



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

November 14, 2021

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Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

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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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HELP THE HOMELESS

Malachi Center at W. 25th St. and Detroit Ave. provides many services to help homeless men and women throughout the year. This Christmas season, the Center is distributing reusable plastic and/or canvas grocery bags to help our less fortunate friends. The bags will be filled with personal items such as heavy socks, hats, gloves, scarves, soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, lotion, snacks, hand and foot warmers, extra large and larger sweatshirts, and many other similar items.

If you would like to donate bags and/or other items, please bring your donation to the rectory by Nov 28. Items should be tagged "Help the Homeless." Your overwhelming generosity last year to this cause was heartwarming. Let's do it again this year. Thank you so much.

Questions? Call Jeanne Sabol at 216 351 6247.



Sharing your Christmas love

St. Leo's Adopt-A-Child Program is an ideal way to share your Christmas joy and love with others who are less fortunate. This year more than ever we need to help each other.

Who are we helping?

Recipients of your Christmas gifts include families from our own parish community, St. Aloysius School, Zelig's Home (formerly Maggie's Place) and Malachi Center.

How can I participate?

To participate, you would purchase and wrap a \$15-\$20 gift for a needy child.

To obtain the names of these children, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247 or Judi Westerburg at 216-642-0134. Or you can complete and submit the form on our parish website.

When is drop-off?

Gifts are to be wrapped, tagged and dropped off at the Parish Rectory or the church at mass times. Rectory hours are: Mon-Fri, 9 am-3pm; Sat, noon-5:30pm; Sun, 9am-12:30pm. If purchasing gift cards, please take them to the rectory. All gifts are due by Thursday, Dec. 9.

Can I give money or gift cards?

Monetary donations or gift cards may be dropped in the boxes by the church doors or left at/sent to the Rectory. Please mark all contributions "Adopt-A-Child" and make checks payable to St. Leo the Great and write Adopt-A-Child on the memo line.

Once again, please take the time and opportunity to help others this Christmas season. Thank you and may God bless you.



First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association

Jr. Branch 014 is a sponsor of Adopt-A-Child this year and will donate up to \$600 in matching funds



"I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."
-St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

November 14th to November 21st

IN LOVING MEMORY

Linda DeBaltzo

From Gerald and 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.



THINK
POSITIVE
BE
POSITIVE



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Prayer REQUESTS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klachn, 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, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, & Ken Proctor.

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, November 15th—Weekday

8:30am +Loretta Choromanski (Daughter)

Tuesday, November 16th—Weekday

8:30am +Hazel and Henry Young (Linda Anderson)

Wednesday, November 17th—Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30am +Bob Zarko (Rose Zarko)

Thurs., November 18th—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, November 19th—Weekday

8:30am +Carmen Crea (Family)

Saturday, November 20th—Weekday

4:00pm Seniors

Sunday, November 21st—Christ Is King

8:00am People Of The Parish

11:00am +Ann Hackstock (Mary & Eric Piechowski)

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel was written 150 years before Christ, when the Jews were experiencing fierce persecution. The author wanted to encourage them by telling heroic stories about a person named Daniel who lived many centuries earlier. For most of their history, Old Testament people believed only in, at best, a shadowy existence after death. Today's passage contains one of the earliest references to a growing belief in life after death.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Scholars feel that the community for which the Letter to the Hebrews was written included Christians of Jewish origin. Since the letter was written after the Jewish temple was destroyed, they were pining for the old days when the high priest offered daily sacrifices in the temple. The author says they shouldn't be upset. They no longer need a temple, sacrifices or priests because Jesus is all of these and more.

Readings for the week of November 14, 2021

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

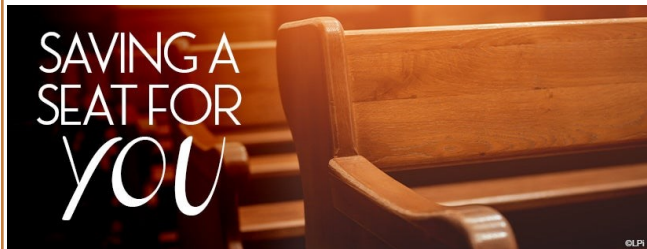
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44

Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



November 8, 2021—Chris Januszewski
\$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.

DC. Alexander Clark
St. Francis de Sales, Akron
V Theology, Saint Mary



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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

Collection.....	\$ 7,427.00
WeShare (Online).....	\$ 1,730.66
Total.....	\$ 9,157.66

World Mission Sunday.....\$328.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Dear Parishioners,

Bette Novak was one of the first people I would see on Sunday morning as she would be sitting in the first pew in front of the pulpit, long before the 8am Mass. She was always wearing a smile, even when facing difficulties in her life. She would stay at home with her husband Don of 57 years who has been suffering from Alzheimer's for several years. She lost a son who died about 3 years ago. But she continued to place her faith in God and to give thanks for the blessing of her husband, 3 surviving children & several grandchildren. Betty died after a short illness & we celebrated her funeral Mass on Friday, November 5th. May she and all the faithful departed, rest in peace, especially as we remember all of those who died from our parish during this past year throughout the month of November.

Father Vesely turned 93 this past week on Monday, November 8th. Please remember him in prayer & ask the Lord to keep him in good health.

In this weekend's bulletin, you'll find the Annual Summary Financial Report for our parish from this past fiscal year (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021). I gave a brief update on our parish finances a couple of weeks ago in this column, but I wanted to mention a few other highlights from this report. First, in terms of building renovations, we were able to complete the full remodeling of the boy's & girls restrooms in the school building. We also remodeled the school office and have placed new floors in the main hallways of the school. We have installed new touch-less drinking fountains in the school and have replaced all the old doors with new ones. New awnings will be in place soon on all our buildings to clearly mark the building and its entrance location.

We have paid our first of three \$22,000 installments to the Diocese as part of our commitment to help with the much-needed renovation of our seminary buildings in Wickliffe, and which allows us to forgo a parish campaign whereby we ask you to contribute to this cause. In terms of income, we received \$78,396 from our parish investments and received a one-time payment from the IRS in the amount of \$64,557 as an employee tax credit due to remote work and school situations related to COVID. We received over \$20,000 from our capital improvement envelopes (thank you!) and over \$15,000 in donations from parishioners outside of our weekend collections. Our SVDP Ministry also received over \$20,000 in donations this past year. Our Sweepstakes Raffle made a profit of \$4,475 and we made a profit of \$7,115 from our Fish Fry this year, despite the take-out only restriction due to COVID. Our Gift Card Program made a profit of \$7,175. Because of these profits and due to a continued increase in school enrollment, our total bank balance for this past fiscal year was \$1,732,785, an increase of \$309,251 from our balance of \$1,423,534 from the previous fiscal year. We also saw an increase in our offertory collection of 1.13%, due again to your continued commitment to the financial well-being of our parish. I am so deeply grateful for the hard work and generosity of all our parishioners who are helping us grow our savings and thus secure a financial future. Pray that I may be a good steward of our parish in every way.

I will be away this weekend before the Advent & Christmas seasons begin. Though it will again be more of a "staycation," I look forward to getting caught up with family & friends now that my other errands have been taken care of from my last few days away. Thank you for welcoming the priests who will be praying with you this weekend. Please pray for us all.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting date will be December 1, 2021 January 5, and February 2, 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

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@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. Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving is a time for loving and for sharing what we have with others, however meager it may seem. Each Thanksgiving your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization works to help those in need. Please be generous this year with your donations to the Poor Boxes or put your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection basket or box or take it to the rectory. The need is great. We thank you for your thoughtfulness.



American Red Cross

I am sorry to inform you that the American Red Cross Bloodmobile scheduled for Sunday, November 14th, has been cancelled. Much like what is happening in our country, the red cross has a shortage of staff and cannot support the smaller blood drives on the week-end. Due to the shortage of staff, they are unable to add drives to the schedule. Please do not let this prevent you from donating. Go to www.redcross.org to find a blood drive near you. If you want to stay on the rotation of St. Leo's blood drives, you need to donate on or before November 21st. Our next blood drive is Sunday, January 16th. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

ROSARY



Please join us in church on **Tuesday, November 16th**, as we say the rosary at **7:00 p.m.** If you are not familiar with the rosary, we will provide you with what you need.

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.



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



COME CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Sunday, November 21st is the Feast of Christ the King which brings to a close the Church's Liturgical year. It is also the occasion for the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 East 65th Street, Cleveland, 44105, to celebrate Solemn Vespers with Eucharistic Devotions. Complete with full musical accompaniment and procession, many find it one of the most moving celebrations of the year. Vespers begin at 4:30PM and the Shrine will be open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament all afternoon.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*I am the Resurrection and the life,
he who believes in Me, even if he dies,
shall live, and whoever lives and
believes in Me, shall never die*
John 11:25-26

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In Loving Memory Of
Catherine M Bujnak

Date of Birth
December 5, 1942

Entered Into Rest
October 10, 2021

Mass of Christian Burial
St Leo the Great

Interment
Holy Cross Cemetery
Section 31 Lot 1474 Grave 1

After calling is important
KOMOROWSKI
FUNERAL HOME

In Loving Memory of
Rosalie Theresa Zupancic
(nee Kuhel)

Born May 22, 1924
Entered into Eternal Life
October 22, 2021

Interment Holy Cross Cemetery
Section 39 Lot 4357 Grave 1

*Take my hand O Blessed Mother
Hold me firmly lest I fall
I grow nervous while walking
And humbly on thee call.
Guide me over every crossing
Watch me when I'm on the stairs
Let me know that you're beside me
And listen to my fervent prayer.
Bring me to my destination
Safely along the way
Bless my every undertaking
And my duties for the day.
And when evening creeps upon me
I'll never fear to be alone
Once again O Blessed Mother
Take my hand and lead me home.*

Fortuna FUNERAL HOME
7076 Brecksville Rd, Independence, OH 44131

In Loving Memory of
Elizabeth "Bette" Novak
(nee Hudak)

Born March 18, 1938
Entered into Eternal Life
November 2, 2021

Interment Holy Cross Cemetery
Section 4 Lot 38 Grave 2

*Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.*

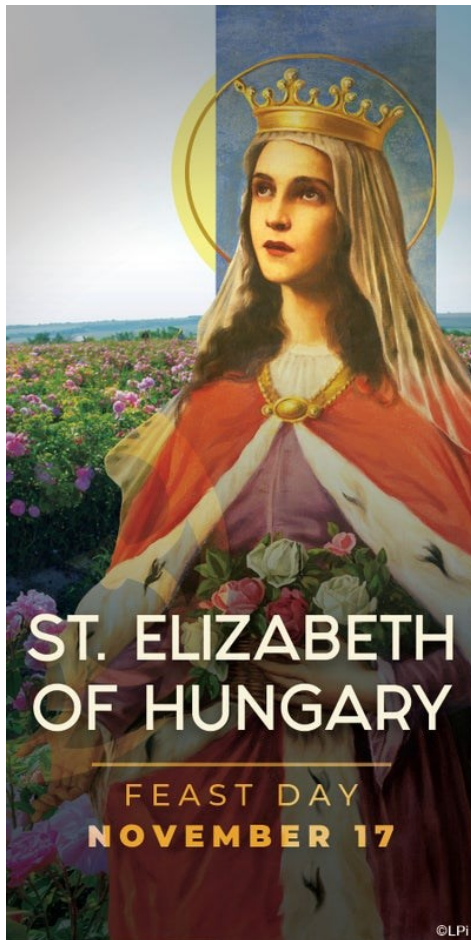
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CHOIR

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

St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Feast Day November 17



Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the “commoners” she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband’s family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband’s allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Giving Until it Hurts

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



