

September 11, 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

COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday | 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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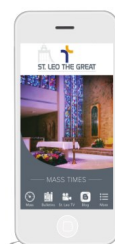
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FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

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.



Our food collection for the month of September will be September 17th and 18th. We are especially in need of the following items: canned pasta, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, canned diced tomatoes, assorted soups, ramen noodles, tuna fish, rice and noodle sides, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, peanut butter & jelly, cereal, canned fruit, dishwashing soap, and bar soap. We need your help. Whatever you can give will be very much appreciated. Thank you very much.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY



FESTIVAL NEWS

EARLY BIRD DRAWING

And the lucky WINNER of the second \$100 early bird drawing is....**RUTH BUBLAVY**... Congratulations, Ruth! As for everyone else—worry not! There is still one more Early Bird Drawing, which will take place September 25th, 2022. So get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on a chance to WIN!

WE NEED YOU

We can't have our parish festival without volunteers! Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the main vestibule of the church beginning *this weekend*.

VOLUNTEER

FINAL BUS TRIPS FOR 2022

For more information please contact Sandy Diaddario 216-926-3123



LAS VEGAS LIVE! CHRISTMAS REVIEW


Where: Columbiana, Ohio
When: Sunday, November 20th
Cost: \$140 per person
Includes: Dinner Show
Details: 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

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

Where: Amish Country
When: Monday, November 14th
Cost: \$80 per person
Includes: Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant
Details: Shop/Browse: Smucker's, Coblentz Chocolates, Schrock Heritage Villages, Tis the Season—receive an ornament, Walnut Creek Cheese, Breitenbach Winery (sample on own)

Reservation Deadline: Friday, September 30



2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Our MASS INTENTIONS BOOK opens up *this* Saturday, September 10th, 2022. 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 either 1 weekend Mass and 1 weekday Mass or 2 weekday Masses. Thank you for your consideration.
Also, requests for the Sanctuary Candle for 2023 will also be taken at that time.

Parish Support

 **TOTALS** ...can be expected in upcoming issues of the bulletins. Please know how greatly we appreciate your generous support *always*.

REMINDERS

There are a few other ways you can help support our Parish!

You can opt to purchase gift cards from our rectory for gas, grocery, pharmacy and some of those *go-to* spots where you, or those you know, often stop, shop and drive-thru.



Another great way to support is to feed our Recycle Bin (located in the parking lot next to the Preschool playground). Please be sure to only feed it *paper* and be sure to *break down any boxes* you provide. Note: It does not appreciate plastic, metals, or trash.



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



MASST INTENTIONS

- Monday September 12th —Weekday**
8:30am +Bill Skora (family)
- Tuesday September 13th—St. John Chrysostom**
8:30am +Dennis Dina (Bob Coleman)
- Wednesday September 14th—Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
8:30am +Robert Mocadlo (Ron Kollar)
- Thursday September 15th—Our Lady of Sorrows**
8:30am Communion Service
- Friday September 16th—St. Cornelius**
8:30am +Betty and Larry Clancy (Brenda Basalla)
- Saturday September 17th—Weekday**
4:00pm +Susan Santana (Rita Santana)
- Sunday September 18th— 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Mildred & +David Handlovic (Melanie Handlovic)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

FIRST READING: EXODUS 32: 7-11, 13-14

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their covenant with God at Mount Sinai. In today's passage, Moses has been up on the mountain for 40 days conversing with God. In his absence, the Israelites have despaired and built a golden calf to worship as a god.

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

The first letter to Timothy was written about 30 years after Paul's death. It was written in Paul's name, a practice common in the ancient world. In today's portion of this letter, the unknown author sketches a portrait of Paul as someone we should imitate.

Sunday Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

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, 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 Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Fr. Thomas C. Gilles, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski, Megan Arena, Judy Kucia, Lena Sunyak, Theresa Truxall and Chuck Pacanovsky



WILLIAM REED
ST. HELEN, NEWBURY
THIRD YEAR, BORROMEO

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that may continue to persevere & that others may respond to God's call.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

September 11 —September 25

Jack Pauloski

Memories of a loving husband

*From,
Grace*



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 11, 2022 | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).”



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There will be more joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” -Lk 15:7b

ATTENTION:

For those of you who have recently requested a copy of *Return* by Brandon Vogt, or for anyone who may be interested, please note that more copies are now available over at the Rectory. While you’re there, feel free to ask about the other titles we have on site for you to consider.



SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Rise, and Go to Your Father

“If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you’re sure not picking anything up.”

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron’s “8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter,” (that’s Rule No. 5, by the way).

There’s a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it’s not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. I haven’t been given half of that, he thinks, and I’ve worked so hard.

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father’s indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

It seems that this date...9/11 as it has come to be remembered...will forever be etched in our minds as a sad day for this country. We continue to remember prayerfully all those who died on this day and all those who have died as a result of terror. May violence not rule our country or our hearts.

On a happier note...we congratulate the parents of Benjamin Gobel (married here at St. Leo the Great in 2017) on the baptism of their son this weekend. Pray that Benjamin and his parents may know the richness of our Catholic faith through the Sacrament that is the door to the other sacraments and to a life of grace.

This is the first Sunday of our new Faith Formation, where the children of our parish will gather three times a month in the Parish Center as we share the good news of Christ with them and their parents. While this is a time for them to learn more about our Catholic Faith ("catechesis"), we are emphasizing the first step of faith which is developing a relationship, a friendship with God through Christ. We will only want to learn more about God and the ways of faith if we first have a loving relationship with the God who loved us first. This Faith Formation is for *all* the children of our parish (whether they attend our parish school or not). It is also the way through which some of these children will be prepared for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. By taking this religious education out of the classroom and having the students and their parents in a more conversational atmosphere, we hope it will be a more enjoyable & rewarding experience for everyone. Both students and parents will meet from 9:30 until 10:45am in the Parish Center and then will join us for the 11:00am Mass. I am very grateful to our catechists who will be working with these young people and to the Berigan's who will be meeting with their parents at the same time. This is an exciting venture for us and I'm so happy we have the leadership of Joann Deranek & Macrina Dodson to guide us on our way. Please pray for the success of this evangelistic effort to bring the faith to both children & parents.

I also ask your prayers for myself & some of my brother priests who will be on retreat this week at the Jesuit Retreat House on State Road in Parma. I will be there from Monday through Friday so will be unavailable for appointments in the rectory office. I will however continue to celebrate daily Mass here (except for Thursday) as it is only a 5 minute ride back to the parish.

Thanks to all who have submitted their registration forms for the pilgrimage to Italy in March. I know there are several more expected to come in. If you are interested in joining us, you can pick up a flyer on one of the tables in the 4 corners of the church and then see us in the rectory office (or email me at jschmitz@leothegreat.org) for a registration form and brochure. We just celebrated Mass in our chapel area this past Tuesday evening for those who were on our pilgrimage to the Holy Land this past May and we blessed the icon of the Mystical Supper that now hangs over the altar. Thanks again to Alan Morinec for his generous contribution of this beautiful gift! We were able to enjoy refreshments and each other's company afterwards, continuing to share more pictures of our time together. It was an experience that will be with me (and the others, I'm sure) for a lifetime.

In last week's column, I mentioned that I'd like to put a plaque up in our Marian Shrine in remembrance of Fr. Lowe and Fr. Vesely, but no one spell-checked the column so it said I was going to have a plague in their memory (instead of a plaque). See what one wrong letter can do?!

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 October 5, November 2, and December 7, 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 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.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

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.



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.



Faith Formation

Who: Students from Pre-School (3-5yrs old) through 8th Grade
What: Faith Formation – Growing in our Relationship with God through Jesus Christ
When: Starts THIS Sunday, September 11 in the Parish Center from 9:30a-10:45a
Sign Up Now! Enrollment forms are available in the Rectory. If you have any questions please reach out to:

Joann Deranek, Faith Formation Coordinator
216-661-1006 or jderanek@leothegreat.org.



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ST. LEO SENIORS

This coming Wednesday, September 14, 2022 we will plan for a regular meeting no speaker has yet been confirmed. We will be playing some BINGO! Please arrive around 11a. Lunch at Noon.



The Great Sweepstakes

September 5th, 2022

Jack & Dianne
Toronski



Our Great Sweepstakes are *still* going on! Be sure to get your tickets in for a weekly chance to WIN \$100.00! The last drawing will be our Super Drawing on November 10th for a chance at \$1,000.00!

A MUSIC NOTE

Interested in being a member of our Choir? We are in need of new talent! The musical requirements / abilities are probably much less than you think, and you can't help but learn more about music while sharing with others the voice you were given by God. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 6:30p-8:00p and the choir sings every other Sunday at the 11:00a Mass.

If interested contact Mickey Stitt at
440-638-9618 or mstitt@leothegreat.org



Benjamin Gobel
Baptized in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit on
Sunday September 11th, 2022

The American Red Cross



Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, September 18th from 7:30a-12:00p. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. SCHEDULE your appointment at redcrossblood.org. Walk-Ins will NOT be accepted due to scheduling requirement. Thank you for your support.



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



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

New School Year, New School Windows Most of you have likely noticed the recent window upgrades which allow for more efficient lighting, heating and cooling of Lux Hall and the Cafeteria. If not, be sure to checkout the recent updates when passing by the school or get an even closer look while having fun at our upcoming Parish Festival next month. While we won't exactly miss those high maintenance curtains that no longer serve a purpose in the Gym, we'd like to see them made useful *somewhere* if at all possible. If you happen to know of anyone who could use or repurpose them please notify the rectory with information!

