



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2021

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Pastor
Father James J. Vesely
Retired

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Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

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
after Mass by request or any time 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 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.



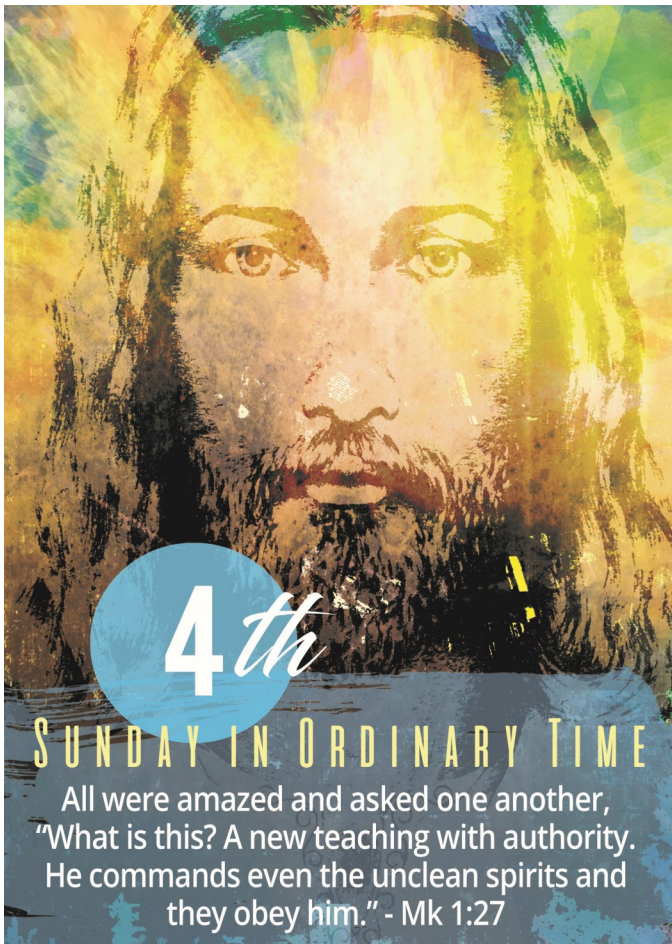
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

A Credible Witness of Faith

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?



In Memory Of **Michael "Atlas" Litteria**

October 3, 1946
January 11, 2021

Funeral Service

11:00 am Wed. Jan 20, 2021
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

Father James Schmitz

Interment

Ohio Western Reserve
National Cemetery

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me to be a
happy one, I'd like to leave an
afterglow of smiles when day is gone.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering
softly down the ways, of happy times,
and laughing times, and bright
and sunny days.*

Yurch Funeral Home



In Loving Memory of **SANDRA LEE SPARENGA**

Age: 70

Born: March 14, 1950

Passed Away: January 17, 2021

—FUNERAL SERVICES—

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Kolodiy-Lazuta

Funeral Home

at: 12 Noon

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

With the saints give rest O Lord to
the soul of Thy servant Sandra,
where there is neither sickness nor
sighing, but life everlasting. Amen

KOLODIY-LAZUTA FUNERAL HOME

5677 State Road Parma, Ohio
(440) 888-1444 44134

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
For Kenneth life has not
ended but merely changed.
Praise God for His Mercy.*



In Loving Memory Of:

KENNETH DELEWSKI

Born: February 5, 1941

Entered Into Rest:
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Funeral Service:
Golubski Funeral Home
Friday, January 22, 2021

Inurnment:
All Saints Cemetery
Sec.: 3 Lot: 920 Grave: 1

Golubski Funeral Home
Cleve: 216-341-0940/ Parma: 440-886-0200
Golubskifuneralhome.com

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe"
Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette
Klaehn, Carol Rucinski,
William & Amelia Rebello,
Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus,
Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne
Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne
Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik,
Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Rath, Joseph Mackey, John
Sofcheck, Roger Horvath, James Cook, Cherie Seitz,
Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Chuck
Pacanovsky, Ron Horvath & Sally Herman.

**Love and kindness are never wasted.
They always make a difference. They
bless the one who receives them, and
they bless you, the giver.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

BARBARA HOLZ

January 25, 2021—\$100.00 Winner



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at online at leothegreat.org or at the Rectory Office.

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

BRIAN STEIGERWALD
St. Helen, Newbury
Aspirant— Diaconate Program



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

Parish Support

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17th

Collection	\$ 4,278.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 2,060.00
Total	\$ 6,338.00

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



Monday, February 1st - Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, February 2nd - The Presentation of the Lord

8:30am Communion Service

Wednesday, February 3rd - St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

8:30am Communion Service

Thursday, February 4th -Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, February 5th - St. Agatha

8:30am Communion Service

Saturday, February 6th - St. Paul Miki & Companions

4:00pm +George Bonnick (Joe & Annette)

Sunday, February 7th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Angelo Mendoza (Advia Terlop)

11:00am People of the Parish

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The events in today's reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses is near death and is giving final instructions. He promises that after his death, God will still be with them through another prophet. Both Jews and Christian readers have seen this as referring to the future Messiah.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

In this section of the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul is responding to their question about whether it is better to remain single or become married. Paul's belief was that when you became Christian, you shouldn't take on a new state in life since he expected Jesus would return in glory very soon.

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/
Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20,21,22,23,24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk
2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-
18a /Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10
-11/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk
6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/1 Cor
9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
(Ps 95)*

Dear Parishioners,

I celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Michael Litteria on January 20th. Mike served his country while in the army as a cook in Germany. He attended Mass every Sunday & enjoyed family gatherings, especially Thanksgiving & Christmas. He was described as a kind & giving man who enjoyed being with others. Being single, he was able to be a father-figure to many and so will be missed by those who loved him. May he rest in God's peace.

Leonor ("Helen") Sauza had a short life but a fulfilling one. She was married to her husband Philip and they have two children, Janelle & Jayden. Janelle proclaimed one of the scripture readings at the funeral Mass. Helen was an organized person who also enjoyed cooking. Though unable to attend Mass because of her illness, she joined with us prayerfully through the live-stream of our weekend liturgies. Though her time on earth was short, we pray that she may live forever in God, enjoying the perfect happiness of heaven.

Deacon Pat had a service at the funeral home for Sandra Sparenga. We pray that she too may rest in God's peace and know the joy of eternal life.

I had a service at the funeral home for Kenneth Delewski and remember giving him Holy Communion when he would visit with his neighbors and our parishioners, Tom & Peggy Vetrick. We ask God to receive him in the arms of his mercy and to give him the love that comes to all those who receive the Holy Eucharist.

Though I will not be with you this weekend, you will have the pleasure of praying with a neighboring priest. Father Rob Ramser will have the 4pm Mass here on Saturday (he attended our parish school), Father Josh Cochrac from St. Charles parish in Parma will celebrate the 8am Mass on Sunday and Father Christopher Cox, also from St. Charles, will have the 11am Mass. I'm grateful to each of them for helping out while I take a little respite before Lent begins.

This Tuesday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also called "Candlemas Day" as we bless the candles that will be used in our liturgy, reminding us of Christ who has entered the darkness of our world with his divine light. If you attend the 8:30 Communion Service presided at by Deacon Pat (who will have a Communion Service each day this week at 8:30 as I will be away), you can bring candles with you to have them included in the blessing.

The priests celebrating Mass this weekend, following the recommendation of the Diocese, will give a general blessing of throats at the end of Mass instead of the individual blessings we normally give near the feast of St. Blaise which is on Wednesday, February 3rd. Deacon Pat will do the same at the Communion Service this Wednesday.

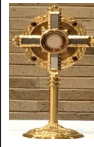
Our eighth graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in a couple of weeks and our second and third graders (who should have received their First Communion last year but due to COVID-19...) will be celebrating their First Eucharist in May. So please keep them and all of our day school and PSR students in your prayers, as well as their teachers who have had a hard time of it during this pandemic year.

Fr. James Schmitz

KNOW

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, February 5th



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration beginning after the 8:30am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 5:00pm. You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere.

This devotion is held every First Friday of the month at St. Leo's, from 9:00am until 5:00pm, in the chapel area of the church.

FEBRUARY ROSARY

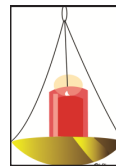


We will be praying the rosary in the church **Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00pm.**

What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

January 31st to February 6th



**In Loving Memory of Bill Kordick
Happy Heavenly "80" Birthday**

From, Your Loving Family

ORNAMENTS FROM REMEMBRANCE TREES



If you did not have a chance to take your ornament from the Remembrance Trees, the ornaments will be in the main vestibule of the church through this weekend.

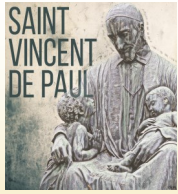
Confirmation
CELEBRATION



We will welcome Bishop Amos at the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, February 13th, as he will confirm the young men and women from our parish. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they take this step along their journey in faith.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Let your heart and means dictate what to share. Your contributions will enable the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization to deliver your message of good cheer to our needy neighbors. The Poor Boxes can be seen as the “bread boxes” of those less fortunate. You can put your donation in the Poor Boxes or put your donation in an envelope marked “SVDP” and drop it in the collection box or drop it off at the Rectory. Your help really does make a difference.

LATIN AMERICA EL SALVADOR COLLECTION



Thank you for your support last week for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. What we have collected will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they, in turn, can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Your gift makes a difference!

GIFT CARD PROGRAM



Buying our gift cards is an excellent way to help support our Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at our office or on our website at leothegreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for your grocery needs, drugstore items, gasoline, or used as a simple thank you.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS



We are taking intentions for Sanctuary Candle Intentions for 2021. The donation for the candle will be \$10.00. Please only one request per family.

You can stop by the Rectory Office to request a Sanctuary Candle Intention or call us at 216-661-1006.

BRING IT TO THE BIN



Did you know you can help our school earn \$\$? Just bring it to the bin. Bring Mail, Newspapers, Wrapping Paper, Hard and Soft Bound Books, Phone Books, Brown Paper Bags, and Flattened Cardboard. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to save their paper too!



2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To receive a copy of your 2020 contribution statement, please email your request to mlhauck@leothegreat.org. You can also call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.

Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement— pick up in the office, e-mail or mail.

FISH DINNERS

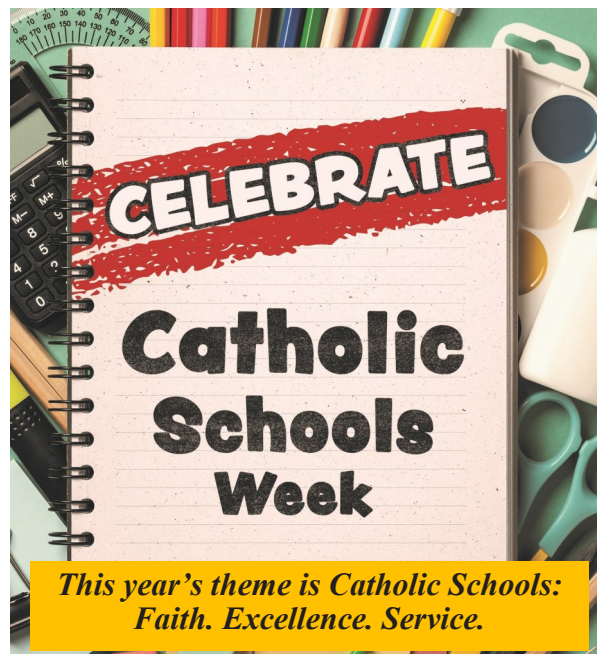


Due to the pandemic, Fish Dinners will be **TAKE OUT ONLY** this year. Masks must be worn, and social distancing will be observed. Dinners will be available from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) from February 19th through March 26th. Please check future bulletins for a menu and additional information.

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 and we will gladly assist you.



Importance of Preschool

During the first five years of a child's life, they will develop their language, thinking, emotional, social and physical skills that they will rely on for the rest of their lives. The St. Leo Preschool program is designed to provide a happy, secure place where each child will have a variety of experiences to develop such life skills.

Curriculum

Our program incorporates the Early Learning Content Standards of the Ohio Department of Education and includes readiness activities for language arts, reading, math, social studies and science. Religion instruction along with motor skills (gross and fine motor), arts, crafts, music, and snack time are part of our daily routine. Children will have the opportunity to work in small and large groups.

Enrollment
Open NOW
for
2021-2022

Full Day Class: (3 & 4 Years)
Mon.– Fri. 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Part-Time: (3 year Old)
Tuesday & Thursday
8:00 am - 10:30 am or
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Part-Time (4 year Old)
Mon., Wed. & Friday
8:00 am - 10:30 am or
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Offerings

iPads & Apple TV's
Outdoor Playground
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
Monthly Newsletter
Special visitors during
school year

Priority placement in St.
Leo Kindergarten

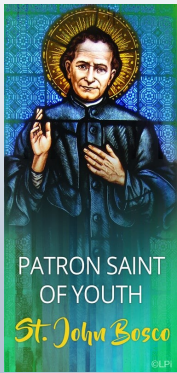
St. Leo Preschool Accepts
County Vouchers

St. Leo Preschool was established in 1985. We operate under the Ohio State Charter of Diocesan Catholic Schools. We are licensed by the Ohio Department of Education and operate according to all state regulations and mandated rules.



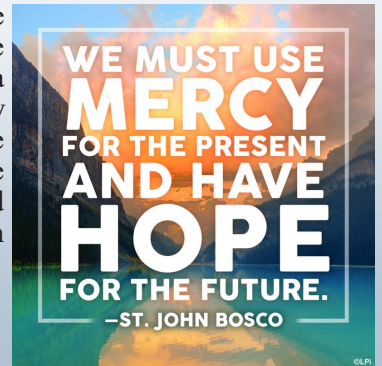
Contact: Mrs. Jennifer Robinson
Preschool Director
(216) 661-5330
jrobinson@leothegreat.org

ST. JOHN BOSCO — Saint of the Day for January 31st



John Bosco educated the whole person—body and soul united. He believed that Christ's love and our faith in that love should pervade everything we do—work, study, play. For John Bosco, being a Christian was a full-time effort, not a once-a-week, Mass-on-Sunday experience. It is searching and finding God and Jesus in everything we do, letting their love lead us. Yet, because John realized the importance of job-training and the self-worth and pride that come with talent and ability, he trained his students in the trade crafts, too. He is the Patron Saint of boys, editors & youth.

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ST. IGNATIUS LATIN & FRENCH PROGRAMS FOR 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADERS



The Grade School Latin & French programs are an introduction to the language and culture. The courses will be held on Saturdays, Feb 13th to March 6th, at St. Ignatius High School. The French program will be held from 12:00pm to 1:00pm and the Latin program from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. The courses are FREE! Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade_school. Appropriate COVID guidelines which include wearing masks and social distancing will be in place to ensure a safe learning environment. Questions?

Latin Course—Contact Joseph Zebrak at 651-0222 ext.253 or email jzebrak@ignatius.edu
French Course—Contact Elisa Bredendiek at 651-0222 ext. 253 or email ebredendiek@ignatius.edu

ALL SAINTS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION



All Saints Federal Credit Union is running a Balance Transfer Promotion, which applies to new and existing accounts! Transfer any credit card debt that you have onto an All Saints FCU Visa Credit Card at 2.99% APR for 24 months. This promotion runs from **February 1, 2021, through April 30, 2021**. Visit or call any of our three branch locations at 216-524-0414, 216-587-0631, or 440-888-3663; for hours, addresses, phone numbers, and additional information, please visit our website at www.allsaintsfcu.com.

UNITY CATHOLIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING



Please join us for Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union's Annual Meeting on **Thursday, February 18, 2021** via Zoom and Facebook Live at 4:30pm. Please register at www.unitycatholiccu.org/events-calendar. The first fifty members registered will receive an Annual Meeting @ Home Box (limit one per household).



