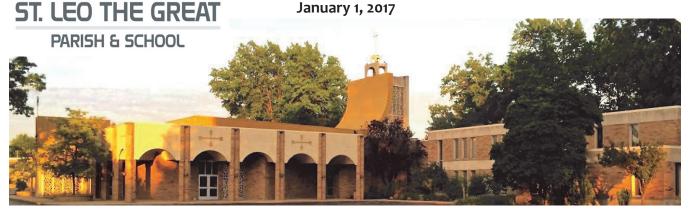


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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM Sundays ~ 8:00AM, and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Thursday ~ 7:30AM Friday ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are heard on Saturday, from 2:45PM—3:30PM or anytime 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 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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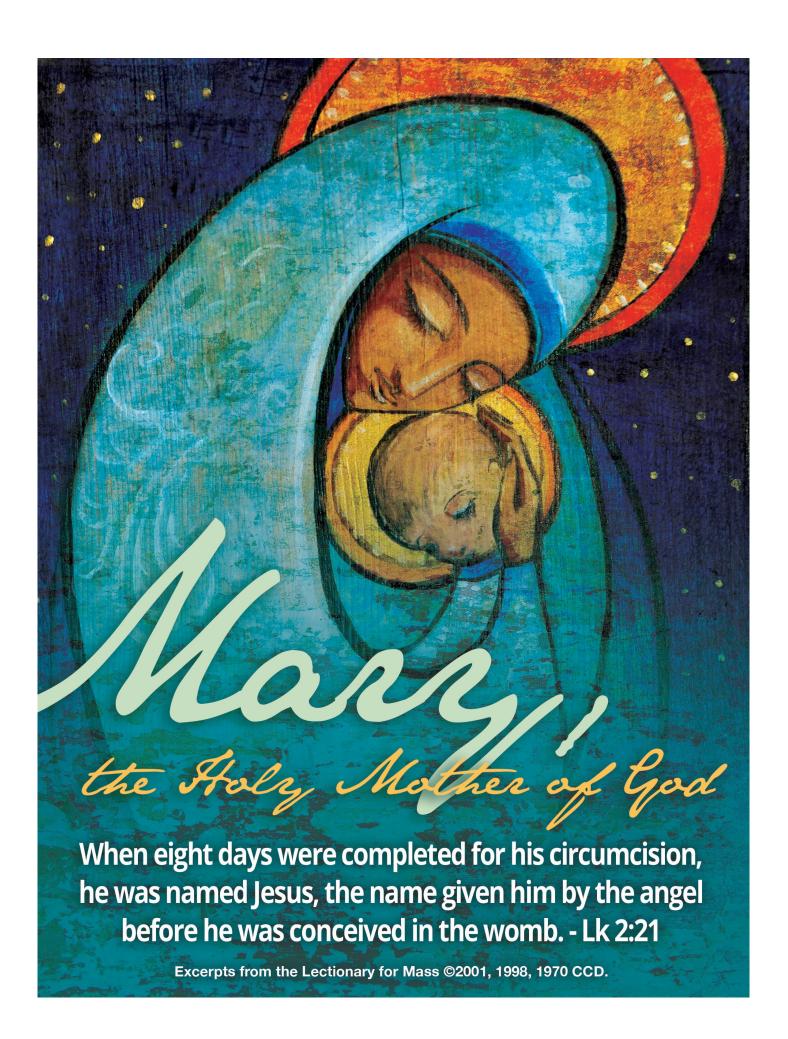


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PLEASE REMEMBER... Margaret Zisk, Sarah!



Grier, Edward P. Gorczyca, Carol Sladewski, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Stella Sugalski, Robert Holshue, Donna Mlady, Mike Manzo, Cheri Minch, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Carol Frisco, Dorothy

Forister, Ann Sazpansky, Larry Kuznik, Rosemarie Hamski, Jo Hoffman, Anna Mendoza, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Dianne Soler, Muffie Bone, Theresa Truxall, Gary LaBuda, Mary Ras, Janene Catanese, Denise Rooks, Bernice Kilcoyne, Jeanette Klaehn, Donna Robertson, Theresa Kowal, Trudy Miller, Donald Kotarsky, Dave Zonneville, Nancy Miller, Larry Carrino, Ruth Frohlich, Carol Phillip, Ashley Dayle, Brett Bennett, & Dan Kenaga



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES \$1,000.00 Christmas Winner and \$100.00 December 26th Winner

Due to early publication during the holidays, winners will be included in next week's bulletin.

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes.**Forms are available at the Information Desk in Church, or at the Rectory Office.

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

Andrew Morken Capuchin Formation Program Pre-Theology, St. Mary



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



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Due to early publication during the holidays, this information will be included in next week's bulletin





January 2nd to January 8th

Monday, January 2nd: St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

7:30 a.m. +Raymond C. Browske (Sister-Louise Tupper) **Tuesday, January 3rd: The Most Holy Name of Jesus**7:30 a.m. Tom & Marie Marek-50th Wedding Anniversary

(Eileen Gabel)

Wednesday, January 4th: St. Elizabeth Seton

7:30 a.m. +Albert Ancin (Fr. James Vesely)

Thursday, January 5th: St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:30 a.m. To be announced

Friday, January 6th: St. André

8:30 a.m. Joyce Krakora-Birthday 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, January 7th: St. Raymond of Penyafort 4:00 p.m. +Francis M. Barrett (Charles & Linda Sloan)

Sunday, January 8th: Solemnity of Mary,

The Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m. +Mickey & Bill Jares (Family)

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish



First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The fourth book of the Bible is called the Book of Numbers simply because in describing the wanderings of the people in the Sinai Desert, it gives two census reports. In this section, we hear how God instructed the priestly leaders to bless the people.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Galatia was a Roman province in what is now central Turkey. Paul had visited there and founded a Christian community. In this section of his letter to them, he explains that all people, not just a select few, are called to be sons and daughters of God.

Readings for the Week of January 1, 2017

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28 **Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34 **Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42 **Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or

3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12





Dear Parishioners,

This is, of course, the first day of the year, the first Sunday of the year, and the first Sunday with our revised Mass schedule. Those of you who normally attended the 10am or 12pm Mass on Sunday & who now plan on attending the 11am Mass will likely see many people you have not seen before. My only fear is knowing that most people seem to prefer to sit in the same seat every time they come to Mass. So do I! But luckily, I have never had to fight anyone for my seat! So what to do when someone beats you to the pew you usually sit in? Well, you have to give them some credit for getting here before you! Are you upset that they got here first & claimed your favorite place to sit? Then come earlier next week so you can reclaim your throne. (This is reminding me of the popular show called "Game of Thrones" now that I think of it). In any case, I only ask that you don't sit on anyone's lap. There's plenty of room for everyone even when we combine the usual congregations from the former 10am & 12pm Masses. So let me thank you again for your support in this change. I know it's easy to become accustomed to a particular Mass time and it takes some adjustment to come either an hour later or an hour earlier to Mass. But Father Vesely will be able to concelebrate and not have to worry about the strain on his knees, and I believe we will have a better experience of liturgy as we bring more parishioners together at the same time. Before long it will seem like we've always done it this

Thanks to everyone who sent or dropped off Christmas cards, cookies & other enjoyable food & drink for Fr. Vesely and myself. Michaela and Abby too. Fr. Vesely & I will probably need bigger Roman collars, Michaela a larger collar (hers isn't Roman though) & Abby won't be able to climb Christmas trees any more. But Lent always follows Christmas and for good reason so we'll get back in shape then. In any case, accept our collective gratitude.

Finally, every family is welcomed to take home a new 2017 calendar. We ordered more this year so there should be enough to go around. Don't forget to mark in there that you need to come to Mass earlier so you'll win the Game of Thrones. We have some calendars in the Rectory Office too in case you forget to get one in the church. We hope you're enjoying the Christmas gift we gave out last week. May it help you begin the New Year right.

In Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S January 2nd to January 8th

3:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys basketball practice



Lux

Church

Monday, January 2nd

3:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
4:00 p.m. 8th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 4th gr. girls basketball practice	Lux
6:00 p.m. Teens Encounter Christ - Great &F	rancis
uesday. January 3rd	

4:15 p.m. 3rd gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 6th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
6:30 p.m. SVDP	Francis
6:45 p.m. Girl Scouts #70220	Great
7:00 p.m. 7th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
Vednesday, January 4th	
4:00 p.m. 4th gr. girls basketball practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 8th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice Thursday, January 5th

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3:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
4:15 p.m. 3rd gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 6th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Great

Friday, January 6th

4:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. 7th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
7:30 p.m. Recovery International	Francis

Saturday, January 7th

7:30 a.m. CYO Basketball site center	Lux
2:45 p.m. Confessions	Church
3:00 p.m. Grapevine	Great

Sunday, January 8th

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation/RCIA	Great
11:30 a.m. CYO Basketball site center	Lux
12:30 p.m. Couples for Christ	Great
7:00 p.m. Coach Robinson Adult Open Gym	Lux

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday, January 6th



Eucharistic Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and ends at 5:00 p.m. You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere. It will bring you peace.



ST. LEO THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWS



Pick 40 Update

Congratulations to all of our top selling families. You may still return tickets until Tuesday, January 3, 2017 prior to the first drawing on that day. Thank you for all of your support this year! We look forward to the 40 days of drawings beginning January 3, 2017. Look forward to hearing from us, if you win!

Pick 40 Selling Results:

1st Place: Avyanna Hamilton's Family- 252 Tickets Sold 2nd Place: James Gallo's Family - 243 Tickets Sold 3rd Place: Mackenzie Slone's Family - 220 Tickets Sold

Drawing Schedule

Jan 3:	Jan 4:	Jan 5:	Jan 6:	Jan 7:	Jan 8:	Jan 9:	Jan 10:
\$500	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Jan 11:	Jan 12:	Jan 13:	Jan 14:	Jan 15:	Jan 16:	Jan 17:	Jan 18:
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Jan 19:	Jan 20:	Jan 21:	Jan 22:	Jan 23:	Jan 24:	Jan 25:	Jan 26:
\$500	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Jan 27:	Jan 28:	Jan 29:	Jan 30:	Jan 31:	Feb 1:	Feb 2:	Feb 3:
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Feb 4:	Feb 5:	Feb 6:	Feb 7:	Feb 8:	Feb 9:	Feb 10:	Feb 11:
\$500	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$500



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Bring all your OLD CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER, PHONE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL, HOLIDAY CATALOGS, CARDBOARD, BOOKS, ALONG WITH YOUR PAPERS to our paper bins by the Parish Center.

River Valley Paper Company is offering new pricing incentives! **THANK YOU.**

GIFT CARD CERTIFICATES



The Gift Card Program is an excellent, easy and convenient way to help support your Parish. There is great potential in this program. Purchase cards for all of

your needs; everyday purchases, travel, and gift giving. A complete list of the gift cards is available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church, on the website or at the Rectory Office. We strongly encourage everyone to participate. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!



Online Giving is now available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leothegreat.org) to sign up.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

LOVING IS.....

Loving is the Art of Caring, Caring is the Art of Sharing, Sharing is the Art of Living, Living is the Art of Loving.



Share our Love, your Caring and Living by helping the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization here at St. Leo's as we care for the poor among us.

ST. LEO THE GREAT BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall **Sunday, January 15th**, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Donors must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 lbs. Please stop by and donate!

RECORD OF 2016 CONTRIBUTIONS



To receive a copy of your 2016 contribution statements please email us your request at mlhauck@leothegreat.org or

stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church after Mass or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement, eg. pick up in back of church, office or mail. They will be available after January 10th.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

GREAT ROOM FOR RENT The Great Room in our Parish Community Center is available to **rent for special events**, **parties**, **meetings**, **funeral luncheons**, **etc.** For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our website at leothegreat.org. There you will find information, prices, and forms.

INFORMATION DESK

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For the convenience of our parishioners, we are bringing the rectory office to you after the weekend Masses. The information desk is located in the vestibule.

Listed are some of the things that are available:

- sponsor certificate pickup
- popular gift cards
- new parishioner registration forms
- Mass intentions
- Parish Community Center rental forms
- alumni association forms
- great sweepstakes tickets
- help with our website & mobile app
- choir and handbell choir sign-ups

Please feel free to stop by after Mass.

PLEASE NOTE OUR REVISED MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Monday through Wednesday



(there will be a 7:30 Mass on Thursday according to Fr. Vesely's availability).

Friday

8:30 a.m.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



We seek the same faith and courage that Mary possessed as she accepted the tremendous responsibility of being the Mother of God. Life often requires great and heroic things of us and we often wonder how and if we are able to meet those challenges. Mary did not doubt that God was with her, giving her everything

needed to complete the task before her. Because of her Son's special relationship with his Father, we too can cry out "Abba, Father" and draw strength from the infinite and generous love God bestows upon us.



RECTORY NEW YEAR'S OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory Office will be closed:

New Year's Eve New Year's Day Monday, January 2nd

We will be reopen at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3rd.

REGISTER WITH US



Have you moved into the area recently? Or have you been joining us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish

family. It will take just a couple minutes of your time. Stop back at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, at the rectory office, or call 216-661-1006.

BUS TRIPS

Wednesday, January 18th—Wayne County Brown Bag Tour, Wooster, OH—\$77.00 per person

- JM Smucker (receive a jar of jam), Everything Rubbermaid (receive a Rubbermaid product), Das Dutch Kitchen (lunch included), P. Graham Dunn (tour & gift included), Lehman's Hardware (receive a treat)
- ◆ Depart: 9:30 a.m.--Return Home: approx. 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, February 16th—Scioto Downs, Columbus, OH - \$32.00 per person

- ♦ Casino bonus: \$20 free slot play & \$5 food
- ♦ Depart: 8:30 a.m.
- Return Home: approx. 8:00 p.m.

Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



2017 CATHOLIC CALENDARS



THANK YOU to the Yurch Funeral Home for once again providing our beautiful St Leo the Great 2017 Calendars. They are now available for

pick up in the back of the Church and at the Rectory Office. Quantities are limited.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND JANUARY 20-22, 2017



Someone once said "marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth." Have you become so distracted by outside pressure that you neglect your spouse? The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled

marriage back on track. This program is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held **January 20-22**, **2017**.

A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha *in complete confidence* at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230. For additional information or to register online, please go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

2017 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2017 Mass Intention Book is open. Each parishioner household may have 4 Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Holy Hour... Looking ahead to a concert from *North Coast Winds* on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—Ladies Guild Lottery tickets for February 2017 are available in the Parish Office for \$5.00 each. The winning 3 digit numbers come in from the 7:30pm drawing on Channel 5 and must be straight. If your ticket is a winner, you will get a check for \$100. Any questions, please call Jacki (440)884-3030. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS MORE—Bingo...Come enjoy a night of Bingo at St. Thomas More every Wednesday. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Instants at 5:30 p.m. and early birds begin at 6:30 p.m.