



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

October 3, 2021

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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

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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.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP!

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

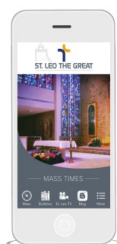
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St. Leo the Great Parish Festival

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

Sunday Grief Support Groups

3rd Sunday of each month

3 pm In-Office
5 pm Virtual Meeting

Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning,
and healing along your grief journey.

Your RSVP is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to rahams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

2021 Meeting Dates


January 17	July 18
February 21	August 15
March 21	September 19
April 18	October 17
May 16	November 21
June 27	December 19

Locations

(Cemetery Offices)

St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park
Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

The CCA follows guidance set by the CDC, the State of Ohio, and the Diocese of Cleveland regarding COVID-19 protocols. While facial coverings are no longer required of CCA employees or guests, we strongly suggest that those not yet vaccinated or who are otherwise vulnerable, continue to wear a face mask and if you are ill to refrain from attending public gatherings. We continue our disinfecting of community areas and community washed surfaces.

 CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Faith, Hope, and Remembrance



www.clecem.org

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“We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.”
- St. Clare of Assisi

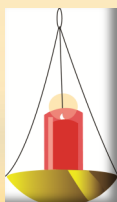
SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

September 26th to October 10th

IN LOVING MEMORY

We love you, Ronald Vance

From Bernadine & Family



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.



Before
birth the
LORD
called me,
from my
mother's
womb he
gave me
my name.

- ISAIAH 49:1



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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, Antoinette Jakosh, 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.

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, October 4th—Saint Francis of Assisi
8:30am +Julia Korchowska (Daughter, Maria)

Tuesday, October 5th—Weekday
8:30am +Andy Fijalkovich (Arlene)

Wednesday, October 6th—Weekday
8:30am +Betty Kollar (Kollar Family)

Thurs., October 7th—Our Lady of the Rosary
8:30am Communion Service

Friday, October 8th—Weekday
8:30am +Felice, Addolorata, Elisa, & Maffalda Zappitelli (Giovanni & Irma Zappitelli)

Saturday, October 9th—Weekday
4:00pm People Of The Parish

Sunday, October 10th—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am +Judith Gruntkowski (Gerri Ruppel)
11:00am +Sara Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

The first 11 chapters of Genesis have very little historical foundation but they teach religious truths in parable form. In Chapter One and Chapter Two, there are two quite different accounts of creation. Today we hear a part of the second account.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Today and for the next six Sundays, our second reading will come from the Letter to the Hebrews. The section from which today's passage is taken is perhaps the New Testament's most profound commentary on the implications of Jesus becoming a human being.

Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/
Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/
Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-2



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



September 20, 2021—Will Williams
\$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.

Arthur Bodenschatz
Diocese of Youngstown
Third Year, Borromeo



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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

Collection.....	\$ 5,441.71
WeShare (Online).....	\$ 2,527.02
Total.....	\$ 7,968.73

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Dear Parishioners,

So here we are into October already. But this is my favorite time of the year. Now that our pets are blessed, we can move confidently through this fall season & enjoy God's many blessing on us as well.

Please keep Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan in your prayers as they are on retreat this weekend. I will be on retreat myself next week from Sunday evening until Thursday so you can pray for me as well. This Tuesday, the priests of the Diocese will have a convocation ("a calling together") with the Bishop for a day of prayer, fraternity and reflection on our ministry. Dr. Robert Wicks, a clinical psychologist & writer who is a well-known speaker, therapist & spiritual guide, will be speaking to us about the intersection of spirituality and psychology. We look forward to the wisdom he will share with us. Again, pray for us as we gather on this day.

This past week we celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul which provided me the opportunity to reflect on the SVDP ministry that takes place here at St. Leo's. First, thank you for your constant generosity as you drop off food in the baskets by the St. Vincent de Paul shrine in the back of the church, and for your constant donations in the boxes throughout the church which also goes to provide financially for this worthy cause. I also thank all the people of our parish who work quietly yet faithfully to put this food in bags & to distribute it each month to those in our neighborhood who need our help with this basic necessity of life. They are a constant inspiration to me of doing the most important work of the Lord who said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers & sisters, you are doing for me, for when I was hungry, you gave me food to eat..." May God continue to bless them in this work of love and keep us mindful of the need to support them in this ministry through our constant donations which express our gratitude for all that God gives to us.

As COVID continues to surge, for your protection we have placed air purifiers in all the corners of the church which act as infection-control devices. These remove 99.99% of airborne particles, including pollen, bacteria, viruses and more and are left on all the time. We continue to pray for those who become infected with the coronavirus & especially for those who have died during this pandemic.

My special thanks to Joanne Deranek, our PSR (Parish School of Religion) Coordinator who does a great job in this ministry of Catholic education to our children, and to the teachers who volunteer their time to teach the faith and to witness to it by their own example. I am so grateful for their necessary ministry & invite anyone who would like to join them to contact the rectory office. PSR takes place on Monday evenings beginning at 6:45pm and is an important support to our parents who are "the first and best teachers in the ways of faith" (from the Rite of Baptism) to their children. I look forward to celebrating Mass with them Monday evening.

During the month of October, we dedicate these days to our Respect for Life. We also remember our Blessed Mother Mary during October as well, and these two intersect very well as who respected life more than the mother of the Author of all life? May Mary teach us the sacredness and beauty of life from the moment of conception until natural death, when we can finally join with her and all the saints to celebrate life eternally in God's kingdom.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? If you have, you're not alone. You're welcome to participate in the monthly bereavement sharing group here at St. Leo the Great. Our meetings for the remainder of this year are as follows: November 3, December 1, and January 5, 2022. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00PM in the Parish Center. We'd love to have you share with us!

For further information, contact Joan Berigan at jberigan@leothegreat.org or by phone at 216-661-1006.



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.

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.



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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.
Mandarin: 11:00am until 12:00pm.
French: 12:00pm until 1:00pm
Latin: 1:00pm until 2:00pm.

The sessions begin on Saturday, October 23rd and end on Saturday, November 13th.

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.



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



Saint Stanislaus Polish Festival

3649 E. 65th St. in Cleveland,
44105

Annual Polish Festival Friday thru Sunday,
October 8th-10th.

All indoors, it features wonderful food & drink, live entertainment, games, vendors, & more.

Doors open 5pm on Friday, 4pm on Saturday, & 11am on Sunday. Ample secure parking and free admission. Hope to see you there! For more info, call (216) 341-9091.

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.

PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE & SUPPORT US.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Blanket Sunday October 9-10, 2021

BLANKET SUNDAY "COVES MANY NEEDS" Next weekend, October 9th and 10th is BLANKET SUNDAY, sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. When you make a financial donation, your money will go even further through bulk purchases of blankets and other items for the homeless and poor individuals in our own metropolitan area. Simply put your cash or check in a Blanket Sunday envelope or an envelope marked "SVDP Blanket Sunday." So please give someone a blanket for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling.

The need is great and donations can be made securely online: <https://donate.svdpcle.org/blanket-sunday-donations/>.

Checks may also be mailed to: St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday, 1404 East 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114. Thank you for helping us "blanket" neighbors in warmth and compassion!

THANK YOU!



Walking the Sacred Path.

Sunday, October 3 from 2:00pm - 8:00pm.

As we mark the turn of the seasons with the autumnal equinox, we invite you to come pray and meditate as you walk our (temporary) labyrinth in the JRC meadow. Our labyrinth is modelled on the one embedded in the floor of the Chartres Cathedral in France. While ancient in origin, walking and praying the labyrinth became popular for Christians in the Middle Ages when it was difficult or dangerous to go on pilgrimage. A labyrinth walk can represent a life journey, a pilgrimage to a sacred place, or a prayer path that leads us to God.

Cost: Free



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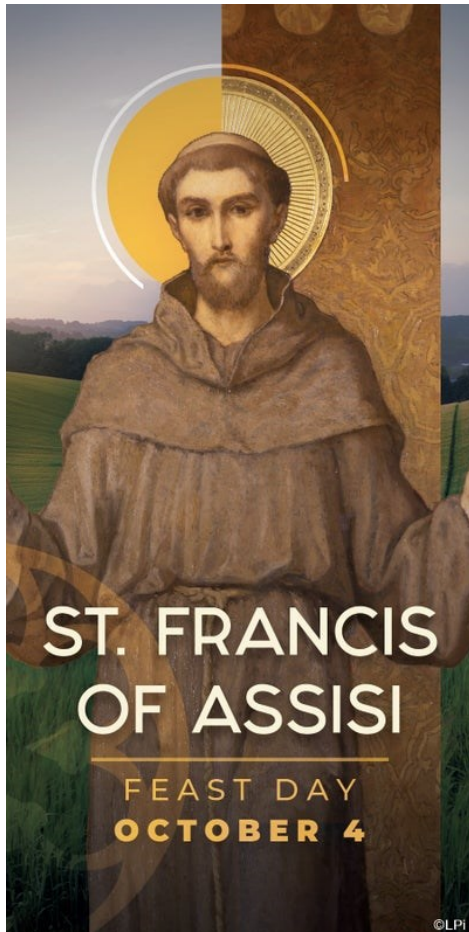
September 1st 2021-End of December—Every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

St. Francis of Assisi | Feast Day October 4

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.





Does God Forgive Abortion?

Question:

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer:

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.



