



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

February 20, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ~ 8:30AM

Thursday - Communion Service ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, or anytime by request or appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses 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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Instagram [@leothegreatorg](https://www.instagram.com/leothegreatorg)



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St. Leo Fish Dinners 2022

Lobster Dinner - Friday, March 11th
Lobster Tail - Baked Potato or Fries -
Coleslaw or Apple Sauce - Roll with Butter
Advance Ticket Sale Only - \$25.00

Additional Lobster Tail
with purchase of Lobster Dinner - \$20.00

Advance Ticket Sales Only
Rectory Office
Tickets Available Until
Monday, March 14th

Regular Fish Dinner
Selections Available

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is 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.



ACADEMIC HONORS

St. Joseph Academy celebrates the accomplishments of the young women graduated from St. Leo the Great School.



Anna Maria Costanzo * Honors
Rylee Ehrett * High Honors
Kamyra Plicka * Honors
Emmarose Plicka * Honors

REGISTER WITH US

Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the rectory office, go online at leothegreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



ROSARY

Please join us in church on Tuesday, February 22nd, as we say the rosary at 7:00 p.m. If you are not familiar with the rosary, we will provide you with what you need.



Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us the First Friday of every month from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. St. Leo the Great has had a long history of Eucharistic Adoration of First Fridays. Part of our Commitment as a parish is that when we have Adoration, Jesus in the Eucharist should not be left alone. We realize we are still in the midst of the pandemic, but we need your presence for as much or as little amount of time as you are able to spend in the presence of Jesus. The Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 5:00 PM. Can you spend just one hour, once a month with Jesus?



GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING

Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support your Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at leothegreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you.

**PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND
SUPPORT US.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Prayer REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Sofkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Ken Proctor, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublav, Harriet Franko, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers & Edith Lysyj.

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

Charles Cairnie
St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception, Wooster
Pre-Theology, St. Mary

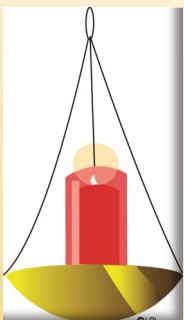


Pray that he may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Collection\$4,724.00
WeShare.....\$1,814.38
Total.....\$6,538.38

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

February 13th to February 27th

IN LOVING MEMORY

Rudy Dejelo
From Cora Dejelo

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, February 21st—Weekday

8:30am +Deceased Stankiewicz Family (Marie Stankiewicz)

Tuesday, February 22nd—The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:30am +Helene Kolpa (Gierlach Family)

Wednesday, February 23rd—Saint Polycarp Bishop and Martyr

8:30am +Stankiewicz Family (Marie Stankiewicz)

Thursday February 24th—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday February 24th—Weekday

8:30am +Margaret Neff (Family)

Saturday, February 26th — Weekday

4:00 +Confirmation for School Children

Sunday, February 27th— Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Maria and Angelo Calvillo and Family (Mother)

11:00am + People of the Parish

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In this reading we hear of Saul and David. Saul became the first king of Israel, about 1,000 years before Christ. David, best known for slaying Goliath, was also a talented musician and became one of the favorites at Saul's court. Eventually the king grew jealous of the popular David who had to flee for his life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul's converts at Corinth had a lot of questions about life after death, and on the last two Sundays we've heard Paul addressing this. Today he uses a parallel. Just as we receive our human life from our ancestors-ultimately Adam – so we received risen life from Jesus, who could be called the 'new Adam'.

Readings for the week of February 20, 2022

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16



Dear Parishioners,

I spoke with someone regarding our speaker situation in the church. We both agreed that the system we currently have is working pretty well for us, though we will be adding a small speaker that faces the sanctuary (altar) area so that Deacon Pat & I can hear better as all the speakers are currently facing the nave where the people sit. He made a couple of adjustments to my wireless microphone so that it won't cut out (there was interference with something else) & raised the volume a little bit. But it seems that lectors, cantors & musicians are not always speaking close enough to the microphone or projecting their voice sufficiently as the feedback I received from several people was that most of us can be heard loud & clear but that some people have a voice that is on the softer side. So I'll just ask the cantors & lectors to speak a bit louder & closer to the microphone but also ask you to give them some feedback (excuse the pun) if you are finding it difficult to hear or understand them.

I received a good response from people regarding the open positions we have for workers in the parish and believe we now have the people in place who will make good additions to our rectory and school staff. I just received an email from the Finance Office of the Diocese letting the priests know that they are aware that many of us are looking to hire more employees and offering their assistance so this is something commonplace in parishes throughout the Diocese. I do ask however that you also consider volunteering in the parish if you have a gift that you think would be beneficial for the community. It can be anything at all that you believe you are good at or that you enjoy doing. Just let me know what you may be interested in contributing & I'll be happy to keep a list for future reference. We hear in the Scriptures that God gives everyone certain gifts and talents for the sake of the building up of the community. What a wonderful thing it is for me to hear someone say that they would like to contribute in some way, based on what God has given them. So please keep that in mind.

Last week I celebrated the funeral Mass for Irene Venesky, a long-time parishioner of St. Leo's who has lived away from the parish in recent years due to her health. Irene was a very gentle soul who would help out with socials when we had First Communion and Confirmation celebrations and for other occasions. She donated several of the statues we have in our church in memory of her sister Catherine who died some years ago. May she now rest with the saints in God's heavenly kingdom.

We welcome three of our parish school students who received the sacraments of initiation at our Monday morning Mass last week: Alexandra, Andrea & John Tehoke. They were all baptized, confirmed and received their first Holy Communion during that Mass on Valentine's Day, a good day to celebrate the love God has for them and the love we strive to have for God and for our neighbor. We are happy to have them as part of our Catholic Faith and as members of our parish community here at St. Leo's.

Congratulations to the parents of Mila Rogers who is being baptized this Sunday after the 11am Mass. We also rejoice in her new relationship with Christ and the Church and ask God to bless her parents who will be her first and best teachers in the ways of faith.

This weekend we have our annual Catholic Charities Appeal. I can't stress enough how important this is to the many needy people in our own Diocese who will benefit from our financial help. Thank you in advance for your generosity in meeting the needs of our neighbors.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting dates will be March 2, April 6, and May 4, 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

**If you have any questions,
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by
email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.**



Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or email her at jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)

2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.



3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website www.leothegreat.org to sign up. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



From March 2 – April 10 you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or **Family Planning** – 462 Chardon St, Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Wickliffe on Sunday, February 27 at 2 pm. Keynote Speaker is Fr. Stephen Imbarrato. Contact John Noall clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

WEBSITES:

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland
www.40daysforlife.com/painesville
www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights

Thank you - John Noall - Campaign Director - 40 Days for Life
Cleveland – Painesville – Bedford Hts



In Pew Weekend | February 19-20

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements

The 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us."

Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malec requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

Be the Light. Your support of the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio.

Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.



Additional materials can be found at CatholicCommunity.org/ParishMaterials or by contacting Sarah Gozur: 216-696-6525 x1910, sgozur@catholiccommunity.org

BUS TRIP: Rivers Casino Monday, April 25

8:30 am—Departure from St. Leo's

11:30 am—Arrive at Rivers Casino

6:00pm—Depart from Rivers Casino

8:15 pm—Arrive at St. Leo's

\$48.00 per person *BONUS: \$20 free slot play *\$5 food credit

Coming up: Hartville Friday, May 27—\$75.00 per person
More information to follow

Save the Date: Nautica Queen—Wednesday, June 29

Contact: Sandy Diaddario (216-926-3123)
With questions and to register.



St. Vincent de Paul

TWO LITTLE WORDS: "THANK YOU." Those two words are so inadequate but they do, however, express the appreciation of those you have helped to feed. For them your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization says "THANK YOU VERY MUCH!"

CONFIRMATION – FEBRUARY 26

We will welcome Bishop Amos at the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, February 26th, as he confirms 23 young men and women from our parish as well as two adults. Please keep all of them in your prayers as they take this step along their journey in faith.



Record of 2021 Contributions

To receive a copy of your 2021 contribution statement, please email your request to info@leothegreat.org. You can also call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement—pick up in the office or back of church, email or mail.

You can also include your name on this slip, put it in an envelope and return it to the parish. We will mail your statement back to you.

NAME: _____

Trinity High School Honors



Connor DiSiena
First Honors
Austyn Frimel
Second Honors
Jillian Kalic
Second Honors

Congratulations to St. Leo's former students for earning honors!

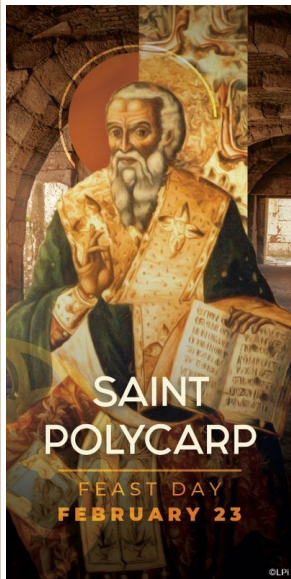
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 20, 2022 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world



St. Polycarp of Smyrna | February 23

As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it. Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.

During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the Letter to the Philippians, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul's authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic heresy that denied Christ's divinity.

The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr.



St. Leo the Great School Now Enrolling for the 2022-2023 School Year

Cleveland Scholarships Available!

Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leothegreat.org
or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at
dburns@leothegreat.org for more information.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Thanking God for Missing Spears

Imagine how Saul must have felt when he awoke from his sleep and saw his spear missing from its resting place. Now imagine how he felt when he realized that the person who had it was the same person seeking his life — and there he sat, safe and sound. Now there's a day you don't forget your morning prayers.

I think if we look, we can all find a “missing spear moment” in our lives, when it hits us right in the gut that God has kept us safe from an impending disaster. This can be physical disaster, sure — but more commonly, I think it is spiritual disaster. Often the salvation comes through the gift of a person, or people, through whom God reveals His mercy.

When I was in high school, I had a circle of friends who were really into their faith. We were all in youth ministry together, and the bond we shared taught me a lesson that changed me as a person: we become those with whom we associate. I can look back now, all these years later, and see that these people are evidence of God's hand in my life.

Take a look at your life. In whose love has God shown you comfort? By whose hand has God brought you closer to Him, or kept you away from harm? Through whose friendship has God shaped you into the person you are?

Let's strive to remember to thank God for these people — and to thank them, too

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent

March 4th to April 8th

Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - \$9.00 choice of:

Baked Tilapia Almondine

Baked Seasoned Cod

Battered Fried Fish

Breaded Shrimp

Pierogies

Includes:

Choice of baked potato or fries,
coleslaw or applesauce,
roll and butter

\$11.00 Combo Meal-add 3 pierogies

Weekly Specials - Fish Tacos, Seafood Empanadas, Salmon Patty Dinner

Fish Sandwich - \$7.00

fried fish with cheese on
a hoagie roll served with
fries and coleslaw

Kids Meal - \$4.50

choice of: fried fish/pizza/
mac & cheese/pierogi
with fries and drink
(age 10 & under please)

A la carte menu

Baked potato

\$2.50

Cheese pizza

\$2.00

Mac & cheese

\$3.00

Side of fish

\$5.50

(2 fried or 1 baked)

French fries

\$2.50

Pierogies (3)

\$4.00

Cabbage & noodles

\$3.50

Soup of the day

\$2.50

Dessert Available

St. Leo the Great Church - Lux Hall

4900 Broadview Road - Cleveland

St. Edward High School Honors

Shawn Komora

for his high academic achievements earning
him a place on the honor roll for this grading
period.



