



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

February 27, 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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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 7th

Regular Fish Dinner
Selections Available

TAKE UP
THE
CROSS
AND
FOLLOW ME



SCRIPTURAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCRIPTURE STUDY

We will be offering a Scripture Study based on St. Pope John Paul II Scriptural Stations of the Cross. We will discuss the Scriptural text of each on the Fourteen Stations. The study will take place in the Parish Center on March 29, 30 and 31 at 2:00 PM each day. We hope to see you there. We will then pray the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 3:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please plan on joining us for Stations of the Cross every **Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church**. Fr. Jim or Deacon Pat will be leading the Stations of the Cross. Music will be included as we want more people to take advantage of this wonderful prayer opportunity which helps us to unite our sufferings to those of Christ. Please consider experiencing this unique prayer that has such a long tradition in our church.

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 Bublavay, Harriet Franko, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky & Joe Barr.

PRO-LIFE GROUP—Beginning Again!

Please join others interested in learning about life issues. We will have our first meeting on Wednesday, March 9, at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center conference room.

Our object is to learn about all levels of respect for life, although our first priority right now is to focus on the *Dobbs vs Jackson Women's Health Organization* case before the Supreme Court.

This case is expected to be decided in June of 2022, after years of discussions focusing on the Mississippi legislature's passage of the 15 week law. More information on this case can be found at www.prayfordobbs.com

If you have any questions about the Pro-life meeting on March 9, please contact either Chris Rath at 216-741-1536, or Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830. Hope to see you there!



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

David Chojnacki
St. Mary Hudson
IV Theology, St. Mary

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



Collections for
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Will be in next week's bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, February 28st—Weekday

8:30am Arkie Caraballo & Family (Marie Stankiewicz)

Tuesday, March 1st—Weekday

8:30am Jaholnycky Family & Friends (Family)

Wednesday, March 2nd—Ash Wednesday

8:30am + Miriam Fontaine (Rose Zarko)

Thursday March 3rd—Thursday After Ash Wednesday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday March 4th—Friday After Ash Wednesday

8:30am +Patricia Chopka (Chopka Family)

Saturday, March 5th — Saturday After Ash Wednesday

4:00 +Marie Domanski (Kenneth Domanski)

Sunday, March 6th— First Sunday of Lent

8:00am +John Davis (Mary Beth Davis)

11:00am + People of the Parish

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. It is a loose collection of wise sayings dealing with various concerns in the life of a believer. In today's sections, we hear Sirach's thoughts about how speech is the measure of a person.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

This is the last of our seven weeks of readings from first Corinthians. In recent weeks, we have heard Paul addressing the Corinthian converts' questions about life after death. Paul ends his teachings on the resurrection with this hymn of triumph over death.

Readings for the week of February 27, 2022

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-3



Congratulations to the Tehoke Children

Alexandra, Andrea and John who received the Sacraments of Initiation this past week.

Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you again for your consideration of the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal from last weekend. If you weren't able to be with us, you can still participate by filling out an envelope that will be in your pew this weekend & then place it in the collection basket or give it to the receptionist at the Information Desk in the vestibule after Mass. You can also do this online by going to our website, leothegreat.org, and clicking on the "Donate Here" button. I am proud of your generosity which has always allowed us to reach the contribution goal set for our parish by the Diocese.

This weekend we welcome Bishop Martin Amos who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for a number of our young people during the 4pm Mass on Saturday. We pledge our prayerful support and our example of faith to these students who are receiving the sacramental gift of the Holy Spirit. May they live with courage and commitment the faith they choose to embrace now, a faith passed on to them by their parents when they were baptized. May the same Spirit continue to help each of us to witness to Jesus in everyday life.

This past Friday I celebrated the funeral Mass for Jeanne Karasek. Jeanne was a wonderful woman who has been in the nursing home for quite some time now though she could be seen (and heard) at the 8am Sunday Mass every week prior to that. I say she could be heard because she would say hello to me from across the church & let me know how much she appreciated being at Mass & learning about Jesus. She spoke in such a way that she had a song in her voice, and indeed she had a song of faith in her heart too. I am deeply grateful to Mary & Rick Riccardi who took such great care of her when no one else was available to do so, especially during Jeanne's time in the nursing home. I know they would not want this attention to their charitable works but I feel the need to thank them for their great example of living the faith in this way. May God reward them and Jeanne for a faith well lived.

This Wednesday, March 2nd, we begin the holy season of Lent with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. You are encouraged to join us at for the 8:30am parish school Mass or for the 7:00 Mass in the evening. We will also have a Liturgy of the Word Service at Noon with the Distribution of Ashes for those who might find that time more convenient. Please see the bulletin for guidance regarding fasting (on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday) and abstaining from meat (on all Fridays of Lent). We will also have Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm, following our weekly Fish Fry (where we will finally be able to sit down to enjoy the meal with fellow parishioners & visitors again). Information about all of these things will be available in our bulletin & on our website.

I heard that Rose Pelley, a longtime parishioner of ours who has been living with her daughter in Pennsylvania in recent years, just turned 100 years old last week. Happy Birthday to her! I know that she thinks of us often & we just wanted to let her know we continue to think of her as well & keep her in our prayers. May God bless this new centenarian!

We also wish Deacon Pat Berigan a belated Happy 69th Birthday. We continue to appreciate his diaconal ministry & the ministry of his wife Joan here at St. Leo's. They are a great help to me and a blessing to our parish community. May the Lord give good health to them both so that they can continue to serve here for a long, long, long time to come.

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.

PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

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

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. 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	French fries	\$2.50
Cheese pizza	\$2.00	Pierogies (3)	\$4.00
Mac & cheese	\$3.00	Cabbage & noodles	\$3.50
Side of fish	\$5.50	Soup of the day	\$2.50
(2 fried or 1 baked)		Dessert Available	

St. Leo the Great Church - Lux Hall
4900 Broadview Road - Cleveland



St. Vincent de Paul

Let your heart and means dictate what to share. Your contributions will enable the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization to deliver your message of good cheer to our neighbors. The poor Boxes can be seen as the "bread boxes" of those less fortunate. Just place your donation in the Poor Boxes or put it in an envelope marked "SVDP" and put it in the collection basket or take it to the rectory. Your help really does make a difference.

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: _____

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service (with distribution of ashes) at Noon. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Fasting applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60, and abstinence applies to Catholics over the age of 14. One full meatless meal and two light meatless meals (which together would not equal the main meal) may be eaten on Ash Wednesday by those who are fasting.

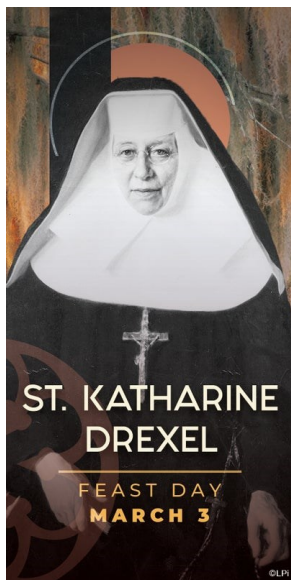
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 27, 2022 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.



St. Katharine Drexel | March 3

With a family like hers, it's no wonder that St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955) grew up to become one of the first American-born saints.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katherine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor.

After her father's death, St. Katharine Drexel gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. Mother Drexel, as she would become known as, established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe, the first of 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states.

At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.



**RAFFLE
WINNERS**

**February 14, 2022 Mary Lagodney
and
February 22, 2022 Julia Klaus**



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

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

Cleveland Scholarships Available!

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



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Planted in the House of the Lord

Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can't deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week's shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren't ready to delegate this highly subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we're all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone's doorstep — but if we're Christians who live our faith publicly, we're stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let's make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn't know how to garden, when in reality, it's us who don't always know how to grow

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Confirmation

Congratulations to the young men and women and adults who were Confirmed by Bishop Amos this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey in faith!

CONFIRMANDI

Jaliyana Acosta
Evan Antonios
Emily Ayala
Jason Byrge
Jack Damas
Kevin Delaney
Patrick Ehrley
Colin Farago
Ashley Graves
Avyana Hamilton
Nathan Jerson
Julia Johnson
Kameron Karpa
Thomas Meisterics
Adam Noga
Aubrey Phillips
Cameron Ramsey
Colin Robinson
William Rosby
Janae Smith
Maya Velez
Adalae Wilamosky



Adults
Anthony McDonald
Maria Heinz

The Confirmation class extends a sincere Thank You to Bishop Amos, Fr. Schmitz, Deacon Berigan and Mrs. Berigan, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Deranek, Mrs. Nowak, Ms. Dodson, their Parents and Sponsors, Teachers, School and Parish Staff, Mrs. Stitt and Cantors, Parishioners, Mrs. Judy, Miss Zola and the Reception Team! May God bless all of you for helping us in our Sacramental journey!

