



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 2017

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM, and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Thursday ~ 7:30AM

Friday ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are heard on Saturday, from 2:45PM—3:30PM or anytime 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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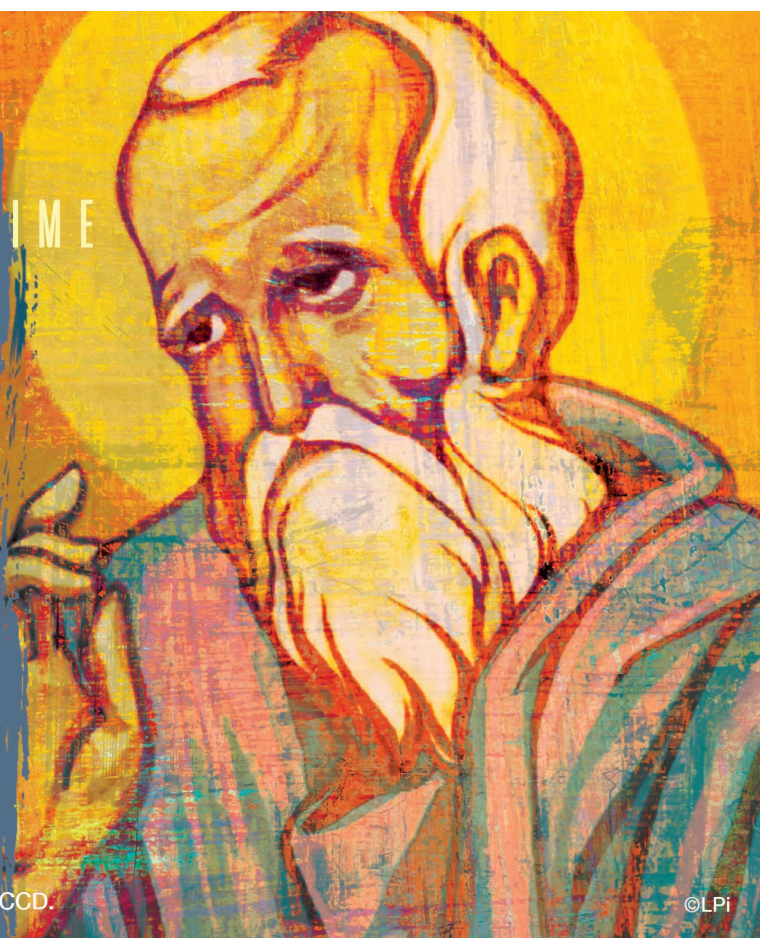


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Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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2017 CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

The weekend of September 23rd-24th, our parish will take up the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.



ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!



Online Giving is now available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Relationships are the focus of our reflection again this week, calling us to practice forgiveness unconditionally. This is a difficult thing for us to do. Forgiving someone does not mean that we necessarily tolerate or condone their behavior. Rather, it has to do with letting go of the anger and the hurt that really is more self-destructive than productive. We are called to recognize the brokenness and sinfulness of each other. We may, at times, have to walk away from an abusive or destructive relationship. However, keeping in mind the lessons it taught, we can free ourselves from its hurtful grasp by learning how to forgive as God forgives. It's a tall order.



ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER... Sarah Geier, Edward P.



Gorczyca, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Stella Sugalski, Mary Jane Funta, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Ann Sazpansky, Larry Kuznik, Jo Hoffman, Anna Mendoza, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Diane Soler, Muffie Bone, Theresa Truxall, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Charles Hakain, Walter Milewski, Harriet Watson, Megan Sunyak, Kathy Koval, Dianne Holland, Harold Esterwood, Lisamarie Rivera, August Bublav, Barbara Ann & Family and Larry Augustine.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

Ben Bykowski

\$100.00 - September 11th



CONGRATULATIONS! Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes**. Forms are available at the Information Desk in Church and the Rectory Office.

2018 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2018 Mass Intention Book is now open. Each parishioner household may have 4 Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays).

The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

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

Sr. Katie McCloskey, HMSS
Mercedarian Sisters of the
Blessed Sacrament
Novice



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



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, September 10th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 6,191.00
WeShare (online)	820.00
Total	\$ 7,011.00

Labor Day Collection (SVDP).....	\$ 259.00
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Thank you for your continued support



September 18th to September 24th

Monday, September 18th: Weekday

7:30 a.m. +Betty McDermott (Bernice Kilcoyne)

Tuesday, September 19th: St. Januarius

7:30a.m. +Pelley Family (Rose Pelley)

Wednesday, September 20th: SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,

Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions

7:30a.m. +Betty McDermott (Kazimer Family)

Thursday, September 21st: St. Matthew

7:30a.m. To be announced

Friday, September 22nd: Weekday

8:30a.m. +Stanley Kosiba (Friends)

Saturday, September 23rd: St. Pius of Pietrelcina

4:00p.m. +Marisol Caraballo (Maria Calvillo)

Sunday, September 24th: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00a.m. +Harry Walker (Dolores Nemeth)

11:00a.m. People of the Parish

First Reading: Sirach 27:30--28:7

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 teaches his students the importance of forgiveness.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

After dealing with the controversies which divided the early Christian community in Rome, Paul wrote about the need for tolerance and for sensitivity to the feelings of others. In today's passage, he points out that this affects our use of the gift of freedom

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017

Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

God willing and the creek don't rise, I will be visiting with my sister down in Florida this week and will leave after the 11am Mass on Sunday. She and some friends of mine live in the Fort Myers area so I was going to visit and stay a few days with both of them during the week but my friends have a pool with a large "cage" over it (to prevent insects and golf balls from getting in...they live behind a golf course) & that cage collapsed as a result of Hurricane Irma. My sister's house suffered little damage but they were very much afraid of armed looters. Unfortunately they do not have power yet and are not expected to get it back until Friday. They have a generator that helps keep the food cold & the lights on but is not enough of course to power the air conditioning. That's a small price to pay compared to all those in Florida and Texas who lost their homes and even their lives because of these hurricanes. Speaking of which, we received over \$5,000 from our 2nd collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas last week. Thank you for your incredible generosity! I'm so proud of how our community is always reaching out to help others, even through our constant St. Vincent de Paul Ministry and the donations they receive from you.

We would like to ask for your help with our upcoming Parish Festival next month. We are in need of volunteers in many different areas. There are sign up sheets in the vestibule of the church so please consider helping us out in any way you can and with whatever time you have.

We'd like to remind you again of the opportunity you have to make your weekly contributions online instead of using the envelopes that are mailed to you. For you, this has the advantage of not having to write checks, find cash or remember bringing your envelope to church. For us, it means we save money not having to send out envelopes (which costs us several thousands of dollars a year), and we tend to collect more since we will still receive your weekly contribution even if you are on vacation or visiting another parish on any given weekend. You set up it by clicking on the WeShare icon on our homepage (www.leothegreat.org) and it only takes a few short minutes so that you can literally "set it and forget it." We're happy to help you with it too if you stop by the Information Desk after Mass or in the rectory office during the week. You are able to include any special collections we may have (for capital improvements, Catholic Education, the Missions, etc.). It couldn't be easier & again, it's a big help to us. Thanks to the many parishioners who have already signed up and are using this convenience already. Again, if you wish to continue to use cash or envelopes in the weekend collection, you can continue to do so. But we appreciate your consideration of this easy way of financially supporting the parish.

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

September 18th to September 24th



Monday, September 18th

4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. Cub Scout Recruiting Night	Great
6:45 p.m. PSR Classes	School

Tuesday, September 19th

8:30 a.m. SVDP Packing/Receiving	Church
1:00 p.m. Lecture Series	Great
4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice	Lux
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	Great
6:30 p.m. SVDP	Conference

Wednesday, September 20th

4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice	Lux
6:00 p.m. Cub Scout-Pack Meeting	Great
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Orientation Meeting	Caf.
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	Church

Thursday, September 21st

1:00 p.m. Women's Knitting	Great
4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice	Lux

Friday, September 22nd

4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice	Lux
7:30 p.m. Recovery International	Great

Saturday, September 23rd

7:30 a.m. CYO Volleyball Site Center	Lux
2:45 p.m. Confessions	Church
3:00 p.m. Grapevine	Great

Sunday, September 24th

8:30 a.m. Bloodmobile	Lux
7:00 p.m. Coach Robinson Adult Open Gym	Lux

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

September 17th to September 30th



In Loving Memory of Lexi

From Auntie Mary Ann



WEDDING BANNES

II Bethany Halusker & Nathan Miller



DONUT SUNDAY

Please join us in the main church vestibule after all the Masses for donuts and coffee next Sunday, September 24th.

WELCOME BISHOP PEREZ TO CLEVELAND!



On Tuesday, September 26th, come join priests and parishioners from Catholic parishes on the west side of Cleveland for a special Mass with newly-installed Bishop Nelson Perez. Mass will be at 7 pm at St. Ignatius of Antioch at 10205 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland. A reception will follow.

LOOKING AHEAD.....ST. LEO THE GREAT



Friday, October 20th
(6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
&
Saturday, October 21st
(5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)

EARLY BIRD DRAWING...And the winner of the second \$100 Early Bird Drawing is an **Anonymous Winner**. Don't worry — there is still one more chance to enter the Early Bird Drawing. The next drawing will be October 1st. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 21st.) Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.

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 call Nancy at (216) 749-1472.

AND MORE... Need some incentive to exercise? We are in need of people willing to deliver raffle tickets. Delivering the tickets saves the parish hundreds of dollars in postage. If you are interested, please call Nancy at (216) 749-1472.

LAWN SIGNS...Have you seen the lawn signs popping up all over the neighborhood? If you would like a lawn sign for your lawn, there are still some remaining at the rectory office. (The metal posts can be returned after the festival.)

VOLUNTEERS...Volunteer sign up sheets are in the main vestibule. The Festival cannot be a success without your help. Please sign up.

ADOPT A BOOTH...Do you feel like doing more? Why not adopt a booth for both days with your family and friends? You provide the people to staff the booth, and we'll take care of the rest. If you are interested, please sign the sheet that says "Adopt a Booth" in the main vestibule of the church, and we'll

GIFT CARD CERTIFICATES



The 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 as a simple thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
BLANKET SUNDAY COMING SOON.....**



The weekend of October 7th and 8th marks the 31st Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. Due to lack of storage space, there will be a cash only collection. We will gratefully accept your donations and do the shopping for you. This will make your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by low income families, the homeless and the disadvantaged. Just put your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP Blanket Sunday", or pick up a Blanket Sunday envelope from the entrances of the Church and drop it in the collection basket. Give someone a blanket for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling.

**RECYCLE—BONUS WEEK
RIVER VALLEY PAPER COMPANY**



We will receive an additional \$5/ton for all the paper you bring to our bin during **Bonus Week—September 18th to September 22nd.**

Items accepted: magazines, catalogs, newspapers, office papers, mail/junk mail, coupons, hard and soft bound books, phonebooks & shredded paper (bag please).

Items NOT accepted: styrofoam, plastic, aluminum, glass, metal & trash

**LOOKING AHEAD....BROOKLYN-PARMA
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REVERSE RAFFLE**



When: Saturday, November 11, 2017

Where: St. Leo the Great Lux Hall

Prize: Grand Prize \$1,000.00

Donation: \$35.00 per person

Food: Meal will be served at 7:30 p.m. - Open Bar

For tickets call T.J. Dotson G.K. 440-390-1603 or Leo Hansen P.G.K. 216-351-8411.

FIFTY-PLUS CLUB AT ST. COLUMBKILLE

The Club is selling Our Town & All-Around Dining Books which have hundreds of money-saving coupons for fine and casual dining, pizza, golf leisure activities and more. A great value at \$28.00. Call Joe Olsavsky at 440-845-1886 or Lillian Jirousek at 216-524-7394 to order one.



HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE:

Sunday, October 8th - tours from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

PLACEMENT EXAMS:

Saturdays Oct. 21st & Nov. 4th

(9:00am to 12:00noon)

Parent information session at 11:00am.

Wednesday, Nov. 8th (5:30pm to 8:30pm)

Parent information session at 7:30pm.

For more information call 440-886-0300 ext.145 or email: eyaya@holynamhs.com.

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE:

Oct. 15th & Nov. 5th (11:00am to 1:00pm)

Save time by pre-registering at sehs.net.

ADMISSION TESTS:*

Sat. Oct. 21st (9:00 a.m.), Wed. Oct. 25th. (5:30 p.m.)
& Sat. Oct. 28th (9:00 a.m.)

***Pre-registration is required at sehs.net.**

- 8th grade boys only
- \$20 test fee payable on the date of the test
- Parent info. sessions held during each test.
- Accepting Cleveland Scholarship voucher

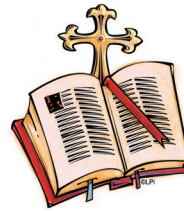
For more information call: 216-521-2204 or admissions@sehs.net.

SAINT IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL GRADE SCHOOL LATIN & FRENCH PROGRAMS

The programs are a brief introduction to the Latin & French language for young men in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The courses are FREE!! Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade_school.

LATIN PROGRAM...Is held on Saturdays from 1:00pm until 2:00pm. Our next session begins on Saturday October 7th and ends on Saturday, October 28th. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 6512-0222 ext. 253 or e-mail jzebrak@ignatius.edu before the course begins.

FRENCH PROGRAM...Is held on Saturdays from 2:15pm until 3:15pm. Our next session begins on Saturday October 7th and ends on Saturday, October 28th. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Christine Piatak at 651-0222 ext. 253 or e-mail cpiatak@ignatius.edu before the course begins



LECTURE SERIES

Albert Einstein said that when we stop learning we die. Many Catholics perhaps feel they haven't been learning much about the Church and its teachings. St. Leo the Great Parish is offering a six week series of lectures by Lavinia Theodoli Spirito, a dynamic speaker who has a Master's degree in theology from the Augustine Institute in Denver, CO. Her talks are on CD's which are distributed by Catholic Way Bible Study (www.cwbs.org).

The series will begin on Tuesday September 19th, in the Parish Center from 1:00 until 3:00 pm. The six week topics will be as follows:

September 19 — "Why Study Scripture?"

September 26 — "Overview of Scripture"

October 3 — "Angels"

October 10 — "History of the Catholic Church"

October 17 — "Saints Like Us"

October 24 — "Purgatory"

The talks are NOT dependent on each other. You can choose to attend any one of them, or all of them. If you have questions, please call Chris Rath at 216-741-1536. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION - MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT 3rd SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. Our Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Our Catholic-based support can be supplemental to your existing support groups. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m., except on holidays, then we meet the 4th Sunday. **The next Support Group is this Sunday, September 17th** at Saint Joseph Cemetery in Avon, Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron, and Holy Cross Cemetery in Brook Park.

No registration is required; Just come and join us. For more information, visit our website <https://www.clecem.org/InformationBereavement.aspx> or contact Rhonda at 216.930.4866 rabrams@clecem.org.

**LOURDES VIRTUAL
PILGRIMAGE EXPERIENCE
MARY QUEEN OF PEACE**



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality will present a 90 minute to 2 hour prayerful Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience at Mary Queen of Peace in the "Parish Hall" on **Tuesday, October 3rd at 7p.m.** During this guided experience, you will immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette. You will have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water. As part of this spiritual journey to draw nearer to Jesus and His Blessed Mother, you will receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary. A Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions, is granted to all the faithful who attend the Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience. Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends. Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! For more information call the Parish Office at 216-749-2323.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

**GREAT
ROOM
FOR RENT**

The Great Room in our Parish Community Center is available to **rent for special events, parties, meetings, funeral luncheons, etc.** For more information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our website at leothegreat.org.

BUS TRIPS

CASINO TRIP... Cost: \$32.00

Friday, November 3rd—Presque Isle Downs & Casino, Erie PA (Casino bonus \$25 slot play)

Report 8:30am - Depart 9:00am - Return 5:00pm

MEDINA TRIP...

Friday, December 8th Cost: \$75.00

- JM Smucker Store & Café (Muffin & Coffee incl.)
- Root Candle (Shop/browse on own)
- Corkscrew Saloon (Lunch included)
- Castle Noel (Included)
- Free time explore Medina Square—Dinner (on own)
- Medina Fairgrounds Christmas Lights (On own)

Report 8:30am - Depart 9:00am - Return 8:15pm

Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505
for more information or to book your trip.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo the Great Lux Hall **next Sunday, September 24th, from 8:30a.m. 12:00p.m.** Blood supplies are very low based on summer emergencies and Hurricanes, Harvey & Irma. Please register @ redcrossblood.org after you create a profile. Its easy! Registering is optional; it just helps with the staffing. Please stop by and donate!



From September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, 44146, or **Family Planning** - 54 South State Street, Painesville, 44077. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. Contact John Noall @ clevelandpraysfor-life@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

WEBSITES

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland
www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheight
www.40daysforlife.com/painesville

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—8th Annual Classic Car Show, Saturday, September 23rd, 11:30am-2:30pm (Rain date: September 30). Admission is FREE. Food & Drinks available for purchase. Trophies and Dash Plaques awarded. For pre-registration fees contact Al at (216)398-1682 or email: utot@core.com.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews on Wednesday mornings 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. For more information, contact Sr. Denise Marie 1-440-884-3030 or sdmosu@aol.com. Classes begin September 20th to May 2nd. Cost is \$20 for workbook, supplies and refreshments.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Join St. Thomas More's Spiritual Life Commission for THE LIVING ROSARY on Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.