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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

WEEKDAYS

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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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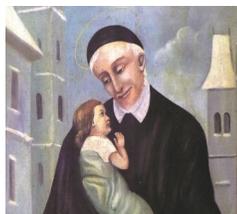


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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



There is a time for study, a time for discussion, a time for decision, a time to act. Act on the Gospel message **"Love your neighbor"** and share your money via the collection basket in an envelope marked SVDP. Your kindness and love is shown through your donations of food items requested or financial contributions. Please know that you can create an account or login to your account at leothegreat.weshareonline.org. There is an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly donation. We pray for all of you!

ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, marks the beginning of Lent. Masses with distribution of ashes will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. There will also be a prayer service at 12:00p.m. for the distribution of ashes.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday (February 22) and Good Friday (April 7) are days of abstinence from meat and days of fast -- ONLY one full meatless meal and two light meatless meals (which together would not equal the main meal) may be eaten. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. (Abstinence applies to all Catholics over the age of 14. Fasting applies to anyone 18-60.)



St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent
February 24th to March 31st
Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - choice of:

- Baked Filet Almondine
- Baked Seasoned Cod
- Battered Fried Fish
- Breaded Shrimp
- Pierogies

Includes:

Choice of baked potato or fries, coleslaw or applesauce, roll and butter

Combo Meal-add 3 pierogies

Weekly Specials - Fish Tacos, Seafood Empanadas, Salmon Patty Dinner

Fish Sandwich

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

Kids Meal

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

A la carte menu

- Baked potato
- Cheese pizza
- Mac & cheese
- Side of fish
- (2 fried or 1 baked)

- French fries
- Pierogies (3)
- Cabbage & noodles
- Soup of the day
- Dessert Available

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



Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the events and activities throughout the year!



FISH DINNERS



Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday)
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. | Dine-In or Carry Out!

MEMORIES

Blue and gold were the school colors (as they are now). The girls' uniforms were navy blue jumpers with white blouses (Peter Pan collars). The jumper had an emblem sewn on the left side with SLS in a shield to signify St. Leo School. Boys wore dress pants with collared shirts and ties. —Chris Rath

Do you have a favorite memory from the past 75 years? If so, please submit it to nzola@leothegreat.org. We also welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Please forward your photos to photos@leothegreat.org.



In the former church (now Lux Hall), the choir used to sing from the choir loft. The choir loft has been transformed in Lux Hall into a multi-purpose room for classes and other activities. As you can see from the 1973 bulletin article below, the choir is always interested in adding members. —John Sabol

As true now as it was in 1973.
PS: Choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays

DO YOU WANT A GOOD PARISH CHOIR?

Any choir is made up of people. People who like to sing and who are willing to give of their time and talents to make the Mass and Liturgy a beautiful, moving experience for others. Do we have men and women, young and old here in St. Leo's who are willing to sacrifice and come to make a good strong choir? We have a few! But...we need more! Practice is at 7:30 on Thursday evening in Church. How about you?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations will be led by Father Jim and Deacon Pat on Fridays @ 7pm during Lent.

School Stations will also be put on by the students on the following Fridays: 2/24, 3/3, and 3/24 at 2:15pm; Shadow Stations will be on 3/31 @ 2pm in the church.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Better to pray one psalm with devotion and compunction than a hundred with distraction.

—St. Romuald



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn “Joe” Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Gary Skelley, Virginia Sofkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, 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, MaryKay Simonek, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O’Malley, Kenneth Lees, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Claudia Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Matt Sansavera, and Joe Jares.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 20th—Weekday

8:30am +Carol Sladewski (Lou Sladewski)

Tuesday, February 21st—Weekday

8:30am Holy Mother’s Intentions (Eneida Ramos)

Wednesday, February 22nd—Ash Wednesday

8:30am Thanksgiving to St. Bernadette (Pauloski Family)

Friday, February 24th—Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:30am +Rose Pelley (Her Children)

Saturday, February 25th—Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:00pm +Stanley and +Margie Kwiatek (Linda Anderson)

Sunday, February 26th—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Louis John Kazimer III (Gladys Kazimer)

11:00am People of the Parish

Since there is no Mass here at St. Leo’s on Thursdays you can attend Mass at one of our other local parishes; St. Charles (7am), St. Barbara (7:30am), St. Francis de Sales (8:45am) or Mary Queen of Peace (8am).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 17-18

We are reading today from the third book of the Bible, Leviticus, which is a collection of Jewish laws. Today’s passage discusses how to treat your neighbor. For Old Testament people, a neighbor was a fellow Israelite. (When we listen to today’s Gospel, we will hear Jesus take this a step further.)

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23

In this reading, Paul continues to address the problem of factions in Corinth. One group followed Apollos, an eloquent preacher who came there after Paul had left. Another group was loyal to Kephaz (which is the Aramaic name for Peter). Paul uses an unusual image to explain why such factions don’t belong in a Christian community.

SUNDAY Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/
Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

MONDAY Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

TUESDAY Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor
5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Sanctuary Candle Intention

February 12—February 26

In Loving Memory of
+Rudy Dejeo

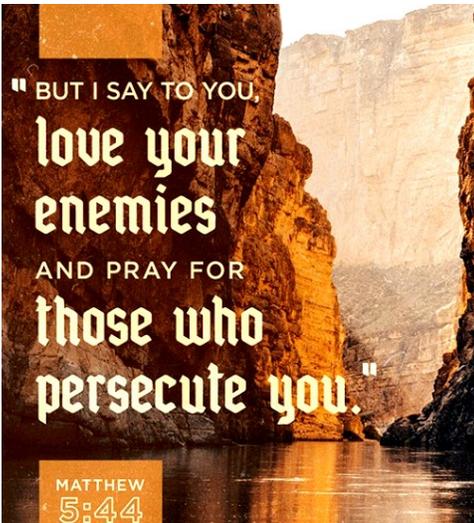
Cora Dejeo



AUGUSTINE DREXLER
DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN
FIRST YEAR, BORROMEIO

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.

ENCOURAGING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: “But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.” An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren’t you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God’s love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can’t be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That’s why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother’s heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It’s stronger than death. Real love is unusual. — *Father John Muir*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Strive to Imitate Christ

By: Tracy Earl Welliver

My pastor likes to say that his parents would always remind him to "leave a place you visited a little better than the way you found it." I have always tried to live by those words as well. The important word here is "tried" as I am sure that I have not always been successful.

The desire to always go a step further, to give even more than is required, is truly honorable. Jesus speaks to his disciples about this when he urges them to give more than what is asked and to travel two miles in service when all that was required of them is one. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to live the same way. It is fundamental to understanding a stewardship way of life.

True generosity has no limits. When we say that mature disciples are to answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost, we are inviting good stewards to embody this type of generosity. We can be the person who does not respond to the call, be the person who responds and gives what is required, or, finally, be the person who seeks to give above and beyond what is required. God doesn't just give us what we need, but he gives us more than we need. Made in his image, we are called to do the same. If we try to live in this manner every day, then we might just succeed in leaving this world a little better than the way we found it.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

The Hardness of Holiness

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Want to know the words I find hardest to say? “Lord, give me the strength.”

The world tells us to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone if we’re training for a marathon or applying for a job — but if we’re talking about God, everything is supposed to be easy. If it comes “naturally” or without struggle it’s supposed to be right.

Only God is perfect, the world tells us. What’s the use of trying so hard?

I’m really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids’ bedtime, when I really just want to watch Dateline and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I’ve committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that’s just begging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I’m dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it’s so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words is because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse.

It’s not unlike my kids claiming they’re too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them? With a job to do, *that’s* where.

“Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.” — *Leviticus 19:2*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

On my desk is a large pile of cards, most of which have yet to be opened, which express the sympathies of parishioners on the deaths of my dad & stepmother. And so many of you expressed verbally your condolences and the assurance of your prayers. I continue to grow in my gratitude to you for your support of me and my family during this time. I have reflected on the fact that I tend to go into "work mode" when planning and celebrating a funeral as I do so often, and that is even true when it becomes personal as in the death of a family member. It takes a while for me to process everything that has happened & to deal with the feelings of my heart. But your presence in my life allows that to happen because of our shared experiences of grief and because of our shared faith. So thank you again for the many ways you reach out to me and my family. It means a lot to us and I continue to thank God for you in my life.

Last Saturday was the 4th anniversary of my cancer surgery & I'm amazed at how fast that time has gone. I had my annual check up with my urologist to review my blood work which continues to be clear of any indications of remaining cancer cells. I am reminded to pray for all the sick of our parish, especially those who are presently going through treatment, that God may give them strength, hope and the trust needed to know that whatever happens, God will be there for them through us.

This weekend we will have our Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. As usual (and against the suggestions of the Diocese), I keep it short and to the point because I know that the majority of you have heard over & over again the necessity of helping those in need and because you have proven, over & over, year after year, your willingness to be generous in this appeal. So thank you in advance for your generosity to those who stand in need of our financial support and again, know that what you do for them, you do for the Lord Himself.

Happy 50th Anniversary to Bob & Barb Ceccarelli! They will be celebrating this special occasion this weekend & we are happy to pray with and for them for many more years of sharing love & faith. Both of them are active parishioners who have been faithful to each other, to God and to our parish, so please join me in extending to them our congratulations.

This Wednesday, February 22nd, begins the Holy Season of Lent. Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 8:30am with the parish school students (all are welcome to attend) and at 7pm. The Deacon will also have a short service at Noon with the distribution of ashes for those who would like to attend during their lunch break for work. Guidelines for the 2 fast days of Lent (Ash Wednesday & Good Friday) & for abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent can be found in this bulletin. Just as when we tend to lose our appetite when grieving or upset about something, so too do we fast on these days so as to focus our energies on grieving our selfishness during this time.

I really encourage you to consider joining us for the Stations of the Cross which Deacon Pat & I will be leading each Friday of Lent at 7pm in the church. You can begin by having a good Lenten meal during our Fish Fry (again, details in this bulletin) & then coming over to the church for about 25 minutes of prayer. As we hear in the gospel every year on Ash Wednesday, the Lord encourages us to pray, fast and give alms as a remedy to sin. We provide the opportunities to do all three of these Lenten disciplines and hope you will take advantage of these so as to find the joy of learning the art of love.

Fr. James Delmitty

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 Wednesday 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. **The next meeting dates will be: March 1, May 3, and June 7, 2023** **THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN APRIL DUE TO HOLY WEEK.**

Feel free to join us—no reservations needed!

If you have any questions,
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by
email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.

PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

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 have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

- 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.



During Lent St. Leo's is sponsoring our annual Have a Heart, Lend a Hand program. Thirteen area organizations will be recipients of your generosity.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22, and during Lent, baskets of hearts will be at all church entrances. Please take a heart or two and purchase the items requested for the organization listed. You may also find a list of needed items in the parish bulletin.

You can bring your donations to the church (bins by doors) or rectory by Friday, March 31 or to the school cafeteria on Saturday, April 1, from 2-4 p.m. Please remember to attach the heart or a tag with the organization name to your donated items.

The following organizations will be the recipients of your generosity:

- ♥ Birthright
- ♥ Broadview Multi Care
- ♥ Catholic Charities Refugee Families
- ♥ Holy Family Hospice
- ♥ Joseph House of Cleveland
- ♥ Malachi House
- ♥ MetroHealth Friends of Mothers and Infants
- ♥ Mt. Alverna
- ♥ Parma Care Center
- ♥ Providence House
- ♥ St. Colman Parish
- ♥ St. Leo/St. Vincent dePaul Outreach
- ♥ West Side Catholic Center

If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216/351-6247.

Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
A TIME TO HEAL. A TIME TO HELP.

The 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us". Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic, requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

Your support of the 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: 'I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.

We invite you to view stories of inspiration CatholicCommunity.org/2023Appeal.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS



For reservations or questions please contact:
Ms. Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123



Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Cost: \$48 per person

Deadline: March 20, 2023

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Cost: \$56 per person

Deadline: Tuesday, May 9, 2023



Thursday, July 13, 2023

Cost: \$78 per person

Deadline: Monday, June 12, 2023

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN PERTAINING TO THE DEADLINES FOR THE SENECA AND HARTVILLE TRIPS!!!



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

February 13, 2023

Kathy Kowal

PARISH SUPPORT

February 5, 2023

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

Sun. Envelope	WeShare	Total
\$6,819.76	\$2,835.00	\$9,654.76
Cap. Improv	We Share	Total
\$470.00	\$75.00	\$545.00
SVDP	We Share	Total
\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00

	Latin America	\$454.00
January Totals	Catholic University	\$254.00
	Solemnity	\$869.00



In observance of the holiday our Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 21st at 9:00a.m. Please also note that Monday morning Mass will still be held at 8:30a.m.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic Schools Week was fueled by some good eats, sweet treats and St. Leo spirit. Some animal friends were presented by Jungle Terry. The students were introduced to a cool and interactive drumming series that was brought to us by *Arts Reaching Kids: Music is Colorblind*. The activity demonstrated through “drums” how all of us here have a “beating” heart and all of us want to be accepted and respected for being who we are, *no matter* our differences— an important reminder to love one another for we are made in God’s image and likeness. *The Super U* challenge taught the students about how we can become a *Super* version of ourselves—especially in the way we go about our days together as a school and parish family. It incorporated themes of Trust, Respect, Responsibility and Kindness into fun games for the classes to challenge each other to. One of the challenges even included getting slimed! Special “Thank You’s” were delivered by some of our St. Leo students & staff to our local Police & Fire Departments! We also hosted a Food Drive for SVDP and students were able to invite and delight in a light breakfast with a Special Visitor of their choosing. We concluded with our 8th Graders taking on the St. Leo Staff in a Volleyball game. In honor of Teacher Appreciation, staff was provided a lovely lunch from The Olive Garden. To our Pastor, Principal, Administrative Staff, Maintenance Team, PTC and especially every Teacher— **THANK YOU** for all of the time and effort that you pour into your classrooms and into the developing hearts & minds of your students. While your mission as Catholic educators can be backed by your faith alone, please know that you also have the gratitude and support of all of St. Leo parish and parents of the students you serve. We continue to include you in our prayerful intentions.



Enroll now! Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leothegreat.org or email Principal, Mrs. Denise Burns at dburns@leothegreat.org