



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

**17th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

July 26, 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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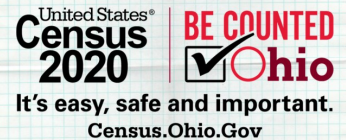
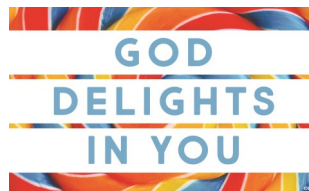
"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When a merchant finally finds a priceless, perfect pearl, he sells all he has and buys it. He does this because that pearl matters to him. It has significance and brings a depth of joy like none other. What matters and is of importance to you? When what matters to us has something to do with the kingdom of God, God is delighted. His exuberant happiness is hard to contain because He knows that we are happy stumbling upon this beautiful wisdom. Ask God to help you discover this pearl of great price. There are many things competing for our attention every day. But not all of these things are important. We focus too much energy on the unimportant, superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really make a difference and have the greatest impact. Things all too easily become more significant than people, and our agendas become more essential than God's. We do not have to empty our bank accounts and totally detach from everything we have in order to serve God. But, we are asked to prioritize our lives and make what matters to God what matters most to us. In doing so, when we rise each day, we will be able to see what really needs our attention and embrace it with great joy!



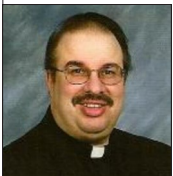
The collection of data for the 2020 Census has been extremely challenging this year given the reality of COVID-19! All of us know the importance of the Census in gathering information on our communities. Census results will inform how hundreds of billions of dollars are allocated to our communities in areas such as housing, food assistance, and healthcare. Census statistics are also used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Those responsible for the process of collecting the data are reaching out to Faith Communities this weekend, July 25th & 26th. They have our permission to distribute information to our parishioners as they leave Church.

They will remain outside the church and will be respectful of our efforts to maintain social distancing as people leave the church and return to their cars.



FATHER JOHN A. OCILKA



Father John A. Ocilka 62, a former Parochial Vicar here at St. Leo the Great, died on July 17th.

Bishop Emeritus Martin J. Amos of Davenport, Iowa was the main celebrant at his July 22nd funeral Mass at St. John Bosco Church. Father David Liberatore, pastor emeritus of St. John Bosco Parish, was the homilist.

Father Ocilka was born on Oct 30, 1957 to the late Al and Gladys (Barnfield) Ocilka. He was educated at Holy Family (Mt. Pleasant) School, Cleveland; Chanel High School, Bedford; South High School, Cleveland; Borromeo Seminary, Wickliffe; and Saint Mary Seminary, Wickliffe. Bishop Anthony M. Pilla ordained him to the priesthood for service to the Diocese of Cleveland on May 28, 1994.

Father Ocilka is remembered as a joyful priest whose smile was infectious. He dealt with chronic illness for the last few years and remained optimistic throughout. May he rest in peace.

In Memory Of
Jeanne "Jinx" E. Slezak

November 13, 1929
July 11, 2020

Memorial Mass, July 18, 10:00 AM
St. Leo the Great Church
Interment, Holy Cross Cemetery
Section 8 Lot 355 Grave 1

Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow, but remember me in every tomorrow. Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles, I've only gone to rest a little while. Although my leaving causes pain and grief, my going had eased my hurt and given me relief. So dry your eyes and remember me, not as I am now, but as I used to be. Because, I will remember you all and look on with a smile. Understand, in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while. As long as I have the love of each of you, I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Ed Gorczyca, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, William and Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Mlady, Ralph Rath, Walter Alflen, Joseph Mackey, Diana, John Sofcheck & Steve Fuehrer.

Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love.

Saint Teresa of Avila

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

MARY BUBLAVY

July 20, 2020

\$100.00 Winner



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available on our website. (www.leothegreat.org). Or just call the office 216-661-1006 and we will sign you up.

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

JOSEPH ROHAN
St. Joseph, Cuyahoga Falls
First Year, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

Sunday, July 12th

Collection	\$ 5,418.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 1,360.50
Total	\$ 6,778.50
Peter's Pence	\$ 417.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



WEEKDAY MASSES ARE NOW AT 8:30AM

- Monday, July 27th - Weekday**
8:30am +Victor & Mary Ellen Stader (Miriam Fontaine)
- Tuesday, July 28th - Weekday**
8:30am +Charles & Margaret Ehlinger (Art Ehlinger)
- Wednesday, July 29th - St. Martha**
8:30am +Charles Sexton (Wife)
- Thursday, July 30th - St. Peter Chrysologus**
8:30am Communion Service
- Friday, July 31st - St. Ignatius of Loyola**
8:30am +Caitlyn Soucek Kacher (Family)
- Saturday, August 1st - St. Alphonsus Liguori**
4:00pm +Wanda Leciejewski (Family)
- Sunday, August 2nd- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00am +Cara Prokop (Mom)
11:00am +Rudy Dejelo (Nancy Zola)

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

King Solomon ruled about 950 years before Christ. His wisdom was legendary. Today's reading describes an event from early in Solomon's rule that tells how he became a wise person.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As we continue our readings from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, we will today hear Paul use the word predestined. This word does not mean that individuals are locked into a destiny over which they have no control. Rather, it means that in Christ, God provides abundant grace for everyone.

Readings for the week of July 26, 2020

- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
- Monday:** Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10 -11/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday:** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." (1 Kgs 3:9a)

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Jeanne Slezak, whose funeral Mass we celebrated last Saturday, had been known as "Jinx" her whole life. But as I spoke with her family and saw so many people here to celebrate her life and to pray for her in death, I can see what a wonderful blessing she was to so many. May she who lived 90 years in this life know eternal life in God's kingdom. I also celebrated a funeral service for Maria Pawloski, who was blessed with 95 years of life. From her 3 children she also gained many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We extend our sympathy to all of them and assure them of our prayers for the repose of her soul.

I want to thank Bill Rosby, a member of our parish, for once again donating 50 yards of mulch (that's a lot of mulch!) to our parish, as he does every year. That is a very generous act and it makes such a big difference in the appearance of our property. Hopefully those of you who may do business with him can also express your thanks to him for being so kind to our parish.

By now both of the parking lots should be sealed and re-stripped which not only protects the asphalt from cracking but makes the large areas appear uniform and neat in their appearance. Coupled with the landscaping that has been done as well, I'm happy to walk the property with Michaela, enjoying the gift of this space which we call home. Our statue of St. Francis of Assisi has arrived and hopefully will be in place by this weekend if we have determined the best place for this saint who was a lover of God's creation. Thanks again to all those who donated generously toward our landscaping efforts this summer!

As I mentioned last weekend, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has named Bishop Edward Malesic as the 12th Bishop of Cleveland and he will be installed as such on September 14th. As I watched the announcement of his assignment and his first Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist last week on TV, I was impressed with his characteristic gentleness and kindness. Besides coming to us from our neighboring state of Pennsylvania, he also attended a seminary in Ohio. The number of Catholics and priests in our diocese is five times as many as the Diocese he is coming from but we'll try not to let that overwhelm him. We look forward to having him officially as our new Shepherd in September when we will begin to pray for him by name in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass.

For those who are watching Mass at St. Leo's from their home, I wanted to let you know that although the audio is very clear now, if you would like the assistance of closed captioning which shows text on a television or video screen which transcribes the audio being spoken, this is generally available to you as you watch Mass being celebrated. It should always be available if you watch the on demand videos but we're trying to make it available as the Mass is being live-streamed as well. Just click on the cc ("closed caption") symbol in the lower right hand corner of your device to view this text. It is not 100% accurate as it is computer generated, but it will do a respectable job transcribing the audio.

J. James Schmitz

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME
TO BISHOP-DESIGNATE
EDWARD C. MALESIC



On July 16th Pope Francis named the Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, J.C.L., as the 12th bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. We look forward to his installation on September 14th.

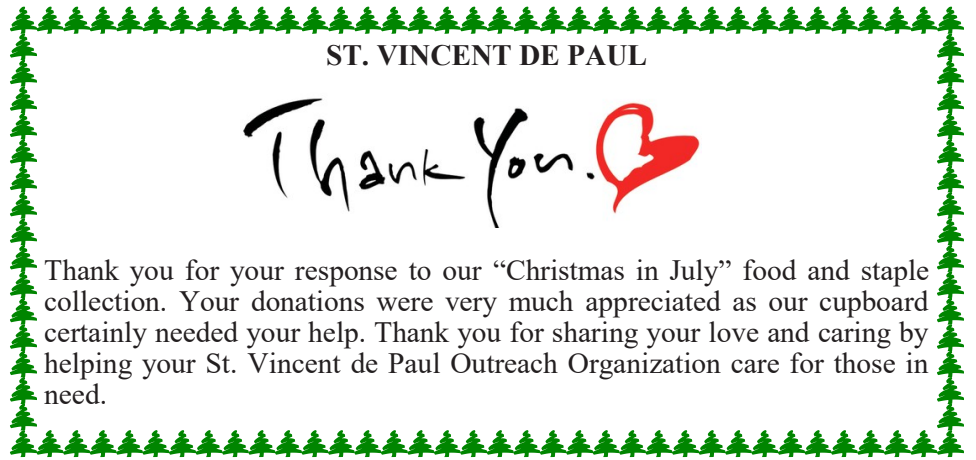


ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

This week we celebrate a spiritual master! Not only is St. Ignatius Loyola the founder of the Jesuits, but the legacy of his life of prayer -- now called Ignatian spirituality -- inspired believers the world over. Injured as a young soldier, Ignatius spent his time in recovery reading the lives of the saints. They inspired his soul to holy heroism, changing his life forever. Ignatius gathered a group of friends who also desired to be "contemplatives in action," finding God in all circumstances. This became the Jesuits -- a great missionary and teaching order. Ignatius himself was constantly attuned to his own inner promptings. This self-knowledge -- open to the movements of the Holy Spirit -- led him to be an incredibly astute spiritual director. For Ignatius, recognizing God as the first principle of one's life determined everything. How has God changed you?

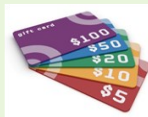
“Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.”

- Mt 13:49-51



Thank you for your response to our “Christmas in July” food and staple collection. Your donations were very much appreciated as our cupboard certainly needed your help. Thank you for sharing your love and caring by helping your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization care for those in need.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM



The Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support our Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at leothegreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for your everyday purchases, gifts, or 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) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.



There have been a lot of inquiries regarding a Festival for this year. We are taking a "wait and see" approach and will make a decision based on government guidelines as we get closer to fall. If we are able to hold the Festival, it will likely be modified to conform to regulations. We will keep everyone posted. Thank you for your interest.



PRAY TO END ABORTION

Pro-Life Peaceful, Prayerful Protest will be held outside the Planned Parenthood office, corner of Brookpark and Broadview Roads on Saturdays, 10:30am to 11:30am. Join us on the public sidewalk. Questions, call Mike & Doris Peters, 216-659-3362.

**CALVARY CEMETERY
Pre-Planning Seminar**



The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, August 8, 2020, at 1 p.m. Come learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and special discount coupon. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event so we can make arrangements for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the duration of the seminar.

**Calvary Cemetery – 10000 Miles Ave., Cleveland
RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 2**

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LIGHTING CANDLES IN CHURCH



Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically “shining a light” on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning of these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

KINGDOM
HEAVEN
TREASURE

HIDDEN
FIELD
FOUND

PEARLS
SOLD
BOUGHT

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SHARING THE GOSPEL



Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.

Prayer

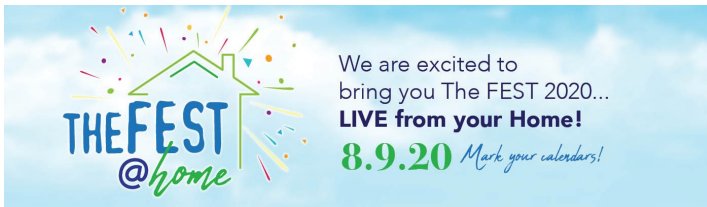
God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself finding a buried treasure.

Mission for the Week

Put God's kingdom first.
Read a Bible story every morning.



SUMMER CRAFTS FOR KIDS

The FEST, our Catholic Family FESTival, always has an amazing Kid's Area with faith-based crafts and activities. This year they can all be done from the comfort of your home. If you would like a CRAFT KIT, please go online today and register (www.theFEST.us/kids). You can pick up your kit in early August or for a small fee have it sent directly to your home. It's a great way to inspire and strengthen the faith and family values of your children and grandchildren.

For all the details go to: www.theFEST.us.

CALLING ALL MOMS!!

The FEST loves moms. Every year thousands of moms get to visit the Marc's Mom's Relaxation Station at The FEST. While this year will be different, moms can still win GREAT gift baskets thanks to our friends at Marc's, as well as visit the Marc's Mom's Relaxation Station online at The FEST@ Home. Go online today to register for amazing prizes, your Marc's Mom's Gift Bag, along with great presentations and reflections that you will find on FEST day. Check it all out at: www.theFEST.us/moms

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Thou Shall Not Lie



A priest was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, all of them between 10 and 12 years of age.

The group had surrounded a dog. Concerned lest the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked, "What are you doing with that dog?"

One of the boys replied, "This dog is just an old neighborhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog."

Of course, the priest was taken aback. "You boys shouldn't be having a contest telling lies!" he exclaimed. He then launched into a 10 minute sermon against lying, beginning, "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie," and ending with, "Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie."

There was dead silence for about a minute. Just as the priest was beginning to think he'd gotten through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog."

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