



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

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RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

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SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS:

Main Office Open in July by Appointment

www.leothegreat.org

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.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP!

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

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The Holy Land Pilgrimage Itinerary

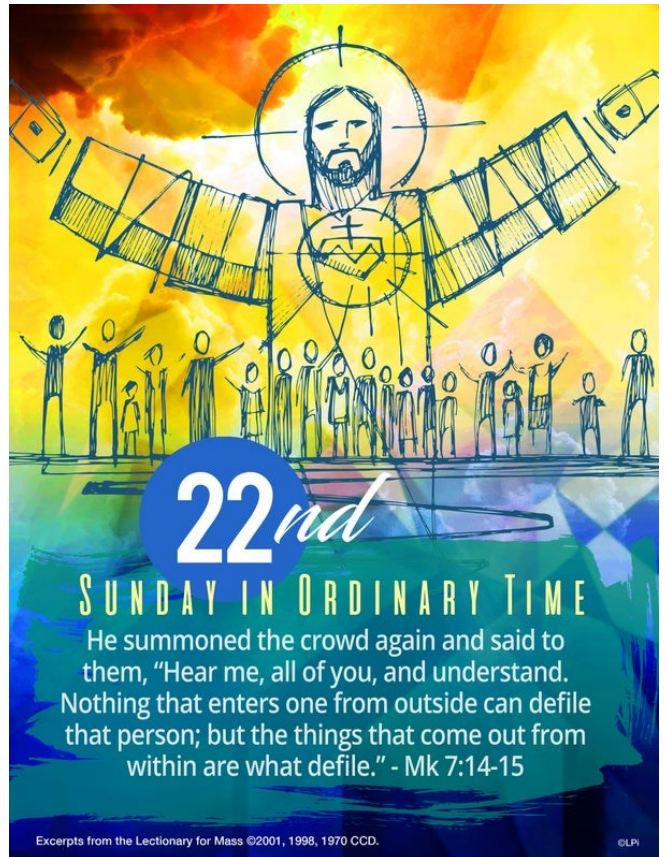
\$3,400 Includes:

Airfare, 5 Star Hotels, Catholic Tour Guide, 2 Meals a Day, Entry Fees to all Sites, and Air Conditioned Motor Coaches.

May 16 -May 25 2022

An informational meeting about the trip will be on **August 29th at 6:30pm** in the Parish Center!

We hope to see you there!



Seneca Allegany Casino

October 11, 2021

\$48.00 per person

BONUS: \$25.00 in FREE PLAY!

For information and to reserve your spot contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123

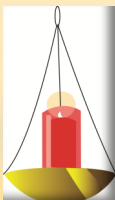
SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

August 29th to September 12th

IN LOVING MEMORY

Ralph Rath Jr.

From Chris Rath



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.



Monday, September 6th, is Labor Day. God has given us many gifts and talents, and we reap the benefits of our labors.

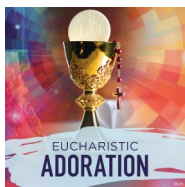
Give thanks for these many gifts and talents at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Labor Day. Weather permitting, Mass will be held at the outdoor shrine.

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Prayer REQUESTS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Mary Nic, Agnes
Alfin, Alivia Kobal, Taylor
Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary
LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello,
Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski,
Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don
Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Joseph
Mackey, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob
Blum, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary
Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin,
Herb Mayview, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Soflkancs, &
Evelyn Bastian.



Please come a little while this First Friday
September 3, 2021 and visit with Jesus in
Eucharistic Adoration!

This devotion is held every First Friday of
the month at St. Leo's from 9am until 5pm
in the chapel area of the church.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



August 16, 2021
Barb Mudrey
\$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 Stegmaier
St. Colette, Brunswick
Year 2



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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH

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| Collection..... | \$ 5,151.00 |
| WeShare (Online)..... | \$ 2,395.50 |
| Total..... | \$ 7,546.50 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, August 30th—Weekday

8:30am +Joseph Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)

Tuesday, August 31st—Weekday

8:30am +Kellie Zarko Roda (Bob & Rose Zarko)

Wednesday, September 1st—Weekday

8:30am +Ralph Cosiano (Doris Neylon)

Thurs., September 2nd—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, September 3rd—Saint Gregory the Great

8:30am +Neroni & Kozlowski Families (Family)

Saturday, September 4th—Weekday

4:00pm +Joe Lovano (Fami;y)

Sunday, September 5th—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Donna Zgrabik (Parents)

11:00am People Of The Parish

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

The book of Deuteronomy contains a lengthy fare-
well speech of Moses as the people prepared to enter
the Promised Land. Moses makes it clear that they are
expected to remain faithful to the Lord after they have
settled in their new land.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Today and for the next four Sundays, we will read
passages from the letter of James. Two points will be
helpful background to today's passage. First: In the
Jewish law, the first fruits of the harvest are given to
God. This expresses the truth that the whole harvest
ultimately belongs to God. Second: In the Old Testam-
ent, widows and orphans were classic examples of
poor and defenseless people.

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-
18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13
[13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk
4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk
5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-
39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas
2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to Genesis Ramos & Jose Alvarado who are getting married here this weekend. May they find the grace of God throughout their married life as they grow in

love for each other.

Last weekend, two younger parishioners, in the process of learning more about our Catholic Faith, asked a very good question (always welcomed!) related to the reception of the Precious Blood at Mass. The question was this: why don't we use small, plastic cups to receive the Blood of Christ at Communion time which would prevent the risk of contagious germs during the pandemic or even during flu season? As you know, even when we started to remove the restrictions that were made during the liturgy because of the pandemic, we did not yet start offering people the Blood of Christ through the communion cup. This is especially a relevant question during this time we have been hearing from the 6th chapter of John's gospel in recent weeks which again is called the "Bread of Life" discourse as the evangelist speaks at length about Jesus' teaching concerning himself as the One who nourishes us with his Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

First, I can't repeat this often enough: the Catholic Church has always believed that Christ is really and truly present in the Eucharistic bread and wine that is consecrated by the priest at every Mass. This is not just a symbol or reminder of his presence, but his actual Body and Blood that we take into our bodies. (Though we normally offer both the consecrated bread **and** wine as the fullest symbol of Christ's Body and Blood, even when we receive Holy Communion under one "species", for example, just the host, we are still receiving the "whole" Christ). This teaching has been a major source of separation from most of our Protestant brothers and sisters who, since the 16th century, have abandoned this long-standing belief in favor of a "symbolic" understanding of the Lord's Supper. As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, architecture and art and scripture and the writings of the Church Fathers and saints throughout the ages have consistently held up and reaffirmed this ancient belief.

This sacred teaching has manifested itself even in the way we act during Mass: we genuflect and bow when entering a church with a tabernacle that houses the reserved consecrated hosts (for the sake of the sick who receive Communion at home). We kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer during which the words of Jesus at the Last Supper are repeated, asking the Holy Spirit to transform bread & wine into his Body and Blood. We receive Communion with a bow, and speak an "Amen!" to the minister's proclamation: "The Body of Christ." Even after Communion has been distributed, you will notice the priest carefully cleaning (or "purifying") the chalice, communion cups (when used) and even consuming any crumbs of consecrated bread that may be left in the containers used to distribute Communion. We take such particular care to do this because Christ is present even in the smallest crumb or in the smallest drop of consecrated wine. Hence, to offer the Blood of Christ in small, plastic communion cups would require a purification worthy of our belief in Christ's Real Presence. We even use only the best materials (such as a metal chalice plated with gold) for containing the Eucharistic presence of Christ. So allow even these details of the liturgy to speak to you of this incredible gift of the Lord's Real Presence to us and let the Mass always be our great Thanksgiving for Christ who is really present to us in many ways during Mass, but "par excellence" in the Eucharist itself.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one?

If you have, you're welcome to participate in the monthly bereavement sharing group here at St. Leo the Great. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1 at 2:00 PM. We meet the first Wednesday of every month, please join us. We'd love to have you share with us!

For further information, contact Joan Berigan at jberigan@leothegreat.org or by phone at 216-661-1006.



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.

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.



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**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul**
Diocese of Cleveland

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 box or take it to the Rectory.

We thank you very much for your continued generosity to help us with supporting our families as their children return to school.

YES AND NO: Did you ever run out of food and have a helpless feeling knowing that it would be a while before you would have enough money to buy more? Your answer is probably “no, thank God.” But there are people around us who would have to answer, “Yes.” Your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization assists those who answer “Yes” thanks to the people who answered “No” but say “Yes” to the Poor Boxes each Sunday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PSR Classes for 2021-2022

Classes will begin on Monday, September 13th. Emails have gone out to all returning families. If they have access issues to printing you can stop by at the parish office to pick up a registration form.

Fees have not changed \$40 for one child; \$70 for two; \$90 for three and up. Please pay by check made out to St. Leo the Great Church.

Fees are due at the time of registration.

HELPERS NEEDED: We are in need of helpers this year. If you feel the call to assist please email Joann at jderanek@leothegreat.org.

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 11TH

SUPPORT LOCAL
BUSINESSES



Sponsorships!

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

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.**



Early Bird Drawing!

Don't forget to get your raffle ticket stubs in. The next Early Bird Drawing will be September 5th. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 16th). If you haven't picked up your tickets from the main vestibule of the church, now is the time to do so. Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.

FESTIVAL NEWS

With the coronavirus numbers increasing, we feel it is best for everyone involved to treat this year's Festival as we did last year, we will sell food to take home and we will have the main raffle.

We will provide a menu of food items in the coming weeks. Thank you for understanding.

Parish Festival

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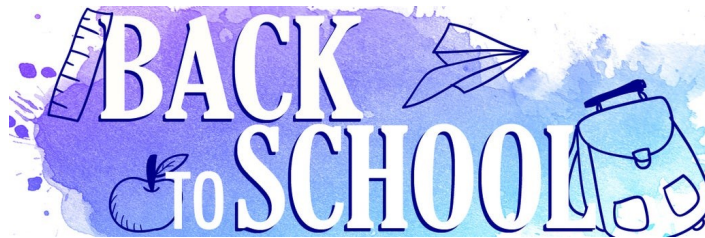
Help Needed!

We are in need of people willing to deliver raffle tickets. Despite the pandemic last year, the parish was able to profit from the Festival because of the great crew who helped deliver tickets.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org



September 1st 2021-End of December—Every Wednesday at 6:30pm.



Merciful God,

We are grateful for the resilience, innovation and determination our students, teachers, school staff, parents and administrators demonstrated and developed over the past year. We begin this new school year in prayer because we are anxious for our students to resume school in person, yet still be safe from COVID-19.

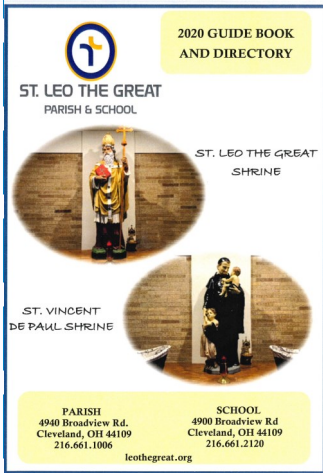
We pray for a better year; for a safe return to classrooms; for the health of students, teachers and school staff; for school boards and administrators under pressure to make difficult decisions; and for parents exhausted by the uncertainty and constantly changing plans.

Help us, Holy God, to bear with one another in love as we face the new challenges this year will inevitably bring. We pray that our teachers banked enough summer renewal to face any new disruptions. We ask that the hard lessons students learned in since the start of this pandemic will give them the confidence and courage to face whatever lies ahead. With confidence in your ability to do more than we ask or imagine, we pray that faith will deter fear and hope will bring new life.

Bless us, Holy God, in our efforts to protect and care for students so they can focus on their healthy development and their studies. Lead us all to health and healing.

In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

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: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

☐ Do not print my name.

☐ Do not print my phone number.

☐ Do not print my address.

☐ This is my **updated** information.



