



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

January 16, 2022

Father James P. Schmitz

Pastor

Father James J. Vesely

Retired

4940 Broadview Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44109



PARISH STAFF:

216.661.1006

Father James Schmitz, Pastor
jschmitz@leothegreat.org

Deacon Patrick & Joan Berigan
pberigan@leothegreat.org
jberigan@leothegreat.org

Brenda Basalla, Business Manager
bbasalla@leothegreat.org

Mickey Stitt, Music Director
mstitt@leothegreat.org

Mary Piechowski, Associate Musician
mpiechowski@leothegreat.org

Maureen Frydl, Social Media Manager
mfrydl@leothegreat.org

Miss Nadia, Parish Center Coordinator
missnadia@leothegreat.org

RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM

Sunday ~ 9:00AM—12:30PM

SCHOOL STAFF:

216.661.2120

Denise Burns Principal & Preschool Director
dburns@leothegreat.org

Eileen Breitmeyer, School Secretary
ebreitmeyer@leothegreat.org

Joann Deranek, Director of Religious Education (DRE)
jderanek@leothegreat.org

SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday through Friday 8:00AM—3:00PM

www.leothegreat.org

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 Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, 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.

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.



DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP!

Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other useful information on your mobile device.

Instagram @leothegreatorg

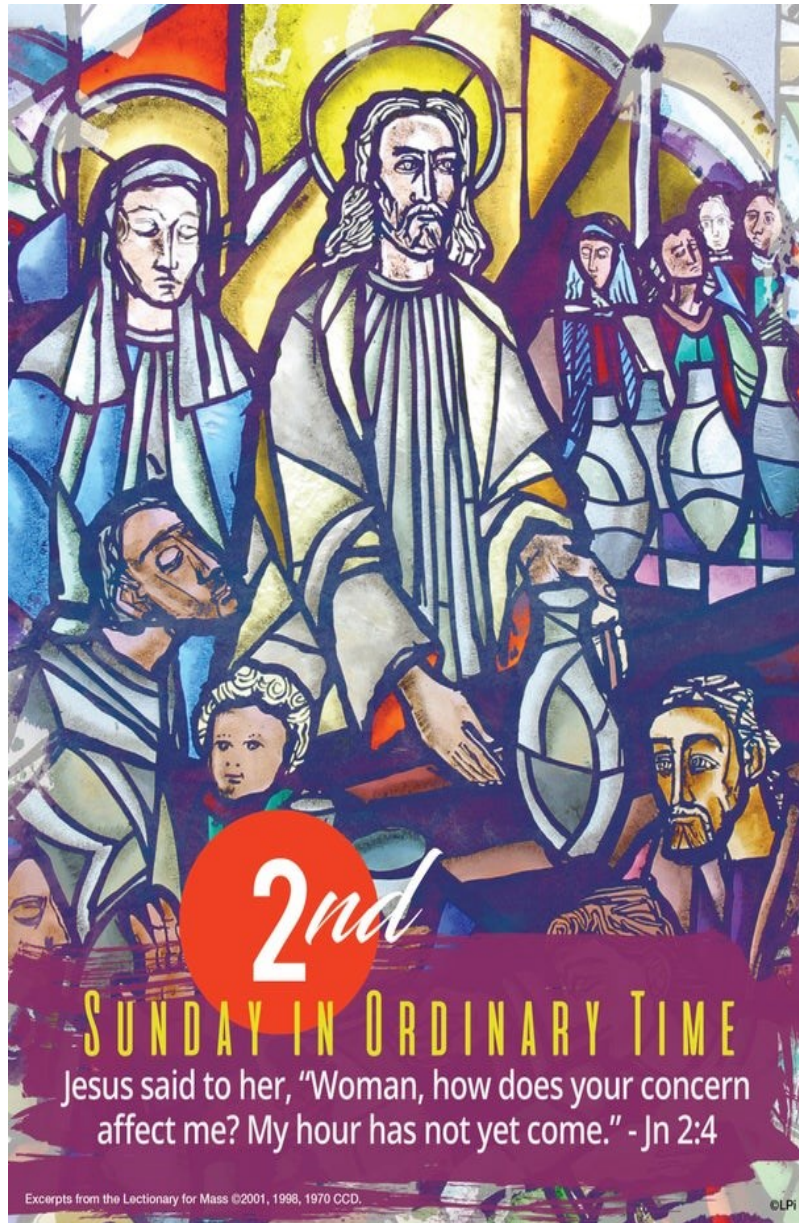


Facebook—leothegreatorg



Twitter @leothegreatorg



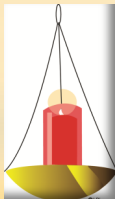


SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

January 16th to January 23rd

IN LOVING MEMORY

To my husband
Leo Thomas Klaehm
With love, from his wife Jeanette



REGISTER WITH US

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



Welcome

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.



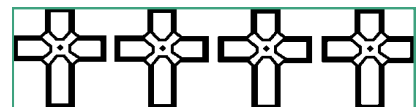
Martin Luther King Jr. Day ©LPI



St. Vincent de Paul

To be sure your charitable donations are being used the way you intend them to be, please consider donating to your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization throughout the year. We are a volunteer organization that provides assistance to the needy in our area, whatever it is due to job layoffs, illness or other misfortune. No questions are asked about religious affiliation, and everything is kept confidential.

The organization prides itself on the fact that ALL donations go directly back to the people we serve. There is NO overhead, NO administrative costs, and ALL services are volunteered, so contributors can be assured their donations are being put to the best use. Remember that people need help throughout the whole year. Of course, there is always a sharp increase for our services at this time of the year as the weather is colder. Our Poor Boxes are located at the entrances of the Church or you can put your donation in an envelope and mark it "SVDP" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory. We thank you for your continued support.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS...

Prayer
REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Joseph Mackey, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Ken Proctor, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Harriet Franko & Ana Mendoza.

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



Paul Baker
St. Vincent de Paul, Elyria
Third Year, Borromeo

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

MASS
INTENTIONS

Monday, January 17th—St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30am Mary Kubala (Family)

Tuesday, January 18th—Weekday

8:30am People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 19th—Weekday

8:30am +All Unborn Children (Fr. Jim Schmitz)

Thursday January 20th—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, January 21st—St. Agnes Virgin and Martyr

8:30am +Judy Gruntkowski (Frank Gruntkowski)

**Saturday, January 22nd—USA, Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

4:00 +Hazel & Henry Young (Linda Anderson)

**Sunday, January 23rd—Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Loretta Zola (Marge Walcher)

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon six centuries before Christ. Upon their return, they found their temple destroyed and the city of Jerusalem leveled. Still, the prophet sees a wonderful future for them because God loves them so much. Note the beautiful image he uses to describe that love.

Second Reading: Corinthians 12:4-11

Today, and for the next few weeks, our second reading will be from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Corinth was a busy cosmopolitan seaport located in the central part of modern-day Greece. Here, Paul addresses problems his converts are experiencing as they live a Christian life in this non-Christian environment.

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-2

Day of
Prayer for
the Legal
Protection
of Unborn
Children

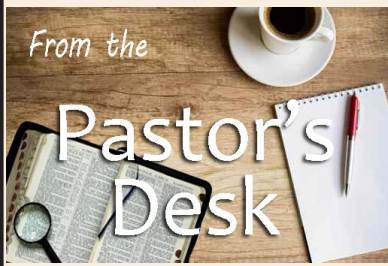


PARISH SUPPORT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th

Collection.....\$4,770.00
WeShare (Online).....\$2,088.57
Total.....\$6,858.57

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Dear Parishioners,

A few months ago, we were informed that the company which used to handle our HVAC throughout all our parish buildings was reducing the number of clients they had so we moved to another company that we have been very happy with. I asked them why it's always cold in the church vestibule and they looked into it & saw that a belt was on backwards on the blower near the vents. The good news is that it's fixed & so we now have heat in the vestibule of the church and in the cry room. That means that we can once again open up our Information Desk located in the old baptismal font area. So starting this weekend, after all of the Masses, you can see Amy there who can save you a trip to the rectory office which forces you out into the cold. You can schedule Mass intentions, buy Sweepstakes tickets, purchase gift cards (the more popular ones like Giant Eagle, Speedway & Marc's), and pick up things like sponsor certificates which have already been prepared for you. We also have some free cookbooks that were sold at one time from the PTC committee which you are welcome to take home. Feel free to let Amy know what else we can make available to you back there which would save you a trip to the rectory office. I'll remind you about this information desk after Mass from time to time & hope it will be convenient for you to have someone there to assist you.

At this time of year, we have many people who request a Contribution Statement which they can use when filing their taxes. If you have already requested one, you can pick that up from the Information Desk as well. To have a statement prepared for you, you can call the rectory office or email us at info@leothegreat.org and we will be happy to get that ready for you to pick up in the rectory office or in the vestibule of the church. We can also send it to you via email or snail mail. You can also request this right from the homepage of our website, leothegreat.org.

A couple more reminders (if you're like me, it's always helpful to have reminders of things that are easily forgotten)...I am in the confessional which is through the door by the tabernacle in the church on Saturdays from 3pm until about 3:40pm, and on Sunday from 10:15am until about 10:40am. I'm always available by request as well. Also know that I'm happy to anoint you as I'm walking around the church before all the Masses (though I need to start vesting for Mass about 5 minutes before Mass begins).

I just spoke with Eddie Abufarha from Trinity Tours who is coordinating the trip to the Holy Land this May. He informed me that Israel is open for tourism and has removed limitations that had been in place due to COVID so that is great news. We currently have 36 pilgrims signed up for the trip and can take 4 more so if you were waiting to see if the trip is still on (it is!) and thinking about joining us, this is the time to get onboard! Their November trip was very successful. So please reach out to me or to Eddie (I can give you his phone number) if you'd like more information or would like to sign up. I am really looking forward to walking in the same place where the Son of God walked among us and to seeing the holy sites that have been revered for 2,000 years.

Our students have returned to school and all is going very well in this new year for them. Please keep them and our teachers (many of them are new to St. Leo's this year) in your prayers. May God grant us all a healthy and happy new year.

Fr. James Schmitz

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 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 February 2, March 2, and April 6, 2022.** 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 email her at 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 44019)

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.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



DAVIS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Davis Foundation is again offering scholarship opportunities for graduates of St. Leo the Great School. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Dodson at: mdodson@leothegreat.org for specific information. Thanks and God bless.



St. Leo the Great School

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN
GRADES K- 8
FULL DAY PRESCHOOL
FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

TUITION ASSISTANCE THROUGH
CLEVELAND SCHOLARSHIP, EDCHOICE &
JON PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.

**JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE ON
SUNDAY JANUARY 30, 2022
FROM 10:00 TO 12:30**

4900 Broadview Road, Cleveland
For more information or to schedule a tour call
(216) 661-2120

www.leothegreat.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS



RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, January 16th from 8-Noon. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. All donors have to be masked. If you don't have a face covering, one will be provided to you. Please register online at redcross.org. Walk ins will not be accepted. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

Respect Life Holy Hour

There will be a Respect Life Holy Hour on Sunday January 23rd at 6:30 pm in the church. Please join us either in person or on live-stream.



St Charles Borromeo
5891 Ridge Road
Parma, Ohio 44129

All Men & Women are invited to attend the...

LADIES GUILD DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Monday, February 21st, 2022



(President's Day)

Lower Parish Hall

Guest Speaker: Fr. Anthony Simone

***"Living the Little Way in the World through
Charity, Mercy & Stewardship"***

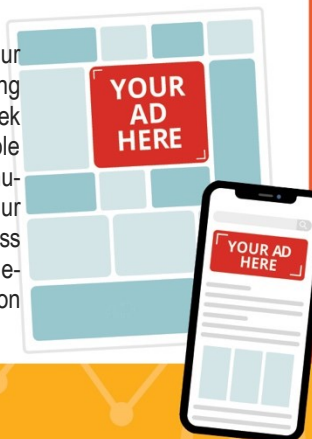
- 9:00 - 10:00am – Begins with a continental breakfast in Lower Parish Hall
- 10:00am - Fr. Anthony speaks
- 12 Noon - Bring a brown bag lunch
- 1:00pm - Fr. Anthony speaks
- 2:30-3:00pm - Adoration and Benediction in the church

Any questions, please contact Regina (330) 770-0248 or Felicia (440) 888-3488.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Jason Novicky from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church the week of **January 10th**. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Jason Novicky
216-258-6185

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

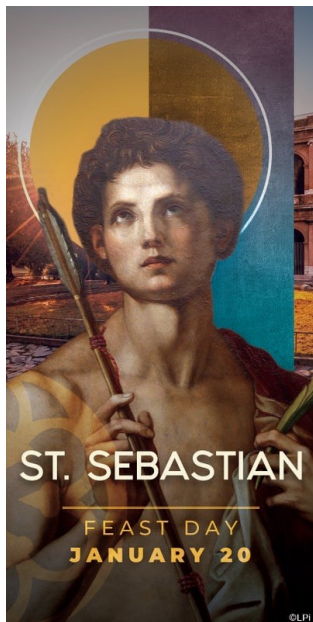
But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

**RAFFLE
WINNERS**



**January 10, 2022
Mary Ann Corlett**



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 16, 2022, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.



St. Ignatius High School

St. Ignatius High School is offering a brief introduction to the Latin, French and Mandarin languages and their respective cultures for young men in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The courses are held on Saturdays. The Mandarin course runs from 11:00 am until 12:00 pm, the French course runs from 12:00pm until 1:00 pm and the Latin course runs from 1:00pm until 2:00 pm. The sessions begin on Saturday, February 12th and end on Saturday, March 5th. The courses are FREE!!! Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade_school. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 651-0222 ext 2453 or e-mail jzebrak@ignatius.edu before the courses begin.

