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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a and after the 11:00am Mass, 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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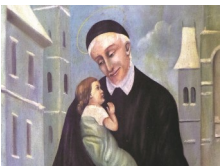


HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, prompted by the recent hurricanes and calamities that followed, is asking parishes to consider taking up a voluntary special collection to support the church and humanitarian needs arising from the disasters. Collected funds will be used where they are most needed.

Funds collected will be used to support the efforts of the USSCB for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the church and Catholic Charities USA/Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies/partners respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care and in aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts.

Please consider contributing to this special emergency collection **at this weekend's Masses on November 5th/6th.**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

With the leaves falling and the weather turning cooler your St. Vincent Outreach Organization is getting more requests for food. We presently serve 36 families.

Our monthly food collection is next weekend, November 12th & 13th. We are especially in need of:

Canned Sweet Potatoes	Cranberry Sauce	Stuffing Mix
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Canned Mixed Vegetables	Canned Baked Beans
Canned Pasta	Pasta Sauce	Canned Diced Tomatoes
Assorted Soups	Ramen Noodles	Tuna Fish
Rice & Noodle Sides	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Cereal
Canned Fruit	Dishwashing Soap	Bar Soap

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 and mark it "SVDP Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection baskets or take it to the rectory. We appreciate your helping us make their Thanksgiving dinner more complete.



Upcoming Events

During the month of November we will remember the parishioners who passed away during the past year at a special All Souls Memorial Holy Hour on

Sunday, November 20th, at 6:00 p.m. in the church.



NOVEMBER 10

POPE
ST. LEO
THE GREAT

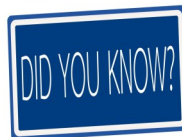
The Feast of St. Leo the Great, patron saint of our parish, will be November 10th. St. Leo the Great was elected pope in 440. During his tenure as pope, he fought heresies, convened significant councils of bishops, and saved the citizens of Rome by confronting Attila the Hun. St. Leo accomplished so much during his term as pope that he became one of the few popes with the distinction of "the Great". Though he died on April 11, 461, his legacy lives on in his profound writings. He was made a doctor of the church in 1754.

St. Leo the Great, pray for us.

Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the events and activities throughout the year!

We welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Please forward your photos to photos@leothegreat.org.

YOUR PHOTO HERE



Did you know: The rectory was once a separate building located on the northwest corner of Silverdale and Broadview Roads. At that time, the church was located on the southern end of the school building, and the priests would walk over to the church for Mass.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR **PRAYERS**

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Kristen Eble, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski, Megan Arena, Judy Kucia, Lena Sunyak, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Robert Coleman, Glen Balog, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, MaryKay Simonek, and Betty Popow

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 7th—Weekday

8:30am **NO MORNING MASS**

Tuesday, November 8th—Weekday

8:30am **NO MORNING MASS**

Wednesday, November 9th—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30am **NO MORNING MASS**

Friday, November 10th—Feast of St. Leo the Great

8:30am **NO MORNING MASS**

Saturday, November 11th—Weekday

4:00pm +MaryKay (The Zappitelli Family)

Sunday, November 12th—Weekday

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Stella Smolinski (The Kulwicki Family)

**Per Bishop Malesic, Communion Services should not be scheduled at the parish when the priest is away. The faithful should participate in the weekday Mass at the closest neighboring parish.*

St. Charles 7:00a

St. Barbara 7:30a

St. Francis de Sales 8:45a

Mary Queen of Peace 8:00a



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: 2 MACCABEES 7:1-2, 9-14

The two books of Maccabees describe a period of persecution suffered by the Jews about 150 years before Christ. At that time, they were a nation subject to Syria whose king tried to force them to abandon their religious customs. Today's passage describes the resistance of one family, whose bravery became legendary.

SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-3:5

The two letters to the Thessalonians were addressed to a Christian community founded by Paul early in his ministry travels. Thessalonica was located in the northeastern portion of modern-day Greece. Early Christians believed that Jesus would return soon; these letters address how they ought to live as they await that coming.

SUNDAY 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/
Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

MONDAY Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

TUESDAY Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn
2:13-22

THURSDAY Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

FRIDAY 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

SATURDAY 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8



CHRISTOPHER STEIN
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MADISON
IV THEOLOGY, SAINT MARY

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that they may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.



HE IS THE GOD OF THE LIVING



UNITED IN PRAYER
THIS VETERAN'S DAY
WE PRAY IN GRATITUDE
FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO
HAVE DEFENDED PEACE,
VIRTUE, AND JUSTICE
WITH HONOR.
WE PRAY ESPECIALLY
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
SUFFERED IN MIND
AND BODY FROM THE
RAVAGES OF WAR.
GOD'S BLESSINGS AND
HEALINGS UPON OUR
VETERANS TODAY
AND ALWAYS.

REST IN PEACE

Alleluia, Alleluia!
For Louie life has not
ended but merely changed.
Praise God for His Mercy.



In Loving Memory Of:

LOUIS JOHN KAZIMER, III

Entered Into Rest:
Sunday, October 23, 2022

Funeral Mass:
St. Leo The Great Church
Friday, October 28, 2022

Interment:
Brooklyn Heights Cemetery
Sec.: Cypress Row: M Grave: 39

Golubski Funeral Home
Cleve: 216-341-0940 / Parma: 440-886-0200
Golubskifuneralhome.com



Sanctuary Candle Intention
November 6th—November 20th

BOB ZARKO

Love,

Your wife, Rose

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ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 6, 2022 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation

Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?

St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, "Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend." Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. "For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages."

SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

"The God of the Living"

"Sic transit gloria mundi," is what they used to say at papal coronations. "So passes earthly glory." Everything is fleeting. Nothing is here to stay. But in reality, some things are forever. Our actions on earth do have the potential to reverberate in eternity.

Everyday Stewardship is a lifestyle that embraces what will last. It is being aware of how our choices and our actions can be received by God, and through His grace, amplified to showcase His glory.

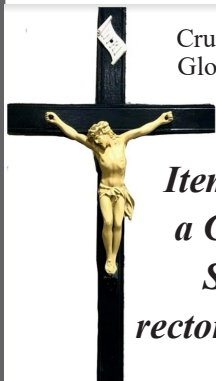
Your great-grandparents were married for 60 years. Maybe they shared the greatest love anyone in your family has ever seen, and maybe they raised up a whole family of kids. But they've been gone for a generation now, and no one living remembers the softness in their eyes when they looked at each other. And to read today's Gospel, you might even get the impression that their marriage was nothing more than an earthly whim. Gone. Fleeting. Temporal.

This week's readings invite us to contemplate the question: what exactly is immortal? What lasts beyond our earthly sojourn?

The seven brothers and their mothers whose martyrdom is told this weekend in Maccabees didn't die for the letter of the law, they died for the One who gave the law. In the same way, a marriage contract does not extend into eternity, but the fruits of a sacrificial love will live forever.

Good works, devotion, gratitude, selflessness, graciousness, accountability — these are all of God. He is not God of the dead; He is God of the living — and these are the things that last an eternity.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Crucifix circa 1931
Glow in the Dark!

*Items in need of
a Good Home!
Stop by the
rectory if interested.*



Piano in beautiful tune and condition.
Will need to provide your own movers.

Sacred Heart Wall Art



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

We celebrated a funeral Mass for Louis Kazimer III on Friday, October 28th. Louie worked at KFC for 32 years & on his 30th anniversary there, received a bike that he enjoyed riding. He was a faithful Catholic who attended Mass while he was able, read the Bible & had a devotion to St. Christopher. As always, I expressed to his family, especially his mother, brother & sister, our sympathies & the assurances of our prayers and faith during this time. Let us remember him, as we do all the deceased in a special way, during this month of November. The basket on the altar holds the envelopes upon which you wrote the names of your deceased loved ones whom we pray for at every Mass during this month.

Last weekend I mentioned in my homily how much I enjoy the continuous opportunity to learn more about the scriptures & about our faith, which is based upon the Word of God revealed to us in the Bible. Much of what I learn comes from spiritual books that are written either by contemporary authors or which were written by or about the saints. The book I just finished contained 365 quotes from Fulton Sheen, an Archbishop who has not yet been canonized but who is in the process of being recognized as one of the official saints of the Church. He was an American bishop known for his preaching and was heard on radio & seen on television especially during the 1950s & 1960's. I'm sure some of you will know who he is and will remember hearing & seeing him. Since there is nothing else pressing to report to you in this bulletin I thought I would share some of the quotes I found especially interesting in the book I just finished reading.

Here Sheen speaks of the uniqueness of the Christian faith: "In all other religions, one has to be good to come to God, but in Christianity one does not. Christianity is a 'come as you are' party. It bids us stop worrying about ourselves, stop concentrating on our faults and our feelings, and thrust them upon the Savior with the firm resolve of amendment."

This is an interesting statement which would seem to speak especially about those today who have given up the practice of the faith intentionally: "In almost 9 cases out of 10, those who have once had the faith but now reject it, or claim that it does not make sense, are driven not by reasoning but by the way they are living."

Even today, great evangelists (like Bishop Robert Barron), speak of the necessity of making a daily holy hour. Of course this is especially important for priests and something I strive to do at the beginning of each day, but everyone is called to be a person of prayer. Of course no one will just start making a holy hour every day if they have not done this in the past. It can begin very slowly, with even just a couple of minutes, which leads to 5 minutes, which leads to 10, which grows to 20, etc., until the time goes by so quickly that you find yourself praying for an hour. But this is not just an hour of talking to God. It is one of listening as well. For most people, this time of prayer is taken up with various types of speaking and listening: you can use the rosary, read part of the Bible, read a spiritual book, or just sit quietly in God's presence. Whatever moves you to prayer is good. About this holy hour, Archbishop Sheen said, "I have never in 55 years missed spending an hour in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. That's where sermons are born. That's where every good thought is conceived....prayer begins by talking to God but it ends by listening to him."

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 dates will be December 7, 2022, and January 4, 2023 and February 1, 2023.**

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.**

PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

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 jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

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 44109)
- 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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SENIORS

There will be a meeting on:

Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

This is our *Memorial Meeting* in which we will remember, in prayer, our members who passed away.

Since our Memorial Meeting back in 2019, we have lost 17 of our friends, which included 2 years away from each other due to the pandemic.

Please arrive around 11am. We will have lunch at Noon. With the meeting and Memorial to follow.

Please Note: This will be our last meeting before our Christmas Party on December 14th, 2022. We need to finalize our count for attendees which is open to both members and guests. Members cost to attend is \$15.00; the cost for a guest is \$22.00. Payment is needed no later than November 9, 2022. You may also send a check to our Treasurer, Dolores Zuchowski in the event you cannot attend the next meeting.)



O COME LET US ADORE HIM

In a world of darkness,
Bring a note of Christmas cheer
To our parish neighbors near.

Save the Date! Saturday, December 17 at 5 pm for Christmas caroling in St. Leo's neighborhood. All ages welcome. There will be something for everyone. We need singers, cooks/bakers, prayer/adorers, decorators and set-up and take down crews. Sign-ups will be after all weekend masses on December 3rd & 4th.

Call or Text Pat Dolezal
at 330.933.4992 or email her at
jgpadolezal@yahoo.com
for questions or to participate.



Slovenska Viliya Slovak Christmas Eve Supper Sunday, December 4, 2022

12:00p.m. Mass with dinner to follow-
Abbey Church & Benedictine H.S.

Tickets to this event are advance sales only
—Tickets WILL NOT be available at the door! \$25 for full meal

Please send check or money order along with a self-addressed envelope made out to:

Saint Andrew Abbey Viliya
10510 Buckeye Road, Cleveland, OH 44104

Your tickets will be mailed out to you. **Ticket orders must be received by Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

For more information, please call 216-721-5300 ext. 100
(Monday through Friday 8 AM until 3 PM)

Ralph Szubski, *Accordian Man*; Slovak Raffle, Slovak Christmas Cards and Oplatky available for purchase.

ROSARY

Please join us for the recitation of the rosary in church on:
Thursday, November 17th, at 7:00 p.m.
(Enter through the doors closest to the rectory)



ELECTION DAY

November 8, 2022

Resources can be found at dioceseofcleveland.org under *NEWS* where the Catholic Conference of Ohio urges voters to reflect upon these 4 things when preparing themselves to cast their votes:

- The sacredness of human life
- Applying a consistent moral framework
- Prudential discernment
- Serving as models of civil dialogue

Furthermore, in a message on the upcoming election from Bishop Edward Malesic, he reminds us when St. Pope John Paul II stated "Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." (Christifideles laici, No. 38)

PARISH SUPPORT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

Sunday Envelope	\$ 4,742.25
WeShare	\$ 1,820.00
Total	\$ 6,427.25
Capital Improvements	\$ 215.00
WeShare	\$ 130.00
Total	\$ 345.00
SVDP	\$ 90.00
WeShare	\$ 270.00
Total	\$ 360.00

Thank you for your generosity.



The Great Sweepstakes

October 31, 2022
John Sofcheck

