



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 8, 2020

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Father James J. Vesely
Retired

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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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St. Leo the Great was elected pope in 440. During his tenure as pope, he fought heresies, convened significant councils of bishops, and saved the citizens of Rome by confronting Attila the Hun. St. Leo accomplished so much during his term as pope that he became one of the few popes with the distinction of “the Great”. Though he died on April 11, 461, his legacy lives on in his profound writings. He was made a doctor of the church in 1754, and we celebrate his feast day on November 10th.

(excerpts from Catholic Information Network and Lives of Saints)



This year marks the 72nd anniversary of our parish.

Let us remember our patron saint as we celebrate 72 years as a parish community.

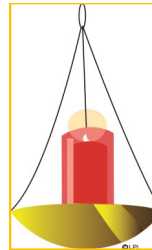
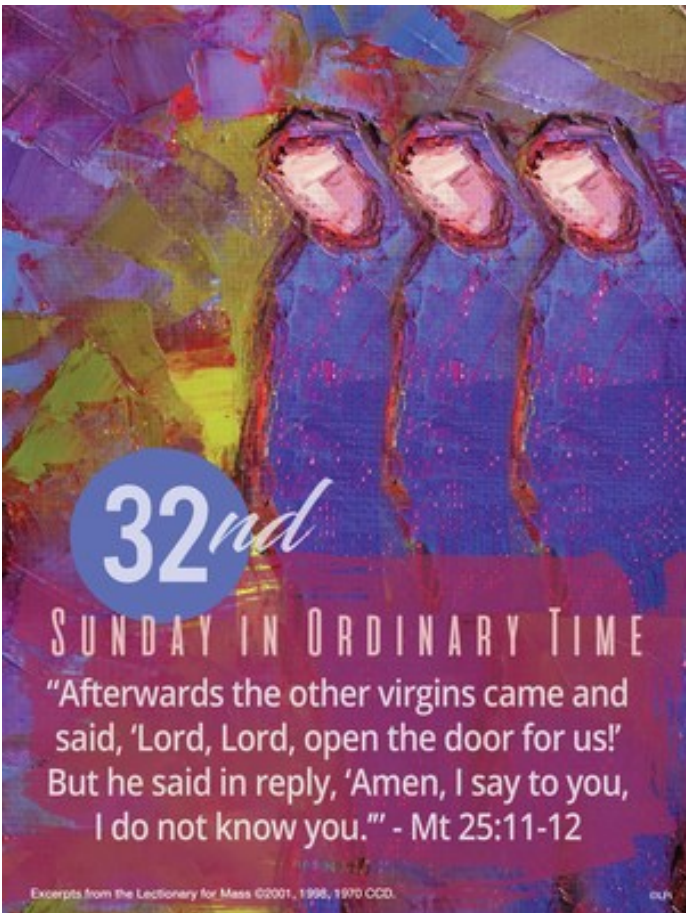
St. Leo the Great, pray for us.



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.

WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is taking poverty off the map in the Diocese of Cleveland. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. Please give to the CCHD collection November 21st/22nd. You can give to the CCHD Collection either in person at your parish the weekend of November 21-22 or online at www.ccdocle.org/cchdcollections. **CCHD-Helping People Help Themselves**



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

November 8th to November 21st

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

LYNDSEY MADEJ
Forever in our Hearts

From: The Madej Family

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 weekend 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.

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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 9th –The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30am +Edwin Niec (Family)

Tuesday, November 10th - St. Leo the Great

8:30am +Kollar Family (Kollar Family)

Wednesday, November 11th - St. Martin of Tours

8:30am +Stephen Nagy (Pat Lawler)

Thursday, November 12th - St. Josaphat

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, November 13th - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:30am +Loretta Choromanski (Daughter)

Saturday, November 14th - Weekday

4:00pm +Stan Kosiba (Wife, Rose)

Sunday, November 15th - 33rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Stella Smolinski (Kulwicki Family)

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

EILEEN KOVACIK

November 2, 2020

\$100.00 Winner



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

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.

BENJAMIN BARATIAN

St. Mary, Hudson

First Year, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

Sunday, November 1st

Collection	\$ 6,202.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 1,977.50
Total.....	\$ 8,179.50

Capital Improvement (October, 2020).....\$1,848.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

The book of Wisdom was written by a teacher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, a center for Greek philosophy in the ancient world. Fearful that the Jewish people might be captivated by this secular thought, the author contrasts it with the true wisdom of God. In today's passage, wisdom is personified as a woman.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul wrote his first letter to the Thessalonians some 20 years before any of the Gospels were written. In the passage we're about to hear, we have the earliest written teaching about the resurrection. Some of the Thessalonians were worried about those who had already died. They expected the second coming of Christ very soon, and were concerned that those who had died would miss out on the resurrection.

Readings for the week of November 8, 2020

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 /Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next 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

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

As I type this, it is Tuesday, November 3rd. Election Day. Judging by the number of cars in our parking lots, I can say I have never seen this many people turn out to vote. It is good to see so many taking advantage of this opportunity, right & responsibility, even if it comes from a very divided country. Whatever the results, we pray that the Lord may guide our country according to His will and that we will be at peace knowing that Jesus is Lord, not our President.

All is going very smoothly in our parish school so far this year. We are now at 278 students which is the highest number we have had yet in recent years. This is due to the leadership primarily of our Principal, Denise Burns, and is a testament to the hard work of our teachers and staff, especially during a pandemic year which only complicated things. The children will begin to attend Mass again in small groups, such as one or two classes at a time instead of with the whole student body, in order to practice social distancing in the church. It will be good to have them join us for Mass again.

We have two things to celebrate this week. First, today (Sunday, November 8th), is Father Vesely's 92nd birthday. While he has been locked away at Mt. Alverna during the pandemic, he is not forgotten. Perhaps you would like to send him a card. The address of Mt. Alverna is 6765 State Road, Parma, 44134. I'm hoping to take him out to dinner when they give the OK for him to leave without the requirement of quarantine afterward. So please keep him in your prayers as we look forward to having him return to St. Leo's for Mass again when it's safe for him to do so.

The second reason for celebration is the feast of parish patron, St. Leo the Great, whose feast day is this Tuesday, November 10th. So who was this man? Leo was born in Etruria & became Pope in the year 461. He strenuously defended the unity of the Church. He is most famously known for persuading Attila the Hun & his barbarians not to march on Rome in the year 455. Pope Leo wrote many doctrinal and spiritual letters which are still included in the breviary, the book of prayers used by many people today, especially priests who promise to pray for the Church every day. Leo died in the year 461.

When in Rome, I celebrated Mass near the altar in St. Peter's Basilica where Pope Saint Leo is buried. There is a beautiful relief of him above the altar, showing him fending off the barbarians & Attila the Hun. We are blessed to have a relic of St. Leo by his shrine in the back of the church so feel free to say a little prayer there for the good of the parish after which he is named.

I received word this week that Fr. O'Grady's blood pressure medication was working too well & that appears to have been the cause of his weakness. So that is an easy "fix" and I'm so happy to know that he should be returning to good health quickly & hopefully will be joining us for the celebration of Mass again soon. Thank you for your prayers for him and for your concern. We are very blessed to have him pray with us and preside over the Eucharist in our parish community.

Fr. James Schmitz



A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Heavenly Father, King and Lord,
You instill in all of Your creation an order and value.
You call Your children "very good."
We surrender to You
the conflicts that tear your family apart.
We pray for an end to blindness that places pride, greed, power, and selfishness above human dignity and brotherly love.
We pray in gratitude for all of those who have defended peace, virtue, and justice with honor.
We pray especially for those who have suffered in mind and body from the ravages of war.
Let Your Kingdom come!
May Your peace that surpasses all understanding reign in our hearts and in our world.
Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2021 Mass Intention Book is open. Please come to the Rectory Office where masks and social distancing will be required, and schedule your 2021 Masses. You may also call the Rectory at 216-661-1006 to schedule your intentions. Each parishioner household may have four Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. VESELY

God's Blessings on Fr. Vesely as he celebrates his 92nd birthday, **Happy Birthday** this Sunday, November 8th.

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.

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**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**



The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, **November 15th from 8:00 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.

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.



SPECIAL LIMITED TIME MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL OFFER

In honor of Fr. McGivney's beatification on October 31, the Ohio State Council is offering

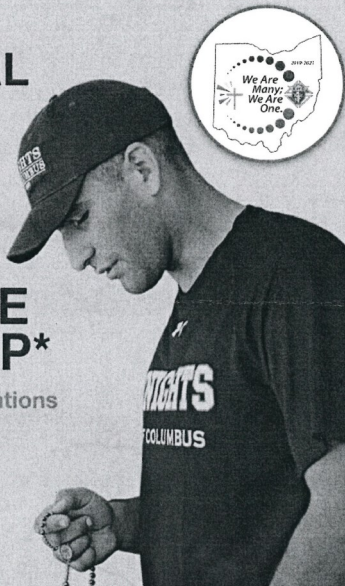
FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP*

for new membership applications submitted now through December 31, 2020

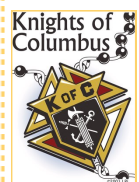
*regular dues are \$30/year

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HERE AT ST. LEO THE GREAT**



This Thursday, November 12th the Knights of Columbus will hold a Memorial Service at 7:00pm in the church.

Please join us as we honor those deceased brothers that have passed away this past year.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



FALL FOOD DRIVE

With the leaves falling and the weather turning cooler, your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization is getting more requests for food. We are presently servicing 36 families. Our monthly food collection is next weekend, November 14th and 15th. We are especially in need of CRANBERRY SAUCE, SWEET POTATOES, CREAM CORN, MIXED VEGETABLES, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES & SCALLOPED POTATOES, DRY BEANS, CANNED PASTAS, ASSORTED PASTAS, PASTA SAUCE, GRAVY PACKETS, STUFFING MIX, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, RICE & NOODLE SIDES, SKILLET DINNERS, RAMEN NOODLES, SOUPS, TUNAFISH, AND DISHWASHING SOAP. Thank you very much for your support.

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 and additional items



to help make their thanksgiving dinner more complete. Please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Place 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. There is an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly donation and indicate that the donation is for "Thanksgiving Dinner". We thank you very much for helping us make their Thanksgiving dinner more complete.

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.

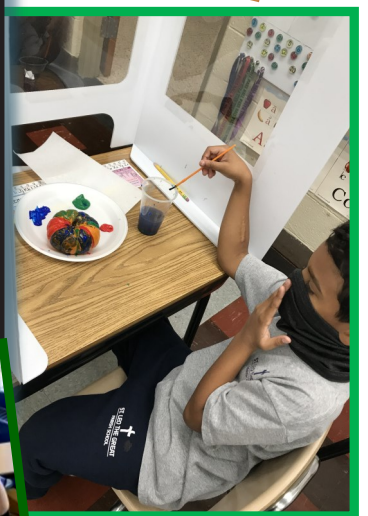
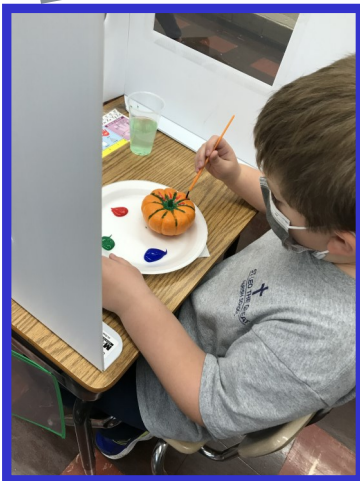
PLEASE STOP BY OUR RECTORY OFFICE AND PURCHASE SOME TODAY!

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School News



Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!
Halloween was a great day for our students to dress in cute, scary and funny costumes. A few teachers dressed like Dalmatians and Cruella Deville was there to watch them!





CHURCH TEACHING ABOUT SUICIDE

Question: What does the Church say about suicide?

Answer:

Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse — can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* reflects, “Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives” (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can “diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide” (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And, communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255).

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.



