



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

March 8, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM
Sundays ~ 8:00AM, and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Thursday ~ 7:30AM
Friday ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are heard on Saturday, from 2:45PM—3:30PM or anytime 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.



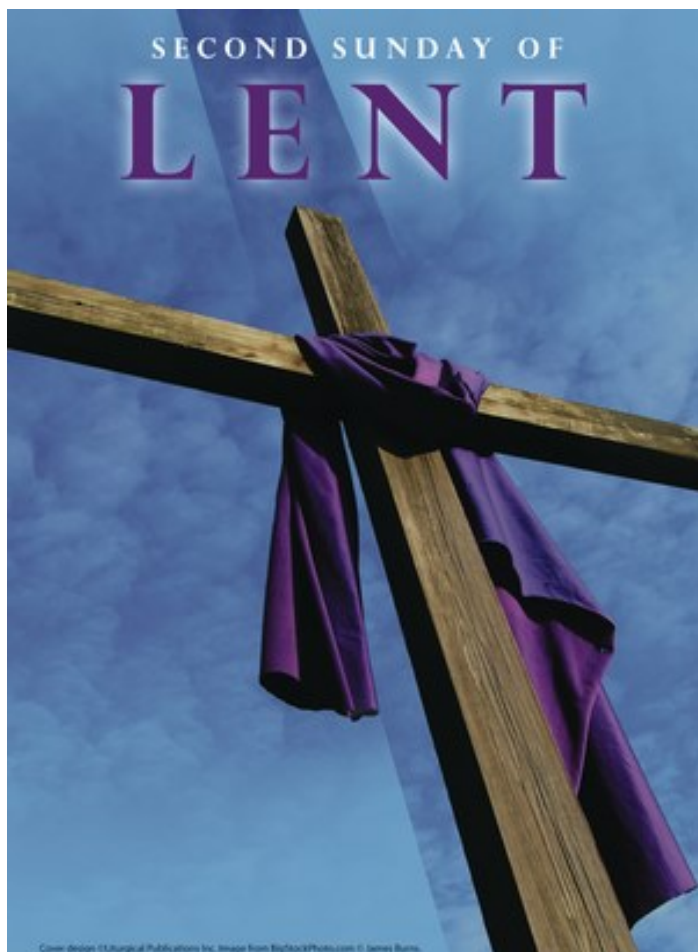
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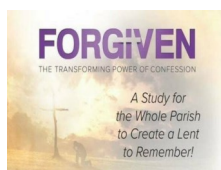
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Please join us for
AN EVENING OF
CONFESSION
THIS
WEDNESDAY,
March 11, 2020 from
5pm to 8pm.

Individual confessions will be heard throughout the evening. If you have family members or friends who are away from the Catholic Church, please invite them to come home this Lent, and to experience God's gift of healing through the sacrament of reconciliation. For more information, go to welcomecatholics.com.

FORGIVEN-VIDEO SERIES



We all experience sin, guilt, failure and disappointment. We can't escape them, and we can't run away from those emotions. There is an answer. It's through the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we can experience the

intimacy of God's mercy. Come and join us for a series of videos in the Parish Center on March 15, 22 and 29 after the 8:00am Mass. The series will include a video followed by a brief discussion. The topics are: **Where Are You?—March 15, An Encounter With Mercy—March 22 & The Rite Explained—March 29.** There's no need to register, just join us!

THANK YOU
St. Leo's Parishioners

FROM MALACHI CENTER.....

Thank you so much for your generous efforts with your "Help the Homeless Collection" during Advent and for the many Christmas gifts for our families. With your help, Malachi Center is able to provide life-changing services for children, men and women in need. Your gifts and support make a very real difference. On behalf of those we serve, we thank you..

Shauna Sanders, Executive Director

FROM ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL.....

Thank you for the beautiful gifts you sent to our children at Christmas time. The thoughtfully chosen and beautifully wrapped presents were a hit with all ages. May God bless your continued generosity to our children.

Sr. Mary Jean Raymond

FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES.....

Thank you so much for your kind and abundant Christmas gifts to our refugees and immigrants again this Christmas. You have touched so many lives and welcomed them to our community. Thank you for blessing our clients.

Hillary Lucas and Refugee Services Staff

FROM ST. VINCENT DEPAUL OUTREACH

We would like to thank you very much for all the Christmas gifts given to our clients' children here at St. Leo's. They are all very appreciative. Thank you for your generosity throughout the years and may God bless you all and keep you in His loving care.

St. Vincent dePaul Outreach members

MAGGIE'S PLACE.....

Your Christmas gifts to our children enabled our moms to celebrate Christmas joyously in a loving community that supports their needs and dreams. Thank you for making this possible. Eighty-four children and their moms enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party with Santa, a therapy dog, activities and crafts, a delicious meal and gifts for all. We are grateful for your continued support!

Erin Hathaway, Ohio Regional Director

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Ed Gorcyka, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka,

Serena Jacobs, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Marge Menge, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Sharon Kobal, George Aloschen, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Dorothy Forister, Don Donelon & Larry Kuznik.

DISPOSAL OF PALMS



Each year palms are blessed on Palm Sunday and then taken home. What should be done with the old palms from last year? Since the palms are blessed, they are considered sacramentals and should not be thrown away. The correct disposal of palms is to bury them or burn them in an outside fire. For your convenience, you may drop off your old palms at the information desk in the back of church or drop them off in the Rectory.



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

LISA PATTY
March 2, 2020

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or at the Rectory Office.

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

Matthew Lawler
St. Joseph, Strongsville
Diaconate Program—Year 3



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

Parish Support

Sunday, March 1st

Basket Collection.....\$ 8,631.08
WeShare(online).....\$ 1,099.00
Total.....\$ 9,730.08

Ash Wednesday.....\$ 1,631.00
Capital Improvements (February, 2020)...\$ 2,340.00

THANK YOU

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Monday, March 9th - St. Francis of Rome
7:30am +Ann Hackstock (Daughter)

Tuesday, March 10th - Lenten Weekday
7:30am +Frances Szymanski (Daniel Szymanski)

Wednesday, March 11th - Lenten Weekday
7:30am +Vance & Klocek Families (Bernadine Vance & Family)

Thursday, March 12th - Lenten Weekday
7:30am Communion Service

Friday, March 13th - Lenten Weekday
8:30am +Virginia Rescina (Rescina & Rolando Families)

Saturday, March 14th - Lenten Weekday
4:00pm Giovanni & Irma Zapitelli
67th Wedding Anniversary *Congratulations!*

Sunday, March 15th— Third Sunday of Lent
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am+David Patrick Kelly (Jerry & Maureen Kelly)

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

The first 11 chapters of Genesis have very little historical foundation but they teach religious truths in parable form. Today we begin the 12th chapter which contains stories with identifiable historical roots. The first of these is the call of Abraham, whose original name was "Abram".

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

The second letter to Timothy, although probably written some 30 years after Paul's death, was written in his name. This was an acceptable practice at that time. It was not a forgery, but an acknowledged way of continuing someone's spirit and authority. In this passage, the author encourages the readers in the face of trials.

Readings for the week of March 8, 2020

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42



ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO



Dear Parishioners,

Some parishioners reminded us (thank you) that it's been a while since we've celebrated the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during weekend Mass. I like to do this at least twice a year and it's actually been over a year since we last did this. So this Sunday we will offer the sacrament during the 11am Mass. Next weekend it will be offered during the 4pm Mass (March 14th) & the following Sunday during the 8am Mass (March 22nd). If you are experiencing a serious illness, or would just like to be anointed due to "advanced age" (your call, not mine!), the Church invites you to receive this sacrament whereby we pray for healing in whatever way God chooses to give it to us, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual. Many people ask me to anoint them at other times after Mass when they are facing a surgery or serious medical procedure and I am very happy to do that as well whenever requested. So feel free to ask so that the Church's prayers and God's sacramental grace may accompany you.

Our first Fish Fry went very well. We had about ½ take out and ½ eat in. The menu varies slightly from year to year so as to provide both stability but also variety. But due to popular request, we are now offering the opportunity to pay by credit card. You can swipe (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover) or tap (using Apple Pay or Google Pay) or insert (for a card with a chip). So all the options available with a credit card. This will be in addition to checks or cash. So be sure to join us this Friday for a great meal and enjoyable company. And don't forget the Lobster meal that will be offered on Friday, March 27th. You must purchase tickets for this in advance through our rectory office.

A few years ago the Diocese began to offer an "Evening of Confessions" which takes place at every parish of the Diocese to make it convenient for people to take advantage of this sacrament of forgiveness. The Evening of Confessions for this year is this Wednesday, March 11th, from 5-8pm. Again, that should be offered at every parish, and of course will be available in our own. I will be here along with Father O'Grady and perhaps Father Vesely as well (at least for part of the time). Please enter through the doors by the chapel where there will be handouts you are welcome to use to help you prepare for your confession. There are 2 reconciliation rooms in the hallway off of the chapel and the name of the priest inside is on the door. As always you can choose to sit face to face with the priest or you can sit or kneel behind the screen. The Act of Contrition (prayer of sorrow) is always displayed so you need not worry about remembering it. We especially welcome those who have been away from the sacrament and for some that may have been for several years. Remembering what Jesus said about there being "more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner," we are truly happy to receive with joy anyone who has been away from the Church and/or sacrament for some time. This is the time to return!

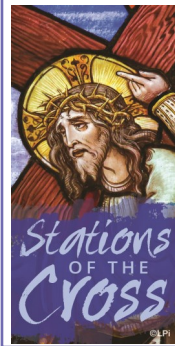
Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO THE GREAT



Monday, March 9th	
2:30pm Altar Server Training	Church
6:45pm PSR Class	School
7:00pm Torres Open Gym	Lux
Tuesday, March 10th	
7:00pm AA Group	Basement
Wednesday, March 11th	
9:30am Catechetical Formation	Basement
11:00am Seniors	Great
5:00pm to 8:00pm EVENING OF CONFESSION	
6:00pm Winter Sports Banquet	Lux
6:30pm Choir Practice	Church
Thursday, March 12th	
1:00pm Women's Knitting Group	Conference
7:00pm Knights of Columbus	Basement
Friday, March 13th	
4:30pm to 7:00pm FISH DINNERS	Lux
7:00pm Stations of the Cross	Church
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement
Saturday, March 14th	
11:00 Memorial Mass for Paul Skunsk	Church
2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement
Sunday, March 15th	

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please plan on joining us for Stations of the Cross every **Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the Church**. Fr. Jim or Deacon Pat will be leading them this year. They will include some music as we want more people to take advantage of this wonderful prayer opportunity which helps us to unite our sufferings to those of Christ. Please consider experiencing this unique prayer that has such a long tradition in our church.

SAVE THE DATE—TRAPPER JACK



Trapper Jack is returning once again this Lent. Join us on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00pm in the church to hear what Trapper has to say about *Mary the Messenger!* The presentation will be approximately 50 minutes long and will be open for Questions and Answers afterwards.

ST. LEO'S SENIORS



This Wednesday, March 11th St. Leo's Seniors will meet in the Parish Center at 11:00am. Join us for some fun and fellowship as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with food and our crazy dice game! Please bring 3 or more \$1.00 gifts for the game. **Remember to wear your green!**

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO



St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent

February 28th - April 3rd

Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - \$8.00

- Baked Tilapia Almondine Dinner
- Baked Seasoned Cod Dinner
- Battered Fried Fish Dinner
- Breaded Shrimp Dinner
- Pierogi Dinner

Combo Meal - \$10.00

1 baked or 2 fried fish
with 3 pierogies

- Special! Empanadas
- Special! Salmon Patty Dinners
- Special! Fish Taco Platters

Dinners and Combo Meal include choice of baked potato
or fries, coleslaw or applesauce, roll & butter

Fish Sandwich - \$6.00

fried fish with cheese on
a Kaiser roll served with
fries and coleslaw

Kids Meal - \$4.00

choice of: fish/pizza/
mac & cheese/pierogi
with fries and drink
(age 10 & under please)

A la carte menu

Baked potato	\$2.00	French fries	\$2.00
Cheese pizza	\$2.00	Pierogies (3)	\$3.50
Mac & cheese	\$2.50	Cabbage & noodles	\$3.00
Side of fish	\$5.00	Soup of the day	\$2.00
(2 fried or 1 baked)		Dessert & Beverages Available	

St. Leo the Great Church - Lux Hall
4900 Broadview Road - Cleveland

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

It's not what we GIVE but what we SHARE that gives us life. A "gift" enriches the receiver, but something shared enriches others. Share what you have during this Lenten Season with your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food collection next weekend, **MARCH 14th and 15th.**

We are especially in need of **CARROTS, MIXED VEGETABLES, SWEET POTATOES, BOXED MASHED POTATOES, ELBOW MACARONI, CEREAL, CRACKERS, FRUIT, PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY, PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP, RAMEN NOODLES, SOUPS, SALAD DRESSINGS, JELLO AND PUDDINGS, ANY KIND OF DESSERTS, KLEENEX, PAPER TOWELS, BAR SOAP AND DISHWASHING SOAP.** Whatever you are able to donate will be very much appreciated. Thank You!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, April 5th—PALM SUNDAY



Our 47th Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held in Lux Hall from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Palm Sunday, April 5th. **Our Feature Item is Banana Bread French Toast (\$8.00).** Our regular Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs,

sausage or bacon, juice, and coffee. The pancakes are all you can eat! Cost for regular pancake breakfast for adults is \$7 and children are \$5. Continue the tradition or start a new one, bring your family after Mass.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall **Sunday, March 29, 2020** from 8:00am to 12:00pm. To register, visit RedCrossBlood.org or use the FREE Donor App and enter sponsor code: StLeo. Walk-ins will be taken as schedule permits.

There is always a need for blood; please stop by and donate! Thank you!

ROARING 20'S

ST. LEO THE GREAT
ATHLETICS
WOMEN'S REVERSE RAFFLE
Saturday, April 25, 2020

\$3,000.00*GRAND PRIZE**

- ◇ Doors Open at 5:30pm
- ◇ Dinner at 6:30pm
- ◇ Dinner-Open Bar-Sideboards & More!
- ◇ \$50.00 ticket *21 and Over*

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE
AT THE RECTORY**

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

St. Leo the Great Confirmation Class of 2020



The Cleveland Scholarship Program and EdChoice Expansion Scholarship Application Period IS NOW!

This program provides new educational choices for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. The program gives students the opportunity to attend private schools in Cleveland. The State will provide reimbursement for tuition to help pay the cost of attending these schools. Even if your child already attends one of these schools, you may be eligible to apply for the program.

The application period opened February 1st.

This is a valuable program that can aid parents in providing their children with quality education at no or very little tuition costs to them. All Information about scholarships available and the application process is available through the School Office

If you live in Cleveland, you really need to get Information on this valuable program. The Scholarship will follow your child through High School. Most surrounding private High Schools accept the Cleveland Scholarship.

Do you live in Parma, or other surrounding areas? You may qualify for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship. This is an Income Based Scholarship for students living outside of Cleveland.

The **Deadline** for the Cleveland Scholarship and the EdChoice Expansion is **APRIL 30, 2020.**

Please call the School Office at (216) 661-2120 to schedule a Tour and to get registration and Scholarship Information.



Lions in Washington

BAR NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 21, 2020

7pm-10pm

Zig's Pub and Grill

Midtown Shopping Plaza
1854 Snow Road, Parma

WIN BIG!
Raffles!
Baskets!
Sideboards!

Tickets: \$25.00/person

Includes: Domestic Draft Beer, Well Liquor, Wine, Pop, Wings, Pizza, Rigatoni, Salad, Appetizers and Desserts

Help our students get to Washington DC AND Have a great time!

For Tickets Contact:
Sue Ehrett at (216) 224-4917

MARCH 8, 2020—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



During Lent, St. Leo's is sponsoring our annual Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand program to benefit 12 charities. Baskets of hearts are placed at all the church entrances. Please take a heart (or two) and purchase the item requested on it for the organization listed. **Items can be dropped off in the school cafeteria during mass times Palm Sunday weekend, April 4/5.** If you are unable to purchase anything, please take a heart and keep that organization in your Lenten prayers.

This year we are helping 12 area organizations. Following are brief descriptions of how each one helps others.

BIRTHRIGHT—a nonprofit group that provides testing, counseling, and medical and financial resources to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

BROADVIEW MULTI-CARE AND PARMA CARE CENTER—both skilled nursing facilities that provide short and long-term care needs for adults.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES REFUGEE SERVICES—Cleveland Diocesan agency that resettles refugees and provides services for them to become self-sufficient in the U.S.

HOLY FAMILY HOSPICE—a Catholic Charities agency in Parma that provides health care and social services to patients facing a terminal illness.

MALACHI HOUSE—cares for the terminally ill in Cleveland who have no caregiver or no available funds to pay—"a home for the dying poor."

JOSEPH HOUSE OF CLEVELAND—serves the St. Clair/Superior Ave. neighborhood by providing housing and a clothing bank for area neighbors and refugee families.

BACK DOOR MINISTRY OF ST. MALACHI PARISH—provides breakfast and lunch 365 days a year to anyone who comes to the serving window.

PROVIDENCE HOUSE—offers free, voluntary emergency shelter to children newborn through 12 years old actively living in crisis situations that place them at risk of abuse or neglect.

ST. COLMAN PARISH—on Cleveland's West Side, provides social services for the urban poor: recovery programs, literacy projects and an outreach ministry.

ST. LEO/ST.VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH—provides food and aid to those in need within our parish boundaries.

WEST SIDE CATHOLIC CENTER—a social service agency on Cleveland's near West Side that assists those in need of food, shelter and advocacy programs.

If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216 351 6247, and thank you for your generosity.



BOY SCOUTCLOTHING DRIVE...Boy Scout Troop 24 will be holding a Clothing Drive here at St. Leo the Great. They will accept all types of gently used clothing, blankets, bedding, towels, stuffed animals, etc. Any questions, please contact Mike Robinson 216-409-3733. Please drop off your donations at the Rectory Office during office hours. The deadline for drop offs is Thursday, April 2nd. Thank you!

