



## ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

June 26, 2022

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### SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday through Friday 8:00AM—3:00PM

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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.

### DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP!

Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other useful information on your mobile device.

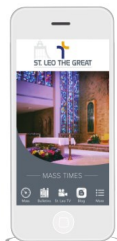
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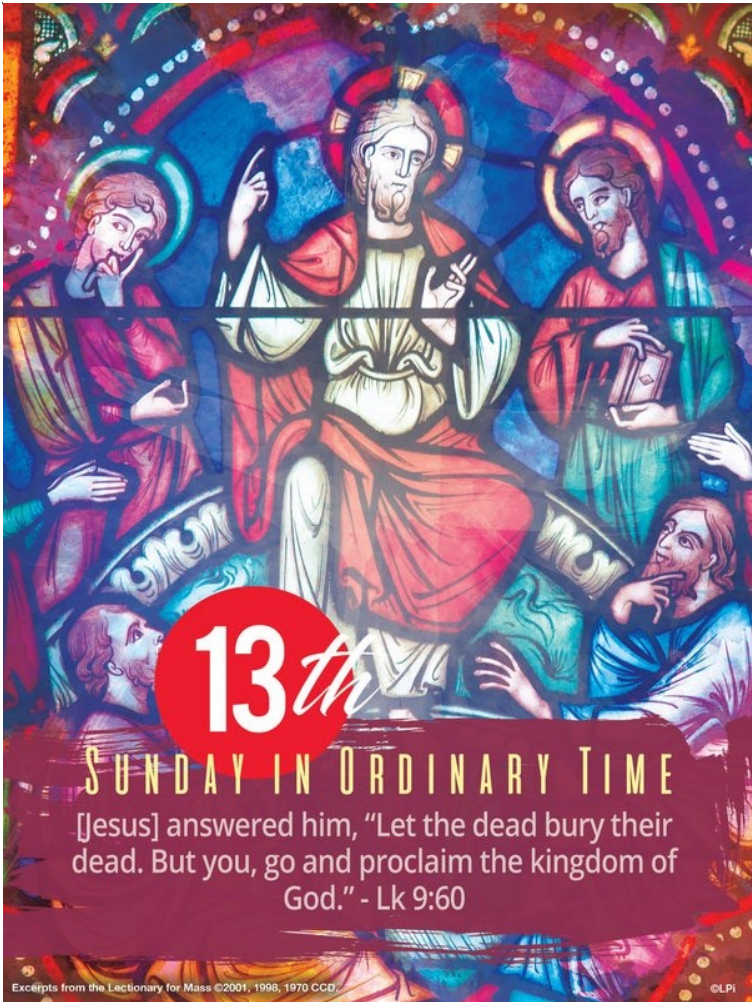
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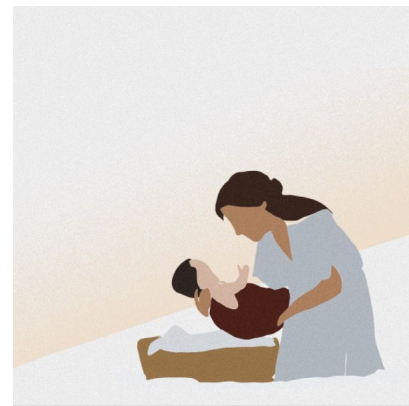
## Serving Moms in Need

By reaching out to lovingly support and care for pregnant women and their children, we witness to the sanctity of every human person, in every stage and every circumstance.

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Serving Moms in Need: Living the Gospel of Life”



## Pro-Life



Pro-Life Peaceful, Prayerful Witness by the Planned Parenthood Office, will meet on the corner of Brookpark & Broadview roads, Saturdays, 10:30 -11:30 am. Join us on the public sidewalk. Pray to end abortion. Questions, call Mike & Doris Peters, 216-659-3362.



## THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH



## St. Vincent De Paul

Two little words "THANK YOU!" Those two words seem so inadequate, however, they express the appreciation of those we serve and you have helped us to feed. For that your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization says "THANK YOU VERY VERY MUCH!"



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR  
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Prayer  
REQUESTS

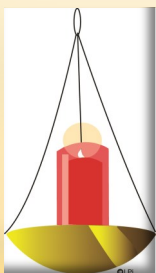
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Every week we pray for those discerning  
a vocation in religious life.

**Jeffrey Liptak**  
**St. Charles Borromeo, Parma**  
**IV Theology, St. Mary**



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



**SANCTUARY CANDLE  
INTENTION**

June 19 to July 3

**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
**+William Hinton Sr. & Jr.**  
**In loving memory from the**  
**Hinton Family**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022**

Sunday Collection.....\$6,044.25  
WeShare.....\$2,078.50  
Total.....\$8,122.75

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**MASST**  
**INTENTIONS**

**Monday, June 27th—St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:30am +Teresa Knyszek (Colleen)

**Tuesday, June 28th —St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**

8:30am +Carol Dickey (Tom and Mary Thornton)

**Wednesday, June 29th—St. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

8:30am +Frank Zupancic (Family)

**Thursday June 30th— Weekday**

8:30am Communion Service

**Friday July 1st—Weekday**

8:30am +O. Bates Family (Sara Stupic)

**Saturday July 2nd – Weekday**

4:00am +Caitlin Soucek (Family)

**Sunday, July 3rd— 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Jacob, Katie, Bruce (Friends)

**First Reading: Kings 19:16, 19-21**

Elijah lived about 800 years before Jesus, and was revered as the greatest prophet in Jewish History, even though he left no written records. In today's passage, he is nearing the end of his life, and God instructs him to anoint a successor.

**Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18**

Some time after Paul had preached the Gospel in Galatia, other Christians came who insisted that to be a good Christian one also had to follow the Jewish law and be ritually circumcised. This caused great dissension in the church there. In today's passage, Paul reaffirms their freedom from the law, and pleads for greater harmony.

**Readings for the week June 26, 2022**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17



**STS. PETER  
AND PAUL,**  
**APOSTLES**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 26, 2022 | 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



And to another he said, "Follow me." In every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling us. We can easily get distracted and not hear it or simply ignore it, pretending it wasn't even heard. When we do hear it and favorably respond, there are some conditions that must be met. Jesus makes it clear that once we say yes to his invitation, we must stay focused and forge ahead. We cannot keep looking behind or worry about unfinished business. There are some tasks, and discipleship is one, that require our full devotion.

There are many "masters" vying for our attention. We need something or someone to give us direction. Human nature requires it. Our motives and actions reveal what has our allegiance. It is tempting to give ourselves to masters that lure us with intriguing promises. When given the choice between a "master" that promises worldly success, abundant wealth, status, privilege, and security versus a "master" that asks for self-sacrifice, hardship, suffering, ridicule, and death, to whom do we go? While the promise of immediate pleasure is enticing, there is always a catch. For all that secular masters can promise, they always keep us looking behind, checking on ourselves, second guessing choices, calculating options, and being slaves to excessive worry. Our guard can never come down. Only one master really promises life: Jesus Christ. Hearing his call, we either trust him or we don't.

Saying yes to following Christ does come with a risk. But it also comes with the brightness of future hopes and dreams. There is no need to keep looking behind. Sins are forgiven and regrets serve no effective purpose. God is not there. He's moved beyond all that stuff. God is in the today and the tomorrow and what he can continually do with our daily affirmation to follow Him. All we need to do is be obedient. St. Gianna Molla is credited with saying, "The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." Begin with prayer. We will not only hear God's call but find the courage to trust that He will guide us where we need to be. God uses us in the most ordinary of ways through the simple daily expression of our lives.

### St. Ignatius Honor Roll

These students from St. Leo the Great parish have earned academic honors for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year at Saint Ignatius High School.

**Connor Giszl** '22 12 First Honors,  
**Zachary Jerson** '23 11 Honors,  
**Joseph Novak** '22 12 First Honors,  
**Justin Ortega** '23 11 First Honors,  
**Grady Wilson** '25 9 Honors.

**Tristan Holleran** '22 12 First Honors,  
**Alexander Nodge** '22 12 First Honors,  
**Joshua Novak** '25 9 Honors,  
**Christopher Tipton** '23 11 First Honors,  
Congratulations Students!

### Attention Retired Catholics!

**Your most important work may be after you retire**  
***The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is recruiting!***



IVC is an opportunity for adult men and women to offer their skills, wisdom and life experience in direct service to those in need. In return for a commitment of 1 or 2 days a week with a local service project, the IVC program provides monthly guidance for personal reflection and prayerful conversations with fellow IVC volunteers. Together, we hope to see the face of Christ in those we serve. Call IVC Cleveland Director, Kim Strauss at 440-823-6093 or e-mail [kstrauss@ivcusa.org](mailto:kstrauss@ivcusa.org). [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org) Share your lifetime of experience - Get the experience of a lifetime!



### In Memory Of **Joan Dregne**

September 18, 1941  
June 10, 2022

#### Funeral Service

10:00 am Tue. Jun 14, 2022  
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

Father James Schmitz

#### Interment

Holy Cross Cemetery  
Sec 29 Lot 622 Grave 1

#### Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me to be a  
happy one, I'd like to leave an  
afterglow of smiles when day is gone.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering  
softly down the ways, of happy times,  
and laughing times, and bright  
and sunny days.*

**Yurch Funeral Home**

## Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

At his Mass of Christian Burial, we gave thanks last Saturday for the 101 years that Walter Pasela was given on this earth. Married for 62 years and father of 2 sons, James & David, Walter was a man of great faith, attending daily Mass in our chapel when he was well enough to do so. My last visit with him was in April when I heard his confession, anointed him and gave him Holy Communion at Vista Springs, where he was in assisted living. Walter served in the Army during World War II and was given military honors at the cemetery. He even taught himself Japanese! A good summary of his life was written in his obituary: "101 years of living, laughing, loving & hard work." May Walter now Rest In Peace with his wife Mary.

In last week's column, I requested that when someone in the hospital or nursing facility is in need of the Anointing of the Sick or the Last Rites, that you try to first contact the chaplain that is assigned to most of these institutions since it is their duty to provide this pastoral care to the people where they are assigned. If someone is at home and would like to be anointed or receive the last rites, then please reach out to me in the rectory office. There is a difference between these two rites of the Church. The Anointing of the Sick is one of the 7 sacraments, and is intended primarily for those who are either seriously ill or are advanced in age (your call, not mine!). It's purpose is to pray that God's healing may be given to the person according to God's will (and healing can be physical, mental, emotional or spiritual). The last rites however are simply prayers that are offered for a person who is facing death (or even for someone who has already died). However, at one time, these two rites were combined into one and was called "Extreme Unction" (unction means to be anointed). This was during the time prior to the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960's. Since the Church reformed its rites and liturgy at that time, it properly separated these two distinct rites as we have them today. But back then, one was given "Extreme Unction" (anointing) AND the last rites at the same time, shortly before death. But now that they are two distinct prayers, one should not really be anointed just prior to death as that is praying for their healing which will obviously not take place (although you could argue there is a spiritual healing that could be prayed for). But many priests still anoint a dying person before giving them the last rites or saying the prayers to prepare someone for death. The point I want to make is that the last rites, while fruitful, are not sacramental and therefore can really be prayed by anyone in the Church, including the family & friends who may be gathered around a dying person. You are of course free to call a priest to offer the last rites & pray with the family prior to someone's death, but if one is not available, you can and should pray for that person yourself. Hopefully this offers a better understanding of these rites of the Church and gives you a better sense of when a priest, either a chaplain or parish priest, should be called. Of course you are always encouraged to call & ask about what would be appropriate if you or a loved one is in such a situation where prayers are desired.

Thanks to Will Robinson, a parishioner looking to complete his Eagle Project, we now have two birdhouses & a bird feeder by the statue of St. Francis of Assisi at the west front entrance of the church, as well as a birdhouse fixed to the tree in the shrine area. Will is a young man who graduated from our parish school, attended St. Ignatius High School (where his brother Colin, an altar server, will be attending this fall), and has worked here at the rectory during the summer months. I'm grateful for his project which shows a love of God's creation.

*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 August 3, September 7, and October 5 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.





## “Our New Birdhouses & Bird Feeder”

### Vicar General and Chancellor

#### Question:

I have seen the title of Vicar General and Chancellor used in our Catholic newspaper. Who are they and what do they do?

#### Answer:

A bishop is in charge of a diocese and appoints people to help with its administration. Two of those positions are the Vicar General and the Chancellor. Both play a role in the life of a diocese, despite the many jokes priest may tell at their expense! A chancellor is the archivist of a diocese, charged with task of keeping the records of

the diocese. Often a bishop may add other responsibilities and the chancellor may end up being like the executive director of the diocesan office. The chancellor does not need to be a priest.

The vicar general is a priest, appointed by the bishop and acts in the name of the bishop in administering the diocese. He has an advanced degree in canon law or theology. He also has executive authority within the diocese. This means that he is involved in the day-to-day pastoral and temporal administration of the diocese. Canon law does not allow a bishop to appoint a relative to the position, nor the priest in charge of the sacrament of penance. In both cases, the purpose of the law is to avoid conflicts of interest.



### BUS TRIPS

**RIVERS CASINO**—Wednesday, August 17  
\$48 per person, Casino Bonus: \$20 in slot play,  
\$5 food credit

Reservation deadline: Thursday, July 7

**ANNUAL TRIP TO AMISH COUNTRY**—  
Monday, September 26

Lunch at Berlin Farmstead—included  
\$80 per person

Reservation deadline: Friday, August 12

Three days, two nights—Tuesday –Thursday, October 4-6

**SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT**—  
Overnight stay

Casino Bonus—\$30 premium play & \$40 dining gift card

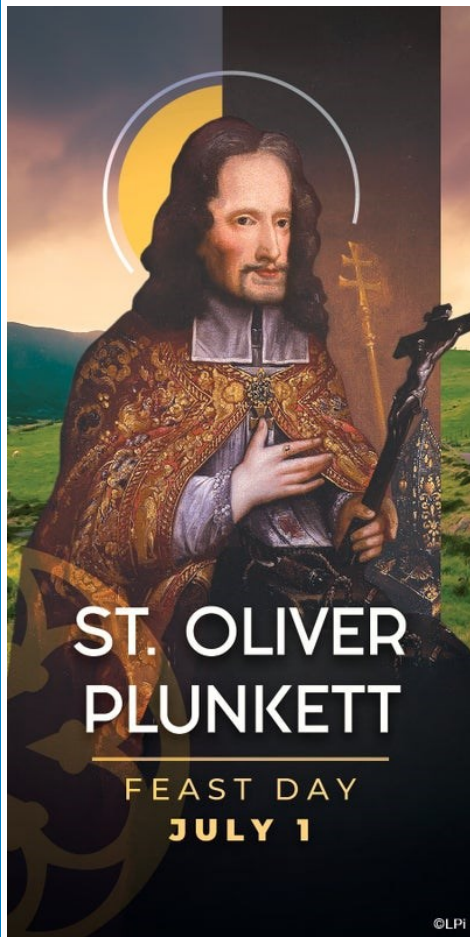
**FRANKENMUTH**—Overnight stay

Complimentary evening snacks and drinks reception and  
morning breakfast at the hotel. Zehender's famous chicken dinner  
included in the package.

Reservation deadline: Thursday, August 18

Contact Sandy Diaddario -  
216-926-3123





## St. Oliver Plunkett | July 1

Saint Oliver Plunkett was the last Roman Catholic Martyr to die in England. He was canonized in 1975, the first new Irish saint in almost 700 years.

Oliver was born in Loughcrew, Oldcastle, County Meath in November 1625, the son of the Baron of Loughcrew. As a young man, he wanted to become a priest, but it was illegal to travel to the continent to enter seminary. Even so, he undertook the dangerous journey with four other young men and a Papal Envoy. They were pursued by English privateers, storms at sea, and robbers on land. However, Oliver entered Rome in 1647, and was admitted to the Irish College. He was an excellent student and was ordained on January 1, 1654. Oliver remained in Rome, studied law and served as chaplain at Sapienza University, ministered at Santo Spirito hospital, and cared for the poor and ill. By 1657 he was a professor of Theology and later of Apologetics or Controversies at Propaganda College.

The 1650s were a difficult time for Catholics in Ireland, the majority of population, as Cromwell passed many penal laws against them, and the practice of Catholicism was banned. During this time Oliver was appointed by Irish bishops to be their agent in Rome. Following the Restoration of Monarchy, Pope Clement IX appointed Oliver Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland 1669. Oliver returned to a country where the Catholic Church was in disarray and divided. He had to travel largely incognito and perform his duties in makeshift locations. He is credited with unifying the Church and in traveling across the eleven dioceses under his purview, confirming thousands, and ordaining several priests.

In 1673 persecution of Catholics was again on the rise and bishops were banned. Oliver went into hiding, but in 1679 he was arrested and charged with treason. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn in July 1681. Before his death he publicly forgave those responsible.

**RAFFLE  
WINNER**



**June 20, 2022**

**Darlene Voldrich**

