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#### **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.



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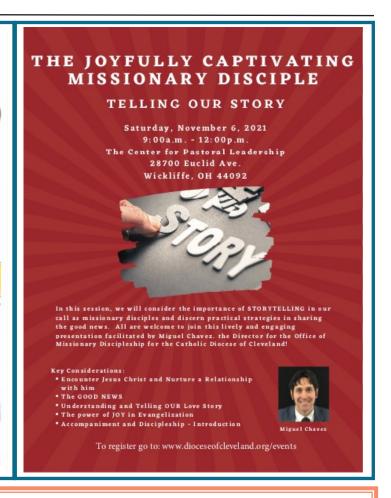


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THANK YOU!





"I plead with you—never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, never become discouraged. Be not afraid." - Saint John Paul II

## SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

October 10th to October 24th

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

Carol Sladewski "We still miss you!"

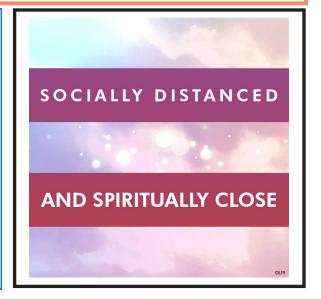
From Louis Sladewski



#### **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 or call the Rectory Office at 216-661 -1006.







#### 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, Virgina Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, & Ken Proctor.



Due to the increase in COVID cases, future bus trips have been put on hold for the remainder of 2021. Planning will continue and trips will resume as soon as the situation changes. Additional information will follow as it becomes availa-

Please contact Sandy Diaddario (216-926-3123) with ques-

#### **GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER**



October 11, 2021— Eileen Kovacik \$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.

**Scott Brand Diocese of Youngstown** Pastoral Year, Saint Mary

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



#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

WeShare (Online)......\$ 2,448.05 Total.....\$ 10.145.05

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Monday, October 18th—Saint Luke

8:30am + Carol Sladewski (Lou Sladewski)

Tuesday, October 19th—Saints John de Brebeuf and **Isaac Jogues** 

8:30am Maureen & Jerry Kelly (Family)

Wednesday, October 20th—Weekday

8:30am + Anthony Muraco (Fr. James Schmitz)

Thurs., October 21st—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, October 22nd—Weekday

8:30am Martin & Miriam Fontaine (Miriam Fontaine)

Saturday, October 23rd—Weekday

4:00pm People Of The Parish

Sunday, October 24th—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am +Joseph & Mary Suchy (Moulton Family) 11:00am +Bill Skora (Family)

#### First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Our first Scripture reading contains the message of a prophet who spoke to the Jewish people during their exile in Babylon. In four different places, this prophet speaks about a "Servant of God" who will one day deliver God's people and make them great again. Because the Servant is frequently portrayed as suffering, Christians have applied this to Jesus. Today's reading is a small portion from the last and longest of these four passages. (On Good Friday we read the entire passage.)

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16**

The Jewish high priest was responsible for entering the holiest place in the Jerusalem temple to make sin offerings on behalf of the people. Several times, the Letter to the Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus is superior to any high priest because he has entered the heavenly temple, and thus has given us access to God's "Throne of Grace".

#### Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

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

**Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/ Lk 10:1-9

**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/ Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-5



Dear Parishioners.

I had a funeral service for Renata Germanotta last week. She had 2 daughters and 2 grandsons. Please keep her and her loved ones in your prayers, especially during this month of

October when we ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to pray for us "now and at the hour of our death."

During October, we also dedicate this month to Respect for Life. Of course at the heart of this value we again find Mary having a profound respect the Author of Life itself whom she bore in her womb. And so again we ask Our Lady of the Rosary (a feast we also celebrate during October), to pray for expectant mothers and for all those who may be considering an abortion, that they may seek other options if they are not ready or able to care for a child themselves.

Though I write this column before our Parish Festival takes place, I thank you in advance for your support of this annual event, especially in it's modified form this year due to the pandemic which we had all hoped would be behind us by now. I am especially grateful for your efforts to sell the raffle tickets which make up the lion's share of our festival profit. Last year we "lost" several thousands of dollars due to the modified festival and that will be our fate again this year however we must accept what we cannot change, while trying to change what we can, as the serenity prayer says. But again I am grateful to all those who worked at the festival in preparing and serving the take-out orders and for those of you who showed up to support us buying dinners to take home with you.

I would like to remind you again that your support of our gift card program is also very helpful to us. By buying gift cards for places where you shop anyway (or by buying them as gifts for others), we are able to make a small profit on each card we sell, even though you are still able to receive the full amount of the goods purchased through a gift card. They are always available in the rectory office and I hope that our more popular ones will be available for purchase soon in the vestibule of the church at our Information Desk. I'll let you know when that has reopened.

I really enjoyed the retreat that I was on last week and thank you for your prayers as some of my brothers priests and I took some time to reflect on our ministry to you, the People of God whom we love. We were reminded that the Lord enters into the narrative or story of our individual and unique lives in order to keep calling us to greater intimacy with him and to greater service of his people. The Jesuit Retreat House on State Road in Parma is such a great place to make a retreat or a Day of Recollection and there are many opportunities for both throughout the year, including lay people as well as priests, deacons and pastoral ministers. They have enlarged the retreat center with an additional wing which contains more rooms, a second chapel and areas designed for presentations and individual counseling & spiritual direction. They also have a great walking path which leads to a cemetery on the property where many Jesuits have been buried. It is the oldest surviving retreat center in the country, having started in the late 1800's. So you may want to check out their website for more information on what kinds of opportunities they provide for you to retreat from your daily life, even if for a day, in order to be renewed in spirit.

Jr. James Ochmitz

## 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



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@leothgreat.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 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 ac-

count 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.



ANOTHER GREAT "COVERUP".... THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL BLANKET SUNDAY!

Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday appeal. Your donation will help many needy families and individuals receive warm blankets and other necessities for the winter through SVDP's Ozanam Hunger Centers, Catholic Charities Agencies and other organizations serving the homeless in our own metropolitan area. If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, there is still time. Make a check payable to St. Vincent de Paul and put it in an envelope marked "SVDP Blanket Sunday" or donate online at <a href="https://www.svdpcle.org">www.svdpcle.org</a>. We thank you VERY much!





## **The Holy Land Pilgrimage Itinerary**

For more information please visit 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.

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

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# Jesuit Retreat Center

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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

Cost: \$30



#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

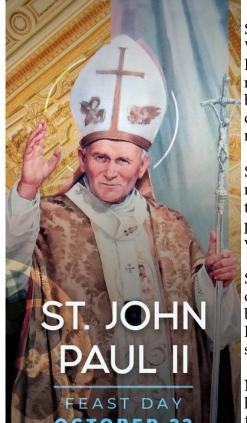
In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us. But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives. Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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



#### St. John Paul II | Feast Day October 22

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.

#### OCTOBER 17, 2021- 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our 8th Graders took part in the annual "Got Prayer?" retreat hosted by Trinity High School at Camp Christopher. It was a day filled with faith, laughter, and mentoring from their students. Thank you, students and staff of Trinity High School, for always being so welcoming and wonderful with your retreats!





