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August 27, 2023
The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SCHOOL HOURS: Please note that our School Office is currently operating under Summer Hours while school is not in session.

MONDAY–FRIDAY: 8:00a.m.–1:00p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:00pm–3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a–10:30a, 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 or use our website.

BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to contact the Rectory 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 interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.



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www.leothegreat.org

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 would like to make a cash donation, just put your cash, or check, in an envelope marked "Back to school Drive" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory Office.

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

Yes & No

Did you ever run out of food and have a helpless feeling knowing that it would be a while before you had enough to buy more? Your answer is probably "No, thank God." However, there are people around us that would have to answer "Yes". Your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization helps those who have to answer "yes" thanks to the people who answer "No" but say "Yes" to the Poor Boxes each Sunday.



PARISHIONER PHOTOS

JUST SMILE AND SAY CHEESE!

Did you miss the opportunity the first weekend? In conjunction with the 75th anniversary of the parish, a photographer will be available in the vestibule after each of the Masses the weekend September 9th & 10th. This is an opportunity for you and your family to be part of the memories for this year and future years. No advance registration required. Refreshments will be available, and participants will get a free 5" x 7" photo.

FESTIVAL NEWS

The parish Festival will be **Friday, October 20th, and Saturday, October 21st**, this year. Each parish family is asked to participate in the Festival raffle. The Festival raffle tickets are in the main vestibule of the church. Due to space constraints, raffle tickets for zip codes 44109, 44131, 44134 and 44144 are in the vestibule. Parishioners living outside those zip codes can pick up their tickets in the Rectory Office. Please pick up your packet of tickets before or after Mass on the weekends. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 21st).



EARLY BIRD DRAWING

If you turn your sold tickets in by **September 3rd**, you will be eligible for the next seller \$100 Early Bird Drawing.

RAFFLE TICKET DELIVERY

We are in need of people to help deliver the remaining raffle tickets. If you are interested, please contact Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org or (216) 661-1006. Thank you!

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.



Gather Us In—1948–2023

Mark your calendars to join us for Mass, events & activities throughout the year!

Are you a former student of St. Leo School?

Is your child a former student of St. Leo School?

Please, let us know by completing a form on the parish website leothegreat.org. Under "Organizations" tab select *Alumni Association*. We hope to hear from you!

Photo Opportunity—September 9th & 10th following all of the Masses. A photographer will be available in the vestibule of the church to take pictures of each parish family to mark the parish's 75th anniversary.

Parish Service Day—Pitch in with fellow parishioners to make our parish buildings shine for our 75th anniversary!

Parish Open House—An opportunity to see changes taken place over the last 75 years!

Presentation on the Eucharist—Oct. 15th at 6:00 p.m. (in the church)

Donut Sunday—August 27th after the 8a & 11a Masses

Rosary—Monday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m.

MEMORIES

This is not the happiest memory, but it was a lasting one. One of my classmates had a younger brother who was beginning the third grade, he was diagnosed with cancer and passed away. He wore his First Holy Communion outfit for his funeral. It was one of the first funerals most of us had attended, and it was very moving to see the small casket as it was escorted down the main aisle of the church. Even as young children, we were always supportive of the other members of our St. Leo's family.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES WITH US!

You can submit them to nzola@leothegreat.org or write it down on a piece of paper and turn it in to the Rectory Office. We also welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Send them to photos@leothegreat.org.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE LAST PAGE OF THIS BULLETIN FOR SOME INTERESTING HISTORY ON ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH!



DONUT SUNDAY

Please join us in the main vestibule after the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, August 27th, for donuts and coffee. (While you're there catching up with parishioners you can also pick up your 5x7 Photo, 75th Anniversary t-shirts order and raffle tickets if you have not yet been able to do so!)

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



WEDDING BANNS III. JILL KRAMER & NATHANIEL FRANCES

FIRST FRIDAY

Please note that Adoration on September 1st will begin after the morning Mass as usual, however, due to a wedding be held in our Church, will be **ending with Benediction at 1:45p.m.**



LABOR DAY MASS

Monday, September 4th, 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublav, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Megan Arena, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublav, John O'Malley, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Claudia Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett, Nancy Dighero, Shawn Calvey, Gloria Madonia, Sharon Rock, Anthony Bozek, Joe Brodzinski, Suzanne Brown, Joyce Stevens and Victoria Fischer.

Sanctuary Candle Intention August 27th—September 10th

In Loving Memory of
Joe Jares

Love,
Your Family



John Woost Sacred Heart of Jesus Wadsworth, Year One

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 28th— St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of Church
8:30am +Benjamin & +Yolanda Semanik (Family)
Tuesday, August 29th—The Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:30am +Kellie Zarko-Roda ("Love and miss you."—Mom)
Wednesday, August 30th—Weekday
8:30am +Joseph Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)
First Friday, September 1st—Weekday
8:30am +Peter Rindfleisch (Rosanne Cifani)
Saturday, September 2nd—Weekday
4:00pm +Carol C. +Sally H. & +Rob B. (Theresa & Fred Beba)
Sunday, September 3rd— The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am +Mary Kay (John & Irma Zappetelli)
11:00am +Donna Zgrabik (Parents)



Notes: The + before a person's name indicates that they are deceased. Since there is no Mass here at St. Leo's on Thursdays you can attend Mass at one of our other local parishes: St. Charles (7am), St. Barbara (7:30am), St. Francis de Sales (8:45am) or Mary Queen of Peace (8am).

2024 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK

Our book for Mass Intentions on September 11, 2023 after the 8:30a.m. Mass. 1 Weekend Mass and 1 Weekday Mass—OR—2 Weekday Masses will be available for you to request for a stipend of \$10 each. This system is in place to best accommodate the special intentions of all our parishioners. Lines during the first day or two of opening can resemble lines you might see on Black Friday while shopping. In other words, please be considerate of each other and patient with our staff as they work diligently to see that your requests are fulfilled :) Sanctuary Candle Intentions will also be available for \$10 (to cover cost of candle replacement).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 22:19-23

In Jerusalem eight centuries before Christ, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah who is told to address a problem. The "master of the palace"—the equivalent of a secretary of State—was a man named Shebna. God says that he is to be demoted because he used this office for his own advantage will hear a description of the investiture of Shebna's successor, Eliakim.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:33-36

Today's reading concludes a part of Paul's letter to the Romans in which he agonizes over the fate of Jewish people who have not accepted Christ. Paul simply leaves the matter in God's hands, and closes with a hymn that talks of the mysterious ways of Divine Providence, You will notice that the ending of this hymn is similar to the way we end every Eucharistic prayer.

SUNDAY Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20

MONDAY 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt
23:13-22

TUESDAY 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

WEDNESDAY 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13-20 offers a timeless lesson on humility, reminding us of the profound connection between self-awareness, faith, and mental well-being. As Jesus questions his disciples about his identity, he prompts them to explore their understanding with humility, a virtue that opens the door to spiritual growth and emotional balance. Just as Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ, we are called to recognize our own limitations and embrace the humility of knowing that we are part of something greater than ourselves. This realization is crucial in the context of mental health, where the pressure to appear flawless can lead to stress and anxiety. Embracing humility allows us to acknowledge our vulnerabilities, fostering an environment where seeking help and support becomes a strength rather than a weakness.

St. Teresa of Calcutta once stated, "Humility is the mother of all virtues; purity, charity and obedience. It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted, and ardent." These words illuminate the transformative power of humility in nurturing authentic relationships with both ourselves and others. When we approach our mental well-being with humility, we pave the way for genuine self-care and the ability to extend compassion to those around us. The passage also highlights the concept of the "rock" upon which Jesus builds his Church, underscoring the stability that humility brings to our lives. Just as a solid foundation provides a sense of security, humility anchors us in the face of life's challenges.

In our pursuit of mental well-being, may we heed the lesson of Matthew 16:13-20, embracing humility as a guiding light. Through humility, we foster self-awareness, build meaningful connections, and create a foundation of strength to navigate the complexities of our inner worlds with grace and resilience.



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Alleluia, Alleluia!
For Bill life has not
ended but merely changed.
Praise God for His Mercy.



In Loving Memory Of:

WILLIAM J. MEGESI

Born:
March 11, 1949

Entered Into Rest:
Saturday, August 5, 2023

Funeral Mass:
St. Leo The Great Church
Cleveland, Ohio
Saturday, August 19, 2023

Golubski Funeral Home
Cleve: 216-341-0940 / Parma: 440-886-0200
Golubskifuneralhome.com

ROSARY

Monday, September 11th at 7:00p.m.

Please join us in honoring Mary by praying the rosary in the Marian shrine. Please bring a lawn chair as limited seating is available. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be said in church. What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.



FAITH FORMATION

Beginning Sunday, September 12th, 2023

9:30a.m.-10:45p.m. for Grades 1-8

Parents and families of students welcome to join!

Registration forms will be emailed to previous Faith Formation parents and there will be registration forms in the rectory for new families. Volunteers welcome!

We are in need of a teacher as well.

Contact Joann Deranek @ 216-661-1006

jderanek@leothegreat.org

CLEVELAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Day of Reflection: Saturday, October 21 from 9a to 4p

Following the National Eucharistic Revival, our theme for this year focuses on the Eucharist and a quote by St. Elizabeth of the Trinity "Let Yourself Be Loved." Mass will begin at 9am celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, Michael Woost. Speakers include Sr. Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, Rachel Bulman, a wife, mother, national speaker, author, and contributor to Word on Fire ministries. The music throughout the day will be led by local artist, Elizabeth Gonzalez, of the band Sanctuary.

The Cleveland Catholic Women's Conference is dedicated to enriching the lives of women as they are inspired to grow in relationship with the Lord and each other. Registration opens on Monday, August 21 at www.cleatholicwomen.org. Cost is \$45 per person (\$25 for students, free for religious.) Event will be held at Magnificat High School.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

We celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for William Mageš last Saturday, August 19th. Bill was a man of faith who attended Mass regularly and had a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to St. Anthony & to St. Teresa of Calcutta. He had 5 children: Billy, Jennifer, Becky, Keith & Brad, and 9 grandchildren which includes one named Francis who is yet to be born. Bill was involved with his children's school events & enjoyed traveling with them. He helped his neighbors and served 4 years in the Army in Vietnam. Bill worked for 30 years in the airline industry. His obituary said that anyone who knew him, loved him. We pray that Bill's family will imitate his life of faith, love and service as they place their trust in God as he did.

I offered prayers for Donald Donelon at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery on Wednesday, August 23rd. Don was married to his wife Joanne for 64 years and I remember how faithful they were to attending Mass before Don became too ill to join us. I am inspired by the love of his wife and children who took such loving care of him during his long illness. Don and Joanne have 3 sons, Terry, Michael & Patrick, 3 grandchildren, Jacob, Kaitlyn & Bryan and one great grandchild, Rylynn. We keep them in prayer as well as his sister Laureen. Don was a US Army Veteran and we are grateful for his service to our country. May he rest in God's peace.

Finally, I offered a funeral Mass for Ronald Larson this past Thursday. Ron was married to Beverly for 66 years and was the father of Ronald, Kimberly & Jill, and the grandfather and great-grandfather of several children. Ron had a devotion to St. Joseph, the patron for a happy death. His son Ron spoke lovingly of him at his funeral Mass and I expressed our sympathy to his family on your behalf. The closing song for his funeral Mass was "Going Home," a song that always reminds me of Father Vesely as he would sing that by request at funeral Masses. Indeed we pray that Ron may now go home to our Heavenly Father.

It was recently announced that we are beginning to take Mass intentions for 2024. Just a reminder that you are limited to 2 Masses— one on the weekend & one on the weekday, or 2 weekday Masses. We have many people requesting Mass intentions but we can only take 2 intentions for each weekend (a total of about 100) as one weekend Mass must be offered by the Pastor "Pro Populo" or "for all the people of the parish" according to Canon Law. We can only have 4 intentions a week for weekday Masses as we do not have Mass here on Thursday mornings. We also offer all Masses for the People of the Parish on days like Christmas and Easter. It's wonderful that so many wish to have Mass offered for themselves or on behalf of another (living or deceased) but we only have so many Masses per year and so must limit how many intentions you can have. And of course several people may want Mass to be offered on a particular day because it someone's anniversary of birth or death or for some other reason, but we must understand that there is only 1 intention per day (except possibly on Sunday when there may be 2). Though it's important for us to remember a person prayerfully on a particular day for sentimental reasons, God is beyond time and so will hear our prayers whenever they are offered. We must all accept the limitations of time and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Just a reminder that you may cover the cost of our sanctuary lamp (the candle in the red holder which burns 24/7 as a sign and reminder of the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle). This \$10 offering will allow the candle to burn for 14 days in memory of a loved one.

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 on 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.

Feel free to join us—no reservations needed!

Upcoming Meetings:

September 6th, October 4th & November 1st

**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 44109)
- 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.

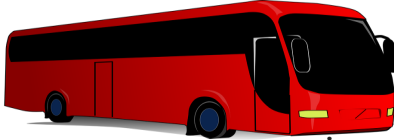
A MORNING PRAYER

Lord, it's me again. Thank you for helping me sleep through the night and waking me up to this beautiful morning. Lord, I pray that you lead me to love my life with each passing day. Fill my heart with joy and gladness and remind me of all the things in my life to be thankful for. When thoughts of negativity begin to fill my heart please remind me that you love me. When I begin to feel helpless and hopeless please remind me that you've got me. When I feel like I hate my life, please remind me that you created me for a purpose. Mold and guide me to your purpose for me because I trust your plans for me are better than anything I could ever ask for. In Jesus' name I pray.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Arrows indicate changes!

*Check the bulletin boards at the church entrance for more details



For reservations or questions contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123



AMISH COUNTRY

Annual Fall Shopping
Monday, September 11, 2023
Lunch at Berlin Farmstead (included)
\$80 per person
Deadline: Monday, August 21st!!!



SENECA NIAGARA (overnight stay)

Thursday, October 12th, 2023
Casino Bonus \$50 slot play \$25 food credit



SENECA ALLEGANY

Friday, October 13th, 2023
Casino Bonus \$25 slot play; \$5 for Dining
Deadline: Friday, September 1st!!!
Cost: \$287.00 per person-single occupancy
\$196.00 per person-double occupancy
\$188.00 per person-triple occupancy

Thurs & Fri 9a-8p **Hallo-WIN** kiosk game for slot play or dining dollars



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AMISH COUNTRY

Monday, November 13, 2023
Cost: \$80.00 per person
Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant (included)
Deadline: Monday, October 23rd!!!

CURRENT GIFT CARD DEALS



Buy 1 \$25 Kohl's Gift Card **KOHL'S**
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Stop by the Rectory Office and ask us about our deals!



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

August 21, 2023

Congratulations,
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PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Sun. Envelope	\$	4883.50
WeShare	\$	2910.00
Total	\$	7793.50

Cap. Improv	\$	501.00
WeShare	\$	160.00
Total	\$	661.00

SVDP	\$	0.00
WeShare	\$	85.00
Total	\$	85.00

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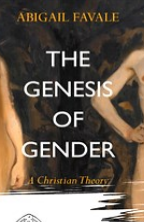
St. Mary, Chardon – Dr. Joel Johnson

St. Mary, Hudson – Dr. Matt Jordan

St. Columbille, Parma – Dr. Beth Rath

Sacred Heart, Wadsworth – Jen Ricard

Holy Trinity, Avon – Maria Wancata



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Where: Greg and Pat Dolezal | 4839 W. 13 th St.

Who: Current choir members and spouses and any one else interested in joining choir!



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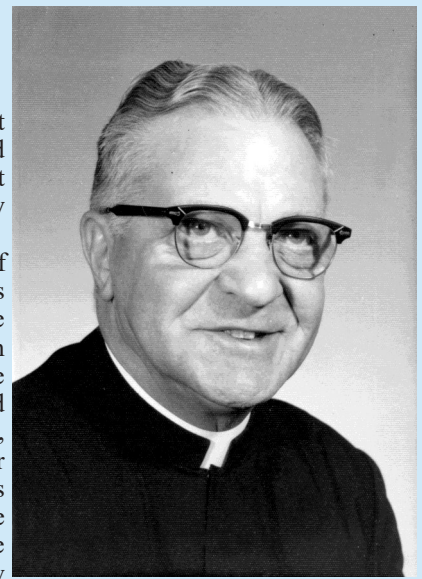
From left to right: Johnny, Judy, Angel, Joey, Josh ("Pickle"), Joe, and Jim (Michelle not pictured)

A special shout out to our Maintenance Team and the 2023 Summer Crew. The work that was completed by our year round Facilities Staff and our Summer Help in under 3 months is truly remarkable. So many hours (of pushing, lifting, pulling, hauling, demolishing, transferring, scraping, painting, cleaning, installing, disposing, sweeping, mopping, waxing, repairing and all around enhancing the School and Parish buildings and grounds) were logged— not to mention the immense planning, communicating and teamwork it takes to see to it that schedules are kept so that projects are able to be completed successfully. With so much going on in one summer, and seemingly all at once, patience was surely tested a time or two under the stress of minding a calendar and deadlines. This group knocked it out. They took what looked overwhelming and impossible in the beginning, and turned it into a shiny example of how to put obstacles aside to be certain that focus is maintained and goals are met. All of their efforts are and will continue to be greatly appreciated by the school children and their families, faculty, staff, parishioners, volunteers and visitors of St. Leo the Great whenever they find themselves at an event or simply walking the halls. Please know how grateful we are for each of you, your individual *and* collective efforts, and the love for this parish that you have poured into a tremendous job well done!

WHO WAS FR. SYLVESTER LUX?

We remember St. Leo's first pastor each time we attend an event in Lux Hall. But there's more to his legacy than a single building.

Fr. Sylvester Lux was of Alsatian heritage, with his parents coming from the area on the border between France and Germany. He had seven brothers and sisters, including a brother, Leo. His sister, Eleanor Jones, said her brother was shrewd. "His father said he could fall into a mud puddle and come out with a new



suit. Every day when he came home from school, he had a pocket full of junk. He would get a pile of it in the garage and sell it. He was always looking for a way to make money."

Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, who appointed Fr. Lux as our first pastor, originally suggested that the parish be named St. Sylvester. Fr. Lux declined, saying, "I've had enough trouble with that name," and instead suggested St. Leo, in honor of his brother.

Another important fact about Fr. Lux was that immediately before his appointment at St. Leo's he served at St. Ann Church in Cleveland Heights, where Fr. Francis Powers, the founder of the parish, was pastor. Fr. Lux learned much from Fr. Powers, who used many innovative methods to build St. Ann's, which is now part of the Communion of Saints cluster in the eastern suburbs.

In fact, shortly after St. Leo's was established, Fr. Powers suggested to Fr. Lux that he purchase the land across Broadview, where Broadview Gardens now stand, lay it out in streets and single-family homes and sell it to parishioners to pay off the parish debt.

Fr. Lux made the proposal to Archbishop Hoban who answered, "I won't say yes, and I won't say no." So Fr. Lux bid on the property. However, it turned out that the city wanted five acres at the east end of the property for a playground, so he canceled his bid. Goudreau Management, who had the second bid, took the property and today we have Broadview Gardens.