



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

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 23, 2020**

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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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“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” - Mt 16:19

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.



*In Memory Of*

**Maureen E. Kelly**

May 19, 1944

August 6, 2020

**Mass of Christian Burial**

10:00 am Tue. Aug 18, 2020

St. Leo the Great

Catholic Church

**Interment**

Ohio Western Reserve  
National Cemetery

**An Irish Blessing**

*May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your  
face, The rains fall soft upon your  
fields, And until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the hollow of  
His hand.*

**Yurch Funeral Home**



**Faith & Values**

APPEAL FOR EDUCATION

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Cleveland change lives. Now, more than ever, children need the faith and values they learn in a Catholic school. Thanks to the generosity of people like you who know the value of a Catholic education, last year 4,000 students received need-based tuition assistance. When you give to the **Faith & Values Appeal** to support tuition assistance for a Catholic school student, you are giving a gift that will live on in the lives of those served in our schools. Please pray that the generosity of our parishioners will continue to support the formation of our youth in Catholic schools, throughout Northeast Ohio, where faith makes a difference. To donate online, go to [www.CatholicCommunity.org/education](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/education) or call Karen Joyce at 800-869-6525 x1910.



Father John P. Fischer of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. This ministry was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**



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, 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, Roger Horvath & Steve Simonik



**Monday, August 24th - St. Bartholomew**  
8:30am Steve Fuehrer (Family)

**Tuesday, August 25th - St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz**  
8:30am +Stephen Nagy (Walt & Theresa Lawler)

**Wednesday, August 26th - Weekday**  
8:30am +Fran & Blanch Chester (Family)

**Thursday, August 27th - St. Monica**  
8:30am Communion Service

**Friday, August 28th - St. Augustine**  
8:30am +Mary Pavlick (Pavlick Family)

**Saturday, August 29th - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**  
4:00pm +Joseph Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)

**Sunday, August 30th– 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am +Joe Lovano (Family)



**WEDDING BANNS**

**II Alexandra Dighero & Salvatore Capone**

**GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!**

**JOHN VOLDRICH**

**August 17, 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](http://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.

**Charles Bulger**  
**St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Avon Senior, Borromeo**



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

**First Reading: Is 22:19-23**

In Jerusalem eight centuries before Christ, God spoke through the Prophet Isaiah who is told to address a problem. The "master of the palace"—the equivalent of a secretary of state—was a man named Shebna. God says that he is to be demoted because he used this office for his own advantage. We will hear a description of the investiture of Shebna's successor, Eliakim

**Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36**

Today's reading concludes a part of Paul's letter to the Romans in which he agonizes over the fate of Jewish people who have not accepted Christ. Paul simply leaves the matter in God's hands, and closes with a hymn that talks of the mysterious ways of Divine Providence. You will notice that the ending of this hymn is similar to the way we end every Eucharistic prayer.

**Readings for the week of August 23, 2020**

**Sunday:** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

**Monday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/Mk 6:17-29

**Next Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



**Sunday, August 2nd**

Collection .....	\$ 7,682.00
WeShare(online) .....	\$ 1,551.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,233.50</b>

**Sunday, August 9th**

Collection .....	\$ 7,783.00
WeShare(online) .....	\$ 2,251.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 10,034.50</b>

*Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)*

## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

Maureen Kelly attended the 4pm Mass on Saturday every week with her husband Jerry. At her funeral Mass, Jerry sat in the same first pew in front of the pulpit where he and Maureen would be seen every week at Mass. It will be hard to see Jerry alone as he would always been seen along with his wife as the two of them have been married for 30 years, each bringing 3 sons with them to the relationship. Maureen was a devout Catholic who read her bible daily, prayed her rosary, and asked St. Jude, her favorite patron saint, for his intercession. I had a wonderful visit with them in their home about a month ago where I anointed Maureen and gave them both Holy Communion. She was a wonderful woman whom I will miss along with many others, especially those in our Seniors group. May she rest in God's peace in the company of St. Jude, St. Patrick and the Blessed Mother. We extend our sympathies to her husband Jerry & pray for his peace.

Our parish school had been scheduled to open this Thursday but the opening day has been pushed back to the day after Labor Day in order to give us more time to prepare for a school year that will be remarkably different. Please keep the students and faculty in your prayers as they meet the challenges that will be part of the 2020-21 school year.

We have made many improvements to the school buildings over the years, but the project for this summer is one that will be appreciated by all who use that building besides the students. We are redoing the bathrooms by installing new toilets & stalls in both the boys and girls bathrooms, as well as new urinals, sinks & floor in the boys bathroom. Both bathrooms will also have handicapped accessible stalls for those who use wheelchairs and walkers.

We have resumed renting out the Parish Center, though with a maximum capacity of about 35-40 people. Please call the rectory office if you are interested or you can find more information on our website.

I had mentioned the use of a QR code that would be published in our parish bulletin which would allow you to view a website with the Mass readings for those who like to follow along when the scriptures are proclaimed, but I discovered that it used a different translation than the ones we use at Mass. But I remembered that the Mass readings are available in our free mobile app. In the iPhone App Store, or in the Google Play Store (for Android phones), just search for "Leo the Great" and download this free app to your phone. Click the menu button in the upper left hand corner and choose "Mass Readings". You can also view the livestream of the Mass as well as On Demand videos here as well as many other useful items. We will be constantly updating this mobile app to make sure that the content is current.

I went to the Cleveland Zoo last weekend for a wedding reception in a beautiful room they rent out there. I'm sorry to say that after living here for almost 7 years, this was my first time at the zoo! I learned that those in Cuyahoga County can go there for free on Mondays, and since they have food vendors there & since I have relatives who live there (haha), I plan to go there regularly. After all, Pope Francis has said that priests should smell like the sheep of the flock so I'll take him literally & do my best.

*J. James Schmitz*

### RAFFLE TICKETS COMING!

#### FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Due to social distancing, we are not putting the raffle tickets in the vestibule this year. The Festival raffle tickets are being delivered to the homes within the parish boundaries. If you reside outside the parish boundaries, please provide the rectory with your name and address (including zip code!), and we will arrange to have your tickets available for pick up in the rectory within a few days. If COVID-19 prevents the parish from holding the Festival, there will still be a raffle drawing. The Festival is an important event for the parish and the community. The proceeds from the Festival help sustain the parish. Please do what you can to support the parish by selling your raffle tickets.

With the massive job of getting the tickets delivered, ***WE HAVE CHANGED THE DATE OF THE FIRST EARLY BIRD DRAWING TO AUGUST 30TH.***

If anyone is available to deliver raffle tickets, please contact Nancy at [nzola@leothegreat.org](mailto:nzola@leothegreat.org).



## CHURCH RAFFLE

#### TRAPPER JACK



"He's Back! Trapper Jack will be coming to St. Leo the Great on Sunday, October 11th at 7:00pm. He'll be talking about the Blessed Mother as a "Messenger of Christ"! Save the date and watch the bulletin for further details as they become available! It will also be live-streamed.



#### 2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2021 Mass Intention Book will open on **Tuesday, September 15th at 9:00am** at the Rectory Office. Masks are required in the Rectory Office and social distancing will be required. Only 3 people at a time will be allowed in the office.

Each parishioner household may have four Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

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## PSR CLASSES FOR 2020/2021

RELIGIOUS ED  
SIGN-UPS!



PSR classes for 2020/2021 will begin on Monday, September 14th. Letters have gone out to all returning families. If you have not received your letter please stop in the parish office as soon as possible. Information is included for distance learning and classroom learning.

Instructions and supply packet pickup will take place in the school cafeteria on Saturday, September 12th from 8:00am to 10:00am. If you can not attend at this time please reach out to Joann Deranek, at (216) 406-4949 or email her at [jderanek@leothegreat.org](mailto:jderanek@leothegreat.org).

Fees have not changed \$40 for one child; \$70 for two; \$90 for three and up. Please pay by check made out to St. Leo the Great Church. Fees are due at the time of registration.

HELPERS Needed: We are in need of helpers this year. If you feel called to assist please call Joann at the above number.

**ALL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 4TH**

## RESCHEDULED

### BOY SCOUT CLOTHING 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 at 216-409-3733. Please drop off your donations at the Rectory Office during office hours. **The deadline for drop off is FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th.** Thank you!

### 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).

## 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 VERY MUCH!"

### BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE



This year we are asking for CASH ONLY CONTRIBUTIONS. If you are able and would like to make a cash donation just put your cash or check in an envelope and mark the envelope "BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory. You can also create an account or log into your WeShare account at [leothegreat.weshareonline.org](http://leothegreat.weshareonline.org). There is an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly donation and indicate that this donation would be for the "BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE". We thank you very much for your continued support.

## EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION



Join us Saturday, Sept. 5th at noon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland, 1007 Superior Avenue.

For more information: [contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org](mailto:contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org)

[facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio](https://facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio)

**ALL ARE INVITED**

## 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](http://leothegreat.org). Gift Cards can be used for your everyday purchases, back to school items, gifts, or as a simple thank you.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## KIDS CORNER

### READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

In this Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior. It is hard to keep a secret. When you are told a secret, the first thing you want to do is tell everyone you meet. If you were blind and Jesus made you see, it would be difficult to keep it a secret. You would probably run here and there telling everyone.

#### PRAYER

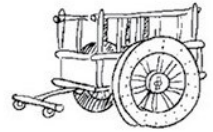
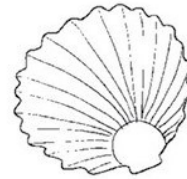
Jesus, now I can tell everyone that you are Christ, our Savior.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

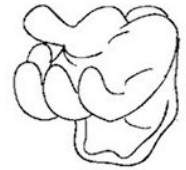
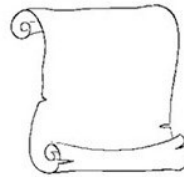
I will share my favorite Bible verse about Jesus with a friend.

Which picture name **begins** with this letter? Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

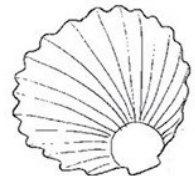
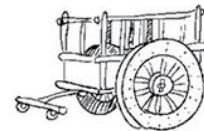
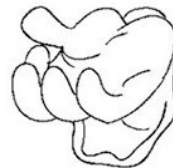
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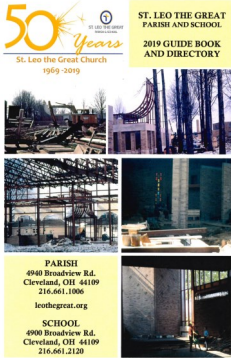
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**GUIDE BOOK - ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY**



We are finalizing the information for our annual Guide Book & Directory. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. A representative from Guide Book is now calling current advertisers and looking for new ones for this year's directory. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Parish Office.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.



THE PASSION OF  
*St. John the Baptist*



August 29. The martyrdom of John the Baptist is one of the most gruesome stories in the New Testament. Yet it is the story of the victory of faith and loyalty over cowardice and hate. A king makes a careless promise and does not have the courage or integrity to do the right thing when his jealous wife takes advantage. This is one of those blunt stories of what living faithfully is all about.

**Reflection**

Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace.

