



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2020

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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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BEHOLD



“Behold, this child is
destined for the fall and
rise of many in Israel.”

LUKE 2:34A

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Today’s celebration can be seen as another “epiphany” of sorts, whereby Jesus is recognized as the one who will fulfill the Jewish people’s messianic expectations. Jesus is the one who comes to purify and refine humanity and provide us with proper direction and focus. Jesus also presents himself to each one of us. Will we accept him as he is or only as we want or need him to be? The Gospel message is meant to be heard whole and entire. When it is, it is always a very challenging, table-turning experience that can make even the holiest among us feel a bit uncomfortable. Being purified and refined never comes easy and requires that we give ourselves fully to God and His design. Are we willing to do so?

2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK

There are still dates available in our 2020 Mass Intention Book. Please stop by the Parish Office and get your intentions. The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In Loving Memory of

Adeline Roalofs

(nee Bolerasky)

October 1, 1920 – January 17, 2020

**Interment All Saints Cemetery
Section 16 Lot 446 Grave 1**

*I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard.*

*I felt the answer in my heart
Although he spoke no word!*

*I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind).*

*I asked him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!*

*I asked that he be near you
At the start of each new day;
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way!*

*I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small.
But it was for his loving care
I prayed the most of all!*

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God of all goodness, you have called people to follow you faithfully.
Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call
in varied and faith-filled lives.

Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits;
some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows;
while others choose public lives of vowed men and women
as religious brothers and sisters.

Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as
witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world.

We ask this in faith
through the name of Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

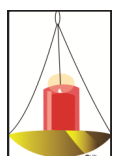
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Ed Gorcyka, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn “Joe” Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Marge Menge, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Sharon Kopal, George Aloschen, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Dorothy Forister & Don Donelon.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



February 2nd to February 15th
In Loving Memory of Bill Kordick
Happy, Happy Birthday
 Love, Wife and Children

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES



AUDREY PUSZAK
January 27, 2020—\$100.00 winner

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 at the Rectory Office.

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

Mark Tomecko
St. Francis Xavier, Medina
Aspirant—Diaconate Program



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

Parish Support

Sunday, January 26th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 6,794.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 640.00
Total.....	\$ 7,434.00

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Monday, February 3rd - St. Blaise, St. Ansgar
 7:30am +Deceased members of Gabel & Boehnlein Families (Eileen Gabel)
Tuesday, February 4th - Weekday
 7:30am +Matthew Stuczynski (Colleen Stuczynski)
Wednesday, February 5th - St. Agatha
 7:30am +Andy & Angie Chopka (Chopka Family)
Thursday, February 6th - St. Paul Miki & Companions
 7:30am Communion Service
Friday, February 7th - Weekday
 8:30am +Neroni Sisters-Anne, Josephine & Delia (Family)
 9:00am to 5:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00pm Rosary
Saturday, February 8th - St. Jerome Emiliani
 4:00pm Fr. Jim (Bill & Kathy Seelbach)
Sunday, February 9th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am People of the Parish
 11:00am 60th Anniversary – Jack & Dianne Toronski & Health of Matt Rosenblum

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The book of Malachi was written after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. The prophet expresses God's displeasure because the people have grown lax in their religious practices. (It may be helpful to know that the term “Sons of Levi” describes temple priests and functionaries.)

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Death was thought by biblical people to be the work of the devil, and not intended by God. Today's passage from the letter to the Hebrews tells how Christ entered fully into human life even to the point of suffering and death.

Readings for the week of February 2, 2020

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9,10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 /Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd /Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation.” (Lk 2:29-30)



Dear Parishioners,

Every February 2nd, the Church celebrates a special feast called the “Presentation of the Lord.” It is also referred to as “Candlemass Day” since we bless candles during the Mass. This year February 2nd falls on a Sunday so we celebrate it this weekend even though it’s still the “Ordinary Time” of the Church year. It commemorates that time when Jesus was presented in the Temple 40 days after his birth. This was a Jewish law which allowed for two things: the ritual purification of the mother after childbirth, and the presentation of the first-born son. You’ll hear about it in the Gospel today and will hear why this was done in the homily. When we celebrate this event liturgically, we begin Mass in a unique way. First, all will be given unlit candles when they come in and then we will begin Mass with the priest and ministers near the chapel area of the church. Everyone will then light their candles and the priest will bless the candles that we use for Mass. If you brought unblessed candles to this Mass, you can keep them with you at your pews and they too will be blessed at this time. Then we will have the opening procession and Mass will continue in the usual way without the Penitential Rite (the Lord have mercy). It’s the only other time of the year when the people hold candles except for at the Easter Vigil. It’s a short but beautiful symbol of what we celebrate on this feast: the light of Christ coming into the world.

Along with the altar and vigil candles that are blessed at this time, we also bless the candles used for the blessing of throats on or near the feast of St. Blaise, which is on February 3rd. Deacon Pat & I will use these candles to bless throats at the end of each Mass, as we begin the closing song. Here is the prayer we say as we place the candles around your neck (fun fact: the candles used to be lit but this was stopped since on occasion they would light someone’s hair on fire...Yikes!). *“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the +Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”*

I received word from Sister Gloria Olori that she has been assigned to begin another mission with some of her fellow sisters in the United Kingdom, beginning this Tuesday, February 4th. I remember her coming to my office to introduce herself to me just a few weeks after I arrived here in January of 2014. She has been active in our parish as a Eucharistic Minister, a member of our choir, a tutor and a teacher in our PSR program. She is a member of the Sisters of St. Michael the Archangel from Nigeria and are sad that she must leave us. We will ask God’s blessing on her during our 8am Mass Sunday & I ask you to say a prayer for her now that she may receive God’s many blessings in the years ahead.

Fr. James Delmitty

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO THE GREAT



Monday, February 3rd	
4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
6:45pm PSR Class	School
7:00pm First Reconciliation	Churc
7:00pm 5th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
Tuesday, February 4th	
4:00pm 8th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
5:30pm 5th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm AA Group	Basement
Wednesday, February 5th	
9:30am Catechetical Formation	Great
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 BB Practice	Lux
Thursday, February 6th	
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, February 7th	
9:00am to 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	Church
3:00pm 3rd Gr Boys BB Practice	Lux
4:30pm 5th Gr Girls BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm Rosary	Church
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement
Saturday, February 8th	
2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement
6:00pm Sweetheart Dance	Cafeteria/Lux
Sunday, February 9th	
1:00pm Bitty Basketball	Lux

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Thank you to everyone who came out to the American Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, January 19th. We collected 16 pints that will go to area hospitals to help adults as well as children & babies. We appreciate you coming out despite the weather. See you on March 29th!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, February 7th

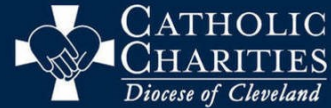


Please come for a little while this Friday, February 7th, and visit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration!

This devotion is held every First Friday of the month at St. Leo’s, from 9:00am until 5:00pm in the chapel are of the church.

#FacesofHope

THOUGH WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.



2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin which includes our parish's goal and an overview of the importance of Catholic Charities in our communities. This year's appeal theme is **Faces of Hope**. Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable.

As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 8-9. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Perez, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it and we ask you to also complete the in-pew envelope and indicate by checking the box that you have responded by mail.

We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2020Appeal.

To make a donation today, text CCHOPE to 41444 or visit CatholicCommunity.org/Donate.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

GREAT ROOM FOR RENT

The Great Room, located in our Parish Community Center is available to rent for special events, all types of parties, meetings, funeral luncheons, etc.

For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our parish website at leothegreat.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Over the years, the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization has given temporary assistance to people as emergencies occur. At times, people find themselves unable to keep up with day to day expenses. We assist in keeping

food on the table and often help with other expenses. When you pass by the Poor Boxes, help members reach out and help a needy family with your donations. Thank you very much!

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Share the Faith



Help the Church in Latin America

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Thank you for your generous support last week in the Collection for the Church in Latin America. The amount we have collected as a parish, will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good

News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift makes a difference!

FEBRUARY ROSARY



We will be praying the rosary in the church **this Friday, February 7th at 7:00pm.**

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.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES



Once again our parish will be participating in the Womankind Baby Bottle Fundraiser. We are doing this fundraiser at this time of the year to coincide with the Roe vs. Wade Ruling.

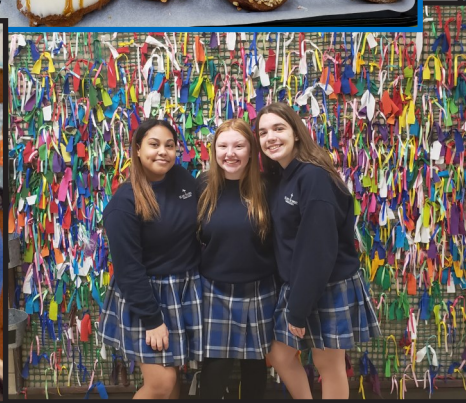
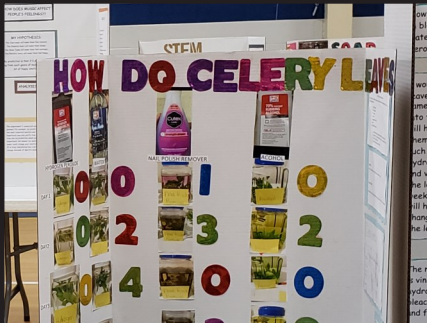
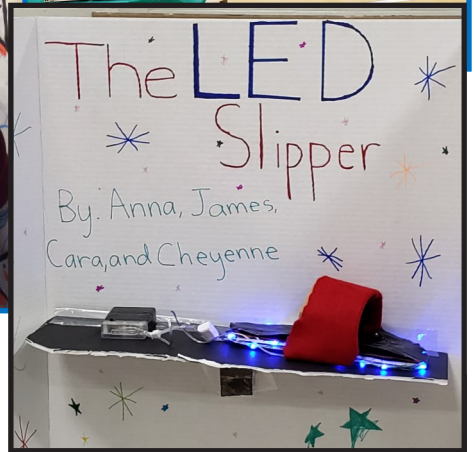
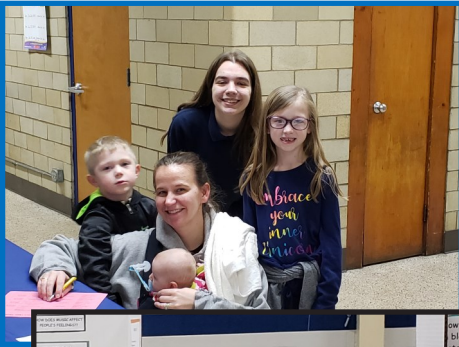
Baby bottles are available at the entrances of the church. Please take the baby bottles home, fill them with your loose change, and return them to the church the weekend of February 15th/16th. (If you prefer, checks should be made payable to *Womankind*.) The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and support services to pregnant women in need. For more information about Womankind, check out their website at www.womankindcleveland.com. Thank you.

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St. Leo the Great Open House A Great Success!

Thank you to all our current Parents & Students as well as the new interested families who attended our Open House. They were given tours by our 8th Grade Ambassadors, had an opportunity to visit the Book Fair and check out the awesome projects in the Science Fair!

And no Open House is complete with out Jack Frost Donuts! We look forward to sharing more pictures with you of the upcoming events during Catholic Schools Week!



The Cleveland Scholarship Program and EdChoice Scholarship Application Period IS NOW OPEN!!

This program provides new educational choices for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. The program gives students the opportunity to attend private schools in Cleveland. The State will provide reimbursement for tuition to help pay the cost of attending these schools. Even if your child already attends one of these schools, you may be eligible to apply for the program.

This is a valuable program that can aid parents in providing their children with quality education at no or very little tuition costs to them. All Information about scholarships available and the application process is available in the school office.

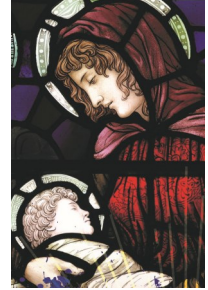
If you live in Cleveland, you really need to get information on this valuable program. Do you live in Parma, or other surrounding areas? There are other Scholarship opportunities that you may qualify for. Don't Wait - call the **School Office at (216) 661-2120** for more information.

FEBRUARY 2, 2020—THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

NOW THAT I HAVE HELD HIM IN MY ARMS

Vs 1) An old man in the temple waiting in the court waiting for the answer to a promise
And all at once he sees them in the morning sunshine, a couple coming carrying a baby

REFRAIN 1) and 2) Now that I've held Him in my arms my life can come to an end
Let your servant Let your servant now depart in peace cause I've seen Your salvation
He's the light of the Gentiles and the glory of His people Israel



Vs 2) Mary and the Baby come and in her hand five Sheckles the price to redeem her Baby Boy The Baby softly
cooing nestled in her arms Simeon takes the Boy and starts to sing (RETURN TO REFRAIN 1) and 2)

REFRAIN 3) Now's the time to take Him in your arms Your life will never come to an end He's the only way
that you'll find peace, He'll give you salvation He's the light of the gentiles and the glory of His people Israel

SAVE THE DATE—TRAPPER JACK



Join us on Wednesday, March 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord, for a 50-minute presentation by Trapper Jack. The presentation will begin at 7:00 PM and will be in the church. There will be a time for questions and answers at the end of the presentation.

RECORD OF 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS



To receive a copy of your 2019 contribution statement, please email your request to 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.

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Growing through trials and sufferings—Join us February 18th at 6:30pm as we learn to deepen our spiritual lives in the midst of life's sufferings in a talk by Fr. Jacques Philippe.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO—Ladies Guild Day of Recollection, Monday, February 17th with guest speaker, Fr. Lou Thomas. His topic is "Everything you always wanted to know about the Catholic church and more!!" For more information call Pam Bennett at 440-773-3291.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Our 14th Annual Mardi Gras will be held on Saturday, February 22nd from 5:30pm-Midnight. Tickets are \$25 and available in STM rectory.



