



# ST. LEO THE GREAT

## PARISH & SCHOOL

November 21, 2021

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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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## 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.

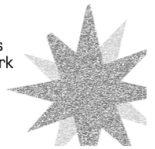
#### When is drop-off?

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



### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

November 21st to December 5th

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Bob Zarko

From Rose Zarko



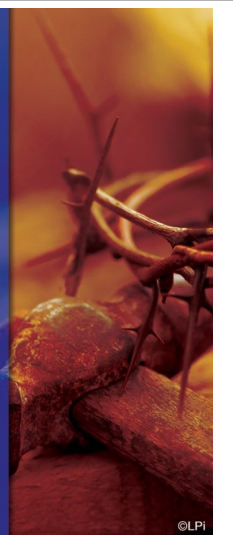
### REGISTER WITH US

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.



I WILL OFFER  
A SACRIFICE  
OF PRAISE  
AND CALL ON  
THE NAME OF  
THE LORD.

PSALM 116:17



**Prayer REQUESTS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

Mary Niec, 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, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, & Ken Proctor.

**MASST INTENTIONS**

- Monday, November 22nd—Saint Cecilia**  
8:30am +Cecelia & Valentine Przeklasa (Family)
- Tuesday, November 23rd—Weekday**  
8:30am +George & Eugene Kusnerik (Sister, Rita)
- Wednesday, November 24th—Saint Andrew Dung-Lac**  
8:30am +Fr. Tony Muzic (Fr. James Schmitz)
- Thurs., November 25th—Weekday**  
8:30am Communion Service
- Friday, November 26th—Weekday**  
8:30am +Marisol Carabello (Eneida Ramos)
- Saturday, November 27th—Weekday**  
4:00pm Special Intention
- Sunday, November 28th—First Sunday of Advent**  
8:00am +Walter Alfen (Wife)  
11:00am People Of The Parish



**First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14**

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. Today's reading describes Daniel's vision of heaven, and is written in symbolic language—similar to the book of Revelation. The term "Son of Man" indicated a human being chosen by God for a special purpose. Christians have applied this vision to Jesus.

**Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8**

The book of Revelation was not intended to predict actual people and events in later times. Rather, it was intended to be a source of hope for Christians who were suffering persecution near the end of the first century. Today's passage is from the very beginning of the book and is part of a greeting from God to the persecuted people.

**Readings for the week of November 21, 2021**

- Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
- Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-3

**GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER**



Due to the early submission of this issue, the winner of the sweepstakes will be in next week's bulletin.

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.

**John Rankin**  
**Capuchin Formation Program**  
**IV Year Seminary**



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



**Due to the early submission of this issue, the collection numbers for the week of November 7th, will be available next week.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



Dear Parishioners,

This column needed to be submitted in advance due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday this week so it's a challenge to report news that is current. In my column last week, I gave an update on our (gratefully healthy) financial situation so I thought I'd share some information with you that we received recently from the Diocese concerning the assessments that we pay to the Diocese. We are taxed a certain percentage of our weekly contributions which not only allows us to receive substantial assistance from the Diocese in our parish work, but also allows us to participate in the mission of the Universal Church in proclaiming the Gospel. So let me quote for you some important information which may help you understand how this assessment works.

*"The Diocese of Cleveland provides pastoral and temporal services for people, parishes and institutions in the Diocese, and represents the Faithful in the Diocese in the worldwide church. Funding to help support the work of the Diocese is primarily provided through an assessment that is paid by each parish. The Code of Canon Law, Canon 1263, provides that "after the Diocesan Bishop has heard the Finance Council and the Presbyteral Council, he has the right to impose a moderate tax for the needs of the Diocese." This Canon further states that the tax is to be proportionate to income. The current assessment rate in the Diocese of Cleveland is 16.5% of offertory, reduced to 11.5% for parishes with schools.*

*The Diocese supports the work of the Bishops in the United States through the work of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Catholic Conference of Ohio Bishops represents the Catholic Church on public matters throughout the state, such as ensuring the receipt of government funding for education including textbooks and vouchers for students enrolled in our Catholic schools. Lastly, each Diocese throughout the world is asked to support the work of the Holy Father in his ministry. Funds are requested by the Holy Father to demonstrate our fraternal support for the work he undertakes to meet the needs of the Church on a global basis. Funding provided by the Diocese of Cleveland to these various state, national, and global ministries approaches \$500,000 annually.*

*On a local level, the Diocese serves people, parishes and institutions in temporal and pastoral matters largely by administering and funding the Bishop's ministries that are best accomplished at the Diocesan level, ministries that the parishes cannot do on their own, and ministries that complement all the work that is done at the parishes and other institutions.*

*In all cases, the resources provided by the parish assessments are carefully used to further the mission of the Church. These resources are under the discipline of an annual budget process, an annual independent audit, and the advice and oversight of the Bishop's Finance Council. Further, the Diocese publishes an annual accounting of its utilization of these resources in its annual Report to the Community.*

*Although a specific parish or institution may not use all of the services that the Diocesan Offices provide, the services of all these Offices are used frequently in most parishes in the Diocese."*

Hopefully this information helps you to understand why our assessments are necessary and helps you to realize how much assistance we receive from the Diocese. Your donations help both the parish, the Diocese and the Universal Church to accomplish its mission of doing the work of Christ.

Please join us for Mass this Thanksgiving at 9am and enjoy the long holiday weekend, another gift to be thankful for at this time of the year.

*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](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.

## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



### St. Vincent de Paul

There will be a special Thanksgiving Day Liturgy on Thursday, November 25th at 9:00 AM. All are encouraged to attend and to thank for all the blessings we have received this past year. A special collection will be taken this Thanksgiving of non-perishable food (canned or boxed goods) and money which will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization to serve those in need. Your donations of food and money will be very much appreciated. Thank You!

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



### **THANKSGIVING**

There will be a special Thanksgiving Day Liturgy on Thursday, November 25th, at 9:00 a.m. All are encouraged to attend to give thanks for all the blessings we have received this past year. A special collection will be taken by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of gifts of non-perishable food (canned or boxed goods) and money which will be donated to the hungry.



**Gobble  
'til You Wobble**

### **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.**

### **O' Come Let Us Adore Him**



In a world of darkness, bring a note of Christmas cheer to our parish neighbors near.

#### **An Evening of Caroling and Prayer**

Save the Date – Friday, December 17 at 6 pm for Christmas caroling in St. Leo's neighborhood. All ages welcome. There will be something for everyone. We need singers, bakers, pray-ers/adorers. Group leaders, decorators, and set-up and take down crews. Contact Pat Dolezal by phone, text (330-933-4992) or email ([jgpadolezal@yahoo.com](mailto:jgpadolezal@yahoo.com)) for questions or to participate. Sign-ups will be after all weekend Masses on the weekend of December 4 & 5.



### **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!**

Changes to Mass



**Question:**

**Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?**

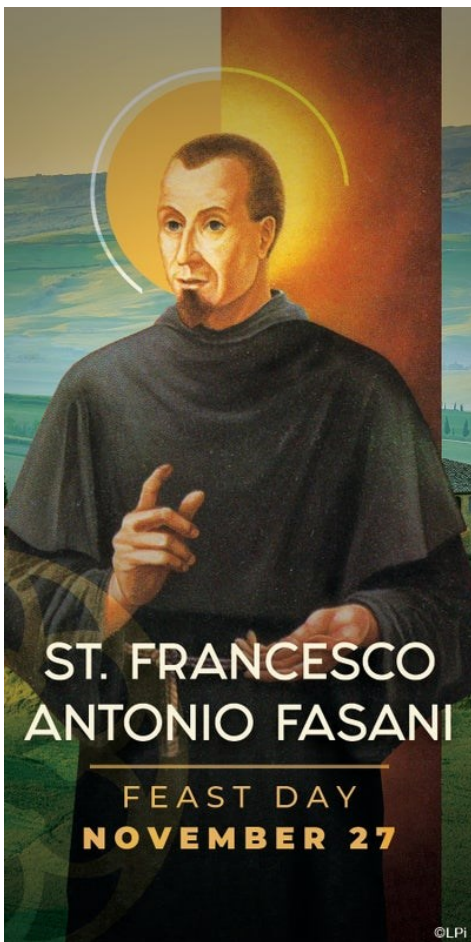
**Answer:**

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone. The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.



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

**St. Francesco Antonio Fasani | Feast Day**  
**November 27**



St. Francesco Antonio Fasani (1681 – 1742) lived his whole life as a loving, devout, and atoning man. He entered the Conventual Franciscans in 1695, and 10 years later taught philosophy to younger friars, served as guardian of his friary, and eventually became provincial minister. When his term of office ended, St. Francesco became master of novices and finally pastor in his hometown of Lucera.

Known throughout his various ministries as being loving, devout, and penitential, he was also a well-known confessor and preacher. St. Francesco was a loyal friend of the poor and worked tirelessly to find ways to support them. He was a mystic with such a profound prayer life and supernatural gifts that he was known to levitate during prayer. He was canonized in 1986 by Pope John Paul II.

OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE  
UNIVERSE



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Long Live the King

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



