



## ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

October 31, 2021

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### RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM

Sunday ~ 9:00AM—12:30PM

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[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.

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

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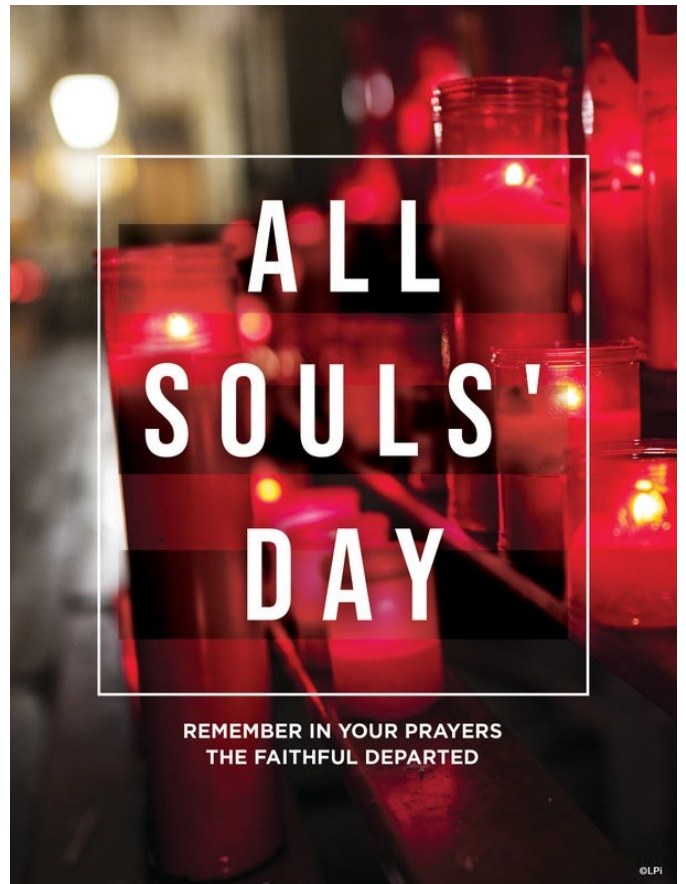


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St. Leo the Great  
Parish Festival

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**THANK YOU!**



**“God is light, and in him there is  
no darkness at all.”**

**1 John 1:5**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE  
INTENTION**

October 24th to November 7th

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

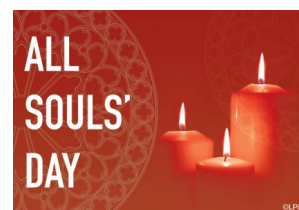
Alex Somers

From Elizabeth Hirko



**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.



**ALL SOULS DAY HOLY HOUR**

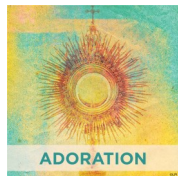
There will be a Holy Hour on **Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 PM** in the church. This Holy Hour will be in memory of our family and friends who have gone before us. Please join us in the church at 7:00 PM to pray for our beloved dead. The Holy Hour will be live-streamed.

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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, 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, & Bette Novak.



Please come a little while this **First Friday November 5, 2021** and visit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration! This devotion is held every First Friday of the month at St. Leo's from **9am until 5pm** in the chapel area of the church.

## GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



October 25, 2021— Dave Pesosky  
**\$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.

**Samuele Cefaratti**  
**St. Clare, Lyndhurst**  
**First Year, Borromeo**



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



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

Collection.....	\$ 5,228.00
WeShare (Online).....	\$ 3,650.65
Total.....	\$ 8,878.65

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## MASST INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 1st—ALL SAINTS

8:30am +Ralph Cosiano (Family)

### Tuesday, November 2nd—ALL SOUL'S DAY

8:30am +Tom Bauhof (Famiy)

### Wednesday, November 3rd—Weekday

8:30am +Margaret Koziol (Family)

### Thurs., November 4th—Saint Charles Borromeo

8:30am Communion Service

### First Friday, November 5th—Weekday

8:30am +Jorge Velez (Family)

### First Saturday, November 6th—Weekday

4:00pm Teri Koccevar (Special Intention) (Colleen)

### Sunday, November 7th—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People Of The Parish

11:00am +Stella Smolinski (Kulwicki Family)

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

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. In a lengthy farewell speech, Moses stresses that they are to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land. The final words of this passage are especially dear to Jewish people who recite them several times a day, attach them to their doorposts, and wear them on their person.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

There were daily sacrifices of animals in the Jerusalem temple. These were offered by many priests who, when they died, were replaced by others. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews contrasts this with Jesus whose one sacrifice on the cross was for all people of all times.

### Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

**Monday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Tuesday:** Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-4





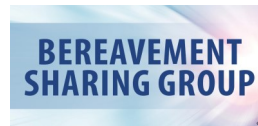
Dear Parishioners,

I was just trying to think of something scary to begin this column with, given that it's Halloween weekend. But then I just received a text message from someone telling me that a very good friend of mine was just held up at gun point. Thank God he is OK. But the gun was literally held to his head. I couldn't even image what that would be like. This man is in his 40's & lives in San Diego, CA and I'm his confirmation sponsor. Living in today's world is such a scary thing. So much violence and crime, sin & evil. Sadly this has always been the case in human history, which is why we turn all the more in thanksgiving (especially next month) to the God who was willing to enter our sinful world, and even become victim to the worst of violence imaginable at the time...torture and death by crucifixion. To me, these are the thoughts that need to come immediately to our minds when we hear of such tragedies in our lives so that we begin to see God in everything that happens to ourselves and to our loved ones. We continue then to pray for all victims of violence...abortion, murder, sex trafficking, racism, sexism, and everything else that seeks to do harm to the God-given dignity of every living thing on earth. We do so again at the very end of this month of October, a month set aside as "Respect Life" month and a month when we ask for the intercession of Our Lady who gave birth to the Author of Life himself.

Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is the feast of All Saints, a holy day...but because it falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation this year. But you are welcomed and encouraged to join us for the one Mass that we will have at 8:30am, along with the children of our parish school (half will be in attendance in the church & the other half will be watching from their classrooms via livestream). This is a wonderful time for us to again celebrate with thanksgiving all those holy men & women whose praises are sung in the scriptures and who have been shining examples to us throughout the history of the Church. Remember to ask your patron, the person(s) you may be named after, to pray for you on this day. Remember to seek the intercession of our parish patron, St. Leo the Great, of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Anne, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Joseph, St. John Vianney and of all the other saints whose statues in our church or on our property remind us that we are not alone in our journey of faith, on our journey of holiness, on our way to God's kingdom. Did I miss any one in that list? May they all pray with us and for us that we may draw close to God as they did.

On Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrate the feast of All Souls, or more accurately, the feast of All the Faithful Departed. We will list the names of all those who have died from this past year on our website and in the church, where you can include in a book, the name(s) of those deceased whom you would like to be remembered in the month of November during all of our Masses. A basket containing the envelopes you have filled out with the names of deceased will also be displayed by this book. Let us pray for all of these men, women & children who have died & who await the fullness of joy, of holiness, of glory and of eternal life as God readies them for his kingdom.

*Fr. James Schmitz*



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.

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### **THANK YOU FOR BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE AND BLANKET SUNDAY!**

We would like to Thank you for your overwhelming donations to our "Back to School Drive and Blanket Sunday Collections." We were able to donate the funds to St. Leo's School to purchase needed school supplies for students in our parish school and to the SVDP Blanket Sunday Appeal to purchase essential bedding and other items for the winter months in our own metropolitan area. A sincere thank you to all of our parishioners who assisted with their donations and prayers.

**THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION...** This year the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will be giving to our Clients a gift card to purchase their Thanksgiving turkey and additional items to help make their thanksgiving dinner more complete. If you are able, please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVDP Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection basket or box or take it to the rectory. We appreciate you helping us make their Thanksgiving dinner more complete.



### **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.**



### **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**



## **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



**Question:**

**What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?**

Answer:

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

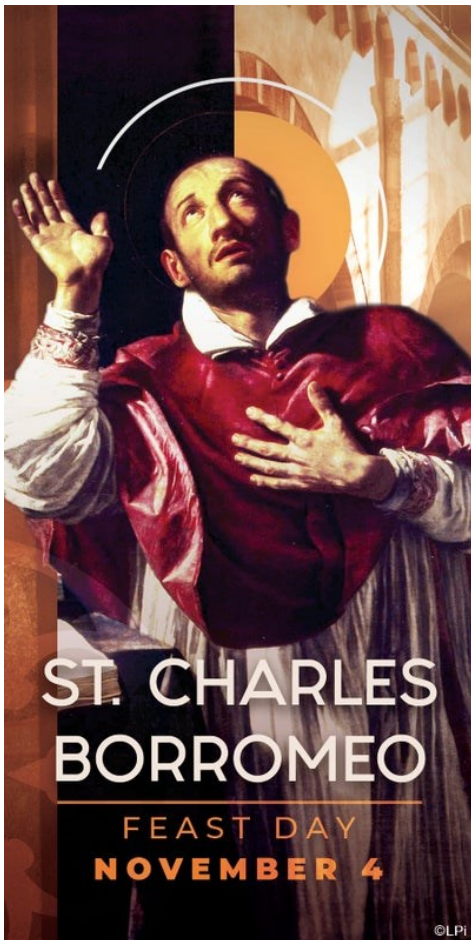
Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called “indulgences”) can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.



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

**St. Charles Borromeo | Feast Day November 4**



St. Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584) is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although St. Charles Borromeo belonged to nobility, he greatly desired to serve the Church. In 1559, his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV. He made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time, Charles was a simple student, but because of his intellectual qualities, he was assigned several important offices connected with the Vatican. After the death of his brother, he decided to become a priest and was ordained at age 25. Soon after he became bishop of Milan.

Quietly working behind the scenes, St. Charles Borromeo is credited with keeping the Council of Trent in session and encouraging the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after its 10-year suspension. Afterwards, he devoted his time to serving in the Archdiocese of Milan.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46.





**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021**

Myron Akuszewski, Ralph Cosiano, Walter Alflen, Marilyn Summers, Riley C. Brandt, Phillip Gagliardi, Genevieve Novak, Rita T. Gurgol, Lucille Mills, Christine Neilson-Aigner, Dora DiFranco, Barbara Stawicki, Patricia Chopka, Mary C. Slepecky, Michael Litteria, Sandra Sparenga, Leonor Sauza, Kenneth Delewski, Ralph Mlady, Sr., Harriet Watson, Joseph Gorney, Suzanne Kravec, Ralph Rath, Jr., Steven Plevelich, Neal Strodtbeck, Jeffrey Schigel, David A. Venditti, Victor Barcelona, Charles Huetter, Robert M. Squires, Frank Wade, Lewis P. Morrow, Dorothy Kish, Diane Buccier, Linda DeBaltzo, Ann Vidovic, Rita Shandersky, Louise Horvath, Michael Coffman, Raymond D. Kikta, Linda Graham, Peter Lader, Darren Patrick Laux, Catherine Bujnak, Renada Germanatta, Bob McLaughlin, Tom Bauhoff, Rosalie Zupancic.



