



# ST. LEO THE GREAT

## PARISH & SCHOOL

June 5, 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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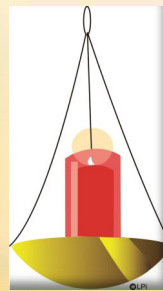
## JUNE 5, 2022 – PENTECOST SUNDAY



## HOLY SPIRIT

### ST LEO SENIORS...

Our upcoming meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, 2022. It's time for a CRAZY DICE day!!! Please arrive around 11am with lunch at 12 noon... Remember to bring three (3) \$1.00 gifts wrapped in newspaper... The dice will start rolling after our meeting !!!



### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

June 5 to June 19

**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
**Gary Milton**  
**In remembrance**  
**of our anniversary.**



### St. Vincent De Paul

Please help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization help others. Through the work of the SVDP Outreach assistance is provided to individuals and families throughout the year. The need continues to grow! Help us by donating in the Poor Boxes or put your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. We thank you very much for your continued support.

### 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.



# MARY

Mother of the church

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### St. Edward Get the Edge Camp

St. Edward's Summer Enrichment Camp for Boys Entering Grades 7&8

**Dates:** Weekday's from Monday, June 13 -Friday, July 1

**Time:** 8:30 am — 12:30 pm

**Cost:** \$300

**Location:** St. Edward High School

To learn more and to register, please visit: [sehs.net/gte](http://sehs.net/gte)



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR  
PRAYERS...

Prayer  
REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Sofkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublav, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim & Gerry Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic & Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski

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



Alexander Krukemeyer  
Our Lay of Victory, Tallmadge  
Third Year, Borromeo

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



SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$5,968.40

WeShare.....\$1,770.00

Total.....\$7,738.40

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Aloha! Palm Trees in Parma?

Join us at Mt. Alverna Village's premier fundraising event under large tents on our beautiful "island" campus for an enchanted evening *Luau of Fortune!* Activities include fabulous food (including a pig roast), unlimited drinks, dancing, casino games, raffles, and so much more!

The tropical festivities kickoff on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM. For more information and to purchase tickets visit [mavluau2022.givesmart.com](http://mavluau2022.givesmart.com) or call Mary Ann Meitin at 440-663-1102.

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MASSt  
INTENTIONS

Monday, June 6th—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:30am +Alfio Lovano (Family)

Tuesday, June 7th —Weekday

8:30am Fr. James Schmitz's Anniversary of Ordination (Fr. Jim Schmitz)

Wednesday, June 8th—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Thursday June 9th— Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday June 10th—Weekday

8:30am +Francis Szymanski (Daniel Szymanski)

Saturday June 11th – St. Barnabas, Apostle

4:00pm +Marianne Teorsky (Barb Crawford)

Sunday, June 12th— The Most Holy Trinity

8:00am +Mary Kay

11:00am +Martin & Marion Konefal (Lorraine Konefal)

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration of the feast. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Today's passage comes from chapter eight of Paul's letter to the Romans, which stresses the importance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians. Paul wants us to remember that the Spirit who will raise our bodies on the last day is the same Spirit who will inspire us to holiness every day. Today Paul offers a sharp contrast between life in the flesh (meaning, *life prone to sin*) and life in the Spirit.

Readings for the week June 5, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 5, 2022 | Pentecost Sunday

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

### Mass Celebrated Around the World

**Question:** Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

**Answer:** One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no."

On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.



### 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



Dear Parishioners,

Now that the 33 of us returned home safely from our pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I thank you for your prayers during our journey and remind you that we prayed for you as well. Our experience to the many sacred sites we visited will no doubt remain with us always and help us to better appreciate the places, events and stories of the scriptures that we hear each week. I will be anxious to share with you some of the things we learned and am sure that Deacon Pat will do the same in his preaching. For the sake of those who do not use Instagram, I will be posting pictures on our website so that you can see where we were and what we saw.

In last week's bulletin, I mentioned a number of places we had visited up to the day I wrote the column. I would have to say that the climax of our visits took place on the last full day in Israel when we walked the stations of the cross, following the path Jesus took as he carried his cross through the streets to the place of his death on Calvary. We entered the church where we saw and touched the rock which held the cross of Jesus in place, and which in turn split from the earthquake that the gospels mention at the time of Jesus' death. When we entered the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, we saw the stone where the body of Jesus was laid when it was taken down from the cross, in order that the body may be anointed with oil and wrapped in a linen cloth in preparation for its burial. But then we entered the place in the church where the tomb of Jesus was, though it was covered with a very large monument. We then entered a small room inside this monument, where we began the celebration of Mass. It's hard to describe (but again I hope to show you pictures). It is a small space where all 33 of us gathered closely together as I began the celebration of Mass. At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, I then had to duck down to enter a very small room large enough for only 3 people to stand at a time. It was there that I placed the chalice on the altar which covered the tomb of Jesus...the place where he was buried and from which he was raised from the dead. I believe we were all struck by the importance of this particular church, where the most important event of all human history took place. Though there was only room enough for myself to stand at the altar to celebrate Mass there, a couple of people from our group came in one by one in order to touch the tomb as I continued the prayers of the Mass. This was undoubtedly the most memorable moment of our pilgrimage and one that I will remember over & over, especially as I celebrate Easter each year, and indeed, each day for every Mass is really a "little Easter" as we remember the death and resurrection of the Lord. Again, the whole experience was life-changing, and we can only hope and pray that it does indeed continue to influence the way we live our lives of faith.

This Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, I will be celebrating a Memorial Mass for Carol Philips, a parishioner from St. Leo's who died last November 3, 2021. She had been married to Al who died about 10 years ago & they were married for almost 50 years. If you knew Carol, you are welcomed & encouraged to attend this Memorial Mass for her & we ask for your prayers for her & her husband.

I received a voicemail from the Diocese letting me know that once again we hit the goal set for us for the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal so I thank you for your generosity to those in need who will be served through this important ministry. Again I thank you as well for your continued donations to our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry which allows us to give food to those who are especially suffering from the current economic situation in our country.

*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).**



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.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT



### Do You Speak Stewardship?

If you are married, I'm guessing that you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost. Maybe you know your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers — we have all learned the language of the people we love.

The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready, and willing to hear.

Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels — but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

St. Leo parishioner is looking for a part time, mature female caregiver for four hours a day, Monday through Thursday, 8am until 12 noon. Pay is negotiable. Perfect for a retired woman. Call Pat for specific details at 216-324-1912.



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



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Call 216-661-2120, visit [www.leotheadgreat.org](http://www.leotheadgreat.org)  
or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at  
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### **St. Norbert | June 6**

Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten, was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest.

Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope's request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded women's branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium he preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament.

Eventually he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward he returned to Germany to court of Emperor Lothar as advisor, at end of life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died.



### **RAFFLE WINNER**



**May 30, 2022  
Betty Hinton**