



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

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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.

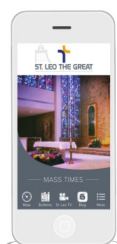
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ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANDREW ABBEY

The year 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Benedictine monks in Cleveland and the start of their work here, which resulted in the founding of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey and Benedictine High School.

This event will be marked by a gala anniversary celebration September 18, beginning with a 3p.m. Mass at the Church of the Assumption, 9183 Broadview Road in Broadview Heights, followed by a dinner at the Embassy Suites on Rockside Road in Independence beginning at 4:45p.m.

Tickets for the banquet are \$150.00. For sponsorship and/or further ticket information, please call Ashley Arko at 216-721-5300 ext.280 or you can email her at arko@cbhs.edu.



UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING in Amish Country

Monday November 14th

\$80 per person

Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant included

Shop/Browse: Smucker's

Coblentz Chocolates

Schrock Heritage Villages

Tis the Season-receive and ornament

Walnut Creek Cheese

Breitenbach Winery-sample on own

Reservation deadline: Friday, September 30



LAS VEGAS LIVE! CHRISTMAS REVIEW

Columbiana, Ohio

Sunday, November 20th

\$140 per person

Dinner show -Included

An electrifying Las Vegas style Christmas show performance of Christmas songs, along with top hits of some of the most legendary Las Vegas singers.

A holiday show reminiscent of the Christmas television specials of days gone by.

Firestone Park Christmas Lights

Reservation Deadline: Friday September 23

Contact Sandy Diaddario 216-926-3123

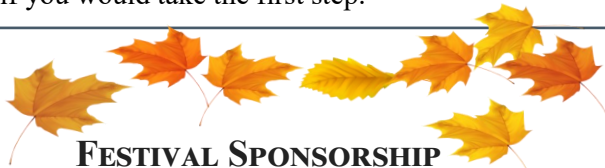
Parish Support

Our weekly totals for August 14th and August 21st will be made available in our upcoming bulletin. Thanks so much for your patience, and furthermore, your continued generosity.



A Music Note

If you are among those that sing at Mass—*tune in!* We know you are out there, and we are in need of new choir members! If you have ever considered joining our choir, we would love to have you. This is a great time to start as we are beginning a new choir “year” at the end of this month and everyone will be starting on the “same page”. The choir rehearses on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm until about 8 pm but sings only every other Sunday at the 11 am Mass. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday August 31st. Due to various circumstances, membership has declined in the past few years but we are determined to get it back up to speed. To do this we need YOU. The musical requirements / abilities are probably much less than you think, and you can’t help but even learn more about music while sharing with others the voice you were given by God. For further information see our music director Mickey Stitt (449-638-9618) or for that matter any choir member!!!! You may also see the information about our music ministry on the web site. Again, this is prime time to join. You are certain to enjoy it if you would take the first step.



FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

Do you own a business? Would your company like to be a sponsor for the Festival? Sponsors help defray the cost of the Festival. If you are interested in a sponsorship, please contact Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org.



DONUT FORGET DONUT SUNDAY!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DONUTS AND COFFEE AFTER THE 8:00AM & 11:00AM MASSES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH.



The Great Sweepstakes



August 22, 2022

Jennie Shantery



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (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 Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Fr. Thomas C. Gilles, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski Megan Arena, Judy Kucia, Lena Sunyak, Norma Janiak, Theresa Truxall and Chuck Pacanovsky

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 29th—The Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:30am +Margaret Menge (Donald Menge)

Tuesday August 30th—Weekday
8:30am +Joe Lovano (Family)

Wednesday August 31st—Weekday
8:30am +Larry Bronecki (Linda Bronecki &Family)

Thursday September 1st—Weekday
8:30am Communion Service


Friday September 2nd—Weekday
8:30am +Susan Santana (Rita Santana)

**Saturday September 3rd—St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church**
4:00pm People of the Parish

**Sunday September 4th—Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00am +Donna Zgrabik (Parents)

11:00am 70th Wedding Anniversary of Leo & Rita Hansen



In Loving Memory Of
Geraldine Tisch
August 26, 1943 - August 12, 2022

Services
St. Leo Church
August 19, 2022, 9:30 AM

Final Resting Place
Holy Cross Cemetery
Section 42, Lot 128

God looked around his garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful. He always takes the best. He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb, so He closed your weary eyes and whispered, "Peace Be Thine." It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home.



We will be opening our MASS INTENTIONS BOOK for 2023 and accepting requests beginning Saturday September 10th, 2022—the weekend after Labor Day. Be sure to visit us in the back of the vestibule after Saturday or Sunday services or over at the rectory to have a special Mass offered for a loved one. There is a stipend of \$10.00 per request. Also, in order to be sure that we can accommodate all of our parishioners' intentions, we ask that you please limit your requests to 1 weekend Mass and 1 weekday Mass or 2 weekday Masses. Thank you for your consideration.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 28TH, 2022

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's section, he gives his students a string of wise sayings to guide them in their conduct.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

In today's reading from the letter to the Hebrews, the author contrasts two covenants. He begins with the covenant of Mount Sinai, which was ratified amid fire and darkness. Then he speaks of the new covenant established by Jesus at mount Zion (which is another name for Jerusalem) .



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

Chunju Park
Archdiocese of Daegu
I Theology, Saint Mary

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

Sanctuary Candle Intention

August 28th — September 11th

John Kozolowski

Love and Prayers,
Mary Jane and Family



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

CHURCH PICNIC

In spite of the weather, there was a good turnout for this year's parish picnic. Everyone stayed comfortable and dry in the air-conditioning in Lux Hall while they listened to music provided by Pat Daley. A big THANK YOU to everyone who attended and brought the many delicious dishes and desserts. A SPECIAL THANK YOU and sincere appreciation to the crew who set up, grilled, served, and cleaned up afterwards. It wouldn't have happened without you.



FESTIVAL NEWS: *EARLY BIRD DRAWING*



Don't forget to get your raffle ticket stubs in. The next Early Bird Drawing will be September 4th. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 22nd). If you haven't picked up your tickets from the main vestibule of the church, now is the time to do so. (Tickets for parishioners who live in the 44109, 44131, 44134, and 44144 zip codes are in the main vestibule — parishioners outside of those zip codes can pick up their tickets at the rectory.) Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

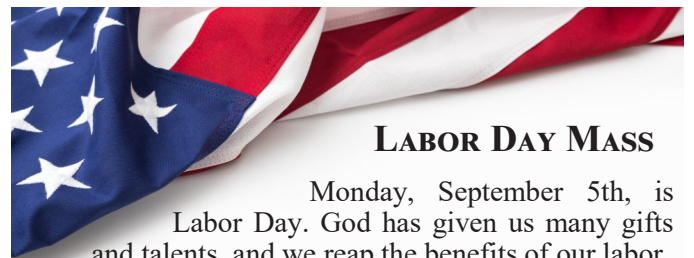


Please join us the First Friday of every month from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. St. Leo the Great has had a long history of Eucharistic Adoration of First Fridays. Part of our Commitment as a parish is that when we have Adoration, Jesus in the Eucharist should not be left alone. We need your presence for as much or as little amount of time as you are able to spend in the presence of Jesus. The Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 5:00 PM. Can you spend just one hour, once a month with Jesus? Our next First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be **September 2nd from 9:00 am to 4:45 pm.**



LABOR DAY MASS

Monday, September 5th, is Labor Day. God has given us many gifts and talents, and we reap the benefits of our labor. Give thanks for these many gifts and talents at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Labor Day. Weather permitting, Mass will be held at the outdoor Shrine.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Jim & Geraldine Tisch have been parishioners of St. Leo's for a long time...in fact, they met at our parish as both were members of our choir! They were then married here 39 years ago and served our parish generously. Both of them were active not only in the choir but helped with our parish festival and were members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. I had the opportunity to visit with them very recently where they were in assisted living. I celebrated the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with both of them (separately as Geraldine was in the memory care unit) and gave them both Holy Communion. It was Geraldine's *last* Communion, known as "Viaticum," a Latin word which means "Food for the journey (home)." May she now truly go home to God, carrying the virtuous acts of her life into the kingdom.

Congratulations to the parents of Parker Ginter, who was baptized last Sunday by Father Walt Jenny, a friend of the family. May Parker know the light of Christ as he makes his way through this world.

I was happy to see so many of you at our parish picnic last Sunday...held in Lux Hall (the gym) due to the rainy weather. It was cool & dry there so I'm glad we had a place to gather before the work started on replacing the old, original, cracked & inefficient windows on the north side of the gym with glass block windows. Thanks to our cooks, our organizer's, our DJ & to all who came for some good food (I told you the hamburgers were bigger than the bun! The hot dogs were the largest I've seen too). It's always great to see so many gather from our parish.

You'll have the opportunity to gather again if you're at Mass on Sunday this weekend as we're having our end-of-the-month coffee & donuts. So again, thanks to all who made the donuts (Jack Frost) & to those setting everything up for us to enjoy them.

A little birdie told me (no, it was not Twitter), that it's someone's 70th birthday this Tuesday, August 30th. I don't like to announce how old people are (especially when they're going over their 4th hill) so I won't mention that it's Joan Berigan's birthday. But I will tell you that I am very grateful for her friendship and ministry here at St. Leo's (I suppose I should say I'm grateful for her husband too but it's not the Deacon's birthday). Joan does a great job in her ministry here, especially in helping people plan for the funeral Mass of a loved one. She does so with compassion and competence and it's a great help not only to them but to me as I prepare a homily for the Mass. Joan does many other things as well, like working with Deacon Pat in helping people prepare for baptism & marriage. And I am especially grateful for her as our chief "camerawoman" for she is the one who aims the live-streaming camera in just the right places, and she does this at EVERY Mass... weekday, all 3 weekend Masses, Funeral Masses (if they are live-streamed), etc. I would be lost without her doing that and would be fumbling around at the altar, even more than I do now. So a big thank you to Joan & a very big wish for many happy days from all of us as she celebrates this milestone of a birthday.

I believe there is an announcement in this bulletin that we will soon be opening up the books to accept Mass intentions for 2023. I was asked to explain why we have a Mass "For the People of the Parish" every week. It states in canon law that each Pastor is to offer one of the weekend Masses "Pro Populo" (or "for the people") of the parish every weekend. So once we have an intention for 2 of the weekend Masses, the third Mass automatically is offered Pro Populo. There's your lesson in canon law for the week. Now go & impress someone with that knowledge.

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 September 7, October 5, and November 2, 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.



ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Gospel Meditation | August 28, 2022 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.

GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Humility and Stewardship

Some people have "the rich relation" in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

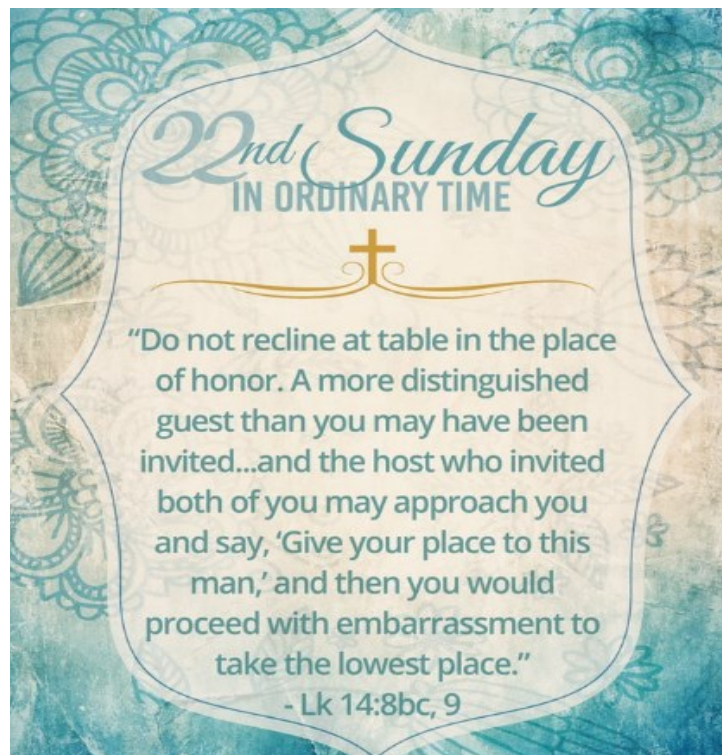
Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy's latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard's pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiquities dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



August 28, 2022— 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

11 DAYS: MARCH 20 - 30, 2023

VISITING: VENICE ● PADUA ● FLORENCE ● ASSISI ● ROME



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airline surcharges

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DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our BACK to SCHOOL Drive is currently
going on. Just put your cash or check in an envelope,

mark it **“Back to School Drive”**

and drop it in the collection

basket at weekend mass or at the

Rectory Office.

We Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS



August 30th— Mandatory Parent Meeting (student attendance optional)

Session 1 @ 6:30p | Session 2 @ 7:00p | Session 3 @ 7:30p (8th Grade)

August 31st—Alternate Date for Mandatory Parent Meeting

Session 1 @ 10:00a | Session 2 @ 10:30a (8th Grade)

September 6th—FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



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



Cleveland Scholarships Available!
Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leothegreat.org
or please contact our Principal, Mrs. Burns, at
dburns@leothegreat.org for more information.

Welcome
THANK YOU FOR JOINING 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, visit us at leothegreat.org or call the
Rectory Office at 216-661-1006 for more information!