



## ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

October 10, 2021

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Pastor  
**Father James J. Vesely**  
Retired

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### RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM

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### SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday through Friday 8:00AM—3:00PM

[www.leothegreat.org](http://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.

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Facebook—leothegreatorg



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# St. Leo the Great Parish Festival

Friday, October 15 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 16 - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**TAKE OUT ONLY**  
(until we sell out)

**Specials**

**\*\*Friday\*\***

Corned Beef/Reuben  
Platter or Sandwich

**\*\*Saturday\*\***

Roast Pork Dinner with  
Dumplings and Gravy

**\*\*Both Nights\*\***

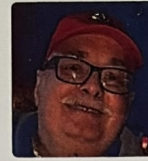
Honey Hut Ice Cream  
Italian Sausage Sandwiches  
with Onions & Peppers  
Pierogies

Cabbage & Noodles  
and other favorites

**\*\*\$5,000 Raffle\*\***

Turn in your tickets  
or buy more!

4940 Broadview Road, Cleveland\*(216) 661-1006



*In Loving Memory Of  
Peter S. Lader*

*November 21, 1952  
September 12, 2021*

*But those who trust the Lord  
Will find new strength.  
They will be strong like eagles  
soaring upward on wings,  
They will walk and run  
Without getting tired.  
Isaiah 40:31*

**YURCH**  
*Funeral Home*



**"Consult not your fears, but your hopes  
and dreams."  
- Pope John XXIII**

## SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

October 10th to October 24th

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Carol Sladewski  
"We still miss you!"

From Louis Sladewski



## 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](http://leothegreat.org) or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

### Prayer REQUESTS

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Mary Niec, Agnes Alfin, 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, Herb Mayvill, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, & Ken Proctor.



#### GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



October 4, 2021—Ron Kollar  
\$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](http://leothegreat.org) or at the Rectory Office.

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

**Mark Tomecko**  
**St. Francis Xavier, Medina**  
**Year 1**



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



#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

Collection.....	\$ 4,878.00
WeShare (Online).....	\$ 1,803.00
Total.....	\$ 6,681.00
Catholic Communications.....	\$ 364.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

### MASST INTENTIONS

#### Monday, October 11th—Weekday

8:30am +August & Rose Pusateri (Family)

#### Tuesday, October 12th—Weekday

8:30am +Ronald Vance (Bernadine & Famiy)

#### Wednesday, October 13th—Weekday

8:30am +Russell Walker (Children)

#### Thurs., October 14th—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

#### Friday, October 15th—Saint Teresa of Jesus

8:30am +Jerry Piascik (Joe & Joan Krakora)

#### Saturday, October 16th—Weekday

4:00pm Seniors

#### Sunday, October 17th—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People Of The Parish

11:00am Maureen & Jerry Kelly (Family)

#### First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

When Solomon, one of Israel's greatest kings, began his reign, God invited him to pray for anything he wanted. He prayed only for wisdom, and it was granted to him. In today's passage from the book of Wisdom, the author portrays Solomon speaking of this gift.

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

A unique feature of the Letter to the Hebrews is an extended reflection on selected Old testament texts. This is because both Jews and Christians believe that the Scriptures are not a dead letter but are always spoken "live" to us by God. Using the image of the sword, the author describes how God's word cuts right to the heart of our daily lives.

#### Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

**Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

[14]/Heb 4:12-13/

Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12

**Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-4



## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO



Dear Parishioners,

Though I will be on retreat from Sunday through Thursday this week, I will still celebrate daily Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:30am. We'll be at the Jesuit Retreat House on State Road so I'll be close enough to be there by the time of the first conference at 9:30 each day. Again I appreciate your prayers during this time.

Next weekend is our festival which again will be modified due to COVID. But our take-out system worked very well last year, especially with the option to use a credit or debit card so please stop by to get some great food and thank you again for selling raffle tickets as this is the largest piece of the fundraiser for our festival. I hope to see many of you there and thank you again for your understanding of our adjustments during the continued pandemic restrictions.

We recently had our first Parish Council and Finance Council meetings after several months of not meeting due to COVID. Again I am very grateful to all those who served on these councils in the past and to those who have agreed to participate in these now. I will be updating you on the parish finances in the next week or two and will publish our Annual Financial Summary sheet here in the parish bulletin. We will also communicate with you our discussions in the Parish Council and hope that you will pray for us as we meet for the good of the whole parish community.

From time to time parishioners call or come to the rectory office requesting a sponsor certificate. This is a required document for those who have been asked to be a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to be celebrated either here or at another parish. While it is an honor to be asked to be a godparent or sponsor, it is also a serious responsibility. A person invited to have this relationship with someone being baptized or confirmed is meant to be first and foremost an example of the Catholic faith to the one receiving the sacrament of initiation. This responsibility, and this relationship, therefore requires that someone be qualified to act in this role. A sponsor certificate is a document given to the priest who will be celebrating the sacrament which assures him that a person is in good standing with the Church and acts according to the demands of faith. So the first requirement is that someone be a registered member of a parish community. They must also be at least sixteen years of age and must have received all three sacraments of initiation themselves, namely baptism, confirmation and Holy Communion. If they are married, it is expected that their marriage have taken place in the Church, before a priest (or deacon) and two witnesses. Finally, it would only make sense for someone to be a sponsor if they themselves are practicing their faith by participating at Mass weekly. Unfortunately, many people who have been asked to be a godparent or sponsor do not qualify to act in this role, and therefore a sponsor certificate cannot be given to them. We do deal with every request on an individual basis and can make exceptions if there is evidence that someone is willing to make changes which exemplify their commitment to faith, but we take this seriously and cannot give a sponsor certificate to someone if there is not enough time for this change to take place. I try to publish these requirements in this bulletin so that prospective parents or sponsors may be aware of them prior to asking someone to be in this role or prior to accepting this honor if not qualified. Please contact myself or Deacon Pat or Joan Berigan **before** asking someone to be a sponsor and well enough in advance if you have been asked to be a sponsor.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

### BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group has recently gotten off the ground. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of a loved one. Whether you lost a spouse, a sibling or other family member or close friend you are welcome to join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about one hour; we pray and we share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. The meeting dates for the remainder of the year are November 3 and December 1.

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



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](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org) for help in pre-planning your funeral.

### 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](http://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.





Jesus identifies himself with the needy person whom you assist. As you approach the food baskets, remember his words, "I was hungry and you fed me." Next weekend, October 16th and 17th is our monthly food collection. We are in need of MACARONI AND CHEESE, SPAGHETTI NOODLES, ELBOW MACARONI, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, RICE AND NOODLE SIDES, SKILLET DINNERS, CANNED PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, RAMEN NOODLES, ASSORTED SOUPS, TUNA FISH, STUFFING MIX, CANNED VEGETABLES, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, CANNED FRUIT, PANCAKE SYRUP, BAR SOAP AND DISHWASHING SOAP. Help your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization help others. The need is great. Thank you!

Today is BLANKET SUNDAY.... THANK YOU! Your generous monetary donations makes so much possible. Your care, concern and generosity will help disadvantaged people in many ways this winter as blankets and other winter items will be given to low income families, the homeless and the disadvantaged. Just put your donation in an envelope marked "SVPD Blanket Sunday" or pick up a Blanket Sunday envelope from the entrances of the church and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the rectory. "Blanket" someone for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling. Thank you for your kindness.



### **The Holy Land Pilgrimage Itinerary**

**For more information please visit  
[trinitytourtravels.com](http://trinitytourtravels.com) or call the  
Rectory.**

**\$3,400 Includes:  
Airfare, 5 Star Hotels, Catholic Tour  
Guide, 2 Meals a Day, Entry Fees to  
all Sites, and Air Conditioned Motor  
Coaches.**

**May 16 -May 25 2022**



### **Fall Festival Early Bird Raffle Winners!**

**08/08 - Mary Dina**

**09/05 - Brian Nowak**

**09/26 - Zach Mlady**

#### **GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE**

#### **FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING**



Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support your Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org).

Gift Cards can be used for everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you.

**PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE & SUPPORT US.**



## **Jesuit Retreat Center**

**A PLACE OF PEACE**

### **Writing for Your Life: Starting a Journaling Practice - A Virtual Program.**

Sundays, 7:00-8:30pm. October 10, 17, 24 and November 7. Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed. Writing for Your Life is an introduction to journal writing for personal growth. The act of writing focuses the mind and heart, and thus keeping a journal and writing regularly can lead to new insights, personal clarity, creative expressions, and even prayer. In short, journaling can enhance life!

Sign-Up at [jesuitretreatcenter.org](http://jesuitretreatcenter.org)

Cost: \$30

### Why Marry in a Church?

Question:

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Answer:

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.



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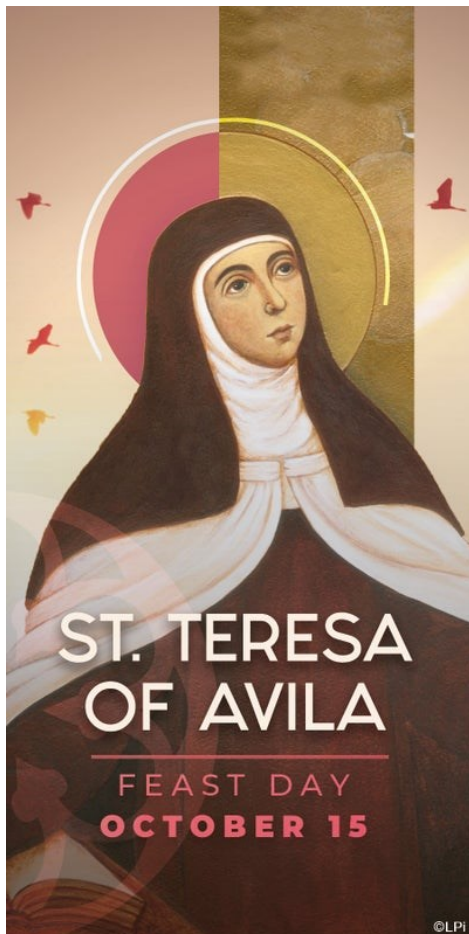
September 1st 2021-End of December—Every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

### **St. Teresa of Ávila | Feast Day October 15**

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.







Bishop emeritus Anthony M. Pilla was devoted to his priestly ministry. Even after retiring as bishop of Cleveland in 2006, he continued offering counsel and support to his fellow clergy members and men in formation for the priesthood.

The beloved son of the Diocese of Cleveland who served 26 years as its shepherd, died Sept. 21 at age 88.

He enjoyed spending time with priests and seminarians and was a regular visitor to the diocesan seminary. In fact, the weekend before his death, Bishop Pilla was at the Center for Pastoral Leadership to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Father Mark Latcovich's ordination to the priesthood. Father Latcovich is president-rector of Borromeo and Saint Mary seminaries, which are located at the CPL.

Those who wish to make a memorial contribution in honor of Bishop Pilla can do so through the Catholic Community Foundation by visiting [cathoiccommunity.org](http://cathoiccommunity.org). Donations will be used to support priestly formation and retired priests in the Diocese of Cleveland.

The foundation, which was created by Bishop Pilla, fosters faith-based stewardship in the community for the spiritual, educational and charitable needs of all.



