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July 25, 2021



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RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM

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SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS:

Main Office Open in July by Appointment



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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The FEST 2021

Sunday, August 8 at 12:00 noon

Held at Brookside Reservation, 3900 John Nagy Blvd, Cleveland, Ohio

This year, The FEST is a <u>virtual</u> AND <u>in-person</u> event – and, WE'RE MOVING! To limit the number of attendees at this year's event for the safety and comfort of all, admission tickets will be sold for \$10 – Thank you so much for your continued support. We will continue to release more information about The FEST in the coming weeks, stay tuned!



Amish Country Bus Trip Monday, September 13, 2021 \$80.00 per person

Contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 to book your reservation! More information to follow soon!

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

July 18th to July 31st

IN LOVING MEMORY David Day Sr.

Love, Dorothy Day & Family



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.

Melcome



Please join us in the main church vestibule area for donuts and coffee on Sunday, July 25th, after the 8:00 and 11:00 Masses.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS... Mary Niec, 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, 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, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, & Herb Mayview.





GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

July 11, 2021—Eileen Kovacik **\$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.

Robert Blackburn St. Bail, Brecksville Year 2



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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

JUNE:	
Capital Improvements Total	\$1,865.00
Peter's Pence Total	\$475.00
St. Vincent de Paul Total	\$230.00



Monday, July 26th - Saint Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am + Charles Choromanski (Daughter)

Tuesday, July 27th - Weekday 8:30am +Deceased Members of Zurowski Family (Rose Pelley

Wednesday, July 28th-Weekday

8:30am + Maria Ewanko (Eva Bunosky)

Thurs., July 29th - Saint Martha 8:30am Communion Service

Friday, July 30th - Weekday

8:30am + Caitlin Soucek-Kacher (Family)

Saturday, July 31st - Saint Ignatius of Loyola 4:00pm +Steven Dobles (Rose Ann Carpenter)

Sunday, August 1st - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am +Ted & Betty Reid (Daniel & Arlene Sevic) 11:00am People Of The Parish

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha was the successor of the great prophet Elijah, who lived about 800 years before Christ. Elisha was noted for his miraculous deeds. Today we hear of one such deed performed during a time of famine.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

The first three chapters of the letter to the Ephesians teach doctrine; we now begin the next part of the letter which contains practical advice for Christian living. In today's passage, you will hear the author speak of seven ways in which Christians are united. In one sense, this is the foundation of the ecumenical movement.

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35 **Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/ Mt 14:1-12 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23 -24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-3

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Dear Parishioners,

I had started to complain last week about the hassle of preparing for vacation & even of flying to our desired destination, but tried to realize how blessed we are to be able

to travel so far & to enjoy a vacation to begin with. And I am very grateful to have enjoyed Key West, along with the 20 or so members of my family. But permit me to resort to complaining about one hassle some of us experienced on the way home. We flew from Key West to Chicago where we had a late flight back to Cleveland which would have us home by 11:30pm on Saturday night. But the American Airlines flight to Cleveland had been canceled "due to weather." Trust me when I say that there was no bad weather from Chicago to Cleveland that night. So either the airline was short on staff or short on passengers. They offered us no reimbursement (not even for luggage that was already paid for) and there were no hotels or rental cars available that we could purchase ourselves (let alone the airline picking up the tab for these). My brother-in-law & niece's husband were, however, able to rent a large Yukon but it had to be for the week which cost nearly \$1000. Hopefully my nephew will be able to make use of it for work as he needed to drive back to Chicago for work a couple of days after we returned home. As a result, I arrived back to the rectory Sunday morning with just enough time to prepare for the 8am Mass. It always takes me a few days to catch up on lost sleep so my energy will be low for a few days. So my apologies for the written complaint, but there is some satisfaction in pointing the finger toward businesses that fail to do the right thing for their customers (I'm looking at you, American Airlines!).

Now that I have that out of my system, I apologize that our live-streaming camera went offline as of last Sunday morning, so if you weren't able to participate in the Mass online since then, you can have the chance to complain to Spectrum, our new online provider, as I'm noticing that they go offline more often than I want a donut (and that's pretty often). Of course our IT people are working to get us back online as soon as possible, hopefully by the time you read this.

On a more positive note, I want to welcome the newest member of our parish family, Harrison Shepherd, son of Justin & Madeline, who was baptized on Saturday, July 3rd. A baptism is always a joyful event, but even more so for Harrison's parents as he was born prematurely and so struggled with many health issues. But he has become increasingly more healthy and strong, thanks in large part to the love and devotion of his parents, whose faith is strong and who have sacrificed so much for their first born child. I am inspired by them and grateful to them for their loving witness as parents and for their courageous faith. May Harrison reward them both with a life dedicated to them and to God. Welcome Harrison!

Our sympathies go to Melissa McNamara and to her mother Dwan on the death of Melissa's grandmother and Dwan's mother, Joanne Griffin, who died unexpectedly. Melissa & her husband Ryan, who's wedding I had here almost 2 years ago, are expecting their first child any day now. May God who gives life both in heaven and on earth, bring peace and joy to those who grieve with the hope of seeing their loved ones again in God's kingdom.

Jr. 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@leothgreat.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 ac-

count 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.



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Each parish family is asked to participate in the Festival raffle. The Festival raffle tickets are in the main vestibule of the church.

Please pick up your packet of tickets before or after Mass. The first early bird drawing will be August 1st. If you turn your sold tickets in by August 1st, you will be eligible for the seller \$100 drawing. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 16th).



Please join us at the Marian shrine on Tuesday, July 27th, as we say the rosary at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a chair as seating is limited.

If the weather is inclement, we will have the rosary in church. If you don't own a rosary or not sure of the prayers, we will provide you with what you need.



GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR 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,

everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you. PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE & SUPPORT US.

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.

THANK YOU!



Thank you for your response to our "Christmas in July" food and staple collection. Your donations were very much appreciated as our cupboard certainly needs your help.

Thank you for sharing your love and caring by helping your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization care for those in need.

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CATHOLIC COMMUNIT

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 catholiccomunity.org or the link will be provided on our website leothegreat.org



Choir Practice will be held every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm!

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 2167492323

Raffle Tickets are available in the parish office for the raffle that will be held on Sunday, August 8th. 1st Prize: \$3,000, 2nd Prize: \$1,500 and 3rd Prize: \$500.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 4408843030

Summer 2021 Raffle St. Charles will not be holding their Carnival this year, but they are still having a raffle. Tickets are available at the office. The drawing is Sunday, August 15th and the prizes are: Grand Prize 2021 GMC Terrain, 2nd Prize \$5,500 New Roof and 3rd Prize \$3,500.



Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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:__

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This is my **updated** information.

GUIDE BOOK INFORMATION DUE BY AUGUST 15, 2021