



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

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CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2017



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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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*A
Child
is
Born*



ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER... Sarah Geier, Edward P.



Gorczyca, Betty Jayne Glover,
Bob McLaughlin, Stella
Sugalski, Mary Jane Funta,
Theresa Pauloski, Annamae
Sironen, Ann Szpansky, Larry Kuznik, Jo Hoffman,
Anna Mendoza, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Diane
Soler, Muffie Bone, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn,
Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Charles Hakain, Walter
Milewski, Harriet Watson, Megan Sunyak, Dianne
Holland, August Bublavy, Miriam Fontaine, Irene
Smith, Joann Holman, Dennis Badar, Barbara Perez &
Family, Dagen McCormick & William Shinko.

*O COME
all ye faithful*

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

Terri Halter

December 18, 2017 - \$100 Winner

CONGRATULATIONS!



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or the Rectory Office.



We pray that these men, studying to be priests in the Diocese of Cleveland may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

We also continue to pray for all those who are discerning a call to religious life.



PARISH SUPPORT

Due to the early publication of this holiday bulletin, the financial information for December 17th will be included in next week's bulletin.

THANK YOU
for your generosity



December 25th to December 31st

Monday, December 25th: CHRISTMAS

11:00am People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 26th: St. Stephen

7:30am +Mary Pasela (Husband)

Wednesday, December 27th: St. John

7:30am +Ruthanne Lennox (Chris Rath)

Thursday, December 28th: The Holy Innocents

7:30am To be announced

Friday, December 29th: St. Thomas Becket

8:30am +Helen Sabatula (Ron Sabatula, Husband)

7:00pm Rosary in Church

Saturday, December 30th: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm +Joseph Rifici (Friends & Family)

Sunday, December 31st: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00am +John Kozlowski (Family)

11:00am People of the Parish

First Reading: 2Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a

Today's passage refers to the "Ark of God" which was a wooden chest overlayed by gold, where the stone tablets of the 10 Commandments were kept. King David, rich and comfortable in his palace, felt the Ark deserved to be housed in similar splendor. God will tell David that a physical building is not as important as the "house" (that is, the dynasty) of David. Christians have seen this prophecy fulfilled in Christ, who was born of the House of David.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Our second Scripture reading is the conclusion of Paul's long letter to the Romans. It is one sentence, and it is very much like a toast offered to God. In effect, Paul is saying that it all comes down to this: We should give thanks to God that salvation is available to all people through faith in Jesus Christ.

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 /Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 /Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 /Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 /Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 /Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 /Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, /Lk 2:22-40

Dear Parishioners,

First things first: Father Vesely & I welcome all of you here today, especially those who are visitors to our parish. We want you to know that we are always happy to have you join us in the praise of God. May the love *from* God and the love *for* God be the reason for your joy today.

Many people expressed to us the joy of reading a book that we gave away last year to everyone who joined us for Christmas Mass. They found it inspiring & thought-provoking. We decided to do the same again this year so please be sure to receive a copy of the book entitled "Perfectly Yourself" written by the same author of the book "Resisting Happiness" which we gave last year. It is written by a Catholic family man named Matthew Kelly. I read the book myself during Advent and found it to be full of practical wisdom as it challenges us not to be perfect but perfectly ourselves. And there is a difference. I encourage you to underline or highlight passages you find especially interesting or helpful and to make notes in the margins. But also feel free to pass it on to someone else when you're finished with it. I know you'll find it full of insights.

In our rectory office we also have available a DVD (part of a whole series) in which Bishop Robert Barron shows us why Michelangelo has been one of the most influential people in Church history. Bishop Barron is a popular and interesting speaker who uses social media to help people better understand & appreciate the riches of Catholicism. Since we have limited copies, please stop by the office and ask for one if you have a DVD player at home. You can also find much of his great work online at wordonfire.org, YouTube, etc.

Of course it also brings us great joy when you express your kindness to us through cards and holiday treats. Between the graying hair and the expanding belly, I'm looking more & more like Santa every year. At least you help me to be jolly in the process.

I also received word from parishioner Jeanne Sabol that once again you have manifested your generosity in our annual Adopt a Child for Christmas program this year. We distributed over 500 gifts and collected a total of \$2890! Plus the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association will contribute an additional \$600 in matching funds. Jeanie suggested that we add at least 2 more charities to be the recipients of such generosity this year, such as The Malachi Center & the Backdoor Ministry of St. Malachi Parish. Both of these serve the homeless with meals every day and offer a shower program and after school care plus other services. Like last year, we also split the funds between Providence House, Womankind, St. Colman's and our own St. Vincent de Paul Outreach organization. As Jeanne expressed, our parishioners are most generous & we hope that bringing joy to others will bring joy to you as well.

Fr. Jim Schnitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S



Monday, December 25th—CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 26th—Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27th

4:00 p.m. 6th gr. boys practice Lux

5:30 p.m. 5th gr. girls practice Lux

7:00 p.m. 3rd gr. boys practice Lux

Thursday, December 28th

1:00 p.m. Women's Knitting Group Conference

3:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys practice Lux

4:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys practice Lux

5:30 p.m. 7th gr. boys practice Lux

7:00 p.m. 8th gr. boys practice Lux

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Great

Friday, December 29th

4:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys practice Lux

5:30 p.m. 3rd gr. girls practice Lux

7:00 p.m. 6th gr. boys practice Lux

7:00 p.m. Rosary Church

7:30 p.m. Recovery International Basement

Saturday, December 30th

2:45 p.m. Confessions Church

3:00 p.m. Grapevine Basement

Sunday, December 31st - New Year's Eve



The Rectory Office will be closed:

Monday, Christmas Day & Tuesday, Dec. 26th

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

Monday, New Year's Day

We will be reopen at 9:00am Tuesday, January 2nd.



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary

Not a Holy Day of Obligation—Regular Schedule

Monday, January 1st:

7:30am

**LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**



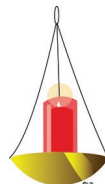
A people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! Today is born our savior, Jesus Christ. As the image of the invisible God, he is the light that illuminates the paths of our lives. He alone shows us how to be truly human and teaches us that humanity is blessed with the very presence of God. Fully human and fully

divine, Jesus shows us how to order our relationships--our relationship with God, others, ourselves, and the world in which we live. Today he calls us to peace once again and to live with justice, mercy, and compassion on our lips and in our actions.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

December 24th to January 6th



**To: GLRME Wishing you a blessed
Christmas season & a joyous, peaceful
2018.**

With Love, Jackie

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas time is that time of the year for reflecting on all the good we have been blessed with and a time for holding family and friends close. But for many in our community this special day is spent quite different. Please pray for peace in our world, but also remember that "peace" means not being hungry or alone, cold or homeless, sick or afraid. Help your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization give our neighbors that true sense of peace with a donation in the Poor Boxes. Thank you very much for your help throughout the year and Merry Christmas to you all!

ROSARY



Please join us in honoring Mary with the recitation of the rosary at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29th. Please enter through the doors closest to the rectory. What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our

Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.

REGISTER WITH US



Have you been joining us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, at the rectory office, or call 216-661-1006.

2018 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2018 Mass Intention Book is now open. Each parishioner household may have 4 Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

Eucharistic



Adoration

Please come for a little while this First Friday, January 5th, and visit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration!

This devotion is held every month on the First Friday at St. Leo's, from just after the 8:30 am Mass until 5:00 pm.

Jesus **MUST** not be left alone! Please come and spend a few minutes, an hour, or whatever time you can give to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We especially need people to come in the afternoon, from 1:00 until 5:00 pm, but whenever you are able to fit it into your schedule will be great.

Any questions, call the rectory office. (216-661-1006)



ST. LEO THE GREAT
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The Great Sweepstakes

\$30 per ticket for a full years participation.

You can W\$N Multiple Times November 13, 2017 thru November 10, 2018

DRAWING DATES—\$100

2017

November 13, 20 & 27
December 4, 11, 18

2018

January 8, 15, 22 & 29
February 5, 12, & 26
March 5, 12, 19 & 26
April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Weekly Drawings



2018(con't)

May 7, 14, 21 & 28
June 4, 11, 18 & 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
August 6, 13, 20 & 27
September 3, 10, 17 & 24
October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
November 5

DRAWING DATES—\$200

New Years Day 2018
President's Day 2018
Mother's Day 2018

Special Drawings



Father's Day 2018
4th of July 2018

SUPER Drawings



DRAWING DATES—\$1000

Christmas Day 2017
Easter Sunday 2018

St. Leo's Feast Day
November 10, 2018



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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

CAVALIERS BASKETBALL



The 8th grade boys basketball team has the opportunity to play Metro Catholic at Quicken Loans Arena on Thursday, March 1st. For \$37.00 you will receive the following:

- Ticket for St. Leo the Great vs. Metro Catholic - 2:30 to 4:00pm
- Ticket for Cavs vs. 76ers - 8:00pm
- Ticket for an upcoming Monsters game

If interested, please contact Matt Tullos at mtullos@leothegreat.org.

Make checks payable to "St. Leo".

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. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.

BUS TRIP

HOLLYWOOD CASINO, COLUMBUS, OH

Thursday, February 16th—\$30 p/p

Report: 8:30am - Depart: 9:00am

Arrive at Casino: 11:45am

Casino Bonus: \$5 free slot play & \$5 food
(subject to change)

Depart: 5:15pm with rest stop enroute—on own

Arrive: 8:00pm back at St. Leo's

All passengers must have a driver's license,
or a state ID with them

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!



HELP THE HOMELESS THANK YOU

Your overwhelming generosity provided 3 SUV's packed full of donations for the homeless.

A letter from Malachi Center said, "Thank you so much for your generous gifts of duffle bag donations and your ongoing support. With your help, Malachi Center is able to provide life changing services for children, men and women in need. It is a safe haven where the homeless, low income families and their children can build on their strengths and resiliency, access community resources, and take positive steps toward their lives."

Thank you, too, for the 100+ gifts for the children in the after care program and their families.

May God bless you.

Jeanne Sabol

Thank You. 

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE...Save the Date - Tickets will be going on sale soon for our "Burgers and Beer" which will be held Saturday, January 27th from 8 to 11pm.

CHARLES BORROMEO...Save the Date - Mark your calendars for the St. Charles Sports Boosters Night at the Races on Saturday, January 20th at 6pm in Corrigan Gym.

ST. THOMAS MORE...Please join us every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for world peace.

