



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

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SCHOOL HOURS:

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

Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

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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LET US

rejoice

AND BE

glad.

PSALM 118

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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, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Chuck Pacanovsky, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, Arlene Gerda & Lorice Yurek



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

AMY MACKEY

March 29, 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.

Deacon Alexander Clark
St. Francis de Sales, Akron
V Theology, Saint Mary



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

Parish Support

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST

Collection	\$ 4,424.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 2,290.00
Total	\$ 6,714.00

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

EASTER WEEK

GLPI

Monday, April 5th - Mon. within Octave of Easter

8:30am +Bill Skora (Family)

Tuesday, April 6th - Tues. within Octave of Easter

8:30am +Lucia & Carmen Mucciarone (Giovanni & Irma Zappitelli)

Wednesday, April 7th - Wed. within Octave of Easter

8:30am +Russell Walker (Children)

Thursday, April 8th - Thurs. within Octave of Easter

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, April 9th - Fri. within Octave of Easter

8:30am +Langa Family (Rose Zarko)

Saturday, April 10th - Sat. within Octave of Easter

4:00pm Seniors

Sunday, April 11th - Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +John Pahn (Mary Joan Gavel)

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

The Apostle Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. But one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to a Gentile—the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. Today's passage is a portion of Peter's sermon, which summarizes the life and ministry of Jesus.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

The letter to the Colossians depicts Christ as the only mediator between God and the world. A previous passage of the letter presented baptism as the way we are united with Christ. The author will today remind us of the heights to which Christ has raised us, and then call upon us to live up to this.

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)*

At the end of January, I celebrated the funeral Mass for Ralph Mlady, a wonderful man who had been an active member of our parish for many years. Ralph had a special devotion to St. Francis of Assisi & as you know we have a statue of St. Francis right outside the church door by the chapel entrance. Ralph's wife Loretta approached me with a wonderful idea...since we already had a statue of St. Francis, could we honor Ralph by adding some animals around the man who loved all of God's creation, especially animals, as can be seen from various pieces of art which show Francis surrounded by birds, wolves, and other creatures of God. So that is what we did and I know Ralph is smiling at the thoughtful suggestion of his wife. It's rather subtle that he is surrounded by such creatures of God's making until you approach the statue & see the deer (along with her fawn), the raccoon, the wolf eyeing the deer (don't worry...Francis is said to have spoken to a wolf & he will protect the wolf's natural prey), and the birds perched on Francis's hand & shoulder. You'll also notice my own particular nod to Michaela & Abby! Even the Easter Bunny can be seen with it's young offspring. What a great time of year to enjoy this scene as we welcome spring and remember that all of creation joins in the praise of God at Easter.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

HAPPY EASTER AND THANK YOU for your financial contributions and for your donations of food and staples to support our families to help provide them with Easter Blessings at their table. We continue to pray for all those who contribute and support our St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization at St. Leo the Great.



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.



THEOLOGY • ON • THE ROCKS WEST FOR ADULTS 40& OVER

**Monday, April 12 – 7:00pm
VIA Zoom**

**Bishop Roger Gries,
Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland
Topic: Understanding
Religious Orders**



Benedictine, Carmelites, Dominicans, Jesuits, Franciscans... and this barely skims the surface of the religious orders. We've heard the names, but if someone asked you to explain who they are or what the difference is, could you answer? Well, we've asked Bishop Gries to help us unravel what the religious orders are and why there are so many different orders. Join us for this enlightening evening with Bishop Gries. We can't wait to see you there!

**Limited to 90 Computer Audience
Register in advance**

www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED.



Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

Go to: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/surveydtxc51t675>

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy of the survey in the **Rectory office** during regular business hours.

The survey will be **AVAILABLE NOW THROUGH MONDAY APRIL 19TH**. It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Jim and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

THANK YOU for helping with this important project!

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 AND SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

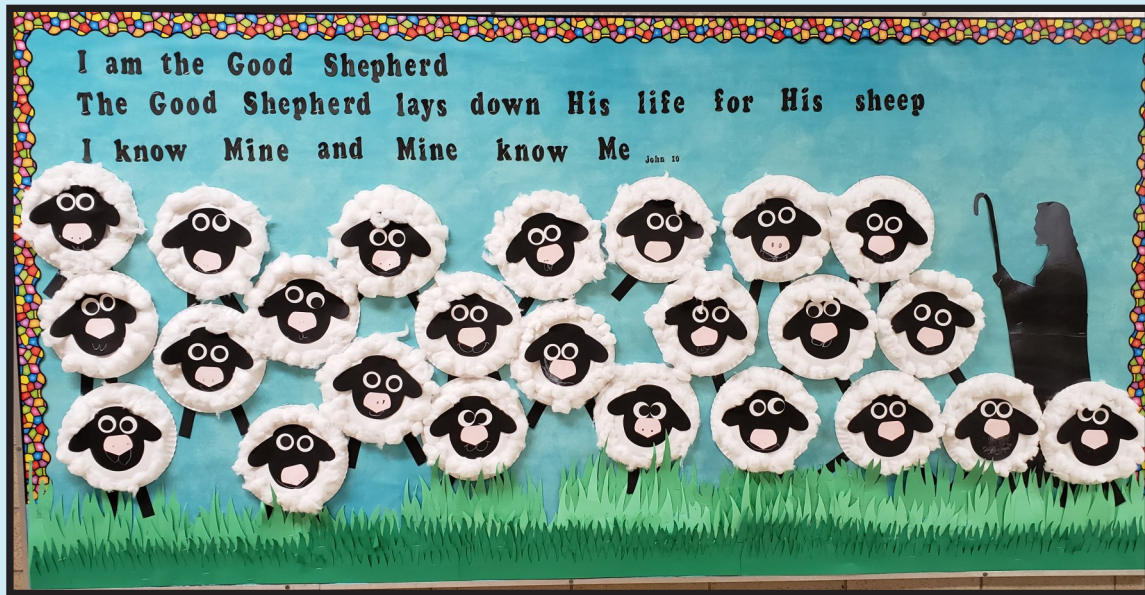
BRING IT TO THE BIN—BONUS WEEK APRIL 18TH - 24TH



What a great way to receive an additional \$2/ton for all the paper you bring to your bin during Bonus Week.



You can help our school earn \$\$? Just bring it to the bin. Bring Mail, Newspapers, Wrapping Paper, Hard and Soft Bound Books, Phone Books, Brown Paper Bags, and Flattened Cardboard. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to save their paper too!



Dear St. Leo the Great Families,

As I sit to write this note, it is hard to believe that we have just begun the 4th and final quarter of the 2020-2021 School Year. I continue to be so proud and thankful to our wonderful school faculty and staff, who were willing to roll up their sleeves and tackle the obstacles put in front of them in order to teach our children during this pandemic. I am also amazed by our students who continue to follow the guidelines by wearing masks and social distancing, and staying positive in their learning experience. I am also thankful to our parents for their understanding and continued support as we navigated our way through this difficult school year.

We must continue to give hope and encouragement to each other, and work together for the good of all.

Happy Easter to all. May the Lord bless your home with happiness, health and prosperity. May you feel the hope of new beginnings, love and faith.

God Bless,

Mrs. Denise Burns,
Principal



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

