



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

July 31, 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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JULY 31, 2022 – 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

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St. Vincent De Paul

Back To School Drive

It is hard to believe but school will be starting very soon and this year we are again asking for CASH ONLY CONTRIBUTIONS to our "Back to School Drive."

If you are able and would like to make a cash donation, just put your cash, or check in an envelope and mark the envelope "BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory Office. We Thank you very much for your continued generosity to help us with supporting our families as their children return to school! THANK YOU!

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



Francis Thuc Tri Nguyen
St. Boniface, Cleveland
III Theology, Saint Mary

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

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

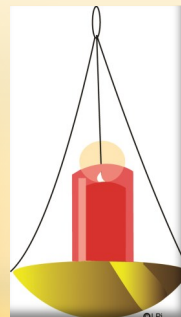
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN AMISH COUNTRY

Monday, November 14

\$80 per person



Contact Sandy Diaddario -
216-926-3123



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

July 31 to August 14

IN LOVING MEMORY

+Michael Ciereszewski

Miss you, Mom



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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, Fr. Thomas C. Gilles, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, & Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski

MASSt INTENTIONS

Monday, August 1st—St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30am +Maria Aponte (Friends)

Tuesday, August 2nd —Weekday

8:30am + Walter Pasela (Mary Rkett and Family)

Wednesday, August 3rd—Weekday

8:30am +Eugene Zola (Family)

Thursday, August 4th— St. John Vianney, Priest

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, August 5th—Weekday

8:30am +Therese Pauloski (Mom and Bothers)

Saturday, August 6th— The Transfiguration of the Lord

4:00pm +Maureen Kelly (Jerry Kelly)

Sunday, August 7th— 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Dennis Dina (Amy Gongs)

11:00am +Beverly Habrat (Habrat Family)

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Ecclesiastes is one of the seven books in the Old Testament referred to as Wisdom books. Wisdom literature reflects on how to live in this world in a way that is pleasing to God. The author of this book calls himself Qoheleth, a term that perhaps means "teacher". Qoheleth has a pessimistic view of life, in part because he doesn't believe in life after death. The wisdom he teaches is that one should not be burdened by anxieties, but rather live each day as a gift from God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

In our previous readings from Colossians, we have seen how Christ is the only mediator between God and the world, and how our baptism has made us one with Christ. The author will today remind us of the heights to which Christ has raised us, and then call upon us to live up to this.

Readings for the week July 31, 2022

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

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. **Due to space constraints, raffle tickets for zip codes 44109, 44131, 44134 and 44144 are in the vestibule. Parishioners living outside those zip codes can pick up their tickets in the rectory.** Please pick up your packet of tickets before or after Mass. The first early bird drawing has been moved from August 1st to August 8th. If you turn your sold tickets in by August 8th, you will be eligible for the seller \$100 drawing. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 22nd).



SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$4,076.00
WeShare.....\$2,808.50
Total.....\$6,884.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 31, 2022 | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime “in the future” while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. “Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom).” We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

The Gospel of Life

“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”

respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary



THE ST. CHARLES LADIES GUILD 22ND ANNUAL



SALAD LUNCHEON



With Entertainment by: *The Singing Angels*

Wednesday, August 10th

11:30am – 2:30pm | Corrigan Gym

Please join us for a delicious hot meal of Chicken Marsala, Swedish Meatballs & Mashed Potatoes, coffee, tea, ice tea & water, and of course, **a large variety of Salads!**

Tickets: \$20 - available while they last, up to day of luncheon. Call Toni: 216-661-3457



This year's luncheon theme:

Bloom where you are planted

A fun-filled afternoon with door prizes & raffle baskets

Grand Prize - \$500 in Gift Cards

Second Prize – An Exotic Hand-Crafted Quilt

Purchase Raffle Tickets for the Grand & Second Prizes at the Parish Office for \$1 each.

Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

A classmate of mine, Fr. Timothy Plavac, pastor of St. Bede in Mentor on the Lake, celebrated a funeral Mass on Friday, July 22nd for Kathleen Haines, who attended Mass at St. Leo the Great but also attended Mass frequently with her family members in Mentor. Her obituary said that was an overall positive force in the community, working as a nurse throughout her career. We join with all those who pray for her as we ask God to grant her eternal peace.

I am grateful to Fr. Caesar Amandua, the chaplain of Southwest Hospital, for celebrating Mass with you this weekend as I am away. Please express your appreciation to him for his willingness to cover in my absence.

I visited Fr. Vesely again on Wednesday, July 20th, and while his voice was weaker, he continued to be very alert and resting comfortably. His family met with the doctors and his niece told me that the meeting went well and that they got a lot settled in the plan for his care. Father's sister Milly will be turning 98 in August and she continues to remain in assisted living at Mount Alverna so please remember her in your prayers as well. Father Vesely will turn 94 in November.

I have been attending the wakes or funeral Masses for many priests recently. Two of them were active in the seminary, one when I was a freshman in the high school seminary and the other when I was about to be ordained from the major seminary. I remember both of them gratefully and prayerfully. Another priest was the retiring pastor from St. Stephen in West Salem when I arrived there to take his place and another priest was pastor of one of our cluster parishes in Lorain when I was pastor of St. Ladislaus there. Again, I appreciated the support and example of these priests as well. Please remember to pray for all active and retired priests, and in a special way for those who have died, that they may see the Lord whom they served in his Church.

This week I will be attending the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Michael Woost, a priest of our own Diocese, whom I also know well from our years together in the seminary. He will be ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop this Thursday, August 4th, which is the feast of St. John Vianney, the patron of parish priests. We have a statue of St. John Vianney in our reconciliation room as he was known especially for hearing confessions for several hours a day. Bishop Malesic will be the ordaining bishop, joined by Bishop Roger Gries and Bishop Martin Amos, both retired bishops who still assist Bishop Malesic. We are grateful to have a full-time Auxiliary Bishop in our diocese to assist Bishop Malesic and we pray for Bishop-Elect Woost as he begins this ministry.

The Word on Fire organization, an evangelization ministry founded by Bishop Robert Barron, known as the leading evangelist of our time and in our country, has produced a booklet, sent monthly to those who subscribe, which allows lay people to pray the "Liturgy of the Hours." Of course you are familiar with the "Liturgy of the Eucharist" or our celebration of Mass, but the Church also prays liturgically and communally throughout the day, in fulfillment of the scriptural command to "pray without ceasing." These prayers, which priests are obligated to pray each day, consist of Morning, Daytime, Evening, and Night Prayer, along with the "Office of Readings" which provides both biblical and non-biblical readings to reflect on. This book, used by priests, is called the breviary, and is used by religious brothers and sisters and deacons as well. All in the Church are called to pray these "hours" and Word on Fire has made it easy for lay people to do so. Please visit <https://www.wordonfire.org/pray/> for more information on how to subscribe.

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



What We Store in the Barn

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Father James Vesely
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration beginning after the 8:30am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 4:45pm. You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere.

This devotion is held every First Friday of the month at St. Leo's, in the chapel area of the church.

RAFFLE WINNER




July 25, 2022

Thomas Kulwicki

In Loving Memory Of
Kathleen "Kathy"
Ann Haines
May 8, 1954
July 14, 2022

Matthew 5:4
*Blessed are they that mourn
for they shall be comforted.*

A Beautiful Life
*"A beautiful life that came to an end,
she died as she lived, everyone's friend.
In our hearts a memory will always be
kept, of one we loved, and will never
forget."*

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440.842.7800





St. Alphonsus Liguori | August 1

Saint Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

Saint Alphonsus traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called “mission among the people,” he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there.

Saint Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher, he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, Saint Alphonsus taught about God’s redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages.

In 1762 Saint Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.

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



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