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St. Leo the Great Church
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Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM
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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.



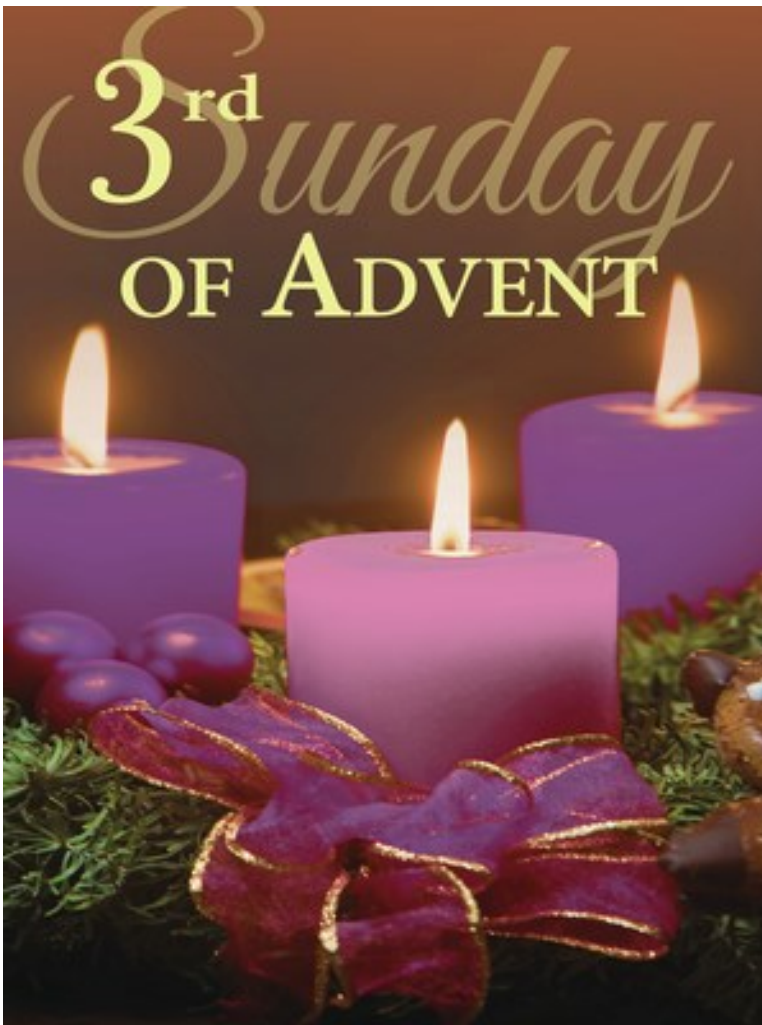
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do you ever feel inwardly dry and parched? Where do you turn to gain a refreshed sense of being and purpose? Just as we often do not refresh our physical bodies with what is healthiest, we make the same mistake with our soul. We do not always reach for the healthiest spiritual food. We confuse our inner dryness with something else and reach out for the wrong thing. It is no wonder why so many people are lost and confused. We will never be completely satisfied or whole this side of our journey. A good measure of patience and waiting is needed as we hope for the rain water of God's presence to fall upon us. When are we going to finally realize that Jesus the One who has come to refresh us, and we no longer have to search for another? Our souls will find refreshment and rest only when they rest in God.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS



'Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donations to last week's collection.

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." (Mt 11:10)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

TIME TO REMEMBER...In this Advent Season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of the Son of God into our lives. It's a joyous and busy time, but, it is a time too, for some quiet reflection on what that really means, the Son of God has come into our lives. In your quiet time and your prayerful reflection, please remember those who are hungry, forgotten, lonely or deprived. Help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization with your donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes. Thank you very much for your help.



ADOPT-A-CHILD

Please drop off all Adopt-a-Child for Christmas gifts at the Parish Community Center this Saturday, December 14th, 3-7pm. All gifts must be in by 7pm Saturday.

Monetary contributions may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Rectory. Please mark "Adopt-a-Child" on the envelope and make the check payable to St. Leo Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK



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



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 Kopal, Jeanne Karasek, George Aloschen, Herb Mayville, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Walter Milewskii & Dorothy Forister.



Monday, December 16th - Advent Weekday
7:30am + Delfina & Vincente (Family)

Tuesday, December 17th - Late Advent Weekday
7:30am +Maga Noga (Family)

Wednesday, December 18th - Late Advent Weekday
7:30am Fr. James Vesely’s 65th Anniversary of Ordination

Thursday, December 19th - Late Advent Weekday
7:30am Communion Service

Friday, December 20th- Late Advent Weekday
8:30am +Ramon Cancino, Sr. (Cora Cancino)

Saturday, December 21st - St. Peter Canisius
4:00pm +Seniors

Sunday, December 22nd- Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00am +Alfred Golias (Family)
11:00am People of the Parish



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



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

We are now selling Great Sweepstakes tickets. Tickets are available at the Rectory Office or at the Information Desk in the back of the Church. You can also find a Great Sweepstakes ticket in this week’s bulletin.

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.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a

TV coverage of events in the Middle East has familiarized us with the empty expanse of arid desert described in today’s reading. Therefore, we can appreciate the unbelievable transformation which Isaiah promises. The prophet says that the desert will become a lush garden, as God’s chosen people return singing and dancing from their 70-year exile in Babylon.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

The letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed to a group of Christians who were disappointed that Jesus had not yet returned in glory. Using an agricultural image, the author encourages them to keep their hope alive as they face the day -to-day trials of life.

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

Sr. Kathryn of the Holy Trinity Lopez, HMMS Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Newly Professed



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

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c /Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



Sunday, December 1st

Basket Collection.....	\$ 9,891.00
WeShare (online)	965.00
Total	\$10,856.00
Human Development.....	373.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

We are very happy to have Father Vesely here this weekend to celebrate the 4pm Mass on Saturday when we will present him with a gift on behalf of the parish. He is celebrating his 65th Anniversary of Ordination (which is Wednesday, December 18th). We are very grateful that he has served the Church so faithfully over 65 years, and we are especially happy that he has served the people of St. Leo the Great for many years in his retirement. Bishop Perez will be celebrating Mass at 9:30am this Monday at Mount Alverna where Father Vesely lives and I will be there to concelebrate along with his classmates. Though seating is limited, I know of some parishioners who will be there as well. May he have many more years!

Before some people ever see the inside of our church, they visit us first on our parish website, leothegreat.org. Many people today look for information on websites before calling or visiting a certain place, and that includes churches. So Google reached out to us (as St. Leo the Great is easily found through Google Maps which is on millions of smartphones as well as on the internet), and offered us the option of taking professional pictures of the inside of our church. These pictures were then stitched together by Google to provide 360° views of the inside of the church and they provide a wonderful “tour” of our beautiful worship space. Google then gives us the rights to use these pictures and views as we wish. So we will be updating our website with these as well. (Since they took these pictures while our shrines were being worked on, they will come back now that they are finished & take new pictures of the shrines which are completed).

We also have access to the analytical information which details how many visitors we get to our website as well as details on what they are looking for and even how they found us. So you may be surprised to learn that in the last 30 days, we have had 2,115 visits to our website. 1,321 people found us through a search engine (such as through Google), 663 came to us directly (by typing in leothegreat.org) and 111 found us through social media. Our home page received 1,002 page views, our parish bulletins had 683 visits, and 212 people had looked at our page about our school staff while 201 were looking for school information and forms. Finally, 1,126 people viewed our website using their mobile device (smartphone), 834 on their desktop browser and 155 on their tablet (such as an iPad). I share all this technical information with you to show how important our website is for providing current information about our parish community and our parish school. Again, it is the preferred way for many people to find us, contact us and get information about us. So if someone asks you about our parish, please suggest that they visit our website (the “URL” or Internet address is found on this bulletin you are reading). We are also working on a new website for our parish school which will be linked from our homepage and will let you know when that is live.

Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S



Monday, December 16th

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, December 17th

8:30am SVDP Packing/Distributing Church
5:00pm SVDP Food Distribution Church
7:00pm School Christmas Concert Lux
7:00pm AA Group Basement

Wednesday, December 18th

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, December 19th

1:00pm Women's Knitting Group Conference
4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux
7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux

Friday, December 20th— 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, December 21st

7:30am CYO Basketball Site Center
2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions Church
3:00pm Grapevine Basement

Sunday, December 22nd

11:00am CYO Basketball Site Centers Lux

REMEMBRANCE TREES



Ornaments in remembrance of loved ones will be available before and after all of the Masses this weekend, December 14th & 15th and next weekend, December 21st & 22nd. Names of loved ones can be written on the ornaments and hung on the trees in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The ornaments can be taken home in January at the conclusion of the Christmas season.

FR. VESELY'S
65TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION
TO THE PRIESTHOOD



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Fr. James Vesely as he celebrates his 65th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. A Mass will be celebrated at Mt. Alverna this Monday, December 16th at 9:30am in their Chapel to commemorate this special occasion. Bishop Nelson Perez will be the celebrant. May God continue to bless Fr. Vesely as he continues to serve the Church through his Priesthood.



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS
MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The Great Sweepstakes - 2020

\$30 per ticket

You can W\$N Multiple Times January 1, 2020 thru November 10, 2020

DRAWING DATES—\$100

2020
January 6, 13, 20, & 27
February 3, 10, 17, & 24
March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
April 6, 13, 20, & 27
May 4, 11, 18, & 25

Weekly Drawings



2020(cont.)
June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
July 6, 13, 20, & 27
August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
September 7, 14, 21, & 28
October 5, 12, 19, & 26
November 2, & 9

DRAWING DATES—\$200

New Years Day 2020
Easter Sunday 2020
Mother's Day 2020

Special Drawings



Father's Day 2020
4th of July 2020

Super Drawing



ST. LEO'S FEAST DAY
November 10, 2020



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

The Great Sweepstakes

Please Print

NAME: _____

CITY/STATE & ZIP _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE & EMAIL _____

Please return this stub with your payment of \$30. Please make checks payable to St. Leo the Great.

Questions? Please call the Rectory Office at 216.661.1006
or, visit our website at www.leothegreat.org

Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly!

The school hallways are looking a lot like Christmas. Actually, Christmas Around the World.

Each class picked a country and decorated their bulletin boards to represent that country's Christmas traditions!

The countries represented were Italy, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, USA, Australia, Iceland, and Poland.



 **HOLIDAY**
Mass Schedule GLPI

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th:
4:00pm, 7:00pm, & 10:00pm
(Vigil Masses)



CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th:
8:00am & 11:00am

Confession Schedule

Each Saturday during Advent:
2:45pm to 3:30pm

Saturday, December 21st
both Fr. Schmitz & Fr. O'Grady will be
available for confessions.

Monday, December 23rd—11:00am

**New Year's Day - SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD :**
Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31st—4:00pm Vigil
Mass
(No 7:30am Mass)

Wednesday, January 1st—11:00am

Have YOU been
purchasing your...

**Gift
Cards**



THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

Are you planning on using gift cards for your
shopping needs? If so, you can place your order in
early to assure we have your favorite cards on hand.

Supplies may be limited as we try to keep our
inventory to a minimum. Cards can be ordered and
received in a couple of days.

**PLEASE STOP BY OUR RECTORY OFFICE AND
PURCHASE SOME TODAY!**

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We will be closed on:

**Tuesday, December 24th —Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 25th—Christmas Day
& Thursday, Dec. 26th**

We will reopen at 9:00am Friday, December 27th.

**Tuesday, December 31st—New Year's Eve
Wednesday January 1st—New Year's Day &
Thursday, January 2nd**

We will reopen at 9:00am Friday, January 3rd.

