



ST. LEO THE GREAT  
PARISH & SCHOOL

# News & Views

## 8th graders are champs



*St. Leo's eighth grade girls volleyball team finished its 2020-21 season in first place in the CYO Blue Division, followed by similar records for fifth, sixth and seventh grade girls. Find out how CYO sports coped with pandemic restrictions on Page three.*

## School enrollment close to 300

By Jeanne Sabol

St. Leo the Great School welcomed 262 children when classes began in August for the 2020-2021 school year. Since then, enrollment has increased to 291 pupils in grades K through 8.

Mrs. Denise Burns, school principal, said that in the four years since she has been at St. Leo's, enrollment has increased by 50 children, resulting in two kindergartens and two second-grade classrooms with

good possibilities of adding additional classrooms for other grade levels as needed.

Current tuition is \$4650/year, and Cleveland residents can apply for the state-funded Cleveland Scholarship Program to pay tuition. This is not an income-based program.

For residents outside of the city, the Ed Choice Scholarship and Ed Choice Expansion programs are available.

During the summer of 2020 several improvements were made to the school building, including the remodeling of the boys lavatory with new fixtures and flooring and the addition of a handicap stall. Likewise, the staff bathroom underwent a total remodel.

All inner doors in the school (cafeteria, office, hallway) have now been replaced with steel doors.

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St. Leo's Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand Program has become a Lenten tradition, but the process has changed because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Gone from the church are the baskets containing the paper hearts. Instead we're asking you to select items from the list of organizations below and their needs.

Your donations will be gathered and delivered to the respective social service agency or shelter at the beginning of Holy Week (Palm Sunday weekend). You can drop off donations at the church or rectory by Wednesday, March 24. Remember to label the bag or container with the organization's name.

### ♥ **Birthright**

Gift Cards for Target, Walmart, Marc's, Kohls

### ♥ **Broadview Multi-Care**

Adult Coloring Books  
Word-Search Books  
Colored Pencils, Crayons, Markers  
Large-Piece Jigsaw Puzzles  
Stuffed Animals  
Playing Cards  
Nail Polish  
Body Wash

### ♥ **Catholic Charities Refugee Families**

Toilet Paper  
Light Bulbs  
Batteries  
Alarm Clocks  
Sponges  
Toilet Brushes and Cleaner  
Twin/Full Size Sheets  
Tall Kitchen Wastebaskets  
13-Gal. Garbage Bags

### ♥ **Holy Family Hospice**

Paper Towels  
Napkins  
Toilet Paper  
Kleenex  
Bleach  
Lestoil  
Disinfectant Wipes  
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes

### ♥ **Joseph House of Cleveland**

Bath Towels  
Washcloths  
New Men's Underwear/Socks  
Children's Socks (age 4-12)  
Laundry Detergent  
Toilet Paper



# Have a Heart Lend a Hand

Rectory hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; Saturday, Noon–5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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

### ♥ **Malachi BackDoor Ministry**

Canned Tuna/Chicken  
Ground Coffee  
Green Beans  
Corn  
Sweet Peas  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Beef/Chicken Gravy  
Grits

### ♥ **Malachi House**

Gift Cards: Walmart, Target, Giant Eagle, Save-a-Lot, Home Depot, GFS, Dave's, Amazon

### ♥ **Parma Care Center**

Diet or Regular Cans of Pop  
Large-Print Word Search Books  
Markers/Colored Pencils  
White Card Stock  
Men's Aftershave  
Men's/Women's Body Wash/  
Shampoo  
Large-Piece Jigsaw Puzzles  
Women's Hair Accessories  
Medium-Size Handheld Mirrors

### ♥ **Providence House**

Applesauce  
Canned fruits: Peaches, Pears,  
Fruit Cocktail  
Cookies, Graham Crackers  
Diapers, Sizes 5, 6  
Unscented Baby Wipes  
Paper Towels  
Liquid Hand Soap  
Baby Lotion/Shampoo  
Pudding Snack Pack Cups  
Gift Cards: Target, Walmart

### ♥ **St. Colman Parish**

Shampoo  
Deodorant  
Bar Soap  
Razors  
Toilet Paper  
Laundry/Dish Detergent  
Sturdy Reuseable Shopping Bags

### ♥ **St. Leo/St. Vincent dePaul Outreach**

Bar Soap  
Boxed Scalloped Potatoes/  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Tuna  
Dish Detergent  
Pancake Mix/Syrup  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Cereal  
Baked Beans  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Rice and Noodle Side Dishes

### ♥ **West Side Catholic Center**

Deodorant  
Bar Soap  
Shampoo  
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes  
Cereal  
Ground Coffee  
Pots/Pans  
New Children's Shoes  
New Socks and Underwear—  
Men, Women, Children

# Pandemic slows few CYO teams

By Alex Pavlick

As with many other activities, CYO sports at St. Leo School has been challenged by the pandemic in 2020-2021, but parish Athletic Director Mike Robinson, the coaches and players were determined to compete.

Girls volleyball, boys basketball, and cross-country participants played, but cheerleading fell victim to pandemic restrictions as did cross country, which had a less-active season than past years. In addition, fourth and fifth-grade volleyball and seventh grade boys' basketball teams played intramural games, involving St. Leo students only.

But the restrictive season didn't stop girls volleyball teams from taking first place in several divisions, with the eighth-grade girls taking first place in the CYO Blue Division, followed by first place finishes for fifth, sixth and seventh grade girls and a CYO Sportsmanship Award for fourth graders, who were nominated by other teams.

The eighth grade girls have been competing together since the third grade, and their participation includes a community service project making cards for sick parishioners, which were distributed by Father Jim when he visits and prays for the sick.

Because of restrictions, everyone in the gym had to wear a mask at all times and be socially distanced, except those actually on the court playing. Only two people per athlete's uniform number were allowed in the gym during games, and they sat socially

distanced in the stands. After each game, the gym was closed for a half-hour while it was disinfected. Practices were generally unchanged, but players' temperatures were taken before they could enter the school. COVID-19 also presented a risk factor for coaches, whose families, jobs and their personal health were at risk.

CYO organizers reduced the number of schools competing by clustering them into groups that would play each other. Only sixth, seventh, and eighth grade teams are playing this year to reduce risk. The girls volleyball teams finished in October, after it decided to forego Tournament games. The eighth-grade boys basketball team started January 23, six weeks later than usual.

CYO is also avoiding fundraisers this year, and this has also hampered the athletic program, which must pay about \$850 for each CYO team to participate (\$85 per student).

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**Website: [www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org)**

Rev. James P. Schmitz, Pastor  
 Rev. James Vesely, Retired  
**Mass Schedule**  
 Sundays—4 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)  
 8 and 11 a.m.  
 Weekday Masses—Monday, Tuesday,  
 Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m.  
 Communion Service—Thursday, 8:30 a.m.  
 Holy Days of Obligation—8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.



## St. Leo Fish Dinners

TAKE OUT ONLY

Fridays - February 19th to March 26th

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

**Dinners - \$8.00 choice of:**

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

**Includes:**

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

\$10.00 Combo Meal-add 3 pierogies

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

**Fish Sandwich - \$6.00**

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

**Kids Meal - \$4.00**

choice of: fried 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 Available	

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### St. Leo News & Views

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## St. Leo milestones

February 2020–January 2021

### Baptisms

Theodore Patrick Cooley  
Dakota Riley Fender  
Liam Joseph Hunter  
Robert Arthur Kappler IV  
Savannah Lou Lahiff  
Aliyah Sankey  
Casey Jones Tackett  
Emma Grace Zabiegala

### Funerals

Myron Akuszcwski  
Walter Alfien  
Thomas Bauhof  
Riley Brandt  
Patricia Chopka  
Ralph Cosiano  
T.J. Cusick  
Kenneth Delewski  
Dora DiFranco  
Dorothy Forister  
Agnes Franko  
Phillip Gagliardi  
William Gleason  
Ed Gorczyca  
John Gorencic  
Joseph Gorney  
Zofia Gorski  
Judith Gruntkowski  
Richard Grzelecki  
Rita Gurgol  
Charles Hakaim  
William Hinton  
Josephine Hoffman  
Roy Kaminski  
Maureen Kelly  
David Kucharski  
Michael Litteria  
Mildred Mack  
William Megesi  
Margaret Menge

Lucille Mills  
Ralph Mlady, Sr.  
Stephen Nagy  
Christine Neilson-Aigner  
Genevieve Novak  
Alberta Opalka  
Richard Osborne  
Maria Pawloski  
Alexandra Plech  
James Roush  
Leonor Sauza  
Alice Schulz  
Carmella Shrader  
Stephen Simonik  
Paul Skunsk  
Mary Slepceky  
Jeanne Slezak  
Sandra Sparenga  
Barbara Stawicki  
Marilyn Summers  
James Tanner  
Dolores Tucky  
Richard Tucky  
William Wamser  
Harriet Watson  
Bobbie Whittaker  
Frank Zupancic

### Weddings

Dr. Andy Grubic & Sara Schirripa  
Salvatore Capone & Alexandra Dighero  
Amanda Pasela & Anthony Zingale  
Danielle Zappitelli & Nickolas Woody  
Jason Jogan & Kayla Johnson

### Confirmation

Linda Anderson  
Michael Tierney

### First Communion

Grace Stanek

### New Parishioners

Rachel Abraham  
Karl & Kristi Burkhart  
James Cusick  
Corey & Natalie Fabricius  
Geraldine Gage  
Christopher Goebel  
Megan Haldi  
Katherine Halladay  
Kristen Heidenreich  
Linda Hill  
Thomas Frank Kline  
Mary Ann Kowalski  
Laura Kroon  
Patricia Lynch  
Courtney Nenadal  
Allison Nenadal  
Jeff Nenadal, Jr.  
Joe Pavlick  
Justin & Madeline Shepherd  
Jim & Georgia Shores  
Michelle Shue  
Thomas & Eileen Squires  
William Stuczynski  
Tricia Valentine  
Barbara Walsh  
Michael & Kathleen White  
Raymond Zeleny

## School nears 300 pupils

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Mrs. Burns has applied for a Diocesan “Rooted in Faith” grant to remodel the girls lavatory this summer.

Both teachers and children adapted very well to the many changes brought on by COVID-19. Social distancing, mask-wearing and constant sanitizing became the new norm, and teachers recorded their lessons and used Google Classrooms for the 35 percent of children who attend virtually.

Events that would bring many visitors into the school, such as Catholic Schools Week in January, were adapted to focus on special activities for the children.

Plans are in motion for a new school website featuring a virtual tour of the school. If you would like additional information about St. Leo School, Mrs. Burns can provide you with answers and an in-person tour, and you can reach her at 216/661-2120.

## Blessed events

February 13—Confirmation, 4 p.m. Mass  
February 13–14—St. Vincent de Paul food collection at all the Masses  
February 14—Valentine’s Day  
February 15—Presidents Day  
February 17—Ash Wednesday  
February 17–March 24—Have-A-Heart  
February 19—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.  
February 26—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.  
March 5—Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
March 5—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.  
March 12—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.  
March 13,14—St. Vincent de Paul food collection at all the Masses  
March 14—Daylight Savings Time Begins  
March 16—Bloodmobile, 4–8 p.m. (by appointment)

March 17—St. Patrick’s Day  
March 19—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.  
March 26—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.  
Holy Week Activities—please check bulletin/website for details  
March 28—Pancake Breakfast  
April 1—Holy Thursday Morning Prayer  
April 1—Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
April 2—Good Friday Morning Prayer  
April 2—Good Friday, Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion  
April 3—Holy Saturday Morning Prayer  
April 3—Blessing of the Food  
April 3—Easter Vigil  
April 4—Easter Sunday