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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

November 24, 2019

St. Leo the Great Church
1969 - 2019



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS
Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM
Sundays ~ 8:00AM, and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS
Monday through Thursday ~ 7:30AM
Friday ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are heard on Saturday, from 2:45PM—3:30PM or anytime by appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing address are asked to contact the Rectory office.

BAPTISMS

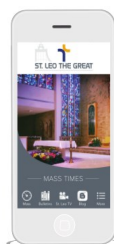
Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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?

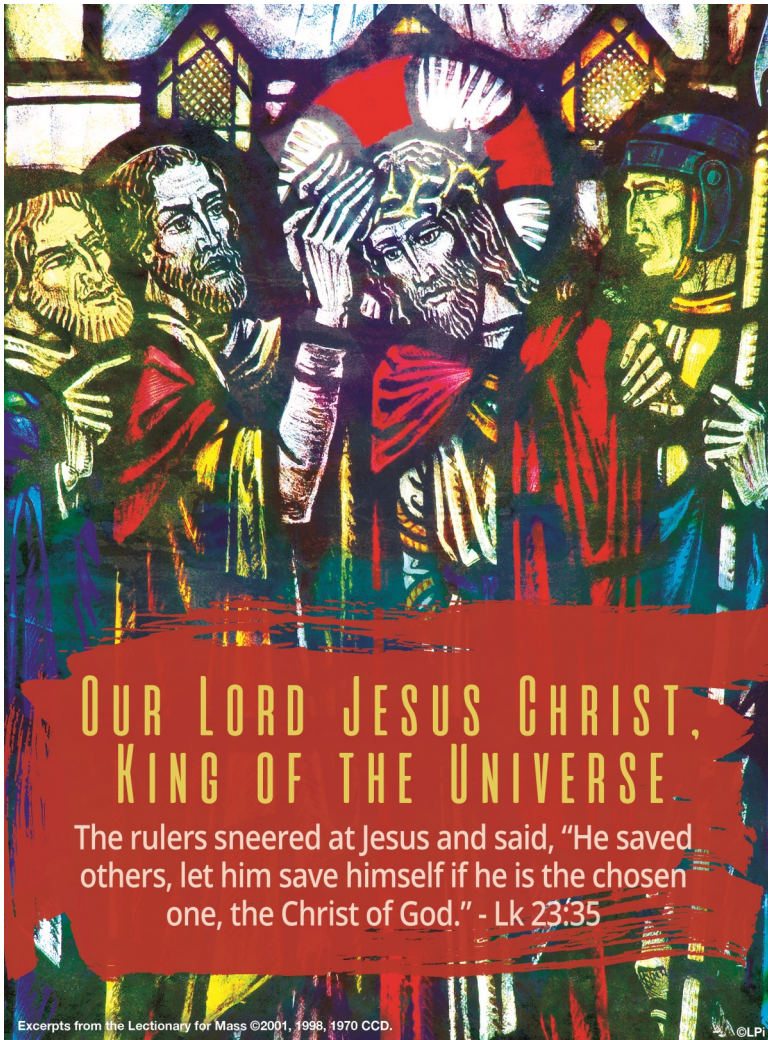
If you are curious about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.



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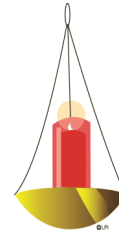
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

November 24th to December 7th

In loving memory of
JAMES JOHNSON
from his daughter

The Sanctuary Candle is the candle next to the Tabernacle, which signifies the real presence of Christ within it. You can dedicate this Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for two weeks; the name will be published in the bulletin so that your intention can be prayed for by everyone during that time.

We are taking intentions for the year 2020. Please request only one intention as we only have a total of 24 weeks. The donation for the candle will be \$10.00. Please stop by the Rectory Office or the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church to request a Sanctuary Candle Intention.

REGISTER WITH US



Have you been joining us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family.

Stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, the rectory office, or call us at 216-661-1006.

HELP THE HOMELESS



Malachi Center at West 25th St. and Detroit Ave. provides many services to help homeless men and women throughout the year. At Christmas, the Center distributes duffel bags at a breakfast for the homeless.

The 18-inch duffel bags are 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 Monday, Dec. 9th. 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.



Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your abundant gifts to us.

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving feast, we ask you to send your Spirit, to open our hearts to you and our neighbor, that we may share the gifts you have given us as your Son Jesus taught us to.

Thank you for the many blessings of our lives:
our family and friends,
our home and the food we eat,
our health and employment.

We ask your blessing on all gathered here today,
and all your people throughout the world,
through Christ your Son.

Amen.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Ed Gorcyka, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, Jo Hoffman, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Steve Kostrubanic, Marge Menge, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda Sharon Kobal, Jeanne Karasek, George Aloschen, Herb Mayville, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Walter Milewskii & Dorothy Forister.

2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2020 Mass Intention Book is now open. The Mass stipend is \$10.00. Please stop by the Parish Office and get your intentions.



Our NEW Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing will start January 1, 2020.

We are now selling tickets. Forms are available at the Rectory Office or at the Information Desk in the back of the Church

The drawing will go from January 1, 2020 thru November 10, 2020 (Feast of St. Leo). There will be (44) \$100 Weekly Drawings, (5) \$200 Special Drawings and (1) \$1,000 Super Drawing on the Feast of St. Leo on November 10, 2020.

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life.

Michelle Blevins
Sisters of Notre Dame
Postulant



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



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, November 17th

Due to the early bulletin deadline for the Thanksgiving Holiday, financial figures will be listed in next week's bulletin.

THANK YOU
for your generosity



Monday, November 25th - St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:30am +Frank & Dorothy Grayshaw (Family)

Tuesday, November 26th - Weekday

7:30am +Phillip Matey (Mom)

Wednesday, November 27th - Weekday

7:30am +Bill Skora (Lawler Family)

Thursday, November 28th - THANKSGIVING

9:00am In Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29th - Weekday

8:30am Jorje Velez (Family)

Saturday, November 30th - St. Andrew

4:00pm +Joe Lavano (Family)

Sunday, December 1st - First Sunday of Advent

8:00am +Reinaldo Ramos (Family)

11:00am People of Parish



To Shelley & Duane Revilock, who are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary this Sunday.

First Reading: 2Samuel 5:1-3

The two books of Samuel describe a time early in Jewish history when the 12 tribes were forming one nation under a single king. After the death of Saul, their first king, the tribes decided upon a successor, as we will hear in this reading.

Second Reading: Colosians 1:12-20

In our age of space travel, there is sometimes speculation about Christ's place in the wider universe, particularly if life were found on other planets. Today's passage quotes an early Christian hymn which describes the kingship of Christ in cosmic terms.

Readings for the week of November 24, 2019

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Due to the upcoming holidays, please have all bulletin articles in two weeks in advance of the publish date. Articles can be dropped off at the rectory office or emailed to mlhauck@leothegreat.org. Thank you.





Dear Parishioners,

We were saddened to hear of the death of Jack Manning who passed away on Sunday, November 10th (feast of St. Leo the Great) after a short battle with cancer. Jack was a long time, active parishioner who volunteered his time for our parish and for the larger community through Meals on Wheels. He served in the army during the Korean conflict and became a Master Carpenter. He was proud to be an Eagle Scout and his sons & grandsons continued in that tradition. His obituary also mentioned how Jack enjoyed time with family and traveling, especially bus trips and a trip to Ireland. Jack was from Canton and so was buried at St. Joseph Catholic Church there on November 14th. Please remember him in prayer.

We also express our sympathy to Victoria Karbowski on the death of her mother Irene. Irene was 90 years old and was the beloved wife of the late Stanley Karbowski. Irene's funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, November 15th. Along with all our departed parishioners who died this past year and those whose names are written in the memory book by the baptismal font, she will be prayed for throughout this month of November as we dedicate this month to all the Faithful Departed. Through the mercy of God, may they all rest in peace.

You will notice that there is a "reliquary" at each of the new shrines in the back of the church. The gold reliquary by the statue of St. Leo the Great holds a very tiny piece of his bone and the reliquary by St. Vincent de Paul holds a cloth which contains a small drop of his blood. The veneration or honoring of sacred relics is as old as the Church itself. When a saint was martyred, their remains were often recovered by the faithful and taken to be buried in a safe place where they could be honored. During the years of persecution church members buried the remains of the martyrs in the catacombs of ancient Rome and gathered there secretly to celebrate Mass on the tombs of the saints. (In fact, I celebrated Mass in the catacombs with my parents when we were in Rome together.) From that practice grew the custom in the Catholic Church of placing a small relic in the altar of each church. Our altar has a stone (right at the spot where the priest kisses the altar at the beginning & end of Mass) & so it has relics embedded in the altar (though it is unknown whose relics are there). During the Middle Ages religious often traveled the countryside with relics of the saints and told stories about their heroic lives. Major relics were usually held in churches in larger cities throughout Europe and it was often difficult or impossible for the common person to travel and view these precious items. These traveling priests and monks brought the relics to the people. We are blessed to have these relics of the saints whom we honor in our parish.

Please join us for the Thanksgiving Mass which will begin at 9am. Enjoy the holiday as we give thanks to God for his many blessings on each of us and on our parish.

Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S



Monday, November 25th	
4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
6:45pm PSR	School
7:00pm 5th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
Tuesday, November 26th	
4:00pm 8th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
5:30pm 5th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm AA Group	Basement
Wednesday, November 27th-NO SCHOOL	
3:00pm 3rd Gr Boys BB Practice	Lux
4:30pm 5th Gr Girls BB Practice	Lux
6:30pm Choir Practice	Church
6:30pm High School Boys BBall	Lux
Thursday, November 28th-THANKSGIVING DAY	
Friday, November 29th-NO SCHOOL	
3:00pm 3rd Gr Boys BB Practice	Lux
4:30pm 5th Gr Girls BB Practice	Lux
6:00pm 8th Gr Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement
Saturday, November 30th	
2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement
Sunday, December 1st	
6:00pm High School Boys BBall	Lux



THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY

There will be a special Thanksgiving Day Liturgy on Thursday, November 28th, at 9:00am. 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.

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.



THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS The Rectory Office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 27th and will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will resume our normal hours on Saturday, November 30th (Noon to 5:30pm).



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.

Who are we helping?

Recipients of your Christmas gifts include families from our own parish community, St. Aloysius School, Maggie's Place, Catholic Charities Refugee Families and Malachi Center.

How can I participate?

To participate, you would purchase and wrap a \$15 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 sign up in the church vestibule after Masses during the weekends of November 23-24 and November 30-December 1.

When is drop-off?

Gifts are to be wrapped, tagged and dropped off at the **Parish Community Center from 3–7 p.m. Saturday, December 14.** If you cannot drop off your gifts at this time, you may leave them at the Rectory anytime before December 13.

Can I give money?

Monetary donations may be dropped in the collection basket or left at the Rectory. Please mark all contributions "Adopt-A-Child" and make checks payable to St. Leo the Great.

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

ST. LEO'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS CARDS



Reminder to our Members that our Christmas card exchange box will be in the vestibule of the church before and after the Masses the weekends of **Nov. 23rd/24th and Nov. 30th/Dec. 1st.** Please drop your cards in the exchange box. This will permit us to presort and arrange the cards for distribution at the **Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 4th.** Please keep them in alphabetical order with a rubber band around them.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU



Give Thanks
Thanksgiving is a time for loving and sharing what we have with others. Because of your generous donations of food and money, your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization was able to make Thanksgiving holiday a little brighter for the 36 families we serve. Your response was very, very much appreciated. Thank You!!

St. Leo the Great School Newsletter

Church Bulletin Edition

Many Thanks to the volunteers who came to help cook and deliver for the **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homebound**. They were able to prepare an **Amazing 60 meals** for the homebound.



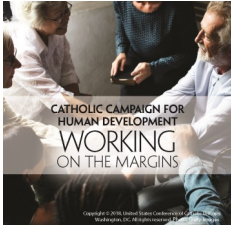
thanksgiving
gather
thankful family
blessed grateful
together blessings
november



Our 7th Grade Students prepared stained glass cards and together said a rosary for the seminarians.

They also prepared cards with flags and hearts that were delivered to our veterans.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle.

In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER



The Great Room, located in our Parish Community Center is available to **rent for special events, all types of parties, meetings, funeral luncheons, etc.**

For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our parish website at leothegreat.org.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM



The Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support our 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 your holiday shopping, everyday purchases, gifts, or as a simple thank you. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

CREDIT UNION THANKSGIVING HOURS



St. Columbille Federal Credit Union and St. Columbille Federal Union /Assumption Branch will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2019, and Friday, November 29, 2019, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Both Branches will be open normal hours (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) on Saturday, November 30, 2019. Please visit our website at www.sc-fcu.com for hours and branch locations.

BUS TRIP—DICKENS CHRISTMAS

Cambridge, Ohio

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Report: 8:30am Depart: 9:00am

Guided Tour w/story of Dickens Victorian Village, Tea with the Queen at Cambridge Country Club (lunch included), National Museum of Cambridge Glass, Kennedy's Bakery, Dickens Courthouse Light Show.



Cost: \$100 per person

Return: Approx. 9:30pm

Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505

for more information or
to book your trip.

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Everyone is welcome to join us for a Free Thanksgiving Community Meal on Thursday, November 28th between 12 and 2pm. For delivery please call 216-749-2323 by Monday, November 25th

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO—If you crochet and want to make bed rolls for the homeless join us Dec. 3rd at 7pm in the School Meeting Room for an informational meeting. For more information contact Gail at gte1015@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Ministry of Consolation is offering a program for the Holidays—Handling the Holidays in the Midst of Grief & Loss," this Sunday November 24th, 2:00pm, in Utopia Hall.



