



St. Leo the Great Church
1969 - 2019

23rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8, 2019

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Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM
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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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“In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:33

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SCRIPTURE STUDY

Our Scripture Study dates are as follows: September 18th, October 2nd, October 16th, October 30th and November 13th. There will be an afternoon session from 1:00pm to 2:30pm and an evening session from 7:00pm to 8:30pm each of the days. All sessions will be held in the Parish Center. Feel free to attend the session that is most convenient for your schedule. One session does not depend on the previous session, so if you are unable to attend one of the days, that's okay! We're looking forward to seeing you at our Scripture Study. For questions or further information, contact Joan Berigan or deacon Pat at 216-661-1006.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Hearing and listening are two different things. Even in our human relationships, people can hear what we are saying, but are they really listening? This is true with God as well. We hear God's word as it comes to us through Sacred Scripture, but are we really listening to it? Listening requires a good dose of humility and openness to the one who is speaking. It requires that we free up some of our personal space so that we can be available and receptive to another person and to God. Listening does not require the use of words. We can listen to God through art, creation, the unfolding of life, and the human story. Truly listening to God provides us with the direction of where we need to go, how we are to live, what we are to choose, and what we must avoid. Listening prepares and anchors us. Are you listening?

2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2020 Mass Intention Book will open this Tuesday, September 10th at 9:00am at the Rectory Office. Each parishioner household may have four Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.



PRAYER SERVICE FOR STUDENTS



As we start the new school year, let us join together in prayer on **Tuesday, September 17th, at 7:00pm** in the church. Students, teachers, and parents -- please join us. You can show your support for our parish school and all students as we ask God to bless them, guide them, and keep them safe through the coming school year.

ROSARY



Please join us on Friday, September 13th as we say the rosary at the outdoor shrine at 7:00pm. Please bring a lawn chair because seating is limited. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be said in the church.

REGISTER WITH US



Have you been joining us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. — Stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, the rectory office, or call us at 216-661-1006.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Edward Gorczyca, Bob McLaughlin, Annamie Sironen, Jo Hoffman, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich,

Ron Vokac, Charles Hakaim, Walter Milewski, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, William Rebello, Cecilia Doris, Louise Horvath, Elaine Houseknecht, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Eugene Parks, Dianne Toronski, Steve Kostrubanic, Marge Menge, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Trudy Miller, and John Rolando.



WE WELCOME

JACOB MATTHEW KROPP

as he is baptized this weekend

May the blessings you received from God guide you throughout your life!

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER! LOOK AND SEE WHO WON

JOSEPH ZUCHOWSKI

September 2, 2019- \$100.00 Winner



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Sign up forms are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or the Rectory Office.

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

David Chojnacki
St. Mary, Hudson
I Theology, Saint Mary



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



Sunday, September 1st

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Parish Support for September 1st will be included in next week's bulletin.

Capital Campaign (August, 2019).....\$1,357.00

Thank you for your continued support!



Monday, September 9th - St. Peter Claver

7:30am Jennie Brikowski (Rick-son)

Tuesday, September 10th - Weekday

7:30am Students & Staff of St. Leo the Great School

Wednesday, September 11th - Weekday

7:30am +John Piascik (Rose Cucuzza)

Thursday, September 12th - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30am Intention to be announced

Friday, September 13th - St. John Chrysostom

8:30am Eneida Ramos (self)

Saturday, September 14th - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1:00pm WEDDING - Brittany Popa & Nick Tatoczensko

4:00pm +Stanley Kosiba (Wife)

Sunday, September 15th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Donna Zgrabik (Parents)

11:00am People of the Parish

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

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.

Readings for September 8, 2019

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 10, 12-17/Lk14:25-33

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps145:2-3,10-11,12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

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

Next 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

WEDDING BANNS



III Brittany Popa & Nick Tatoczenko
I Victoria Hahn & Tyler Kirby

Dear Parishioners,

On August 24th we celebrated the funeral Mass for Elsie Rompala. She had been homebound for 3 or 4 years but attended Mass regularly when she was able. She always had a rosary nearby. She was able to be anointed and to receive the last rites when she was in Hospice Care. May she now be reunited with her husband and all those who have passed on to the kingdom of God.

On Saturday (September 7th), we held a Memorial Mass for Kathleen Domanski who has been living in Arizona and who passed away on June 13th at the age of 74. In her parish of St. Patrick in Scottsdale, Arizona, Kathleen was a Eucharistic Minister and a member of the Art & Environment Committee. She too had a devotion to Mary and to the rosary. She enjoyed being in a Scripture Study for several years and went on a pilgrimage through Israel, including the Sea of Galilee. She also went to Rome where she attended Mass by Pope Benedict. May her life of faith bring her into the joy of heaven.

I am especially saddened by the death of Maria Aponte, who's Mass of Christian Burial was also this Saturday morning (September 7th). Maria attended daily Mass here and was enthusiastic in her Catholic faith. She made breakfast for us on many Sundays and would frequently bring us food for after morning Mass. Maria had a very large statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her living room and prayed the rosary devoutly. She was a very kind and holy woman whom I will miss very much along with many other parishioners. As the Church prays at the end of the Funeral Mass, "We look forward to the day when we will see her again and enjoy her friendship."

Congratulations to the family of Jacob Kropp who is being baptized this Sunday after the 11am Mass. May he know the joy that comes from a life of faith in the God who loves him.

Our congratulations to Brittany Popa and Nicholas Tatoczenko who are being married next Saturday, September 14th. May they enjoy many happy years together as husband and wife.

As you can see, once Labor Day has passed, the pace really picks up here at St. Leo's. Our school is in session and the days get busier. But we need to be thankful for our rest and enjoyment of the summer months and to pray that the busyness of this time of year does not cause us to forget the Lord.

Just a reminder for you to pick up your raffle tickets in the vestibule of the church. Your help in selling them is very much appreciated as it is the largest part of our fundraising activity for the Parish Festival which is just a few weeks away. Maria Aponte, whom I mentioned above, was anxious to make sure we had her raffle tickets, even when she was very ill! I know the Festival Committee has already been hard at work on preparing a good time for all of us. It's always good to have something to look forward to and there are many things to enjoy during this favorite time of the year. Be sure to enjoy every day of it.

Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S



Monday, September 9th

3:00pm 7th Gr. Girls Volleyball -J. Riley	Lux
4:30pm 7th Gr. Girls Volleyball -C. Riley	Lux
6:00pm 5th Gr. Girls Volleyball-Torres	Lux
7:30pm 8th Gr. Girls Volleyball - Kinzel	Lux

Tuesday, September 10th

3:00pm 3rd Gr. Girls Volleyball - Bermudez	Lux
4:00pm to 8:00pm Bloodmobile	Great
6:30pm 6th Gr. Girls Volleyball - Valez	Lux
7:00pm AA Group	Basement

Wednesday, September 11th

11:00am Seniors	Great
3:00pm 7th Gr. Girls Volleyball - J. & C. Riley	Lux
5:30pm 5th Gr. Girls Volleyball - Geither&Torres	Lux
7:30pm 8th Gr. Girls Volleyball - Kinzel	Lux

Thursday, September 12th

1:00pm Women's Knitting Group	Conference
3:00pm 3rd Gr. Girls Volleyball - Bermudez	Lux
6:30pm 6th Gr. Girls Volleyball - Valez	Lux
7:00pm Knights of Columbus	Basement

Friday, September 13th

6:00pm Family Movie Night-School	Lux
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement

Saturday, September 14th

7:30am-5:00pm CYO Volleyball Site Centers	Lux
1:00pm Wedding: Brittany Popa & Nick Tatozenko	Church
2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement

Sunday, September 15th



BLESSING FOR THE FALLEN OF 9-11

God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77, and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Our food collection will be next weekend, September 14th & 15th. We are especially in need of BAKED BEANS, CANNED PASTA, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, MACARONI & CHEESE, PASTA SAUCE, STUFFING MIX, CANNED FRUIT, GRAVY, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, PANCAKE SYRUP, RICE & NOODLE SIDES SKILLET DINNERS, CRACKERS, CEREAL, CANNED BEANS, DISHWASHING SOAP, LAUNDRY SOAP AND TOILET PAPER. We thank you for whatever you are able to donate because our need is great. Thank you!

SENIORS



Fun for Seniors

THE FUN OF IT!

On Wednesday, September 11th St. Leo the Great Seniors will meet in the Parish Community Center at 11:00am for their business meeting. Plan on joining us.....JUST FOR

PSR CLASSES FOR 2019/2020

RELIGIOUS ED
SIGN-UPS!



PSR classes for 2019/2020 will begin **this Monday, September 9th** from 6:45pm until 8:00pm in the school.

Registration forms will be available in the rectory or on our website. Fees: \$40 for one child; \$70 for two; \$90 for three and up. Please pay by check made out to St. Leo the Great Church. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!**



FORMED

Have you been inFORMED? Would you like to join the thousands of people across the country who are learning more about their faith? It's simple. Just join FORMED for free at: leothegreat.formed.org. FORMED is an educational tool, resource for Catholic books, videos and many other resources. For further information contact Deacon Pat at pberigan@leothegreat.org.

READING SCRIPTURE WITH THE HOLY FATHERS—AN ANCIENT APPROACH TO ADULT CATECHESIS

- Learn the Holy Scriptures!
- Learn about the Holy Fathers!
- Learn about your catholic and orthodox heritage!
- Grow in your spiritual and intellectual life!
- Be encouraged in your holy faith!

All are invited to join us for adult catechesis at St. Mary Byzantine Church located at 4600 State Rd. Cleveland, 44109. We will meet every Wednesday at 7:00pm starting on September 18th.



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo's **PARISH CENTER** on **Tuesday, September 10th, from 4:00pm-8:00pm.**

NOTE CHANGE IN DATE/TIME/LOCATION for this drive only. We will be giving away t-shirts!! Please register [@redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). It's easy! Registering is optional; it helps with staffing. Also, don't forget to do Fast Pass. It will save you time! There is always a need for blood; please stop by and donate! Thank you.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

GREAT ROOM FOR RENT

The Great Room, located in our Parish Community Center is available to **rent for special events, all types of parties, meetings, funeral luncheons, etc.**

For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our parish website at 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 by email at jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral.

80TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA



Please join us at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 12215 Granger Rd. Garfield Hts. on **Sunday September 15th.**

- 10:30am - Mass with Bishop Gries, OSB presiding
- Noon to 2:00pm - Private visiting and prayer
- 2:00pm - Rosary and Benediction

(You are invited to bring lawn chairs if desired.)

Available Ad Space

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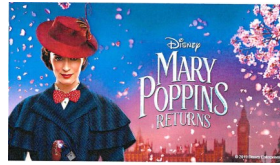
Support St. Leo's 8th Grade Programs.
The Fundraiser runs from Aug. 22nd to Sept. 14th.
CASH ONLY PLEASE.

Summer flavors are here and the Fall flavors are on the way at everyone's favorite local ice cream shop! Keep a few gift cards in your car for those tasty dessert treats. Gift Cards make perfect gifts for every occasion.

Gift cards do not expire and can be used at the following locations: **OLD BROOKLYN, PARMA & SOLON**

Hurry and purchase at the **school office or after each mass** until September 14, 2018.

ST. LEO'S PTC—Welcome Back To School Family Movie Night—Friday, September 13, 2019



Doors open at 6:00pm and movie starts at 6:45pm in Lux Hall. Bring blankets, pillows or chairs to sit on. Pizza, popcorn, candy, juice and pop will be available at the concession stand. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

No admission fee, RSVP requested.
Please return to the school office by Wednesday,
September 11th.

Family: _____

Number attending: _____

We ask for a RSVP to estimate
for food and beverages.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE:

Monday, October 14th (5:30pm to 7:30pm) Sunday, October 27th (11:00am to 1:00pm)

Save time by pre-registering at sehs.net.

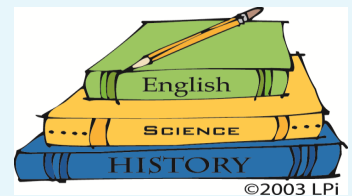
ADMISSION TESTS:*

Sat. Oct. 19th (9:00am), Wed. Oct. 23rd (5:30 pm) & Sat. Nov. 2nd (9:00am)

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

8th grade boys only —\$20 test fee payable on the date of the test—Accepting Cleveland Scholarship Program.

Contact Information: 216-521-2204 or admission@sehs.net



BENEDICTINE HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE - October 9th - (5:00pm to 7:30pm)

PLACEMENT TEST DATES—Cost \$20.00

Sat. Sept. 28th - (9:00am), Sat. Oct. 19th - (9:00am), Wed. Nov. 13th - 5:00pm and Sat. Dec. 7th (9:00am)

For more information, call or email Benedictine High School Admissions at 216-421-2080 ext. 330 or admissions@cbhs.edu.

MAGNIFICAT HIGH SCHOOL

8th Grade Visitation Days begin September 17th thru December 12th

HSPT EXAM/Parent Information Session - 3 days Sept. 21st, Oct. 17th & 26th

OPEN HOUSE - Oct. 6th (11:00am to 1:30am)

Please check our website www.magnificaths.org or contact the Office of Enrollment at 440-331-1572 for more information.

WALSH JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE - September 26th - (5:00pm to 7:00pm)

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT) DATES - Oct. 19th, Nov. 2nd, & Nov. 16th - 9:00am to 12:30pm

For more information or to register, visit www.walshjesuit.org/explore-wj

Questions? Call 330-929-4205 ext. 153 or email admissions@walshjesuit.org



Friday, October 18th
(6:00pm to 10:00pm)

Saturday, October 19th
(5:00pm to 10:00pm)

EARLY BIRD DRAWING!

Don't forget to get your raffle ticket stubs in. **The next Early Bird Drawing will be September 8th (that's this weekend!)** (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 19th). Hurry and 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.

ATTENTION FIT BIT WEARERS! Get those steps in! 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.

VOLUNTEERS! Volunteer sign up sheets will be in the main vestibule of the church next weekend. 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 the entire weekend 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 contact you to answer your questions.

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Bingo every Friday in the Parish Center. Doors open at 4:30pm with food and snacks available.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—Bible Study facilitated by Marivic P. Myer on I & II Corinthians on Wed. mornings 9:00am to 11:15am starting Sept. 25th and ending March 11th. Please call or stop in the Rectory to register, 440-884-3030.

ST. THOMAS MORE—In the arms of Your Mercy, we find rest. Please join us this Thursday, September 12th at 7:00pm in the church for our next Divine Mercy Chaplet.



BUS TRIP WALNUT CREEK, OHIO Thursday, September 26, 2019

Report: 7:30am—Depart: 8:00am Cost \$70.00 p/p

Ashery Country Store, Hershberger Bakery & Farmer's Market, Der Dutchman (lunch included), Hillcrest Orchard, Heini's Cheese, Schrock Heritage Village and Breitenbach Winery.

Return: Approx: 8:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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