



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

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Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

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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.



"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ."

-Pope Leo I

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

October 24th to November 7th

IN LOVING MEMORY

Alex Somers

From Elizabeth Hirko



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.



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK



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, Bette Novak & Carole Phillips.

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, November 8th—Weekday

8:30am Happy Birthday Fr. Vesely!

Tuesday, November 9th—The Declaration of The Lat- eran Basilica

8:30am +Mike Gallo (Gallo Family)

Wednesday, November 10th—Feast of Saint Leo The Great

8:30am +Stephen Simonik (Bob Dobrowsky)

Thurs., November 11th—Saint Martin of Tours

8:30am Communion Service

First Friday, November 12th—Saint Josephat

8:30am +Casimer Rydzinski (Dan & Arlene)

First Saturday, November 13th—Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

4:00pm +Arthur Ceccarei (Robert & Barbara)

Sunday, November 14th—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People Of The Parish

11:00am +Alex Somers (Aunt Lizzy)

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. After predicting a drought which did, in fact, take place, he fled to a place where God provided for his needs. Later, God directed him to the city of Zarephath, which was across the northern border of Israel in the pagan territory of Phoenicia. The drought had led to a famine and we see its effects in today's passage.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

On Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), the high priest sacrificed a goat on the altar in the temple. Then he took some of the blood into the holiest place in the temple sanctuary where only he was allowed to go. There, he sprinkled that blood as a renewal of the blood covenant made at Mount Sinai, and prayed that God would forgive all the sins the people had committed during the previous year. This ritual is the backdrop for today's reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

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

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

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



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



November 1, 2021— Paulette Prokop
\$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.

David Chojnacki
St. Mary, Hudson
III Theology, Saint Mary



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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

Collection.....	\$ 4,371.00
WeShare (Online).....	\$ 1,683.25
Total.....	\$ 6,054.25

Missionary.....\$1,432.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Dear Parishioners,

Last week I visited and anointed a woman by the name of Rosalie Zupancic who was in Hospice Care in Euclid. She joined the faithful departed and was buried from our church this weekend (on Saturday, October 30th). She was a member of St. Leo the Great for a very long time and I'm glad I had the opportunity to speak with her before her passing as she was a woman of deep faith. She was devoted to St. Jude and to the prayer of the rosary. We include her in our prayers for all the faithful departed especially during this month of November and express our sympathy to her children and grandchildren.

On November 2nd, the feast of All Souls, we had a Holy Hour (actually it was about 45 minutes long but that's close enough!) as we prayed for all the faithful departed, especially for those who were buried from our parish during this last year (November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021). We had a wonderful showing of people who appreciated how well it was planned by Joan Berigan and then presided over by Deacon Pat. So my continued thanks to them for their creativity and service to the parish community. We will leave the names of the deceased from our parish displayed on the large screen during our Masses this weekend and again invite you to write in the name (s) of deceased loved ones you would like us to pray for during this month of November in the book by the baptismal font. May all of our faithful departed rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

I just want to include here a little "shout out" to all of our parish and school staff. Especially with the parish school, we have many employees here at our parish, though I don't like to think of them so much as employees as co-workers and co-ministers as it takes a village, the saying goes, to raise a child (or 300 of them) and to serve the adults of our parish, also God's children, who make up our community. I am grateful to all of our school teachers, many of them new and young this year, who have joined us, not just in providing an excellent academic opportunity for our children but to do so in an atmosphere of faith, which is what makes the Catholic School so different from the public schools. I am also grateful to our maintenance staff who do an excellent job of maintaining all of our buildings...the rectory, the church, the parish center, & the school with the gym and cafeteria. Plus they do much maintenance on our parish grounds as well. They are understaffed right now as we are having a very hard time hiring workers like most of the country. So my thanks to them for doing more than their share of taking good care of our grounds & buildings. As you know from your encounters with our rectory staff, we have helpful and caring people who assist others in a hundred different ways. And again, my appreciation for our Principal, Denise Burns, who oversees both the elementary and preschool, and does so with great dedication and a sincere desire to do the very best for our children, their parents, and our staff. Top it all off with Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan, and I am filled with gratitude for such good leadership and service. I am very proud of all our staff members here at St. Leo's and I hope you too can express your appreciation to them when given the opportunity. They are the ones who allow us to serve you to the best of our ability.

Fr. James Schmitz



St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group has recently gotten off the ground. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of a loved one. Whether you lost a spouse, a sibling or other family member or close friend you are welcome to join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about one hour; we pray and we share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. The meeting dates for the remainder of the year are November 3 and December 1.

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.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



With the leaves falling and the weather turning cooler, your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization is getting more requests for food. We are presently serving 36 families. Our monthly food collection is next weekend, November 13th and 14th. We are especially in need of SWEET POTATOES, STUFFING MIX, CRANBERRY SAUCE, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, ELBOW MACARONI, CANNED PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, MACARONI AND CHEESE, SPAGHETTI NOODLES, CANNED SLICED TOMATOES, RICE AND NOODLE SIDES, SKILLET DINNERS, CANNED PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, RAMEN NOODLES, ASSORTED SOUPS, TUNA FISH, CANNED VEGETABLES, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, CANNED FRUIT, PANCAKE SYRUP, BAR SOAP AND DISHWASHING SOAP. Thank you very much for your support.

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. Please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVPD Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection basket or box or take it to the rectory. We appreciate you helping us make their Thanksgiving dinner more complete.



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 weekend. 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.

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



AN INVITATION TO PRAY FOR LIFE

The St. Columbkille Pro-Life Group invites our parishioners as well as our neighboring parishes and their parishioners, to pray with us in front of the Planned Parenthood office on the corner of Broadview and Brookpark Roads each Saturday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This witness for life, initiated by Suburban West Right to Life, is a great opportunity to stand against abortion in a peaceful and prayerful way with neighbors close to home.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 7, 2021
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

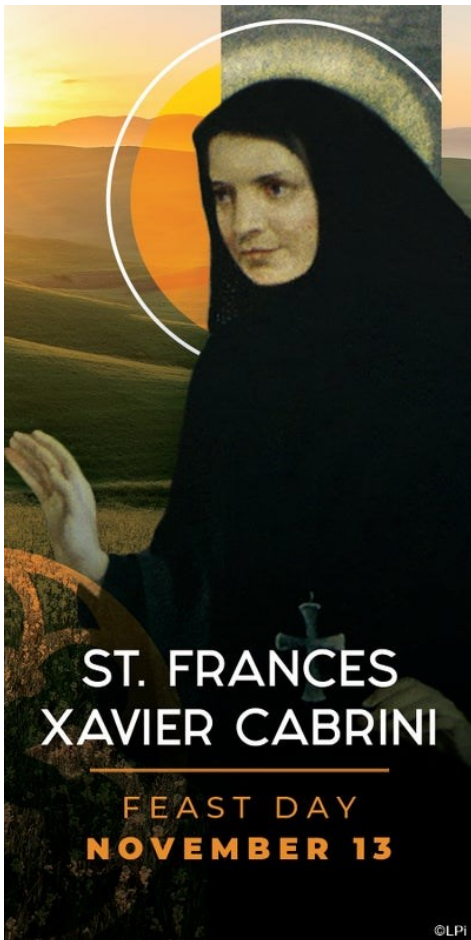
The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.



CHOIR

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

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini | Feast Day November 13

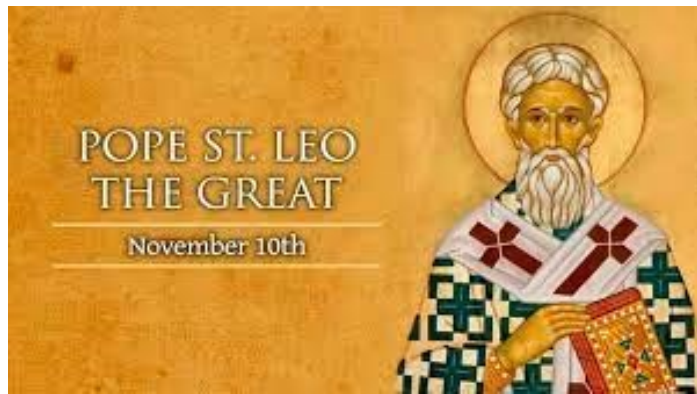


You may recognize the name St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) as the first United States citizen to become a saint. Known for her deep trust in God, she was a courageous woman doing the work of Christ.

Her life of service began when she was first refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher. Not one to take things face value, she instead focused her charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, and in 1877, professed vows there and took the religious habit.

When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named St. Frances Xavier Cabrini prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. However, she had a dream she was determined to fulfill. Since her early childhood, she had dreamed of being a missionary in China. Pope Leo XIII, however, urged her to see the need in the west. She traveled with six of her fellow religious sisters to New York City, where they worked with the thousands of Italian immigrants residing there.

Although she experienced many disappointments during this time, she persevered. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. Rather than come back to Italy and the order she oversaw, she instead found a way to establish that orphanage elsewhere — plus a few more. Throughout her life, she is known for founding 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1917.



"Peace is the first thing the angels sang. Peace is the mark of the children of God. Peace is the nurse of love. Peace is the mother of unity. Peace is the rest of the blessed souls. Peace is the dwelling place of eternity." -Pope Leo I

Born to the Italian nobility. Strong student, especially in scripture and theology. Priest. Eloquent writer and homilist.

Pope from 440 to 461 during the time of the invasion of Attila the Hun. When Attila marched on Rome, Leo went out to meet him and pleaded for him to leave. As Leo spoke, Attila saw the vision of a man in priestly robes, carrying a bare sword, and threatening to kill the invader if he did not obey Leo; Attila left. As Leo had a great devotion to Saint Peter the Apostle, it is generally believed the first pope was the visionary opponent to the Huns. When Genseric invaded Rome, Leo's sanctity and eloquence saved the city again.

Called the *Council of Chalcedon* to condemn heresies of the day. Fought Nestorianism, Monophysitism, Manichaeism, and Pelagianism. Built churches. Wrote letters and sermons encouraging and teaching his flock, many of which survive today; it is for these writings that Leo was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1574.



