



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 2, 2020

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Retired

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SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

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

Readings for the Day



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard after Mass by request or any time by appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing address 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.



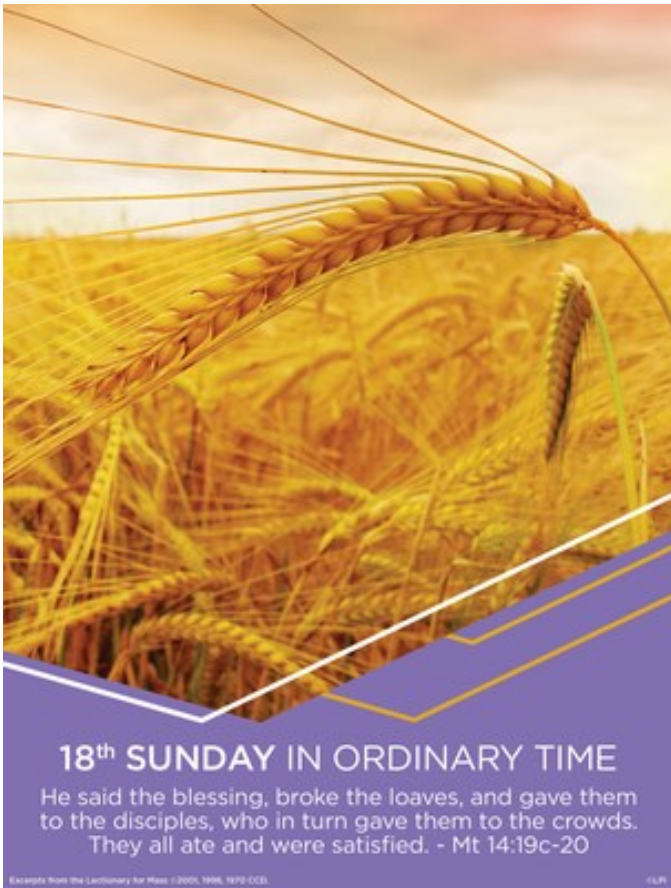
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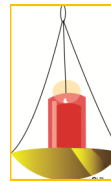


INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What do you really hope and hunger for? We are most familiar with our physical hungers and cravings as they are quite obvious. What we don't always realize is that we also have emotional and spiritual hungers. Many are starving for acceptance and love. Many others hunger for a sense of purpose, more focused direction, and deeper connection and meaning. Our hungers can easily get confused. We think we are in need of one thing but are actually being driven by another. We need to recognize and pursue our spiritual hungers. If we do not do so, we will attempt to fill these needs with lesser, and not always healthier, things. God, ultimately through the Eucharist, is the only One who can quench our more profound thirsts. Have we discovered this yet?

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

August 2nd to August 15th



**In Loving Memory of
 Cara Prokop**

From: Paulette Prokop



**In Loving Memory of
 CARMELLA MARIE
 SHRADER**

Age: 86
 Born: March 24, 1934
 Passed Away: July 23, 2020
 —FUNERAL SERVICES—
 Monday, July 27, 2020
 St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
 at: 10 a.m.
 —INTERMENT—
 All Saints Cemetery
 Section 16 Lot 677 Grave 1
 MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. May the choir of angels welcome you. Where Lazarus is poor no longer, may you have eternal rest.
 Amen

KOLODIY-LAZUTA FUNERAL HOME
 5677 State Road Parma, Ohio
 (440) 888-1444 44134

*In Loving Memory Of
 STEPHEN C. NAGY*
 Born

November 23, 1937
 Entered Into Rest
 July 18, 2020

Final Resting Place
Holy Cross Cemetery
 Section 29 Lot 3611 Grave 2

HEAVEN

God saw he was getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around him and whispered, "Come home with Me". With tearful eyes we watched him suffer and saw him fade away. Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, a determined spirit was at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.



Hopko Funeral Home
 6020 Broadview Rd. Parma, Oh.
 (216) 661-0033

*In Loving Memory of
 Maria Pawlowski*

Born~June 20, 1925
 Entered Eternal Rest~July 16, 2020
Funeral Service

Tomon & Sons Funeral Home
 July 21, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.

Interment
 Holy Cross Cemetery
 Section~35 Lot~2440 Grave~2

**TO THOSE I LOVE &
 THOSE WHO LOVE ME**

Release me and let me go.
 Be happy that we had so many years.
 I gave you my love, and you can only guess
 How much you gave me in happiness.
 I thank you for the love each of you has
 Shown, but now it's time I travel alone.
 It's only for a while that we must part,
 So bless the memories within your heart.
 I won't be far away, for life goes on.
 If you need me, call and I will come.
 Though you cannot see or touch me,
 I'll be near within your heart.
 All my love around you soft and clear,
 And then when you must come this way
 Alone, I'll greet you with a smile and
 "Welcome Home".

TOMON & SONS FUNERAL HOME
 7327 Pearl Road ~ Middleburg Hts., Ohio 44130
 440-243-6111

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Ed Gorczyca, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, William and Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Mlady, Ralph Rath, Walter Alflen, Joseph Mackey, Diana, John Sofcheck & Steve Fuehrer.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, August 7th



We will have Eucharistic Adoration this **Friday, August 7th** beginning after the 8:30am Communion Service and ending at 5:00pm. You are invited to spend *some* time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere. May God's peace be with you during this time.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!



JENNIE SHANTERY

**July 20, 2020
\$100.00 Winner**

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available on our website. (www.leothegreat.org). Or just call the office 216-661-1006 and we will sign you up.

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

Christopher Cotone
St. John Bosco, Parma Heights
Senior, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

Sunday, July 26th

Collection	\$ 6,990.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 1,383.50
Total	\$ 8,373.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



WEEKDAY MASSES ARE NOW AT 8:30AM

- Monday, August 3rd - Weekday**
8:30am +Michael Ciereszewski (April & Dawn)
- Tuesday, August 4th - St. John Vianney**
8:30am +Eugene Zola (Family)
- Wednesday, August 5th - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**
8:30am +Jo Hoffman (Friends)
- Thursday, August 6th - Transfiguration of the Lord**
8:30am Communion Service
- Friday, August 7th - St. Sixtus II & Companions, St. Cajetan**
8:30am +Caitlin Soucek Kacher (Family)
- Saturday, August 8th - St. Dominic**
4:00pm +August Bublavy (John, Joe, Mary & Paul)
- Sunday, August 9th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Jim, Bill & Michelle Gabel (Eileen Gabel)

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Today's reading is from a part of the book of Isaiah written when the Jewish people were exiled in Babylon. This section is often referred to as the "book of comfort" because of the encouragement it gives. Today's passage is a glorious finale to the "book of comfort": Poor people are being invited to a sumptuous banquet.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Today's reading concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. This chapter reflects on the salvation brought about by God in and through Jesus. Paul concludes this chapter with a jubilant hymn that celebrates the love of God expressed in Christ.

Readings for the week of August 2, 2020

- Sunday:** Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
- Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36
- Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36
- Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
(Ps 145)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

I celebrated the funeral Mass for Steve Nagy on Friday, July 24th. Steve was a very devout Catholic who was married to his wife Jackie for 57 years. They have 2 daughters who are also active in the Catholic faith. Steve has been homebound for some time but prayed the rosary each day & had a devotion to St. Anthony of Padua. Through their intercession, may Steve rest in peace and may God's peace be given to his devoted wife Jackie and to their daughters Sharon & Shelly.

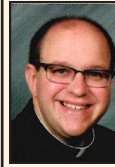
Carmella Shrader was also a long-time parishioner and her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last Monday. Her children went to our parish school here. Carmella was also a devout Catholic who attended Mass weekly and so it was good for us to bring her body here to the place where she listened to the Word of God and received the holy Eucharist. She also had a devotion to Mary whom we ask to "pray for us now and at the hour of our death." May Mary also show Carmella her Son now that her exile from this life has been complete.

I know that many of you have not yet joined us for Mass due to the pandemic and I want you to know that we respect your decision to remain at home during this time. We want you to know that you're not forgotten and that you remain in our prayers. We hope that you can join us virtually through the live-stream as we celebrate Mass each weekend. We are having the camera replaced (hopefully by the time you read this) as we were getting some intermittent problems with the previous one. The new one is much cheaper but will hopefully give us the same good video and sound quality as the one it is replacing. It's always better to be actually present with the community when that is possible but at least technology gives us options when that is not possible. But whether you are here or at home during our weekend Masses, remember that we must pray for one another during this unprecedented time. I know it can difficult to go without the use of a missal at this time but here's another option if you like to read the scriptures as the lector is proclaiming them or even before or after Mass. If you know what a QR code is (a barcode which can be read by most modern cell phones), you can just "scan" it with your camera app & it will bring up a website with the scripture readings of the day. We'll have this on our website & in our bulletin and hanging in the entrances of the church for you to scan if you wish to use it. If you're not sure how, feel free to ask me or Deacon Pat.

As we enter the month of August, I was a bit sad to receive a complimentary Golden Buckeye card from the Ohio Department of Aging. It said it was my pass to discounts and activities and my link to elder caregiver and aging services. Why not just prepare for my funeral services as well? It's hard to believe this time has come as I still feel like I'm in at least the 2nd phase of life, not in the third and final one. But Father Time (who must be a Catholic clergyman) comes marching in my life. I just hope he marches right back out of it.

Fr. James Schmitz

CONGRATULATIONS



We extend our congratulations and prayers to Father Joshua Cochrac and Father Joseph Robinson who were ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Cleveland this Saturday,



August 1st by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Roger Gries at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

PRIEST SHORTAGE

Question:

To solve the shortage of priests in this country, why can't we bring in priests from other countries where they have enough?



Answer:

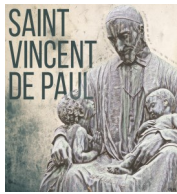
This is a common question that makes one wonder where exactly is this country where there are so many priests. The place does not exist, but it raises some interesting issues, including people's attitudes towards priests. Firstly, diocesan priests are ordained for a diocese to serve the needs of their own people. Much of their ministry is based on a knowledge of cultural norms, customs and values. They are called from their local communities to serve local needs. They are not all foreign missionaries. Secondly, Americans often assume wrongly that people of other nations are anxious to come to the US. Priests, like any of us, want to be close to family and friends and do not necessarily see us as having the land of wonder and opportunity. Thirdly, the priesthood is changing and people need to adapt. In the short-term, things will be difficult. There may not always be a Mass in your parish every day or even every week. In the long run, the Holy Spirit will have to show us what we are to do. Fourth, ministry is everyone's responsibility, so get involved! Finally, show your appreciation and concern for the priests we do have. They have a tough job and it is not getting any easier.

Readings for the Day

"Scan with your cell phone for today's Scripture Readings." People can just scan it with their (somewhat modern) cell phone camera & it will open up to the day's scripture readings in their internet browser on the phone.



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

At times, the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization has given temporary assistance to people as emergencies occur. At times, people find themselves unable to keep up with day to day expenses. When you pass by the Poor Boxes help members reach out and help a needy family with your donation. You can also take or mail your donation to the rectory office. There is also an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly collection online. Thank you very much!



GIFT CARD PROGRAM

The Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support our 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 your everyday purchases, gifts, or as a simple thank you. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



We are very grateful that so many of you have continued with your contributions during this time. Here are some options:

- 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) Use our online giving option called WeShare by clicking the WeShare logo on the website (leothegreat.org). It is 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.
- 4) Call the rectory office (216-661-1006) and we will be happy to help you with any questions you might have.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Power of a Simple Action



I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. We never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find the matching pair.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

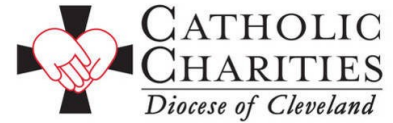
Today you filled your basket with five loaves of freshly baked bread and two fish you caught in the Sea of Galilee. You sat down in front of Jesus to hear him better. You shared your food with Jesus and the others nearby. You were amazed when the disciples had 12 basketfuls left over. The disciples gave you two basketfuls to take home with you. Your mother and grandmother were very proud that you shared.

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for giving me enough to share.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will give five loaves of bread and two fish (or some other food) to the homeless shelter.



2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you! Your support of the Annual Appeal has made a difference, especially as the needs of our communities continue to grow during COVID-19. Because of your generosity, people who are hungry and homeless, addicted & struggling, lonely, sick & hurting will have the services available to assist them during the pandemic and have hope for the future. You can find stories of hope and faith when you visit www.CatholicCommunity.org/COVIDVideo.

As of June 30th, a total of 38,309 faithful donors from across the Diocese have pledged more than \$11.9 million towards the Annual Appeal goal of \$13.5 million.

Here at St. Leo the Great, 204 parishioners have pledged \$62,165 toward our parish goal of \$65,071. That is 95.53% of our overall goal! Your financial support makes a difference and transforms lives. Thank you on behalf of those served by Catholic Charities.

If you have not yet made your gift, contact Karen Joyce at 216-696-6525 x1910 to give by phone or make a secure online gift at www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate. Please note that the Annual Appeal Team will be conducting a summer Phonathon from June through August. For homes with caller ID, the number of the call is 216-696-6525, the main line for the Diocese of Cleveland.



Monday, August 10th – 7:00pm
VIA Zoom – Fr. Don Dunson

Topic: **Discovering Christ in the Most Vulnerable Fellowship & Fabulous Discussion for Adults 40 & Over**



We are challenged to find Christ in our fellowman. Fr. Dunson, Ph.D. Parochial Vicar at St. Angela Merici, & past winner of the Bishop A.J. Quinn Justice Award, has written three books about his time spent in East Africa. Fr. Dunson will share what he has learned through his ministry and help us understand the most vulnerable in our own communities. We look forward to seeing you!

Limited to a 90 Computer Audience
Register in advance

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#FacesofHope

THOUGH WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.



JUST WHAT YOU NEED

We all need a day of hope and inspiration!!! **Join us next Sunday, August 9, 2020 for The FEST@Home.** It's going to be an amazing day of faith and family, uplifting music and messages of hope and inspiration all from the comfort of your home. NINE of the top Christian bands/artists (Casting Crowns, for King and Country, Matt Maher and more) are coming together in an extraordinary way to share songs and messages of HOPE and the promise of a better, more loving and peaceful way in Jesus Christ. The FEST@Home is FREE and starts at 3 pm. Bishop Roger Gries will preside at the evening Mass which begins at 8 pm. It's a day of hope....great music....and a chance for all of us to come together (from the comfort of our home). Please invite everyone you know to join you. For a complete schedule of the day and all the details, go to: www.theFEST.us. This special event is coming to you FREE thanks to our wonderful sponsors: Marc's, Dole, Sherwood Foods, and Barons Bus.

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ST. COLUMBKILLE BRANCH**

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We would like to reintroduce ourselves to you. We are All Saints Federal Credit Union — St. Columbkille Branch. We are still the same, friendly neighborhood credit union that we were before – one that always puts our members first. We are just a little bigger now and are offering more products and services including credit cards and online bill pay!

Visit www.allsaintsfcu.com for information about our various locations, hours, and products. We look forward to welcoming you!

Sincerely,
All Saints FCU-St. Columbkille Branch Staff

