



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
December 31, 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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O COME LET US ADORE HIM



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 8:30am Mass until 5:00 pm.

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

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Families face many challenges. The demands of work, school, and society can easily put a strain on even the best intentions of families. Hurt, anger, and bitterness can grow in our families especially when conflicts are not properly resolved or relationships nurtured. Human beings require time, patience, love, and nurturing. **We need to take time to celebrate the gift of family and not allow other demands to rob us of the time we need to spend together.** Life is short. The Holy Family stands before us today showing us that love, commitment, and perseverance can see us through any difficulty or challenge life can bring. May we learn from their example!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

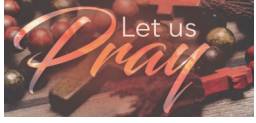


Confirmation Retreat



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.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS!

December 25, 2017 - \$1,000.00 Winner

January 1, 2018—\$200.00 Winner

These winners will be announced
in the January 7th bulletin.



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.

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

Joe Herrera, Jr.
Blessed Sacrament
Formation Program
First Year, Borromeo



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



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, December 17th

Basket Collection.....\$ 7,302.50
WeShare(online)..... 880.00
Total.....\$ 8,182.50

Religious Retirement.....\$ 2,078.00

Due to the early publication of this holiday bulletin,
the financial information for December 24th &
December 25th will be included in next week's
bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support.



January 1st to January 7th

Monday, January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

7:30am People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 2nd: SS Basil the Great & Gregory

7:30am +Tom Kavulic (Dina Family)

Wednesday, January 3rd: Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30am +Stanley Gierlach, Sr. (John Gierlach)

Thursday, January 4th: Sr. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30am To be announced

Friday, January 5th: St. John Neumann

8:30am +Nancy Juguilon (Jackie Nagy)

9:00am to 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, January 6th: St. Andre Bessette

4:00pm Joyce Krakora

Sunday, January 7th: The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am +Elmer Wisnieski (Wife)

11:00am People of the Parish

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

In ancient Near Eastern culture, it was thought essential to have a male descendent to carry on the family line and inherit all that his parents had worked for. But the elderly Abraham and Sarah were still childless, which seemed to contradict God's earlier promise to them. Today's passage will tell us how this problem was resolved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

The author of the letter to the Hebrews frequently held up Old Testament heroes as models of faith. He did this because he was writing to a community whose faith was wavering. Today he presents, as examples, Abraham and Sarah whose faith had survived severe testing.

Readings for the Week of December 31, 2017

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 /Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 /Lk 2:22-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 /Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 /Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 /Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 /Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 /Mk 1:7-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, January 5th



Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 8:30a.m. Mass and ends at 5:00p.m. You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere. It will bring you peace.

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

As we are about to embark on a new year, Father Vesely & I offer you our prayers and wishes for a very Happy & Holy New Year. On January 1st the Church always celebrates the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It is usually a holy day of obligation but since it falls on a Monday this year, we will celebrate the feast without the obligation to attend Mass. So Mass on Monday morning will be at our usual time at 7:30am.

While most of us end this year with gratitude and joyful hearts, we remember that some people are experiencing sadness and loss. Such is the case with a parishioner, Chuck Rooks, whose wife Denise passed away on December 15th. I spoke with Denise about a year & a half ago and anointed her when she learned of her cancer. Last Christmas I received a card from them letting me know that the cancer was in remission so they were of course very grateful and relieved. But the cancer returned and became untreatable. I visited with Denise before I left on vacation and anointed her and gave her the Eucharist. She was a delightful person who worked at our parish festivals a few years ago along with her husband Chuck. Please remember her and Chuck in your prayers as I promised you would at her funeral December 21st.

I'm sorry it's taken so long to give you a report on the festival but it takes several weeks before all invoices are in and all of the expenses have been paid. But I'm really happy to report that we net \$25,872! Last year our net profit was \$19,475 which means we made \$6,397.00 more than we did last year. That's incredible. We can only attribute this to the sacrifice of time and the hard efforts of everyone who participated in the festival this year, whether as a planner, worker or spender! I know how much time and effort this takes and so am very grateful to everyone who made it happen in some way, but especially to the Festival Team who were able to plan not only a profitable event but an enjoyable experience by many *in* our parish and by visitors *to* our parish. May God bless everyone who contributed in any way to this annual event.

And before we officially end this year, I want to thank Fred Borkey for the delicious donuts he provides for us at the end of (almost) each month from his business Jack Frost Donuts. He gave me a plaque expressing gratitude for all a Pastor does for the Parish but I wish I had one to give all of you for all you do for Father Vesely & I throughout the year. This is a good time for me to let you know how much we appreciate your prayers, support and the sharing of your gifts. Now back to the donuts that gave me the energy to write this last column of the year...

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

**Monday, January 1st-NEW YEARS DAY****Tuesday, January 2nd**

3:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys practice	Lux
4:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	Basement
5:30 p.m. 7th gr. boys practice	Lux
6:30 p.m. SVDP	Conference
7:00 p.m. 3rd gr. girls practice	Lux

Wednesday, January 3rd

4:00 p.m. 6th gr. boys practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 5th gr. girls practice	Lux
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-Parent Meeting	Basement
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	Church
7:00 p.m. 3rd gr. boys practice	Lux

Thursday, January 4th

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
4:00 p.m. Cohort Meeting	Great
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, January 5th

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration	Church
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
7:30 p.m. Recovery International	Basement

Saturday, January 6th

7:30 a.m. CYO Basketball Center	Lux
2:45 p.m. Confessions	Church
3:00 p.m. Grapevine	Basement

Sunday, January 7th

11:30 a.m. CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
12:00 p.m. Couples for Christ	Great
7:00 p.m. Coach Robinson Adult Open Gym	Lux



New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary
Not a Holy Day of Obligation—Regular Schedule

Monday, January 1st:
7:30am

The Rectory Office will be closed:
Monday, New Year's Day

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

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RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, January 14th, from 7:30am - 11:00pm. **NOTE TIME FOR THIS BLOOD DRIVE ONLY.** Blood supplies are very low based on winter emergencies. Please register @ redcrossblood.org after you create a profile. It's easy! Registering is optional; it just helps with the staffing. Please stop by and donate!

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".

RECYCLE



Bring all your PAPERS, OLD CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER, MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL, HOLIDAY CATALOGS, CARDBOARD, BOOKS, ALONG WITH YOUR NEWSPAPERS to our paper bins by the Parish Center.

RECORD OF 2017 CONTRIBUTIONS



To receive a copy of your 2017 contribution statements please email us your request at mlhauck@leothegreat.org. You can also stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church after Mass or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement, eg. pick up in back of church, office, or mail.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

LOVING IS.....

- ♥ Loving is the Art of Caring,
- ♥ Caring is the Art of Sharing,
- ♥ Sharing is the Art of Living,
- ♥ Living is the Art of Loving.
- ♥ Share your Love, your Caring and Living by helping the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization here at St. Leo's as we care for the poor among us.

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.

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION - MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND
Faith Hope Remembrance

Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. Our Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Our Catholic-based support can be supplemental to your existing support groups. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m., except on holidays, then we meet the 4th Sunday. **The next Support Group is Sunday, January 21st** at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon, Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron, and Holy Cross Cemetery in Brook Park.

January 21st Topic: [Facing the New Year with Hope and Love](#)

No registration is required; Just come and join us. For more information, visit our website <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> or contact Rhonda at 216.930.4866 rabrams@clecem.org.



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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

ADOPT A CHILD— THANK YOU



Thank you for your truly overwhelming generosity this year on behalf of the Adopt a Child for Christmas program. We distributed about 500 gifts to families from our own parish community, St. Aloysius School, Maggie's Place, Malachi Center and Catholic Charities sponsored refugee families.

Contributions totaled \$2890, plus \$600 in matching funds that will be donated by the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. We are deeply grateful to all.

These contributions were shared with our St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization, Providence House, Womankind, St. Colman's Parish, Malachi Center and the Backdoor Ministry of St. Malachi's Parish.

So many individuals generously contributed gifts, money or volunteered their time to sort gifts and help deliver. A sincere THANK YOU to all who helped to continue our tradition of helping others. God's blessings to you through the new year.

Sincerely, Jeanne Sabol and Judi Westerburg

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!



ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!



Online Giving is now available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leotheadgreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.

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 8pm 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.