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"Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts, I trust in you." —Saint Faustina Kowalska



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday | 9:00am— 4:00pm Saturday | 12:00pm—5:00pm Sunday | 9:00am—12:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Mass will be at 8:30am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a , or anytime by request or appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses are asked to contact the Rectory Office or use our website.

BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to contact the Rectory 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 interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

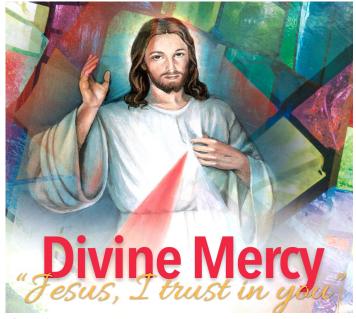
If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.



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Question: Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from? Answer: If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

Visit the Rectory Office for materials to help you understand and pray the Divine Mercy Novena.

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Ladies, all ages, no matter where you are in your faith journey, please, join us on:

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30p.m. (until about 8p) in the School Cafeteria.

We are meeting to connect and *LIFT* each other up as we grow our relationship with God and learn to live more intentionally and prayerfully in our Journeys as women of the faith. For more information contact Pat (216-403-1523) or Barb (216-302-5454) or email Nina at the rectory office at ncapone@leothegreat.org.

Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, etc. of students at St. Leo School, please consider joining us one evening and witness the powerful, prayerful support of friends in faith.



To "live and let live" is alright in its own way...but to "Live and Help Live" is better. You can help others live by sharing yours goods and your prayers through the St Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization,. Share your love, your caring and living by helping the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization care for those in need by putting a donation in the Poor Boxes or putting your donation in an envelope, marking it "SVDP" and placing it in the collection baskets or taking it to the Rectory Office. Your help DOES make a difference and is very much appreciated.



THE NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY

In the Easter season we celebrate the fact that Christ has conquered sin and death! To bring this fact closer to home, there will be a series of catechesis or talks in the parish that are aimed to cultivate adult faith in those seeking answers to the serious questions and issues of life. These talks will begin Tuesday, April 16th at 7pm, and will continue every Tuesday and

Friday at the same time in the community center.

These catechesis are brought to the parish by the missionary team of the Neocatechumenal Way, a new experience in the life of the Church, which our late Pope Saint John Paul II called, "an tinerary of Catholic faith formation valid for our society and our times." This will be a marvelous opportunity to rediscover the fruits that your baptism holds for this life, and also to invite those you know who have strayed from the Church to hear the Good News.

PRO-LIFE MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 17, 2024 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center. Our topic this meeting will be discussion of the newest legislation on abortion throughout our country, especially the Bishops' letter regarding the "morning after pill" recently sent out.

Several other states have been working on abortion legislation, so we will review that also. If

you have information from other sources, please bring it to the meeting.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke them, we humbly pray, and cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

If you have any questions about the group, the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398 -2830 or Chris Rath at 216-394-5803.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY-2025



You are welcome to contact Fr. James Schmitz at jschmitz@leothegreat.org or Trinity Tour Guide, Eddie Abufarha, at eddie@trinitytourtravels.com, or call him 800-687-0306 with any questions or interest you might have. Both will be more than happy to assist you.



"Where the Rosary

is recited there will be days of Peace &

Tranquility."

-St. John Bosco

Rosary

Thursday, April 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Please join us in praying the rosary in the church (please enter through the doors closest to the rectory). If you are unfamiliar with praying the rosary, we will provide you with everything you need.



Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Amelia Rebello, Larry Kuznik, Irma Zappitelli, John Sofcheck, Gary Skelley, Virgina Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Megan Arena, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall. Susan Fenski, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, Betty Popow, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Jesse Kazimer, William Woolard, Claudia Woolard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett, Shawn Calvey, Gloria Madonia, Anthony Bozek, Joe Brodzinski Suzanne Brown, Joyce Stevens, Victoria Fischer, John Gierlach, Dylan Greve, Ken Perry, Leo Hansen, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson, Judy Towalski, Susan Mante, Vicki Przybylski, Kristi Burkhart, Maria Giangrande, Amanda Pacanavsky, Karen Horvath, Chris Geiger, Scott, Jesse Wilson, Kathy Patterson, Jack Gibas, Christine Slaghter, Gloria Ashworth, Dan & Teri Divincenzo, Maryann Kosakowski , Ranae Walters, Cady Williams, Dave Collins, Tom Cramer, Joan Lowry, Gloria Hiendlmayr, William Nelymeier, Ann Mezak & Courtney Gilleland.



Sr. Erma Ruth Greathouse T.O.R Sisters *Novice*

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that they may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

Sanctuary Candle Intention April 7th-April 21st

> +Kenneth Lees "Love and miss you."

> > Love, Your Family

MASS INTENTIONS AND LITURGICAL EVENTS

SAT:	Apr 6th	Saturday within the Octave of Easter			
Mass a	at 4:00p.m.	+Victor Kuznik (Craig Kuznik)			
SUN:	Apr 7th	The 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy			
Mass	at 8:00a.m.	People of the Parish			
Mass at 11:00a.m.		+Larry Bronecki (Linda & Family)			
MON:	Apr 8th	The Annunciation of the Lord			
Mass	at 8:30a.m.	+Michael Dela Celna & +Raynaldo Lao (Ruth Dela Celna)			
TUES:	Apr 9th	Easter Weekday			
Mass	at 8:30a.m.	+Rodrigo Bacus & +Lourdes Silva (Ruth Dela Celna)			
WED:	Apr 10th	Easter Weekday			
Mass	at 8:30a.m.	The Langa Family (Rose Zarko)			
FRI:	Apr 12th	Easter Weekday			
Mass	at 8:30a.m.	The Vance & Klocek Families (Jackie Vance)			
SAT:	Apr 13th	Saturday within the Octave of Easter			
Mass a	at 4:00p.m.	+Rob B., +Carol C., & +Sally H. (Teresa & Fred Beba)			
SUN:	Apr 14th	Third Sunday of Easter			
Mass	at 8:00a.m.	People of the Parish			
Mass at 11:00a.m. +William LaGodney Sr. (Mary, Bill Jr., & Fam					
	READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2024				

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Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31

- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
 - Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- **Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Luke wrote a two-volume work: Volume One was his Gospel; Volume Two was the Acts of the Apostles which describes the life of the Church after the Resurrection of Jesus. Every year, during the seven weeks of the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's passage, Luke gives an idealized description of the early Christian community life.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Today and for the remaining Sundays of the Easter Season, our second reading will be taken from the first letter of John. It was written about 100 A.D., and is one of the last New Testament books to be composed. This letter was written in the tradition of the apostle of John and thus bears his name. Today's passage from near the end of this brief letter treats the fundamentals of Christian life: faith, love, and the commandments.

Reflections by Luke Brown | Sacred Heart Counseling

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday which makes it a great day to reflect on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we know, sin cuts us off from God's sanctifying grace. Although our sin may cut us off temporarily from sanctifying grace, it can always be regained through an honest and authentic reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Often, I hear people say that they are not deserving of God's love because of their sinfulness. While none of us deserve God's love, it is granted to all of us as a gift. I often meet people who believe that their sin is "different" and "worse" than the sins of their neighbor and thus feel worthless, inferior, and despairing. While there are different levels of sin and some are worse than others, we cannot get trapped in the mindset that our sins cannot be forgiven or that we are somehow special or unique in our sinfulness. If we do this, we are really doubting the amount of God's love, which we know to be infinite and without limit. This is simply pride in a different form since we are implying that our sins are so grand and severe that even God cannot forgive us. Sins of any kind are a drop in the ocean compared to God's love, mercy, and grace. If you believe you are a sinner, you are correct. However, take heart in God's love and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation whenever you feel as if you have sinned. After you do, commit to trying harder, praying more, and move on. If you do this regularly, I will wager that your mental health will improve! — LUKE BROWN

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PRACTICING CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman Written in the Wounds

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" — John 20:28

Dear Jesus,

As you greeted your disciples after you rose, fill us, too, with your peace. As you breathed your spirit on them, breathe on us, too. As your presence was known to Thomas, make it known to us, too. Help us to live in your peace, power, and presence. Amen.



WELCOME TO THE FAITH



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I mentioned in last week's column that I would tell you just a little bit about the 3 people who were formerly "catechumens" or those preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at our Easter Vigil this year. I've included a picture of them below along with their sponsors. On the left is Debra (Debbie) Bunosky, wife of Mark Bunosky. Next to her (in the pink) is her sponsor Eva Bunosky, an active parishioner and of course the mother of Mark and mother-in-law of Debbie. The lady on the other side of Eva is Leslie Bierschwal who is the sister of Debbie. Eva was also Leslie's sponsor. Standing behind Leslie is Philip Rogers and his sponsor (to his left) is his father-in-law, Joseph Ratka. All three of the newly baptized are wearing a white baptismal garment which they put on during the rite of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. They were also confirmed & received their First Holy Communion.

During my homily at the Easter Vigil, I spoke of how each of them came to the decision to enter the Catholic Church because of the example of other Catholics in their families. Debbie & her sister Leslie had the example of their sponsor, Eva Bunosky, as well as the example of Debbie's husband Mark, also a faithful Catholic of our parish. And Phil had the example of his father-in-law, Joe, whom Phil would drive to Mass each week. This is how our faith is spread. This is how powerful our example is. And I encouraged each of these 3 newly baptized to now be open to God using them as God used these others in their lives. We may not even be aware that God is using us to bring others to faith. Our example alone suffices. Our prayers are heard. So let us welcome these 3 new family members of St. Leo's into the Church and into our parish and thank their sponsors for their living faith. Remember to pray for them all today.



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a commemoration instituted on this 2^{nd} Sunday of Easter by Pope St. John Paul II. I look forward to sharing with you a little story I heard that really helped me to understand how God's mercy works.

Jr. James / Ochimitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us on the first MONDAY of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. Feel free to join us—no reservations needed!

Upcoming Meetings : May 6th and June 3rd (No meetings will be held in July and August but will resume in September) If you have any questions, contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.



Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you continue to contribute. Here are a few ways to make contributions when unable to place directly in the offertory basket at Mass on the weekends:

1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109)

2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.

3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website www.leothegreat.org to sign up. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

By: Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What do you own and what owns you?

You can find this question asked many times in several different contexts. Are you looking to find some kind of financial freedom? How about trying to live simply in a complex world? Has a mountain of stuff invaded your home garage to the point where parking a car inside is only a dream?

The early Church practiced a radical form of fellowship called koinonia, which literally means "sharing in common." Those who had homes and other major possessions would sell them and then place the proceeds in the care of the Apostles to be shared with the entire community. People focus mostly on the fact that people sold all their possessions for the benefit of the community. However the real point is the action that occurred after every selling: the proceeds were given to Church authority, in essence, to God first. I wasn't just selling my house and then giving the money to random people. My offering was to God and it was for the Apostles (those who personally encountered Jesus and now represented him on earth) to decide how to divide up the wealth.

Why do such a thing?

One could say it was so that no one wanted for anything. If we push that thinking too far, as some in history have done, we can create a system that takes from some to give to others. Nothing was taken from anyone in that first Christian community. It was freely given. And perhaps the reason why people were moved to do so lies at the heart of stewardship: because all we have already belongs to God anyway.







THEOLOGY OF THE BODY YOUNG ADULT ONE DAY RETREAT

This day long retreat is designed for young adults to come and learn more about John Paul II's Theology of the Body in a prayerful environment.

Many people who study TOB describe the experience as life-changing. This is because TOB provides a way to view reality which speaks to the deepest desire of our hearts, to love and be loved like Christ. This retreat will put you on the path to discover God's plan for your life, now and forever.

Speakers for this event include Fr. Jacob Bearer, Erin Nugent, & others. Time for a holy hour, meals, and small groups included in schedule.

April 27th, 2024 9:00 - 4:30 PM St. Columbkille Catholic Church 6740 Broadview Rd, Parma, OH 44134

Cost: \$35/person includes workbook, breakfast, and lunch

*Note: although this event is targeted towards young adults, individuals of all ages are welcome.

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April 1st \$100 Drawing Thomas & Mary Jo Blados Tickets are available for purchase in the Rectory Office or on our website. Cost: \$30 for a chance to win multiple times!

It's always nice to be able to share photos of recent events in our bulletin, and on our website and social media pages. Please email any photos you have taken at any of our St. Leo events to Nina at ncapone@leothegreat.org.





Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the pline at your lootherrat are or call the

rectory office, go online at www.leothegreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006 for more information.



2024 Bus Trips

Hartville Monday, May 13, 2024 Lunch at Hartville Kitchen (included) \$78/person Deadline: Tuesday, April 23rd

Seneca Niagra (overnight stay) Thursday, June 27th Casino Bonus: \$50 slot play, \$20 food credit Buffet Open Seneca Allegany Friday, June 28th Casino Bonus: \$25 slot play, \$5 food credit Buffet Open

Deadline: Monday, May 20th

Lady Caroline Lunch Cruise Wednesday, July 17, 2024 Cruise, lunch, and a stop at West side Market included \$94/person

For reservations or questions contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123

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If you like to shop online visit schoolstore.com and shop over 400 National Brands online. When you purchase through SchoolStore.com as opposed to a direct website of a participating merchant a percentage of your purchase goes to support our parish school !

You can also support our teachers by donating a Caring for Classrooms gift card that help them purchase classroom materials throughout the year. Contact Nina at the Rectory Office or **ncapone@leothegreat.org** with any questions you might have.