



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

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SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS:

Main Office Open in July by Appointment

www.leothegreat.org

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.

Instagram @leothegreatorg 

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Rivers Casino Bus Trip Information
Wednesday, August 18, 2021

The Bus will be departing from St. Leo at 8:30am for a trip to Rivers Casino.

Itinerary includes:

11:15am—Arrive at Rivers Casino

6:00pm—Depart Casino

8:45pm—Approximate time of arrival at St. Leo

Price per person—\$45.00

CASINO BONUS—\$20 in free play, \$5 food credit!

Contact Sandy Diaddario—(216) - 926-3123 with questions or to book a reservation!

Payment must be received by July 14th to reserve your spot!

Upcoming Trip: Amish Country, Monday September 13, 2021

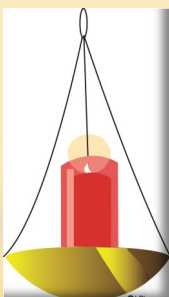
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**SANCTUARY CANDLE
INTENTION**

July 4th to July 17th

**IN LOVING MEMORY
Ralph Mlady**



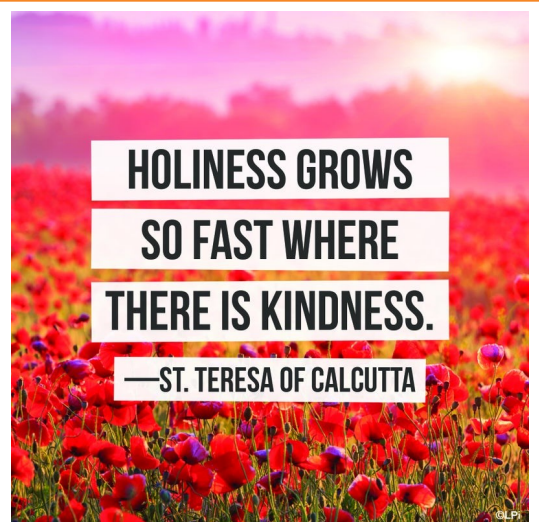
REGISTER WITH US

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.



**HOLINESS GROWS
SO FAST WHERE
THERE IS KINDNESS.**

—ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Prayer REQUESTS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Mary Nic, Agnes
Alfin, Alivia Kobal, Taylor
Corbett, 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, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob
Blum, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, Frank Gerda, Lorice
Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski,
Millie Ancin, Tim Franklin & Herb Mayview.



WEDDING BANNS

**I Christina Giangrande & James
Hefner**

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

June 28, 2021—Stephanie Vidmar
\$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.

Br. Gregory Coyne, OSB
Benedictine, St. Andrew Abbey
Novice



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



Due to the early publication of this bulletin, the
week of July 4th and July 11th contributions will
be included in next week's bulletin.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, July 12th - Weekday

8:30am +Lucille Mills (Frank & Arlene Gerda)

Tuesday, July 13th - Weekday

8:30am +Ed & Helen Wolff (Tom & Mary Thornton)

Wednesday, July 14th - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30am +Loretta Caruso (Anita Skryp)

Thurs., July 15th - Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, July 16th - Weekday

8:30am +Carmen Crea (Family)

Saturday, July 17th - Weekday

4:00pm Seniors of The Parish

Sunday, July 18th - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am Joan Krakora (Special Intention)

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amos preached about 750 years before Christ and was the first prophet whose words were put into writing. At the time, the Jewish people were split into two kingdoms: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. God sent Amos from the southern kingdom of Judah to preach to the people in the north. So he faithfully went there, to a place known as the shrine of Bethel. As so often happens to prophets, the priest wasn't pleased that he came.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Today and for the next few weeks, we will be reading from the letter of the Ephesians. Ephesus, a major seaport on the western coast of what is today Turkey, was a center for early Christians. Today's passage is the beginning of the letter and is a prayer praising God for the good things God has done for us.

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf.
33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7
[8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25,
26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and
16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12,
13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/
Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34



Dear Parishioners,

In last weekend's column I started to tell you about the Heart of a Shepherd Campaign that is taking place right now in the Diocese of Cleveland. I pointed out that all of our ministers in the Church, from Pastoral Ministers to Permanent Deacons to Priests are prepared at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe (about 25 minutes east from here). Our two seminaries, Borromeo College Seminary & St. Mary Seminary, are both housed on this campus. Borromeo is a four year liberal arts college seminary where men discern a possible vocation to the priesthood. St. Mary Seminary is a five-year program called a "major" seminary because it is there that a man is formed for priesthood through an academic and "field education" program. A seminarian at St. Mary undergoes 5 years of academic work and experiences ministry as he is assigned to parishes and to other Catholic institutions for several months. I spoke of how blessed we are in the Diocese of Cleveland to have our own seminary system as it allows our seminarians to learn about our own parishes and Catholic institutions and allows them to get to know the other clergy and lay ministers whom they will be working alongside with after they are ordained.

However the buildings on this campus are in great need of being updated and remodeled and so a campaign was started to address this need. Called "Heart of a Shepherd," it seeks the financial and prayerful support of the parishes in this diocese. We had the option to raise money through a pledge appeal, but I chose instead the option to simply donate a percentage (15%) of our annual contributions over a three-year period. So we will pledge a total of about \$66,000, which amounts to a yearly contribution of \$22,000 for three years. I felt that this was a better option than seeking individual pledges from you which would have taken more time away from my ministry as the only priest here at St. Leo's and which would have also asked each of you to consider an individual pledge over a three year period (or a one-time contribution). I myself have made such an individual pledge but I did not want to impose that on you since many in our parish are on a fixed income and this would have been a challenge for you to commit to. I am also so grateful to you for your continued financial support each week, which you so generously continued even during the long pandemic. A more thorough financial report will be given to the parish this fall but we continue to meet our annual budget thanks to your continued generosity.

If you would like more information about the Heart of a Shepherd Campaign, you can visit here and even make your own personal pledge in addition to our parish pledge: <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/heart-of-a-shepherd/campaign-overview>. This link will also be highlighted on our parish website at leothegreat.org.

This weekend I am flying to Key West where I am joining my 3 sisters and their 10 "children" (my adult nieces & nephews) for a week-long family vacation. It's our post-COVID family reunion and my sister in Fort Meyers was able to reserve condos right next to each other for us to stay. We look forward to eating at many different restaurants & to enjoying things like jet-skiing & site-seeing while there together. I won't be returning until late next Saturday so the plan is to have Fr. Vesely celebrate the 4pm Mass next Saturday, July 17th. It's been a long time since he's been able to join us so I'm sure you will enjoy seeing him and he will be anxious to see you as well.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

St. Leo the Great is starting a Bereavement Sharing Group. If you have lost a spouse, a parent, a sibling, or close friend, you might be interested in joining us to share with others your feelings, sorrows and grief. We will begin meeting Wednesday, August 4th at 2:00pm in the Parish Center. Come and share with others who are sharing in the pain from the loss of a loved one. Watch the bulletin for further details, or contact Joan Berigan at jberigan@leothegreat.org for details.



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.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

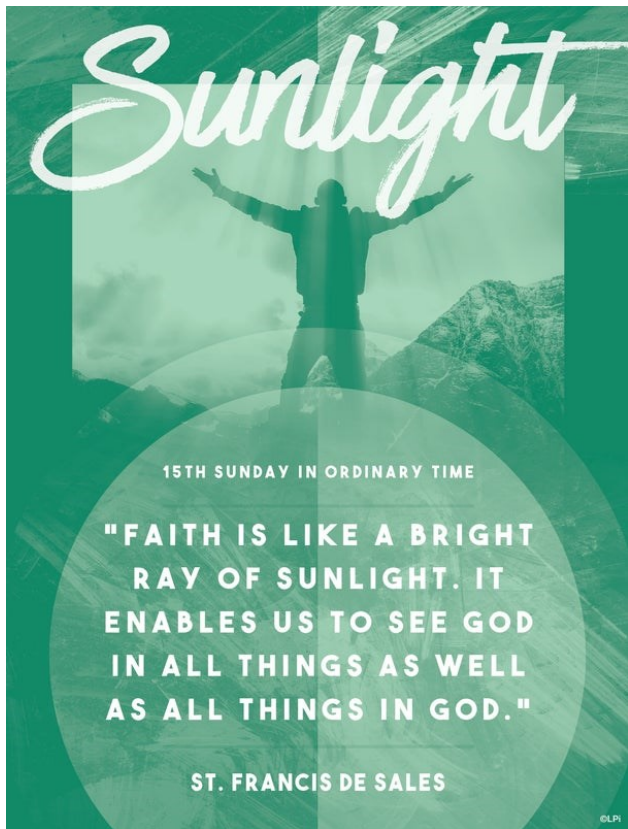
We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

- 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.



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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 leohegreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for, everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE & SUPPORT US.**



**American
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leos Lux Hall on Sunday, July 19th, 8a-Noon. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. Only non-vaccinated donors need to wear a mask. Please register online at redcross.org.

Walk ins will not be accepted.

Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

**ST. THOMAS MORE
75TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE**



RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets for the 75th Anniversary Raffle are being sold after Masses in the main vestibule or at the rectory. Tickets are \$75 each with only 750 tickets being sold. Prizes are \$7500, \$2021 and \$1946. Drawing is August 1, 2021.





HEART OF A SHEPHERD
Building for Today. Providing for Tomorrow.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

The *Heart of a Shepherd* initiative is an extraordinary endeavor designed to strengthen and better meet the needs of the Saint Mary and Borromeo Seminaries, its seminarians, and our newly-ordained and retired clergy. In addition, this effort will aid our parishes in recovery from the economic impact of the pandemic.

Learn more at catholiccommunity.org or the link will be provided on our website leothegreat.org



Faith in Marriage

Question:

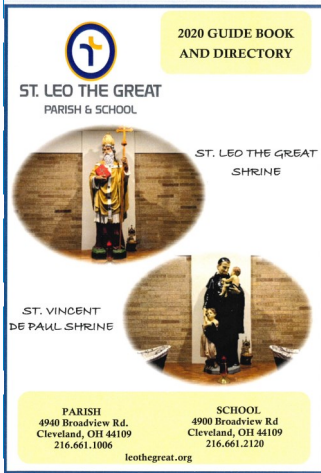
What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

GBP Guide Book Publishing



PARISH GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

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 mailed directly 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 Rectory Office (216-661-1006).

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR 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.

GUIDE BOOK INFORMATION DUE BY AUGUST 15, 2021

