



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

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Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

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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
after Mass by request or any time 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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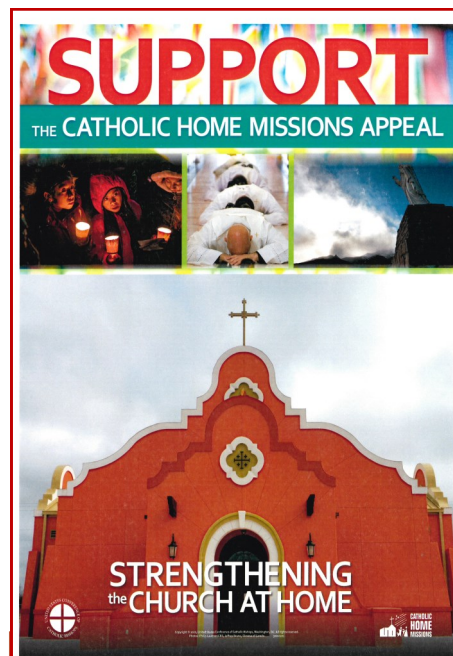
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"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

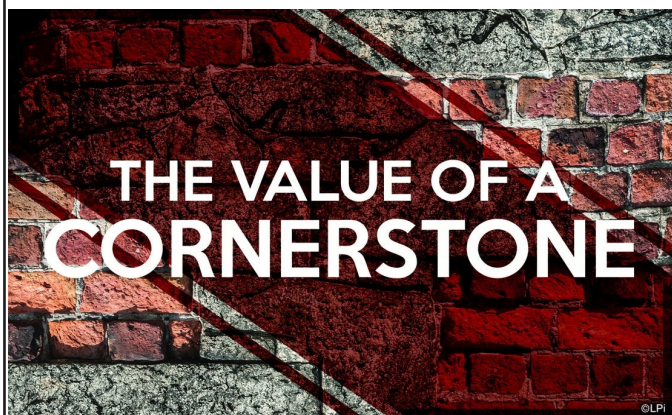
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CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal this weekend! Over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of

self centeredness and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn,, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Joseph Mackey, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath, Cherie Seitz, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Chuck Pacanovsky, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, Arlene Gerda, Lorice Yurek & Gary Skelley

**PRAY
FOR
SOMEONE
NEW
EVERY
DAY!**



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

BARBARA CRAIGHEAD

April 19, 2021—\$100.00 Winner



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at online at leothegreat.org or at the Rectory Office.

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

Dr. Chad Johnson
Diocese of Youngstown
V Theology, Saint Mary



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

Parish Support

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH & EASTER

Collection	\$ 4,587.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 1,850.00
Total	\$ 6,437.00
Easter	\$ 20,308.00

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



Monday, April 26th - Easter Weekday
8:30am +Arnold Ceccarelli (Robert & Barbara Ceccarelli)
Tuesday, April 27th - Easter Weekday
8:30am Anthony Calvillo (Family)
Wednesday, April 28th - St. Peter Chanel, and St. Louis Grignon
8:30am +Devin Neumann (Larson Family)
Thursday, April 29th- St. Catherin of Siena
8:30am Communion Service
Friday, April 30th - St. Pius V
8:30am +Caitlin Soucek-Kacher (Family)
Saturday, May 1st - St. Joseph the Worker
4:00pm FIRST COMMUNION—3RD GRADE CLASS
Sunday, May 2nd - 5th Sunday of Easter
8:00am +Betty Kollar (Kollar Family)
11:00am People of the Parish



to **Tom & Mary Jo Blados** who are celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** this weekend.

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Early in the Acts of the Apostles, Peter and John healed a lame man who sat begging each day at the temple gate. This miracle led to their arrest, and they were brought before the Sanhedrin. In today's passage, we hear Peter speaking boldly about Jesus to these Jewish leaders. In these few sentence, Peter presents the very heart of the Christian message.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

During this Easter Season, we are reading from the first letter of John. Today's passage reminds us about something both John and Paul emphasized: Jesus had made it possible for us to be God's sons and daughters, not just in some future life, but here and now

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

On Saturday, April 17th, I had a funeral service for Suzanne Kravec, a parishioner who died back in January of this year, but whose funeral was scheduled later due to COVID restrictions at that time. She was 64 years old. We extend our sympathies to her husband Frank of 46 years and to her siblings. May she and all who believed in the resurrection of the Lord, rest in Christ's peace.

It was 20 years ago today that my mom died. As I think of her daily, it becomes more & more difficult to comprehend that she has been gone for so long. She was diagnosed with colon cancer on July 1, 1999 and while the news that the cancer was extensive and terminal, we were grateful that she lived for nearly 2 more years. Many people have shared with me stories of certain "signs" they believe they have received from God, indicating that somehow his hand is at work during the most difficult events of our lives. For us, the sign was given concerning the date that she died. My mom had worked as the parish secretary at the parish where we all attended elementary school & attended Mass every Sunday, which was St. Mark in West Park. She died around 4am on April 25th, which is the feast of St. Mark, and that year, was also Secretary's Day. As St. John Paul II said, for those with faith, there are no coincidences with God. So that is our sign. I have a large statue of St. Mark which had been stored away at a cemetery but which I was invited to take as I had attended St. Mark School. Also on the bottom of my chalice, there are the symbols of the 4 evangelists or gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. St. Mark is represented by a winged lion as this symbol comes from St. Mark's description of John the Baptist's voice "crying out in the wilderness." His voice is said to have sounded like that of a roaring lion. After my mom died, I took the diamond from her wedding ring & had it placed directly under the symbol for St. Mark on my chalice. When cleaning the chalice after Communion, I always swipe the diamond a couple times with the purificator (the cloth used in cleaning a chalice) as my way of saying hello to my mom. She used to attend daily Mass at St. Mark before she began the day's work there as the secretary and had also been a Eucharistic Minister. I could go on & on with stories about my mom (& I'll share one with you in the homily if you are attending Mass on Sunday the 25th) but suffice it to say that I continue to remain so grateful for all my mom did for us 5 children and so thankful that such a devout Catholic woman had great influence on my vocation as a priest. On the day I moved in to St. Leo's, I stopped at her grave (& mine) at Holy Cross Cemetery & asked for her prayers. I believe she has offered many of them if my happiness at St. Leo's is any indication.

One more personal note today...my stepmother, married almost 15 years now to my dad, was in the hospital with double pneumonia & they discovered she also had a couple of heart attacks. At 101, we are grateful that she continues to be such a great companion for our dad who is nearly 94. Ironically, she was baptized at St. Mark (in her late 80's!) so may he pray for her too as she recovers from her recent illness.

Fr. James Schmitz



FIRST COMMUNION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MAY 1ST & MAY 8TH

Next Saturday, May 1st our parish will celebrate the First Communion of our 3rd graders at the 4:00pm Mass. As you may recall, they were unable to celebrate last year due to the pandemic.

On Saturday, May 8th our 2nd graders will be celebrating their First Communion at the 4:00pm Mass.

Please keep all these boys and girls in your prayers as they receive Jesus in the celebration of the Eucharist.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

April 25th to May 8th



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARTIN FONTAINE

Love, Miriam

THE STORY OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in

Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

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JEFFREY SCHIGEL SCHOLARSHIP



All Saints Federal Credit Union is offering the \$500 Jeffrey Schigel Scholarship for St. Leo the Great Eighth Graders. To be eligible, the eighth-grade student must be attending a Catholic High School. To enter, fill out the form on our website, www.allsaintsfcu.com, or stop in to our office and pick one up! We are located at 6740 Broadview Road, Parma, OH 44134. Completed forms may be emailed to cu@allsaintsfcu.com or mailed or dropped off at any of our three branch locations. **The deadline for completed forms is Friday, May 14, 2021.** Please call 216-524-0414 if you have any questions. Visit our website for branch locations and hours. Good luck!

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TO FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES: SVDP RACE FOR HUNGER RELIEF MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Race for Hunger Relief:
The Final Stretch



Matching Gift Campaign
for SVDP Hunger Centers

This past year during the pandemic, St. Vincent de Paul Society hunger centers served 9,260 NEW people who found themselves in need of emergency food for the very first time (this is in addition to the other 120,000 people that SVDP normally serves). Please help by donating to this matching gift campaign today. Not only will your contribution be **doubled**, but **every dollar of your gift will feed up to four people.** Donate at svdpcl.org or send a check to: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief, 1404 E. 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

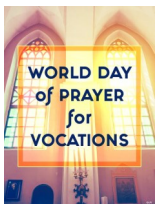
HOLY CROSS CEMETERY – Pre-Planning Seminar



The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 1:00pm. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains.

Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to prepare for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the seminar.

**HOLY CROSS Cemetery – 14609 Brookpark Rd.,
Brook Park RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 3**



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - APRIL 25, 2021

Good and gracious God, You call each person by name and invite them to follow you. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may each person hear and respond to the call they have received. We pray for all discerning marriage, the chaste single life, consecrated life, or ordained ministries, that your Holy Spirit would guide, inspire, and strengthen them. May your Church and the world be enriched by the "yes" of your children. Amen.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

THANK YOU
St. Leo's Parishioners

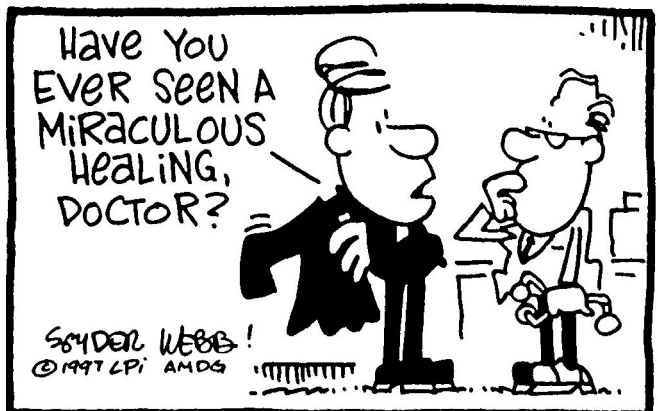
TWO LITTLE WORDS "THANK YOU!" Those two words seem so inadequate. They do, however, express the appreciation of those you have helped to feed. For them your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization says "THANK YOU VERY MUCH!"

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR SPRING SHOPPING



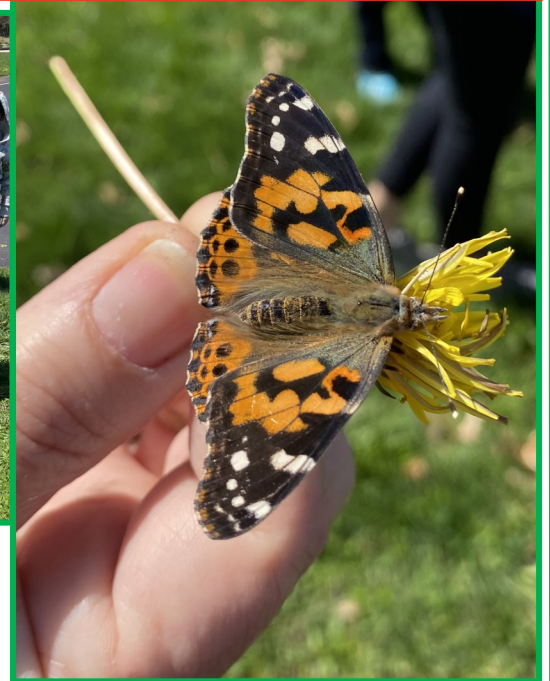
Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support your Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at leothegreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for spring yard work, everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE & SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER





Volunteers from the Jr. High Religion Classes made lunches for St. Augustine Hunger Center during Lent. We are grateful to all the students who helped decorate the bags and students who made the lunches. Thanks also to all who contributed the food for the lunches and Miss Judy for her delivery service. God bless all of you for helping those in need!



Ms. Lahoud's kindergarten class learned a lot about caterpillars. They watched as the caterpillars turn into butterflies!

Then one exciting day they said goodbye and released them into nature. The students were in awe, and some were sad to see their friends go!

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity



Guide Book Publishing

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

(216-661-1006)

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

**UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PARISH GUIDE BOOK
WHICH IS GOING TO PRINT IN JUNE
PLEASE RETURN YOUR INFORMATION ASAP**

Now is the time to update your membership information for our parish database and the 2021 Guide Book & Directory. If you want to update your information **or do not want your name, address, and/or phone number printed in the 2021 Guide Book**, please fill out this form and return it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket. You may also fill out this information online at our website or mobile app. Thank you!

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

☐ Do not print my name.

☐ Do not print my phone number.

☐ Do not print my address.

☐ This is my **updated** information.



You are invited to golf for a cause at Zelie's Home Inaugural Birdies for Babies Golf Scramble on Sunday, June 13th at Shale Creek Golf Club in Medina, Ohio. All proceeds support our home in Garfield Heights serving pregnant and parenting women and their children. For more information, visit our website at www.zelieshome.org/events/birdiesforbabies or contact Erin Hathaway at executivedirector@zelieshome.org.

