



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

March 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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MARCH 27, 2022 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

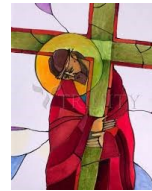
St. Leo Fish Dinners 2022

Lobster Dinner - Friday, April 1st
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 28th

Regular Fish Dinner
Selections Available



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 of 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! **BRING YOUR BIBLE!**

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. This 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.



Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, March 27th from 8-Noon. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. Walk ins will not be accepted. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

**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.

Pro-Life Group

The Pro-life group is planning its next meeting on Wednesday, April 13, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please note the time change as it is an hour earlier start time than previously.

All are welcome! We are discussing various life issues, including the upcoming Supreme Court decision on *Dobbs vs. Jackson Health* which will be decided in June of this year.

Other issues currently under discussion include end-of-life issues such as euthanasia, and the Church's teaching on LGBTQBT individuals and our response to this.

If you have any questions about the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2860 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.

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, 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 Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Ken Proctor, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Harriet Franko, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze & Joe Barr.

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



Noah Furin
St. Ladislas, Westlake
Senior, Borromeo

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

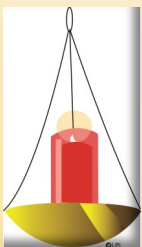
SANCTUARY CANDLE
INTENTION

March 27 to April 10

IN LOVING MEMORY

of great strength and honor
Rocco A. Capone

We love and miss you,
your grateful family the Capones



SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$4,423.00
WeShare.....\$1,580.00
Total.....\$6,003.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MASST
INTENTIONS

Monday, March 28th—Lenten Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, March 29th—Lenten Weekday

8:30am +Fr. Tony Muzic (Fr. Schmitz)

Wednesday, March 30th—Lenten Weekday

8:30am +C&L Choromanski (Daughter)

Thursday March 31st—Lenten Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday April 1st—Lenten Weekday

8:30am +May Schmitz (Fr. Jim Schmitz)

Saturday April 2nd—Lenten Weekday

4:00 +Jeff Weisheit (Family)

Sunday, April 3rd—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Dan Stankiewicz and Family (Marie Stankiewicz)

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

After Moses died, God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites. In this reading, Joshua and the Israelites have just crossed the Jordan River and now at long last are in the Promised Land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Some members of the Corinthian community found it hard to accept Paul's teachings. They challenged his credentials and sincerity as an apostle because he was not an eyewitness to the earthly life of Jesus. In this passage, Paul defends his ministry as an apostle.

Readings for the week of March 27, 2022

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 27, 2022—4th Sunday of Lent

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

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St. Leo Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by St. Leo Athletics
Sunday, April 10th - Palm Sunday
9:00am to 12:30pm

Our **48th Annual** Pancake Breakfast will be held in Lux Hall from 9:00am to 12:30pm on Palm Sunday, April 10th. **Our Feature Items are Banana Bread French Toast (\$9.00) or Chicken and Waffles (\$11.00)**

Our **Regular Breakfast** includes pancakes, eggs, home fries, sausage or bacon, juice and coffee. **The pancakes are all you can eat!** Cost for regular pancake breakfast for adults is \$8 and children are \$6. Continue the tradition or start a new one, bring your family after Mass.



St. Leo the Great
4940 Broadview Road
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EASTER DISTRIBUTION... This year the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will be giving our families a gift card to purchase their Easter Ham and additional items to help make their Easter dinner more complete. Please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVDP EASTER" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory Office. We thank you very much for helping us make their Easter dinner more complete. Thank you!

Almsgiving is a private thing. You share what you have with a neighbor you do not know and who does not know you, but it is an act of service to those in need. During Lent let us not pass the Poor Boxes without sharing some money and saying a private prayer for the needy or you can put your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP" and take it to the rectory. Your help is very much appreciated.

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? Our next First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be April 1 from 9:00 am to 4:45 pm.

Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

A reminder to all those going on the trip to the Holy Land in May...if you like, you can join us this Friday (April 1st) at the Fish Fry so that we can meet those who will be joining us on this pilgrimage. We'll meet there at 5:30pm. Lobster tails will also be available, but you must get your order in soon as Monday, March 28th will be the last day that tickets for those will be sold. But if lobster tails aren't your thing (and why wouldn't they be?), you can still join us for our wonderful fish meals. So hope to see many of you there. Tables will be reserved in the back of the gym (by the in-wall image of St. Leo the Great).

One of our long-time parishioners, Eileen Gabel, will be moving to her son's home (in Dover, Ohio) in May. Eileen has been a very active member of our parish and has served us so generously and well over the years...she has worked hard in our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, has ordered the candles we use in the church and has been a money counter...and I'm sure many other acts of service as well. I want to let her know how much we appreciate all that she has done for us and assure her that even though she will be living outside of the parish boundaries, she will always be considered a member of our parish community. Please keep Eileen in your prayers as she makes this move.

I recently read a book by a young man named Brandon Vogt, who works with the Word on Fire Ministry founded by Bishop Robert Barron, whom I mention frequently as a great evangelizer. Brandon's book is called "Return: How to Draw your Child back to the Church." Over the years, I have heard the frustration and seen the sadness of many parents whose children and/or grandchildren no longer practice the Catholic Faith that was so diligently passed on to them. Many people mourn the loss of loved ones who have abandoned the faith of their youth. Brandon's book offers not only understanding toward those who have experienced this lack of faith in people they care about, but also offers very practical suggestions for how to help them return to the faith that is so important in our own lives. Here are some stark and difficult facts: One third of people raised Catholic no longer identify as Catholic today. Attendance at Mass is only a paltry 24% on any given Sunday. One third of the millennial generation claims no religious affiliation and only 16% identify as Catholic. (The overall Catholic population has remained relatively stable but this is mostly a result of immigration). And so Brandon notes that "The parable of the prodigal son is being reenacted every day in homes across the country as millions of mothers and fathers wait for their children to come home to the Church." But the good news is that the author offers practical strategies that will create the best possible environment to facilitate a child's return to the Church. I found the book to be hopeful and very helpful to me as I pray for the people in my own life (including several family members) who no longer practice their faith. I want you to find this hope and help as well so I have ordered several copies of this book which I am making available to whomever wants it free of charge. It is well worth the money we would (and should) be spending on our parish evangelization efforts, which must begin with our own family members. I will have these books available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church as well as in the rectory office, so just let a staff member know you would like one. If we run out, I'll order more. I hope you will find this book as helpful as I did and I'll pray that it may allow you to be an effective minister of reconciliation to those who have wandered from the fold.

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 April 6, May 4, and June 1, 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.



*Have a Heart
Lend a Hand*

During Lent St. Leo's is sponsoring our annual Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand program. Twelve area organizations will be recipients of your generosity.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2, and during Lent, baskets of hearts will be at all church entrances. Please take a heart or two and purchase the items requested for the organization listed. Or you can purchase items from the list below.

You may bring your donations to the church (bins by doors) or rectory by Friday, April 8 or to the St. Leo School cafeteria on Saturday, April 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. Please remember to attach the heart or a tag with the organization name to your donated items.

Rectory hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; Saturday, noon–5:30; or Sunday, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

♥ **Birthright**

Gift Cards for Target, Walmart,
Marc's, Kohls
Diapers—Size 4,5,6

♥ **Broadview Multi-Care**

Adult Coloring Books
Large-Print Word-Search Books
Colored Pencils, Markers
Playing Cards
Nail Polish
Body Wash
Men's Crew Socks
Men's Extra Large Undershirts
Chess/Checkers Set

♥ **Catholic Charities
Refugee Families**

Twin-Size Sheets/Blankets
Full-Size Sheets/Blankets
Bed Pillows
Pillow Cases

♥ **Holy Family Hospice**

Paper Towels
Napkins
Kleenex
Bleach
Lestoil
Disinfectant Wipes
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes
Body Wash

♥ **Joseph House of Cleveland**

Bath Towels
Washcloths
Diapers—4T/5T
Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper

♥ **Malachi House**

Postage Stamps
Gift Cards: Walmart, Target,
Giant Eagle, Save-a-Lot, Home
Depot, GFS, Dave's, Amazon

♥ **Mt. Alverna**

Large Pop-It Fidget Toys
Cake/Cookie/Muffin Mixes
Frosting, Sprinkles
Sugar-Free Candy
Cans Diet Pop
New Small Stuffed Animals
Big-Piece Puzzles 25 Pieces or Less
Nail Polish/Remover
Cotton Balls, Emery Boards

♥ **Parma Care Center**

Diet Cans of Coke/Pepsi
Large-Print Word Search Books
Washable Markers/Colored Pencils
Men's Aftershave, Razors
Men's/Women's Body Wash
Women's Hair Accessories
Watercolor/Acrylic Paints, Brushes

♥ **Providence House**

Applesauce
Canned fruits: Peaches, Pears,
Fruit Cocktail
Cookies, Graham Crackers
Diapers, Sizes 5, 6
Clorox Wipes
Paper Towels
Liquid Hand Soap
Baby Wash/Shampoo
Gift Cards: Target, Walmart
Paper Cups/Plates

♥ **St. Colman Parish**

Shampoo
Deodorant
Bar Soap
Razors
Toilet Paper—4-8 Roll Pkg.
Laundry/Dish Detergent
Sturdy Reusable Shopping Bags
(from Marc's)
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

♥ **St. Leo/St. Vincent
dePaul Outreach**

Bar Soap
Boxed Scalloped Potatoes/
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
Canned Tuna
Dish Detergent
Pancake Mix/Syrup
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Canned Pasta
Skillet Dinners
Cereal
Baked Beans
Spaghetti Sauce
Rice and Noodle Side Dishes

♥ **West Side
Catholic Center**

Deodorant
Bar Soap
Shampoo
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes
New Men's Shoes
New Children's Shoes
New Socks—Men, Women, Children

If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216/351-6247.

**RAFFLE
WINNER**



March 21, 2022

Sharon Dufek



Sarris Fundraiser Candy Sales



The PTC is selling Sarris Chocolates Easter candy this year. The sale is currently running through April 10th. All sales are being placed online and will be shipped directly to your home. Please use the link to get to the fundraiser. Our school code is 21-3991.

<https://www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com/>

MARCH 27, 2022— FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

BUS TRIPS

HARTVILLE - Friday, May 27 - \$75.00 per person
Lunch at Hartville Kitchen - Included
Shop/browse - Hartville Flea Market
Downtown Hartville
Harry London Chocolates

NAUTICA QUEEN Wednesday, June 9
\$70.00 per person
Lunch Cruise - included
Shop/browse - West Side Market

SENECA NIAGARA
Monday, July 11 (overnight stay)
Casino Bonus \$35 slot play & \$15 food

SENECA ALLEGANY—Tuesday July 12
Casino Bonus \$25 slot play



Contact Sandy Diaddario -
216-926-3123

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.

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.**



Catechumenates

Please pray for the catechumens and candidates who are preparing to be fully initiated in to the church at the Easter Vigil—Kristi Burkart, Nichole Kirk, Amelia Morchak and Jay Warner as well as Jonathan Goodfellow who will be received into the church on April 24.



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.