



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 4, 2016

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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 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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December 5th to December 11th

Monday, December 5th: Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. +Frances Szymanski (Family)

Tuesday, December 6th: St. Nicholas

7:30 a.m. +Martin Fontaine (Miriam)

Wednesday, December 7th: St. Ambrose

7:30 a.m. +Robert Funta (Family)

Thursday, December 8th: Immaculate Conception

8:30 a.m. +Henry Brodowski (Tom & Alice Kulwicki)

7:00 p.m. James & Rose Dvorak (Family)

Friday, December 9th: St. Juan Diego

8:30 a.m. +Lottie Zale (Posendek Family)

Saturday, December 10th: Advent Weekday

4:00 p.m. +William LaGodney Sr. (Wife, Son & Family)

Sunday, December 11th: Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. +Reinaldo Ramos (Sharon Rock)

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. +David Lincheck (Pamela & Daughter)

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

The prophet Isaiah lived 750 years before Christ. Despite the political unrest of that period, he looked forward to a kingdom so wonderful that even nature is at peace. This perfect world would be ruled by a descendent of King David. (as you listen to this reading, it helps to know that "Jesse" is the name of David's father.)

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

In the early days of the Church, some Jewish converts to Christianity continued to practice their Jewish traditions. Many of them were members of the Church in Rome, along with others who were Gentiles. They sometimes found it hard to get along. As Paul nears the end of his letter to them, he encourages them to live in harmony by drawing upon the Scriptures they had in common — what we have called the "Old Testament."

Readings for the Week of December 4th

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

Thurs.: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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



The spirit of the LORD shall
rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and
of fear of the LORD. (Is 11:2)

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.



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

Congratulations to:

VIRA WEINGARD

\$100.00 November 28th Winner

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

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

Sean Neville

**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 call.



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Sunday.....\$7,779.00
Assessments.....\$617.00
Capital Improvement.....\$150.00
Envelopes used.....351

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Sunday.....\$6,578.00
Assessments.....\$70.00
Capital Improvement.....\$195.00
Human Development.....\$630.00
Envelopes used.....340

Thank you for your continued support.

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Lisa Hahn is a member of the parish & also a member of our Parish Council. We extend our sympathy to her on the death of her mother, Lillian Laskey, whose funeral was celebrated here on November 22nd. I had the opportunity to visit with and anoint Lillian a few weeks ago as well as on the day before her death and she was at peace as her three children were there with her. May she know that peace forever in the hands of the Lord.

The following day I had the funeral Mass for Dorothy Capretta who was the mother of 7 children, grandmother of 15, great-grandmother of 14 and great-great grandmother of 2. She was blessed with 95 years of life and had spent many years keeping children safe as a crossing guard for the Cleveland School System. May she now rest safely with God in the presence of all his children in heaven.

My sister Judy spent 3 months living at my aunt's house in LaGrange so that she could take care of my dad during his convalescence there after his chemo treatments. Now that he is well, I insisted that my sister spend some time recuperating and relaxing with our sister who moved to Fort Myers this past year. Of course I need to accompany her to ensure her safety, so I will be MIA this weekend. It's not quite cold enough yet in Cleveland to really relish the warmth of Florida but we haven't seen the sun here for some time so I'm also going to make sure it's still shining somewhere. I'll be back before you can say Merry Christmas.

I also owe my sister a big thank you for introducing me to a place called "Sweeties." It's a candy store on Brookpark Road, made for adults as much as it is for kids and it's been here right under my sweet tooth all this time without me knowing about it. They have every kind of candy you can think of, even ones that I remembered from my childhood when I would ride to the corner store to buy some bread for my mom & some sweets for myself. I bought some candy cigarettes which I enjoyed as a kid, using them to pretend I was an adult with a bad smoking habit (unfortunately that fantasy came true for many years but I quit several years ago). So as I was filling up my shopping basket, a man introduced himself to me as a relatively new parishioner of St. Leo's. It turns out that he's the owner of this wonderful store. We try to support local businesses, especially those who support our bulletin through advertising as well as those who are parishioners. So I checked out their adjoining soda shop for a big root beer float to go. People wondered why I was so happy & energetic that day. I'll be telling Santa about this one though he probably already shops there anyway...how else could he fill all our stockings with such sweet sensations?!

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S
December 5th to December 11th



Monday, December 5th

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 6th

12:30 p.m. Confirmation Retreat	Great
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
6:30 p.m. SVDP	Francis
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #70220	Great
7:00 p.m. 7th gr. Boys basketball practice	Lux

Wednesday, December 7th

4:00 p.m. 4th gr. girls basketball practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 8th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	Great
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	Church

Thursday, December 8th

1:00 p.m. Knitting Group	Great
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 9th

4:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. 7th gr. boys basketball practice	Lux
7:30 p.m. Recovery International	Francis

Saturday, December 10th

7:30 a.m. CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
2:45 p.m. Confessions	Church
3:00 p.m. Grapevine	Great
Adopt-A-Child	Great & Francis

Sunday, December 11th

7:00 a.m. Adopt-A-Child	Great & Francis
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation/RCIA	Rectory
11:30 a.m. CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
12:30 p.m. Couples for Christ	Eylar
2:00 p.m. Teens Encountering Christ	Francis/Great
7:00 p.m. Coach Robinson Adult Open Gym	Lux

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
DECEMBER 8TH



This Thursday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses scheduled for the feast day are 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Oplatki
Christmas
wafers

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

ST. LEO THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWS

Pick 40 Fundraiser

Sale Begins November 1st – Sale Ends December 14th

First Drawing – January 3, 2017



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

The Annual Pick 40 fundraiser is HERE! This is the only major fundraiser for the St. Leo School Community. The Parent Teacher Community (PTC) relies on this fundraiser to help offset the costs of technology, field trips, graduation and much more.

You have chosen to sell forty (40) Pick 40 Tickets. The sale of these Pick 40 Tickets will fulfill your obligation for the School Fee Payment. You must sell ALL 40 tickets to fulfill this obligation. **Ticket Stubs and money must be turned in no later than December 14, 2016.**

How does the Pick 40 Drawing Work?

There are 40 drawings. (36) drawings are \$100 winners and (4) \$500 winners. Each \$5.00 ticket is put in for EVERY DRAWING! When you win, your ticket goes back in the drum.

Winners are called daily and checks are mailed or can be picked up.

There is a \$50 seller prize for the \$500 winner drawings.

PRIZES FOR SELLING TICKETS

As incentive for selling tickets, the families that sell the most tickets will win

Top Selling Families:

1st Place – 50 inch Flat Screen TV & \$100 in Gift Cards – Your Choice

2nd Place – 9.7 inch iPad Pro & \$100 in Gift Cards – Your Choice

3rd Place – Apple TV & \$100 in Gift Cards – Your Choice

Dress Down Days for Students:

For every Pick 40 ticket sold OVER THE REQUIRED 40 that a family turns in, each of their children will have a dress down day (excludes Mass Days & Gym Days for Grades K-4). Dress Down days can be used through December 16th. Dress Down days end when the students return from Christmas Break—there is NO MAKE UP of unused Dress Down Days earned.

Drawing Schedule

Jan 3: \$500	Jan 4: \$100	Jan 5: \$100	Jan 6: \$100	Jan 7: \$100	Jan 8: \$100	Jan 9: \$100	Jan 10: \$100
Jan 11: \$100	Jan 12: \$100	Jan 13: \$100	Jan 14: \$100	Jan 15: \$100	Jan 16: \$100	Jan 17: \$100	Jan 18: \$100
Jan 19: \$500	Jan 20: \$100	Jan 21: \$100	Jan 22: \$100	Jan 23: \$100	Jan 24: \$100	Jan 25: \$100	Jan 26: \$100
Jan 27: \$100	Jan 28: \$100	Jan 29: \$100	Jan 30: \$100	Jan 31: \$100	Feb 1: \$100	Feb 2: \$100	Feb 3: \$100
Feb 4: \$500	Feb 5: \$100	Feb 6: \$100	Feb 7: \$100	Feb 8: \$100	Feb 9: \$100	Feb 10: \$100	Feb 11: \$500

Email ebreitmeyer@leothegreat.org or Call 216-661-2120 for more tickets!

SELL! SELL! SELL!

RECYCLE

RIVER VALLEY PAPER COMPANY



Bring all your PHONE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL, HOLIDAY CATALOGS, CARDBOARD, BOOKS, ALONG WITH YOUR PAPERS to our paper bins by the Parish Center. River Valley Paper Company is offering new pricing incentives effective November 1st. THANK YOU!

ST. LEO'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS CARDS



Members are requested to bring their Christmas cards to Church this Saturday, December 3rd, and Sunday, December 4th, or next Saturday, December 10th, or Sunday, December 11th. Drop them in the exchange box in the vestibule of the Church before or after the Masses. This will permit us to presort and arrange the cards for distribution at the Christmas party on December 14th. Please keep them in alphabetical order with a rubber band around them.

REMEMBRANCE TREES



Ornaments in remembrance of loved ones will be available before and after all of the Masses the weekends of December 10th & 11th and 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.

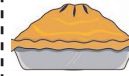
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY...



Let your heart and your means dictate what to share. Your contributions will enable the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization to deliver your Christmas message of good cheer to our needy neighbors. The Poor Boxes can be seen as the "bread boxes" of the poor.

THANKSGIVING PIE DONATIONS FOR ST. AUGUSTINE'S



Thank you to everyone who donated pies or made a monetary donation to St. Augustine for Thanksgiving pies. We were able to donate 72 pies this year and the staff was very appreciative and said "thank you, thank you so very much". Our thanks for making this donation possible.



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.

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:

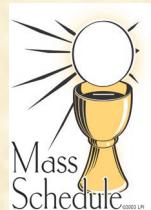
Saturday Vigil
4:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

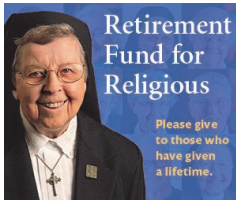
Monday through Wednesday
7:30 a.m.

(there will be a 7:30 Mass on Thursday according to Fr. Vesely's availability).

Friday
8:30 a.m.



AGING RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP



Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*."

Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



We are reminded today that the coming of the Messiah is intended to restore the innocence and trust originally experienced in the Garden of Eden. The Gospel message leads us to this vision. John the Baptist prepares us to receive the One who will

preach this message only to suffer and die as a result of it. We are asked to repent and move away from where the world desires to lead us. We are called to the vision given to us by our Savior. Hope allows us to persevere as we wait for what is to come.

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave.

The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations required. Free secure parking at the Cathedral Plaza Garage—Rockwell Ave. & E. 9th Street. For more information, please email: gheislman@dioceseofcleveland.org.

BULLETIN ARTICLES



Due to the upcoming holidays, please have all bulletin articles in two weeks in advance of the published date. Your articles can be dropped off at the rectory office or emailed to mlhauck@leothegreat.org. Thank you.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who made the Honor Roll:

PADUA FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL

Beckwith, Shane	Conroy, Alainna
Beckwith, Justin	Hanzlick, Nathan
Burcham, Callie	Lizzini, Alyssa
Clark, Emmalee	Otto, Robert
Conroy, Addison	Rivera, Esperanza
Conroy, Brennan	Vah, Jarrett

HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOL

Horvat, Elizabeth	Fadenholz, Andrew
Kalic, Cameron	Sadosky, Audrianna

HISTORIC ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH...



will host 'A Winter's Night' piano concert on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 p.m. Join pianist Ryan C. Neal with arrangements by Joseph M. Martin as he performs Christmas favorites. Come enjoy this lively concert in this spiritual setting! The concert is free but there will be a freewill collection to benefit St. Stephen Church. Afterwards we will have a tour by Historian Tim Barrett. Please plan on joining us for an afternoon of entertainment!

GIFT CARD CERTIFICATES

Retailer
Giant Eagle - \$25
Giant Eagle - \$100
Marathon - \$25
Marc's - \$25
Marc's - \$50
Shell - \$25
Speedway - \$25
Sunoco - \$50
Target - \$10
Target - \$25
Walmart/Sam's \$25
Walmart/Sam's \$100

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

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE



There will be an Advent Communal Penance Service on Sunday December 11th at St. Thomas More Church at 2:00 p.m.

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

ADOPT-A-CHILD

Names are still available for St. Leo's Adopt-A-Child for Christmas program. If you wish to purchase a gift for a needy child, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216 351 6247 or Judi Westerburg at 216 642 0134.

**GIFTS ARE TO BE WRAPPED AND DROPPED OFF
AT THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER
NEXT WEEKEND FROM 3-7 P.M.,
SATURDAY DECEMBER 10.**



If you cannot drop off your gifts at this time, you may leave them at the rectory anytime before December 9.

If you would like to help deliver gifts, please come to the Parish Community Center on Sunday, December 11, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Monetary contributions may be placed in the collection basket. Please mark "Adopt-A-Child" on check payable to St. Leo Parish.



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. Any questions or need help, please call the parish office at 216-661-1006.

BUS TRIP

Tuesday, Dec. 6th:

- ♦ **Wheeling Island Casino and Racetrack with \$25.00 free play**
 - ♦ **Cracker Barrel Restaurant with \$20.00 gift card to be used for meal or gift shop.**
 - ♦ **Oglebay to view Christmas Lights**
- \$50.00 per person
Depart: 9:00 a.m. - Arrive Casino: 11:30 a.m.
Arrive Cracker Barrel: 4:45 p.m. and Arrive Oglebay Visitors Center - 6:30 p.m.
Return Home: 10:00 p.m.

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



CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Men's Advent Retreat Day...on Saturday, Dec. 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you would like to be included in this spiritual day please call the Parish Office 216-749-2323 to sign up.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—Bus Trip...Sunday, December 11th 4:30-9:00 p.m. Stan Hywet "Deck the Hall" Spectacular. Adults \$25 Children \$15, under 6 Free. Family Friendly, Dazzle Light Show, animated Windows, Hot Cocoa, & Snacks. Contact Donna or Brian in the Parish Office 440-884-3030.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Advent Lessons & Carols... Join the Music Ministry **TODAY, Sunday Dec. 4th** at 6:30 p.m. in the church for a beautiful service that will help you ready the way of the Lord!