

September 4, 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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FESTIVAL NEWS EARLY BIRD DRAWING




Don't forget to get your raffle ticket stubs in. **The next Early Bird Drawing will be September 4th—THIS WEEKEND!** (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 22nd, 2022) 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!



Over the years, the Saint 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 our members reach out and help a needy family with your donations. If you prefer, you can also put your cash or check in an envelope and mark the envelope "SVDP Outreach" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory. We thank you very much!



The Great Sweepstakes

August 29, 2022

WILL WILLIAMS



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

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, Coblenz Chocolates, Schrock Heritage Villages, Tis the Season—receive an ornament, Walnut Creek Cheese, Breitenbach Winery (sample on own)

Reservation Deadline: Friday, September 30

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.

2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK

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 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.

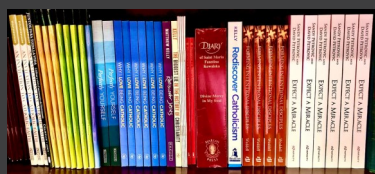
Parish Support

August 14, 2022



Sunday Envelopes \$	4,347.02
WeShare \$	1,703.50
Total \$	6,050.52
SVDP Envelopes \$	120.00
SVDP WeShare \$	200.00
Total \$	320.00

LEO LENDING LIBRARY



Feel free to visit the rectory and take a peek at some of the titles we have on hand to borrow—plus check out extra copies of what we have given away in the past.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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FATHER RUSSELL P. LOWE
AUGUST 29, 1962—AUGUST 25, 2022



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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID FOR OUR PARISH

MASS+ INTENTIONS

Monday September 5th —Labor Day
9:00am For all those who Labor (Fr. Schmitz)
Tuesday September 6th—Weekday
8:30am +Walter Pasela (Mary Rilett & Family)
Wednesday September 7th—Weekday
8:30am +Bill Hinton Sr. (Betty Hinton)
Thursday September 8th—The Nativity of the Blessed
8:30am Communion Service **Virgin Mary**
Friday September 9th—St. Peter Claver, Priest
8:30am Watson Family (Family)
Saturday September 10th—Weekday
4:00pm +Giovanni Florio (Kelli Florio)
Sunday September 11th— 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Margaret Wiorsowski (Bernice Chie)
11:00am People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

FIRST READING: WISDOM 9:13-18

The book of Wisdom was written by a teacher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, a center for Greek philosophy in the ancient world. Fearful that the Jewish people might be captivated by this secular wisdom, the author contrasts it with the rich spiritual wisdom found in Jewish religious traditions. The ninth chapter presents a prayer of Solomon for wisdom, and today's reading is an excerpt from this prayer.

SECOND READING: PHILEMON 9-10, 12-17

Philemon was a rich man with many slaves, one of whom—Onesimus—escaped. Onesimus reached Paul in prison and converted to Christianity. In sending Onesimus back to Philemon, Paul gave him a letter to take with him, a portion of which we hear today.

Sunday Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-

Wednesday 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:116, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

LABOR DAY MASS

Monday, September 5th, 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.

Antonio (Tony) Pogado
Longtime parishioner and usher



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 Bublavy, 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

Brian Peters
St. Raphael, Bay Village
I Theology, St Mary



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

August 28—September 11

John Kozolowski

Love & Prayers,
Your Family



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ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Gospel Meditation

September 4, 2022 | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. “Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor).” “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. “A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta).” Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don’t feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God’s love and seek it above all other things!

SEEING GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Where’s the Sacrifice?

“It’s not that I want you to do it. It’s that I want you to want to do it.”

If you’re married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn’t said it, you have probably wanted to, and it’s likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The “it” never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws’ for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it’s all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That’s what it all hangs on. Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn’t care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

In every age,
**LORD, YOU HAVE
BEEN OUR REFUGE.**



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

I just returned from the Vespers (Evening Prayer) & wake service for Fr. Russ Lowe at Our Lady of Angels church on Rocky River Drive where he was Pastor Emeritus. I will be concelebrating the funeral Mass there as well. This is the 6th funeral for a priest that I have attended in as many weeks. It's always sad when a brother priest dies, though of course it's mixed with the hope and prayer that he will rest in God's peace. I remember well when I met with Father Russ after being assigned as Pastor of St. Leo. I met with him here and he was very gracious and helpful in speaking to me about the parish. I want to express our sympathy especially to his cousin, our Business Manager, Brenda Basalla, who has faced so much sadness in the last couple of years with the loss of both her parents, and now the death of her cousin.

I mentioned at Mass last weekend that both Father Russ and Father Vesely had a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father Russ installed the beautiful backlit stained glass windows that are in our church which came from Blessed Sacrament after it closed. The four windows in the nave all depict scenes from the earthly & heavenly life of Mary and I speak of them often at funerals when someone had a special devotion to Mary. Father Russ also enhanced the outdoor shrine where we celebrate Mass on civil holidays. There is a statue of the Blessed Virgin on top of a large rock and I am hoping to place a large (weather-resistant) rosary around the rock along with a plaque in memory of Father Lowe and Father Vesely as they had ministered together at St. Thomas More and then lived together here at St. Leo's. The altar in that shrine area has the coat of arms of Saint Pope John Paul II, who was also devoted to the Virgin. In blue (Mary's color), it shows a cross with the letter M, the first letter of Mary's name. I think it would be a fitting tribute to each of these priests to have something there in their memory. How odd that these two priests, both of whom served together at our parish, should die within a month of each other. I pray that they may both rest in God's peace and share in the joy of the heavenly liturgy after celebrating the liturgy here on earth with and for God's people. We have Mass offered for all of our former pastors on anniversaries of their death each year. We also have a chalice that has each of their names engraved on the bottom so we use that chalice on the anniversary of their death.

Father Russ was a horticulturist, and had a sizable vegetable garden behind the rectory. Like myself, he didn't like vegetables, but he did grow them. He also planted the flowers in the hanging baskets that were (and still are) on the pillars of the church every summer. He was able to make this parish financially solvent and took care of maintaining the buildings here. He brought the tabernacle & altar from Corpus Christi & created the chapel. He replaced the sanctuary carpet with a beautiful marble floor & replaced the exterior doors of the church. We are grateful still for all he did to enhance our church.

Today we get a chance to celebrate another anniversary, but on a very happy occasion: the 70th wedding anniversary of Leo & Rita Hansen! They are a delightful couple who bring me joy whenever I see them. I will be asking God's blessing on them during the 11am Mass. May they be blessed with more healthy and happy years together.

It's time for school to start this week! So we'll pray for our students & staff during our Labor Day Mass this Monday out at the shrine (weather permitting) at 9am. It will be a good place to pray for Father Lowe & Father Vesely as well. Also a reminder to our holy land pilgrims that we'll be having a Mass & social this Tuesday at 6pm in the chapel area.

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 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



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 Next Sunday, September 11 in the Parish Center
Sign Up Now! Enrollment forms are available in the Rectory. If you have any questions please reach out to Joann Deranek, Faith Formation Coordinator at 216-661-1006 or email her at jderanek@leothegreat.org.

36TH ANNUAL BLANKET SUNDAY

appeal kicks off the weekend of October 8-9, 2022. Last year, funds from the appeal were used to purchase 4,500+ new winter blankets that were provided to the homeless and 126 beds/mattresses for low-income individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio. The need is great and donations can be made securely online: <https://donate.svdpcle.org/blanket-sunday-donations/>. Checks may also be mailed to: St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday, 1404 East 9th St. 3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114. More information can be found on our website and social media pages. Thank you for helping us “blanket” neighbors in warmth and compassion!



A NOTE WORTH MENTIONING

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 contact our music director Mickey Stitt or reach out to any choir member before or after Mass!!!! 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.

MickeyStitt 440-628-9618 or mstitt@leothegreat.org

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 11 DAYS: MARCH 20 - 30, 2023

VISITING: VENICE ● PADUA ● FLORENCE ● ASSISI ● ROME



Hosted by
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For More Information, Please Contact

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DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!



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.



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. God Bless and stay safe.



Catholic Men & Women Connection
of St. Charles Borromeo

Are you ready to transform your life and renew your mind and heart in Christ? Join us as we study **The Book of Revelation**.

What:	Bible Study on The Book of Revelation
Who:	For Men & Women of all ages
When:	Every Wednesday morning, 10:00 - 11:45 am September 14, 2022 to March 15, 2023
Where:	John Paul II Room, 2nd Floor, Parish Activity Center
Teacher:	Marivic P. Myer
Cost:	\$25 includes study workbook and Bible worksheets

Please bring your own snack and drink.

To register, stop in or call the Parish Office at (440) 884-3030 or go to the parish website stcharlesonline.org/catholic-men-women-connection as this will help us when placing our order for supplies.

**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.



CLEVELAND ROCKS ...AS DOES OUR STAFF!

Thanks to thoughtful planning by school Principal, Mrs. Denise Burns, some of our School and Parish Staff welcomed in some new employees last Thursday on a fun and enlightening Trolley tour around the city. Some of the stops included the famous 'Christmas Story' house in Tremont, the Cleveland script sign on Abbey Ave and the Sailor's Monument in downtown Public Square to name a few. Learning bits and pieces of our city's history along the way, the "tourists" were left inspired to take greater advantage of all that our little spot on the map has to offer. This included the museums and old mansions along "Millionaires row" (better known today as Euclid Ave) which were, once upon a time, homes to names like John D. Rockefeller. They rolled past well known ministries such as St. Augustine's and Malachi House, as well as the Western Reserve where they learned a little bit more about Cleveland's founder, General Moses Cleaveland who made his way here from Connecticut as a land surveyor. *Note:* That's not a typo! The original spelling of our founder's name was, in theory, shortened to be able to fit the masthead of a local 1800's newspaper know as *The Cleveland Advertiser*. So much to see. So much to do. So very much to learn at all ages!



*A beautiful day in
the neighborhood!*



Dear Lord,

This week marks the beginning of new school year and we implore your mercy and guidance over our students, parents and educators alike. Please bless the students, teachers, staff and volunteers of St. Leo the Great. Shower them in strength and encouragement, Lord, and may the opportunity for growth not be lost on them—be it in the way of faith, hope, love, understanding or compassion, Lord, as they learn from you and each other how to draw nearer to your Son, Jesus. May they find calm in challenging moments, and laughter and light heartedness at the end of the day. May they "Let Go" and remember to live in your presence. Amen.

