



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

July 17, 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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Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other useful information on your mobile device.

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16th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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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.

DID YOU KNOW?

*You may be able to double the money
you already donate
to St. Leo if you work for a company that provides a
Matching Gift Program?*

Several local and national companies offer a Matching Gift Program, also known as a Matching Fund or Matching Donation. It is a charitable gift made to a non-profit organization on the request of the employee. Listed below are just a few examples of companies that increase your philanthropic efforts:

- Sherwin Williams
- Progressive Insurance
- KeyBank Foundation
- PNC Bank
- Lubrizol Foundation



If your company offers this program, they (your employer) will match your donation. This means that all the charitable donations you already make so generously to us, will be doubled by your employer. For instance, if you donated \$1000 to St. Leo last year, your employer will donate, or match, the same. Your donation of \$1000 just became \$2000.

Please call Brenda at the Rectory Office or email bbasalla@leothegreat.org for more information. As always, thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES



Raffle tickets can still be purchased at the rectory! Stop by and get yours now.

REGISTER WITH US

Welcome

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.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.



St. Vincent De Paul

Almsgiving is a private thing. You share what you have with a neighbor you do not know and who does not know you. But it is an act of service to those in need. When you pass by the Poor Boxes please share some money and say a private prayer for those in need or you can put your donation in an envelope marked "SVP" and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Your help will be very much appreciated.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Prayer REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Soflkancs, 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, Fr. Vesely, Kathy Svoboda, Thomas C. Gilles, Matt Pauloski & Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski

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



DC. Joseph Menkhaus Jr.
St. Monica, Garfield Heights
V Theology, Saint Mary

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

Rest in Peace

NADINE A. SKULINA (nee Konewecke), age 65, passed away July 4, 2022. She left behind her husband Joseph J. with a broken heart. Dear mother of the late Angela and Ursula. Daughter of the late Eugene and June Konewecke. Sister of Lenore (Bill) Miroewski, Sandra Betzel and the late Gene Konewecke (Kathy). Dear aunt of Brian, David, Eric, Kevin, Steven, Rachael, Michelle, Michael, David and Rachel. Sister-in-law of Mark Skulina. Godmother of Kia Zorich. Dear friend of Kitty. Nadine enjoyed fishing, gardening and biking. She loved animals and was a great listener and servant. The family suggests Masses to be sent to the Church of your choice or donations to St. Jude's Hospital.



SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$6,652.00
WeShare.....\$2,470.00
Total.....\$9,122.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Monday, July 18th—Weekday

8:30am Special Intention (Joan Krakora)

Tuesday, July 19th —Weekday

8:30am People of the Parish

Wednesday, July 20th—Weekday

8:30am +Gary Milton (Benita Milton)

Thursday, July 21st— Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, July 22nd—Saint Mary Magdalene

8:30am +Elfriede Griebel (Sofie Linder)

Saturday, July 23rd – Weekday

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, July 24th— 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Dennis Prokop (Paulette Prokop)

11:00am +Nicholas Simonie (Daughter)

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Chapters 12 to 25 of Genesis contains narratives about Abraham and Sarah, our father and mother in faith. Today the couple is visited by mysterious messengers from God. With customary Middle-Eastern hospitality, Abraham and Sarah lavishly welcome and feed the visitors who in turn, promise something wonderful.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

The letter to the Colossians was written around 80 A.D. to Christians who lived at Colossae, a city in what is today Turkey. A major emphasis of this letter is that Christ is the source of every grace and blessing that come to human beings.

Readings for the week July 17, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

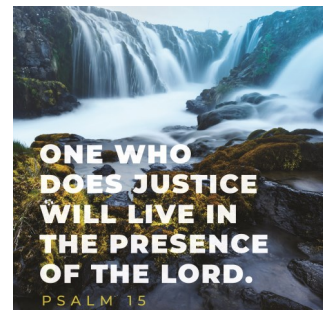
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 17, 2022 | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God’s unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome (Pope Francis).” While it is necessary to attend to the details of hospitality, learning how to be present to people, experiences, and God is sometimes more important. Creating homes that are welcoming environments requires not only organization and structure but members who truly enjoy being there and celebrating life with one another.

Details can often get the best of us. While attending to details is important to success, our obsession with them can be problematic. Whether wanting to make a good impression, fear of failure, insecurity, or emotional immaturity, throwing ourselves into the “details” of hospitality can distract us from being present to those we want to serve. Conversely, focusing exclusively on being present without any attention to detail also sets our attempts at hospitality up for disaster! We need a balance of both. But creating a truly welcoming space in our homes and within ourselves requires still more.

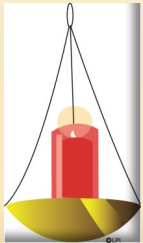
We have to be empty of ourselves. Becoming a welcoming, hospitable person is not possible in someone focused on their own needs and desires. If the one we serve is the one who looks back at us in the mirror, then there is no space for anyone else. While Martha and Mary had different ideas of what it means to serve, they both had the inner space and freedom to do so. They were detached from themselves. Detachment becomes the challenge to hospitality and creating a God-centered, open-hearted space in our lives. When we impulsively act out of our personal agendas, violence, abuse, pride, greed, lust, power, control, passion, and self-aggrandizement encroach upon the space needed to be present to another human being. Not only can others not find a home in us, but even God cannot find a home in us!

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

July 17 to July 31

IN LOVING MEMORY

+David Day Sr.
From the Day Family



Pro-Life Group

The Pro-life group is planning its next meeting on Wednesday, July 20 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please note the date is now the THIRD Wednesday of the month, beginning in July. We will start at 1:00 pm.

All are welcome! We are discussing various life issues, including end-of-life issues such as euthanasia. In addition to discussion, we also pray, and last month we were praying to an end of all the gun violence which has been happening recently.

If you have any questions about the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.

PRO+LIFE

BUS TRIPS

ANNUAL TRIP TO AMISH COUNTRY—

Monday, September 26

\$80 per person

Lunch at Berlin Farmstead—included

Shop/Browse: Ashery Country Store

Hershberger Bakery & Farm Market

Miller Bakery

Hillcrest Orchard

Kauffman Bakery

Heini’s Cheese

Reservation deadline: Friday, August 12

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

SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT—

Overnight stay - October 4

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

FRANKENMUTH—Overnight stay—October 5

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

Visit—Silent night Chapel and Bronner’s Christmas light display

Shop/Browse: Bronner’s and River Place Shop

Reservation deadline: Thursday, August 18

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN AMISH COUNTRY

Monday, November 14

\$80 per person



Contact Sandy Diaddario -
216-926-3123

Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

My family celebrated my dad's 95th birthday last Saturday, July 9th, at one of his favorite Italian restaurants. His wife of 102 years was also there & when we asked them the secret to living a long life, they both just shrugged & said, "I have no idea." So there you have it. Since they didn't mention a good diet or exercise, I take that to mean these are not necessary (and knowing that my dad has neither a good diet or exercise routine, I am leaving it up to just good genes, which I hope I inherited). I'm not sure that another 33 years of life on this earth is really on the top of my bucket list, but I do hope for a few more years to enjoy the gift of being connected with this parish of St. Leo the Great.

I especially look forward to celebrating the 75th anniversary of our parish which was founded on October 10, 1948. So we will kick off this year-long anniversary celebration by having Bishop Malesic celebrate the 11:00am Mass for us on Sunday, October 9th of this year. It will be his first visit here with us so we're glad that his schedule permits him to join us on that day. We'll announce some special events that will take place during the year to celebrate this milestone, but I can tell you now that the sloping part of our church roof really needs to be scraped and painted. I thought it would be a nice gesture to have it re-painted in the original color, which was grey-ish to match the concrete that is found in other parts of the building. We are also looking to bring down the maintenance garage that currently sits between the Parish Center and the school building, and using the storage units that can be rented in the new facility on the corner of Broadview and Brookpark Roads. We would put up a large shed behind the school to house the equipment we use frequently on our property. We'll see how this plan works out next year. New windows for the cafeteria & gym are planned for this summer so we hope these will help not only with efficiency but the appearance of the gym and school buildings.

I was able to get more information on the plans for a trip to Italy next year. We will leave on Monday, March 20, 2023 and return on Thursday evening, March 30th. The cost is a very reasonable \$3479 per person which includes roundtrip airfare from Cleveland, accommodations at first class hotels based on two persons sharing a room with private bath, breakfast daily plus 7 dinners, all sightseeing by private motorcoach with English-speaking guides, all transfers to/from airports and all admission fees, hotel service charges, etc. (price is subject to change). We would fly into Venice and also travel to Padua, Florence, Assisi & Rome. A brochure with more detail will be available shortly. We already have quite a few people interested so let me know if you'd like to join us & I'll put you on the list!

I want to offer our sympathy to Joe Skulina on the passing of his wife Nadine who died suddenly on July 4th. Services were private. Joe & Nadine have been longtime parishioners of St. Leo's so I wanted to let him know that I would be asking for your prayers for him and his wife. May Nadine rest in the peace of the Risen Lord forever.

As part of the desire to illustrate faith in action, the Diocese of Cleveland is offering a new series called "Embraced by Grace." The series will show how the Catholic Church and social service organizations founded with Catholic values journey with people facing a myriad of challenges. The first episode features Zelie's Home, a Cleveland-based community where women thrive as they embrace motherhood. Some of the women struggled with whether or not to terminate their pregnancies. They also dealt with homelessness, unemployment and other challenges. This can be viewed on the Diocesan website, dioceseofcleveland.org.

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.

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 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 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



Be Ready for God to “Stop By”

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called “stopping by.” They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. “I was just in the neighborhood,” they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

“Crazy,” you might exclaim. “People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?” Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, July 17th from 8-Noon. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. Schedule your appointment at redcrossblood.org. Walk ins will not be accepted due to scheduling issues. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

Abortion Healing

“While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin. Here are a few ways that Catholics of different backgrounds can assist friends, family members, fellow parishioners, clients— or perhaps even themselves.” Learn how you can become an instrument of God's mercy at usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy.

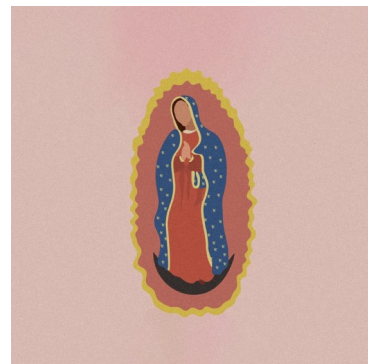
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion”, usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy

RAFFLE WINNER



July 11, 2022

Cathy Ligus





**SAINT
BRIDGET**

of Sweden

JULY 23



St. Bridget of Sweden | July 23

Saint Bridget or Birgitta was born in 1303, the daughter of Birger Petersson, governor of Uppland and his wife Ingeborg Bengtsdotter. She was married to Ulf Gudmarsson, who became governor of the province of Nericia. They had eight children, all of whom survived past infancy which was rare for the 12th century. One of their daughters would become St. Catherine of Sweden.

Saint Bridget was hailed as a mystic and her visions, which began in her early childhood when she had visions of Christ Crucified, made her somewhat of a Middle Ages celebrity. Her vision of the Nativity of Jesus even influenced the art of the Nativity through the Baroque era! She is said to have predicted the Vatican State. Saint Bridget's Revelations, which she dictated to Peter Olafsson, the prior at the Cistercian monastery of Alvastra near which she retired after her husband's death in 1344, were published in 1492. They have since been published in many languages and can still be purchased today.

Some of her most profound visions regarded the founding of a new religious order which would be primarily for women, ruled by an abbess, but with a separate house for monks who would serve as order chaplains. Her visions detailed everything from the abbey church to the clothing that would be adopted as the nun's habit, and how the order would be ruled. King Magnus II of Sweden granted Bridget land and buildings. The order, called the Bridgettines or the Order of the Most Holy Savior was approved by Pope Urban V in 1370.

Saint Bridget was canonized in 1391 by Pope Boniface IX and in 1999 Pope John Paul II named her one of the Patron Saints of Europe.

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



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