



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2016

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SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

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
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, & Brett Bennett.



December 19th to December 25th

Monday, December 19th: Late Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. +Doris Aigner-Copfer
(Laurel & George Hirkala)

Tuesday, December 20th: Late Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. +Ramon Cancino (Cora Cancino)

Wednesday, December 21st: St. Peter Canisius

7:30 a.m. +Loretta Weber (James & Gerry Tisch)

Thursday, December 22nd: Late Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. +John & Bernice Kozlowski (Family)

Friday, December 23rd: St. John of Kanty

8:30 a.m. +John Rocha (Phyllis Rocha)

Saturday, December 24th: Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

10:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25th: Nativity of the Lord

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. People of the Parish



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

Congratulations to:

WALTER ALFEN

\$100.00 December 12th Winner

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



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

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

Edward Miller
St. Mary of the Falls, Olmsted Falls
First Year, Borromeo



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

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

In today's passage, the prophet Isaiah speaks to the Jewish King Ahaz, who is more interested in politics than religion. Isaiah announces that the wife of Ahaz will soon have a son, who will be a better king than his father. Christians have seen in this passage a deeper meaning, namely, Mary giving birth to Jesus.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

The opening words of the letter to the Romans are an example of the classical style of letter writing at that time: Paul first identifies himself, extends a greeting, gives some helpful information about himself, and personalizes his letter by naming the community to who he is writing. Paul highlights the fact that Jesus was descended from the royal House of David. Early Christian (many of them from the lower class) were particularly proud of this.

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2016

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, December 11th, 2016

Sunday.....\$6,822.50
Assessments.....\$166.00
Immaculate Conception.....\$2,410.50
Envelopes used.....330

Thank you for your continued support.

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I just noticed two spelling errors from my column in the December 4th bulletin. I spelled convalescence and recuperating wrong. To be honest, I think I spelled them correctly but then my computer spelled them wrong just to make a fool out of me. Computers are suppose to correct our mistakes, not conspire to make us look stupid. Anyway, I noticed it today so I have the last laugh...that is, if computers are capable of laughing or of being laughed at.

Here's something that really made me laugh: Abby the cat climbed my Christmas tree & knocked off an ornament that Michaela has been trying to get at (Michaela thinks every stuffed animal or ornament is her toy). It seems they are both conspiring against me too. We'll see who's really laughing when they get empty stockings this year. Yes, my dog & cat actually have stockings. What's the world coming to?

So you can see that I'm really stalling here because I'm anxious to get to my Christmas message but that's not until next week's bulletin. But I do want to wish a Happy Birthday to some people who happen to share a birthday month with Jesus. The first is parishioner Mary Hillman who turned 103 this past week. She has seen a lot of Christmas's & hope that she has saved her stockings every year for Santa to fill. Another parishioner, Dorothy Day, celebrates her birthday on Saturday, December 24th. She missed it by one day. My stepmother also turned 97 this past week so she cooked a nice meal for herself and my dad. She's a good cook & I hope she'll be able to keep on cookin' for many years. Our Music Director, Mickey Stitt also has a birthday on Monday but I won't dare tell you her age. Let's just say she's under 103 and even 97. Finally, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, turns 80 this weekend on December 17th. I'm still trying to figure out what to get him. What do you get a Pope that has everything? There's one more birthday coming up soon but we'll keep that one a surprise. Just show up for the party here next Sunday.

Fr. Vesely & I will be hearing confessions this Friday, December 23rd at 11am since there will be no confessions of course next Saturday which is Christmas Eve. But one more reminder that Mass next Saturday, December 24th, will be at 4pm, 7pm & 10pm. Mass on Christmas Day will be at 10am & 12pm. There will be no 8am Mass on Christmas morning.

Please bring your friends & family with you to Mass next weekend as we celebrate the great feast of our Lord's birthday. As we sing, all are welcome in this place!

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S
December 19th to December 25th**Monday, December 19th**

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, December 20th

8:30 a.m. SVDP Packing/Receiving	Church
3:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
4:15 p.m. Sr. Erin Cohort Training	Great
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	Francis
6:45 p.m. Girl Scouts #70220	Great
7:00 p.m. 7th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux

Wednesday, December 21st

4:00 p.m. 4th gr. girls basketball practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 8th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	Church

Thursday, December 22nd

1:00 p.m. Knitting Group	Francis
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 23rd

11:00 a.m. Confessions	Church
4:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 7th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
6:30 p.m. Choir practice	Church
7:30 p.m. Recovery International	Francis

Saturday, December 24th—CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 p.m. Grapevine	Great
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Sunday, December 25th— CHRISTMAS DAY**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.

REMEMBRANCE TREES

Ornaments in remembrance of loved ones will be available before and after all of the Masses this weekend, December 17th & 18th. 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 at the conclusion of the Christmas season.

ST. LEO THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWS

Dear St. Leo the Great Community,

It is hard to believe that it is already the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Our Preschool and Day School students have been taking extra time for prayer and reflection this Advent Season, while at the same time making some great gifts for their loved ones. In our foyer area we have an Advent Wreath in addition to our 8 ft. Christmas Tree. Each classroom has made ornaments that have been used to decorate the tree. This past week we have enjoyed the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Band and Chorus at the Christmas Concert, as well as the Kindergarten Nativity Play. Thursday we closed out the week with our Advent Prayer Service and Friday Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade will be enjoying the Polar Express.

Be assured of our prayers to all of you for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Peace,
Sister Erin



**LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**



As we gather on this Fourth Sunday of Advent our anticipation for the coming of the Messiah heightens and intensifies. Our desire to connect with the source of who we are, God himself, takes on greater fervor. We anticipate the salvation Christ brings, which promises us a renewed spirit and freedom. We all long to be free. What binds us and prevents us from embracing what God desires to give? If we desire, we can taste this freedom now and then possess it fully when Christ comes!

**RECTORY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S
OFFICE HOURS**

The Rectory Office will be closed:



Saturday, Christmas Eve
Sunday, Christmas Day
Monday, December 26th
Tuesday, December 27th.

We will reopen at 9:00 a.m. Wed., December 28th.

New Year's Eve
New Year's Day
Monday, January 2nd

We will be reopen at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3rd.

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



*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us." —Mt 1:23*

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.

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

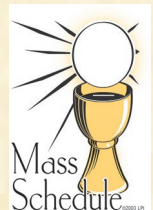
Saturday Vigil
4:00 p.m.

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.



AGING RELIGIOUS



Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly

honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

GIFT CARD CERTIFICATES



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

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!



Online Giving is now available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leothegreat.org) to sign up.

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. There you will find information, prices, and forms.

BUS TRIPS

Wednesday, January 18th—Wayne County Brown Bag Tour, Wooster, OH—\$77.00 per person

- ♦ JM Smucker (receive a jar of jam), Everything Rubbermaid (receive a Rubbermaid product), Das Dutch Kitchen (lunch included), P. Graham Dunn (tour & gift included), Lehman's Hardware (receive a treat)
- ♦ Depart: 9:30 a.m.—Return Home: approx. 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, February 16th—Scioto Downs, Columbus, OH - \$32.00 per person

- ♦ Casino bonus: \$20 free slot play & \$5 food
- ♦ Depart: 8:30 a.m.—Return Home: approx. 8:00 p.m.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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.



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2017 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2017 Mass Intention Book is open. Each parishioner household may have 4 Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES
TICKETS MAKE GREAT
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The Great Sweepstakes

\$30 per ticket for a full years participation.

You can W\$N Multiple Times November 14, 2016 thru November 10, 2017

DRAWING DATES—\$100

2016

November 14, 21 & 28
December 5, 12, 19 & 26

2017

January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
February 6, 13, & 27
March 6, 13, 20 & 27
April 3, 10, 17 & 24



2017 (con't)

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
June 5, 12, 19 & 26
July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
August 7, 14, 21 & 28
September 4, 11, 18 & 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
November 6

Special Drawings

DRAWING DATES—\$200

New Years Day 2017
President's Day 2017
Mother's Day 2017



Father's Day 2017
4th of July 2017

SUPER Drawings

DRAWING DATES—\$1000

Christmas Day 2016
Easter Sunday 2017



St. Leo's Feast Day 2017



ST. LEO THE GREAT
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The Great Sweepstakes

Please Print

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ADDRESS: _____

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