



## ST. LEO THE GREAT

### PARISH & SCHOOL

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2016

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**Father James J. Vesely**

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Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12NOON

##### 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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PLEASE REMEMBER... Margaret Zisk, Sarah



Grier, Edward P. Gorczyca, Carol Sladewski, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Stella Sugalski, Robert Holshue, Donna Mlady, Mike Manzo, Cheri Minch, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Carol Frisco, Dorothy Forister, Ann Szpansky, Larry Kuznik, Rosemarie Hamski, Jo Hoffman, Anna Mendoza, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Dianne Soler, Muffie Bone, Theresa Truxall, Gary LaBuda, Mary Ras, Janene Catanese, Denise Rooks, Bernice Kilcoyne, Jeanette Klaehn, Donna Robertson, Theresa Kowal, Trudy Miller, Donald Kotarsky, Dave Zonneville, Nancy Miller, Larry Carrino, Ruth Frohlich, Carol Phillips & Ashley Dayle.



### GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

Congratulations to:

**JOSEPH CHO**

**\$100.00** November 21st Winner

Don't forget to sign up for our **NEW Great Sweepstakes**. Forms are available at the Information Desk in Church, or at the Rectory Office. Tickets make great Christmas presents!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Friday, December 2nd**



Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and ends at 5:00 p.m. You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere. It will bring you peace.

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

This week we pray for:

**Daniel Mencke**  
**St. Charles Borromeo, Parma**  
**Sophomore, Borromeo**



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



### PARISH SUPPORT

**Sunday, November 20 2016**

The financial information was not available at the time of publishing. It will be included with next week's bulletin.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



**November 28th to December 4th**

**Monday, November 28th: Advent Weekday**

7:30 a.m. +Frank & Dorothy Grayshaw (Family)

**Tuesday, November 29th: Advent Weekday**

7:30 a.m. Carol Martin (Jeanne Karasek—sister)

**Wednesday, November 30th: St. Andrew, Apostle**

7:30 a.m. +Carol Sheroke (Ann Luers)

**Thursday, December 1st: Advent Weekday**

7:30 a.m. +Carol Glinka (Mildred Ancin)

**Friday, December 2nd: Advent Weekday**

8:30 a.m. +Thomas Kinder (Jim & Gerry Tisch)

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, December 3rd: St. Francis Xavier**

4:00 p.m. +Thomas J. Fleming (Elizabeth Fleming)

**Sunday, December 4th: Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. +Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Huberty (Family)

12:00 p.m. +David Handlovic (Family)

### First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The prophet Isaiah dreamed of a day when Jerusalem (sometimes called Zion) would be the center of the world, and all people would come there to receive instruction from God. In today's reading, Isaiah presents a vision of peace and prosperity for the whole world.

### Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Behind everything Paul wrote was his strong belief that the hour of Christ's return in glory was near at hand. In this passage, Paul uses the image of darkness and light to describe how Christians ought to live as they await that coming.

### Readings for the Week of November 27, 2016

**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."  
- Mt 24:43-44



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Birthday to Rosemarie Hamski who celebrated her 90th Birthday with a party in our Parish Center on November 26th. May God bless her with health & happiness.

My dad is now at an assisted living home in Lakewood and is doing quite well there so far. Thanks for all your prayers for him this past year. I consider them answered as his health has improved and he is in a place where he will be safe and well cared for. I look forward to celebrating his 90th birthday in July of 2017.

We will not be having our Sunday Morning Faith Sessions this weekend or next but will resume again on Sunday, December 11th. We meet from 9am until 9:45 so you can attend either the 8am or 10am Mass. We will be talking about the meaning of Advent on December 11th. All are welcome to attend to learn more about our Catholic Faith (and the free coffee & donuts help our brains to be awake & ready to learn!).

We made a profit of almost \$20,000 from our Parish Festival this year which is about what we made last year. Though we lost some participation due to the World Series and Ohio State games that weekend, we had less expenses than we did last year so it pretty much evened out. The Festival is primarily meant to be an opportunity for social connections but it's wonderful that we can make such a great profit on it at the same time. My thanks again to the team and to every person who worked for or at the festival. You helped us to remember what community is all about.

Now that we're past the Thanksgiving holiday, we look forward to the great feast of Christmas. It's always easier when Christmas falls on a Sunday as it does this year. Our schedule will be similar to years past: we will have a 4pm Mass on Saturday, Christmas Eve, as well as a 7pm and 10pm. On Christmas Day we will have a 10am Mass and a Noon Mass. We had our regular Sunday Mass schedule last year (8, 10 & 12) but all 3 were poorly attended since most people prefer to attend Mass on Christmas Eve. The 8am Mass on Christmas Eve had the lowest attendance last year so we will just have the two later Masses this year on Christmas Day.

I will try to remind you throughout December about our revised Mass Schedule which will begin on Sunday, January 1, 2017. So Mass on Saturday, December 31 will be at 4pm, and we will have an 8am and 11am Mass on Sunday, January 1, and this will be our weekend Mass schedule going forward. I understand that adjusting to this Mass schedule will take some effort for half of the parish, but am confident that this is the right thing to do and the right time to do it. I look forward to the 11am Mass on Sunday where we will have less spaces in the pews and so a richer experience of worship together.

*Fr. Jim Schmitz*

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S  
November 28th to December 4th



**Monday, November 28th**

3:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
4:00 p.m. 8th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 4th gr. girls basketball practice	Lux
6:45 p.m. PSR	School

**Tuesday, November 29th**

9:30 a.m. Catechetical Leaders Course #3	Great
3:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
4:15 p.m. 3rd gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 6th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
6:30 p.m. SVDP	Great
7:00 p.m. 7th gr. Boys basketball practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. Parish Council	Francis

**Wednesday, November 30th**

4:00 p.m. 4th gr. girls basketball practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 8th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #71720	Francis
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	Church

**Thursday, December 1st**

1:00 p.m. Knitting Group	Great
3:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
4:15 p.m. 3rd gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 6th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux

**Friday, December 2nd**

4:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. 7th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
7:30 p.m. Recovery International	Francis

**Saturday, December 3rd**

7:30 a.m. CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
2:45 p.m. Confessions	Church
3:00 p.m. Grapevine	Great

**Sunday, December 4th**

11:30 a.m. CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
7:00 p.m. Coach Robinson Adult Open Gym	Lux

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

DECEMBER 8TH



Thursday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception -- a holy day of obligation. The title "the Immaculate Conception" was bestowed upon the Blessed Virgin Mary because of the Church's belief that Mary was conceived without original sin since she was destined to be the Mother of God. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is also the patron saint of the United States. The Masses scheduled for this holy day of obligation are 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on December 8th.



Oplatki  
Christmas  
wafers

Oplatki is now available in the rectory office for \$2.00 while supplies last. One per family please.



ST. LEO THE GREAT  
PARISH & SCHOOL

**Pick 40 Fundraiser**  
**Sale Begins November 1<sup>st</sup> – Sale Ends December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**First Drawing – January 3, 2017**

***The Annual Pick 40 fundraiser is HERE!*** This is the only major fundraiser for the St. Leo School Community. The Parent Teacher Community (PTC) relies on this fundraiser to help offset the costs of technology, field trips, graduation and much more.

You have chosen to sell forty (40) Pick 40 Tickets. The sale of these Pick 40 Tickets will fulfill your obligation for the School Fee Payment. You must sell ALL 40 tickets to fulfill this obligation. **Ticket Stubs and money must be turned in no later than December 14, 2016.**

### **How does the Pick 40 Drawing Work?**

There are 40 drawings. (36) drawings are \$100 winners and (4) \$500 winners. Each \$5.00 ticket is put in for EVERY DRAWING! When you win, your ticket goes back in the drum.

Winners are called daily and checks are mailed or can be picked up.

There is a \$50 seller prize for the \$500 winner drawings.

### **PRIZES FOR SELLING TICKETS**

As incentive for selling tickets, the families that sell the most tickets will win

#### **Top Selling Families:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 50 inch Flat Screen TV & \$100 in Gift Cards – Your Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 9.7 inch iPad Pro & \$100 in Gift Cards – Your Choice

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Apple TV & \$100 in Gift Cards – Your Choice

#### **Dress Down Days for Students:**

For every Pick 40 ticket sold OVER THE REQUIRED 40 that a family turns in, each of their children will have a dress down day (excludes Mass Days & Gym Days for Grades K-4). Dress Down days can be used through December 16<sup>th</sup>. Dress Down days end when the students return from Christmas Break—there is NO MAKE UP of unused Dress Down Days earned.

### **Drawing Schedule**

Jan 3: \$500	Jan 4: \$100	Jan 5: \$100	Jan 6: \$100	Jan 7: \$100	Jan 8: \$100	Jan 9: \$100	Jan 10: \$100
Jan 11: \$100	Jan 12: \$100	Jan 13: \$100	Jan 14: \$100	Jan 15: \$100	Jan 16: \$100	Jan 17: \$100	Jan 18: \$100
Jan 19: \$500	Jan 20: \$100	Jan 21: \$100	Jan 22: \$100	Jan 23: \$100	Jan 24: \$100	Jan 25: \$100	Jan 26: \$100
Jan 27: \$100	Jan 28: \$100	Jan 29: \$100	Jan 30: \$100	Jan 31: \$100	Feb 1: \$100	Feb 2: \$100	Feb 3: \$100
Feb 4: \$500	Feb 5: \$100	Feb 6: \$100	Feb 7: \$100	Feb 8: \$100	Feb 9: \$100	Feb 10: \$100	Feb 11: \$500

Email [ebreitmeyer@leothegreat.org](mailto:ebreitmeyer@leothegreat.org) or Call 216-661-2120 for more tickets!

**SELL! SELL! SELL!**



### RECYCLE



**RIVER VALLEY PAPER COMPANY**  
Bring all your PHONE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL, HOLIDAY CATALOGS, CARDBOARD, BOOKS, ALONG WITH YOUR PAPERS to our paper bins by the Parish Center. River Valley Paper Company is offering new pricing incentives effective November 1st. **THANK YOU!**

### ST. LEO'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS CARDS



Members are requested to bring their Christmas cards to Church on Saturday, December 3rd, and Sunday, December 4th, and/or Saturday, December 10th, or Sunday, December 11th. Drop them in the exchange box in the vestibule of the Church before or after the Masses. This will permit us to presort and arrange the cards for distribution at the Christmas party on December 14th. Please keep them in alphabetical order with a rubber band around them.

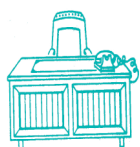


### REGISTER WITH US



Have you moved into the area recently? Or have you been joining us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. It will take just a couple minutes of your time. Stop back at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, at the rectory office, or call 216-661-1006.

### INFORMATION DESK



For the convenience of our parishioners, we are bringing the rectory office to you after the weekend Masses. The information desk is located in the vestibule.

Listed are some of the things that are available:

- sponsor certificate pickup
- popular gift cards
- new parishioner registration forms
- Mass intentions
- Parish Community Center rental forms
- alumni association forms
- great sweepstakes tickets
- help with our website & mobile app
- choir and handbell choir sign-ups

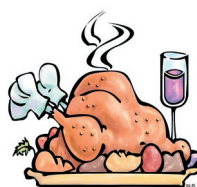
Please feel free to stop by after Mass.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



**THANK YOU!** Thanksgiving is a time for loving and sharing what we have with others and because of your generous donations of food and money your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization was able to make this Thanksgiving holiday a little brighter for those we serve. Your response was very much appreciated. **Thank You!!**

### THANKSGIVING TURKEY THANK YOU...



We would like to thank you for your overwhelming donations of Thanksgiving turkeys. Your kindness to offer to those who might not have a turkey for Thanksgiving is very much appreciated. **Thank you again!**

### BULLETIN ARTICLES



Due to the upcoming holidays, please have all bulletin articles in two weeks in advance of the published date. Your articles can be dropped off at the rectory office or emailed to [mlhauck@leothegreat.org](mailto:mlhauck@leothegreat.org). **Thank you.**

### PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

#### GREAT ROOM FOR RENT

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

For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our website at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org). There you will find information, prices, and forms.

### PLEASE NOTE OUR REVISED MASS SCHEDULE TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2017:

**Saturday Vigil**  
4:00 p.m.

**Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Monday through Wednesday**  
7:30 a.m.

(there will be a 7:30 Mass on Thursday according to Fr. Vesely's availability).

**Friday**  
8:30 a.m.



Support the Collection for the  
**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teachings and carry out Jesus' mission to bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free: (Lk 4:18).

**ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!**



Online Giving is now available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website ([www.leohegreat.org](http://www.leohegreat.org)) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Gathering on this First Sunday of Advent, we are reminded that we are called to be ever vigilant; living in expectation of the second coming of Christ. With the busyness of our lives, it is easy to gloss over these beautiful four weeks and preoccupy ourselves with other things. However, now is the time to stop, wait, listen, and prepare ourselves for Christ's unexpected coming.



**BUS TRIPS**

**Tuesday, Dec. 6th:**

- ♦ **Wheeling Island Casino and Racetrack with \$25.00 free play**
- ♦ **Cracker Barrel Restaurant with \$20.00 gift card to be used for meal or gift shop.**
- ♦ **Oglebay to view Christmas Lights**

\$50.00 per person

Depart: 9:00 a.m. - Arrive Casino: 11:30 a.m.

Arrive Cracker Barrel: 4:45 p.m. and Arrive Oglebay Visitors Center - 6:30 p.m.

Return Home: 10:00 p.m.

Contact Joanne Todd at  
440-526-3505  
for more information  
or to book your trip.



**TRINITY  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Congratulations to the following students who made the Honor Roll:



Rolando, Giuseppe—Second Honors  
Wamser, Brianna—Second Honors

**GIFT CARD CERTIFICATES**

Retailer
Giant Eagle - \$25
Giant Eagle - \$100
Marathon - \$25
Marc's - \$25
Marc's - \$50
Shell - \$25
Speedway - \$25
Sunoco - \$50
Target - \$10
Target - \$25
Walmart/Sam's \$25
Walmart/Sam's \$100

The Gift Card Program is an excellent, easy and convenient way to help support your Parish so we encourage everyone to participate. There is great potential in this program. Purchase cards for all of your needs; everyday purchases, travel, and **gift giving for the holidays!!!**

Here are a few of our most popular gift cards. A complete list of the gift cards is available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church, on the website or at the Rectory Office. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave.

The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations required. Free secure parking at the Cathedral Plaza Garage—Rockwell Ave. & E. 9th Street. For more information, please email: [gheislman@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:gheislman@dioceseofcleveland.org).

**CLUSTER CORNER**

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Bingo...**join us for Bingo on Friday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come out for a fun night!

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—Bus Trip...**Sunday, December 11th 4:30-9:00 p.m. Stan Hywet "Deck the Hall" Spectacular. Adults \$25 Children \$15, under 6 Free. Family Friendly, Dazzle Light Show, animated Windows, Hot Cocoa, & Snacks. Contact Donna or Brian in the Parish Office 440-884-3030.

**ST. THOMAS MORE—Women's Power of Prayer Day...**All women are welcome on Saturday, December 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to take time out and witness how important prayer is. Registration forms are available at the rectory.



## HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th:  
4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. &  
10:00 p.m. (Vigil Masses)

### Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th:  
10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

### New Year's Day -

### Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 31st:  
4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st:  
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Individual confession each  
Saturday during Advent  
from  
2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

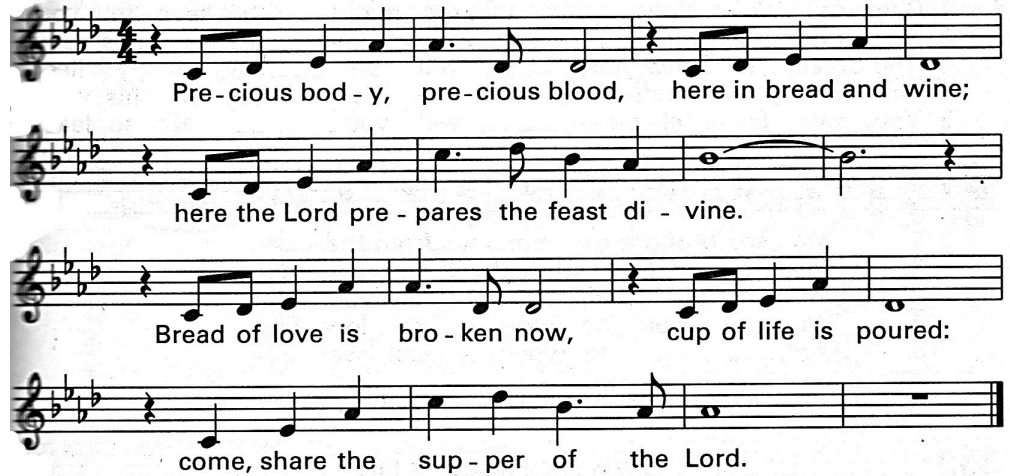
Friday, December 23rd at  
11:00 a.m.

No Confessions on  
Saturday, December 24th

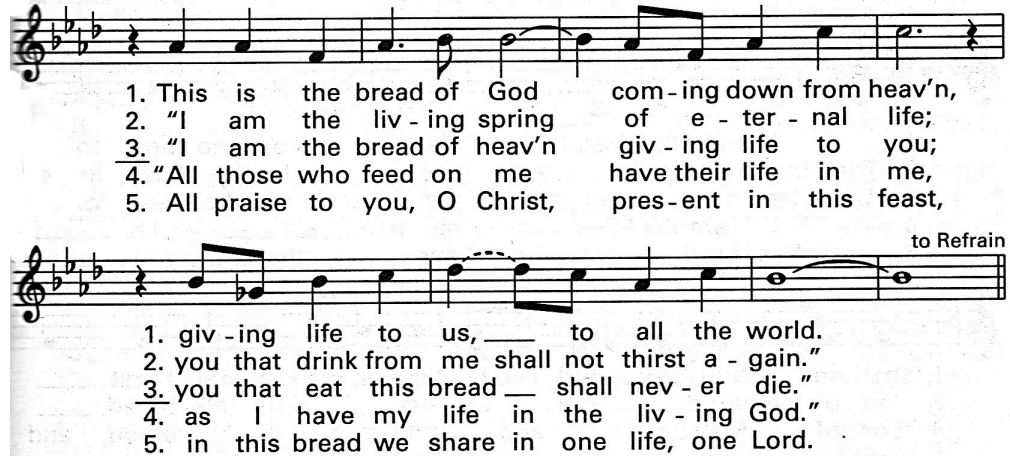
## THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

Laurence Rosania

### Refrain



### Verses



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## ADOPT-A-CHILD

Many names are still available for St. Leo's Adopt-a-Child for Christmas Program.  
Please call so each child will receive a gift.

If you wish to purchase a gift for a needy child,  
please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247 or  
Judi Westerburg at 216-642-0134.

**GIFTS ARE TO BE WRAPPED AND DROPPED OFF AT  
THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
FROM 3-7 P.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th**

If you cannot drop off your gifts at these times, you may leave  
them at the rectory anytime before December 9th.

Monetary contributions may be placed in the collection basket or left at the Rectory.  
Please mark "Adopt-A-Child" check payable to St. Leo the Great.