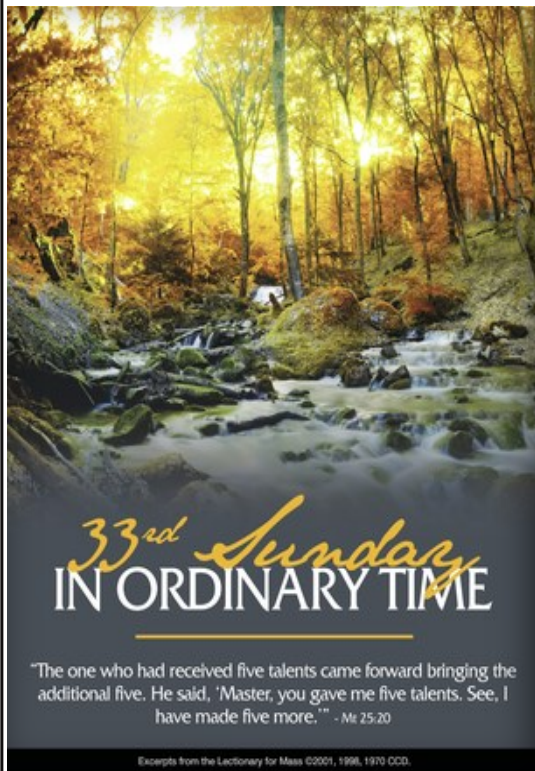
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BURIED IN YOUR BACKYARD

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone—the current students as well as those now grown—laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

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"The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'" - Mt 25:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1998, 1970 OGD)

HELP THE HOMELESS



Malachi Center at W. 25th St. and Detroit Ave. provides many services to help homeless men and women throughout the year. At Christmas, the Center distributes duffle bags to help our less fortunate friends.

The 18-inch duffle bags are filled with personal items such as heavy socks, hats, gloves, scarves, soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, lotion, snacks, hand and foot warmers, extra large and larger sweatshirts, and many other similar items.

If you would like to donate bags and/or other items, please bring your donation to the rectory by Dec. 6. Items should be tagged "Help the Homeless."

Your overwhelming generosity last year to this cause was heartwarming. Let's do it again this year. Thank you so much.

Questions? Call Jeanne Sabol at 216 351 6247.

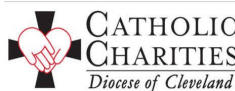
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Thanksgiving is a time for loving and for sharing what we have with others, however meager it may seem.

Each thanksgiving your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization works to help those in need. Please be generous this year with your donations to the Poor Boxes or put your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection box or take it to the Rectory. You can also create or log into your WeShare account at leothegreat.weshare.org The need is great. We thank you for your thoughtfulness.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2020



2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to the generosity of 217 parishioners at St. Leo the Great, your have exceeded your parish goal by raising \$65,370 for the 2020 Annual Appeal. We are thrilled that you have reached 100.4% of your goal.

Everyday Catholic Charities sees an increase in requests for services and programs for services and programs that are proven to transform lives. The need continues and we hope the support of your parish will also continue.

You can send our donation to Catholic charities Annual Appeal 2020, 1404 East 9th St., 8th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114 or go to CatholicCommunity.org/2020-appeal or you can call 216-696-6525 ext. 1049. THANK YOU!

BULLETIN ARTICLES



Due to the upcoming holidays, please have all bulletin articles in two weeks in advance of the publish date. Articles can be dropped off at the rectory office or emailed to mlhauck@leothegreat.org. Thank you.

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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, November 16th - St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude
8:30am +Kristina Hoffrica (Family)
Tuesday, November 17th - St. Elizabeth of Hungary
8:30am +Maureen Kelly (Rose Zarko)
Wednesday, November 18th - The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter & Paul
8:30am +Bob Zarko (Miriam Fontaine)
Thursday, November 19th - Weekday
8:30am Communion Service
Friday, November 20th - Weekday
8:30am +Carmen Crea (Family)
Saturday, November 21st - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00pm Seniors
Sunday, November 22nd - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Ronald Vance (Bernadine Vance & Family)

CONGRATULATIONS

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS!
ROSE PELLEY
November 9, 2020 — \$100.00 Winner

November 10 - FEAST OF ST. LEO THE GREAT
WINNER of \$1,000.00 is
ANONYMOUS

PARISH fundraiser

We are pleased to announce that 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.

Scott Brand
Diocese of Youngstown
Pastoral Year, Saint Mary



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

Parish Support

Sunday, November 8th

Contribution figures were not available at the time of publication. They will be published in next week's bulletin

THANK YOU
for your generosity

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

The book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings, compiled over a number of centuries. Today's passage is part of a lengthy poem which praises the virtues of a good wife and mother.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Paul and the early Christian expected the immediate Second Coming of Christ. Today, as he concludes his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul reminds them to be prepared for this. His message is encouraging, not frightening.

Readings for the week of November 15, 2020

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 /Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

WEDDING BANNS



I Jason Jogan & Kayla Johnson

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

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Dear Parishioners,

Two & a half weeks ago, I visited with a man named Myron Akuszewski who was in hospice at his home. I anointed him and gave him his last Holy Communion, known as “Viaticum”, which means “food for the journey home.” I celebrated Myron’s funeral Mass this past Wednesday & expressed the sympathy of the parish community to Paula, his wife of 29 years. Myron was a faithful church goer and a man of compassion as he took care of his handicapped sister-in-law. May he now receive the reward promised to those who see Christ “in the least of our brothers & sisters.”

I met this week with some of the priests in our “district” or those who are in neighboring parishes (we meet on a regular basis) at Mary Queen of Peace. We talked about how the pandemic is affecting our parishes and shared ideas for how we might plan for Christmas. It was suggested that trying to poll the parishioners to see how many planned to attend one of our Christmas Masses would not really be helpful as many of those who attend Christmas Mass, especially on Christmas Eve, are not regular church-goers who would know that we are taking such a poll. After hearing some of the suggestions of my brother priests, I am thinking that we would change our Christmas schedule this year because of the pandemic, knowing that the majority of people attend the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve and very few people attend the 7pm or 10pm Masses on Christmas Eve. So at this point, we are thinking that we will keep our 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve, add another Mass at 5:30pm Christmas Eve but then cancel the 7pm & 10pm Christmas Eve Masses as they are not well attended & with the pandemic, most likely even less so. We would continue to have the 8am and 11am Masses on Christmas Day. Nothing is set in stone yet (though I did see a picture recently of a stone that had chiseled on it: “Nothing is set in stone”!) but I would appreciate your feedback on this change for this year. Please keep in mind that the bishops of Ohio have continued to extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass this year even for the Christmas feast, especially given the rise in coronavirus cases at this time. But we do hope that you consider that our efforts to contain the virus through social distancing & the mandatory use of masks has seemed to be effective during the months since we’ve been celebrating Mass publicly again. Thank you for your cooperation with these efforts.

It’s been wonderful to take many long walks through the neighborhood with Michaela during this Indian summer which apparently has broken many records for so many warm days in a row at this time of year. To walk without a coat in November has been really unusual. The only drawback is that now that our boiler has been fired up again due to the colder weather we started having last month, it can get pretty warm in the rectory as there is always some heat coming out of the registers even when the blowers are not running. But I understand that cooler weather is creeping up on us this week so we’ll have to adjust for that.

As I type this, the Deacon just texted me a picture of a coffee mug that says, “PASTOR” Warning! Anything you say or do could be used in a sermon!” So yes, only say or do something that could be used to praise you in a sermon.

Fr. James Schmitz

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

WORKING ON THE MARGINS

“The Church’s love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition” (Catechism, 2444). Next week’s Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your support. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities locally and nationwide. You can participate in this tradition on Nov. 21-22. Please give to the CCHD Collection either in person at mass or online at:

www.ccdole.org/cchdcollections

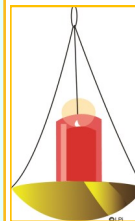
CCHD—Helping People Help Themselves

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH



The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo’s Lux Hall on **THIS Sunday, November 15th from 8:00am to Noon**. Red Cross staff are required to take temperatures at the door, remain masked and gloved during the blood drive (changing them often) and increased cleaning of the beds and equipment after every donation. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. All donors will have to be masked as well. If you don’t have a face covering, one will be provided to you. Please register online at redcross.org. Walk ins will not be accepted. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

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 THIS weekend, November 14th/15th**. The donation for the candle will be \$10.00. Please only one request per family.

NEXT WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS

Please note our slight adjustment for 11/21/11/22.

Saturday: 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am to 12:00pm



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The Great Sweepstakes - 2021

\$30 per ticket

You can **W\$N Multiple Times** January 1, 2021 thru November 10, 2021

DRAWING DATES—\$100

2021
January 4, 11, 18, & 25
February 1, 8, 15, & 22
March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
April 5, 12, 19, & 26
May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Weekly Drawings

\$ 100.00

2021 (cont.)
June 7, 14, 21, & 28
July 5, 12, 19, & 26
August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
September 6, 13, 20, & 27
October 4, 11, 18, & 25
November 1, & 8

DRAWING DATES—\$200

New Years Day 2021
Easter Sunday 2021
Mother's Day 2021

Special Drawings

\$ 200.00

Father's Day 2021
4th of July 2021

ST. LEO'S FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Super Drawing

\$ 1,000.00



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The Great Sweepstakes

Please Print

NAME: _____

CITY/STATE & ZIP _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE & EMAIL _____

Please return this stub with your payment of \$30. Please make checks payable to St. Leo the Great.
Questions? Please call the Rectory Office at 216.661.1006
or, visit our website at www.leothegreat.org



Sharing your Christmas love

St. Leo's Adopt -A-Child Program is an ideal way to share your Christmas joy and love with others who are less fortunate. This year more than ever we need to help each other.

Who are we helping?

Recipients of your Christmas gifts include families from our own parish community, St. Aloysius School, Zelig's Home (formerly Maggie's Place), Catholic Charities Refugee Families and Malachi Center.

How can I participate?

To participate, you would purchase and wrap a \$15 gift for a needy child or purchase a gift card for a St. Aloysius School family.

To obtain the names of these children, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247 or Judi Westerburg at 216-642-0134. Or you can complete and submit the form on our parish website.

When is drop-off?

Gifts are to be wrapped, tagged and dropped off at the Parish Rectory or the church at mass times. Rectory hours are: Mon-Fri, 9 am-3pm; Sat, noon-5:30pm; Sun, 9am-12:30pm. If purchasing gift cards, please take them to the rectory. All gifts are due by Thursday, Dec. 10.

Can I give money?

Monetary donations may be dropped in the boxes by the church doors or left at/sent to the Rectory. Please mark all contributions "Adopt-A-Child" and make checks payable to St. Leo the Great.

Once again, please take the time and opportunity to help others this Christmas season. Thank you and may God bless you.



First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association
Jr. Branch 014 is a sponsor of Adopt-A-Child this year and will donate up to \$600 in matching funds

ST. LEO'S CYO SPORTS PROGRAMS

TAKE-OUT PASTA DINNER – DECEMBER 6

As you may know, because of Covid-19, St. Leo's CYO sports programs and fundraisers have been delayed, curtailed or cancelled altogether. We had to cancel two big events, the annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast and Women's Reverse Raffle.

For the CYO sports programs to continue, we must hold a few socially distant fundraising events to help pay for costs associated with these programs. We need your support.



On December 6, from Noon to 3:00, we will hold a Takeout Pasta Dinner in the school cafeteria. Dinner will include tossed salad, garlic bread, rigatoni and meatballs. Cost is \$10 per dinner, \$7 for children under 10. Dessert will be available for purchase separately.

We ask that you please support our school's CYO Sports Programs by supporting the Pasta Dinner Fundraiser. The continuation of CYO sports at St Leo's depends on your support. Thank you.

A Film for Our Times is Here! "POWER in My HANDS"

"America needs this right now...I don't know of a time in our history where we have needed the rosary more than right now." Jeff Cavins



**Wednesday, November 18th
at 7:30 p.m.
in St. Columbkille Gym**

Come to hear testimonials from 13 people on the miracles and healings they received. through the power of the rosary.



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.



This Sunday, November 15th at Mary Queen of Peace from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Drive up to the back door of the Parish Center.

Everyone is welcome to come take home a meal.

