

CHURCH OF ST. LEO THE GREAT

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

COME ONE -- COME ALL!

to the

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY AUGUST 13th

12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. (rain or shine!)



Serving Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Please bring a side dish/dessert to share Pop and water available

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach food and staple collection NEXT WEEKEND, August 12th & 13th. Items most needed are:

Canned Corn	Canned Pasta Sauce	Scalloped Potatoes
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Canned Mixed Vegetables	Canned Baked Beans
Canned Pasta	Pancake Syrup	Canned Diced Tomatoes
Assorted Soups	Ramen Noodles	Tuna Fish
Rice & Noodle Sides	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Cereal
Canned Fruit	White Rice	Dishwashing Soap & Bar Soap

"Back to School Drive" is currently going on. Just put your cash or check in and envelope marked "Back to School Drive" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory Office. Thank You!

* * * FESTIVAL NEWS * * * ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

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. Please pick up your packet of tickets before or after Mass. *If you turn your sold tickets in by August 6th, you will be eligible for the seller \$100 drawing.* (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 21st.)



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!

Parish Picnic — August 13, 2023 | 12:00pm —2:00pm Feast of the Assumption —Tuesday, August 15th Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Rosary—Thursday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m.

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)

Memories

Before the Second Vatican Council, everyone received Communion on their tongue -- not in their hand. "I still can hear Fr. Lux's infamous "stick out your tongue" reverberating throughout the church while giving communion." —Dave Dudor, Class of 1973

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



The current church building was completed at the end of 1969, the same year that the decisions made during the Second Vatican Council were compiled

in the instruction *Memoriale Domini*. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the Eucharist was placed on the tongue by the priest and not touched by anyone else. The current church building was originally designed with a Communion rail where people knelt to receive the Eucharist. The Communion rail was of a white marble which matched the altar and ambo. The Communion rail was removed after the congregation adopted the changes and began receiving the Eucharist in their hands.

THE HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS

will have their beautiful work displayed for you to purchase in the back vestibule after every Mass THIS weekend August 5th & 6th. Your support is greatly appreciated!

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven is a *holy day of obligation*. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

Rosary

Please join us in honoring Mary by praying the rosary in the Marian shrine at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17th. 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 or know how to say the rosary? Please, join us anyway!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virgina Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, 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 Bublavy, John O'Malley, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, 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.



Michael Niese Sacred Heart of Jesus Wadsworth, Aspirant

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 7th— Weekday

8:30am Anthony Bozek (Joyce Stevens)

Tuesday, August 8th—St. Dominic, Priest

8:30am +Jay Kovacs & +Donald Tanks (Roberta Dlonika) **Wednesday, August 9th—Weekday**

8:30am Deceased Members of the Berigan Family

(Dc. Pat & Joan Berigan)

Friday, August 11th—St. Clare, Virgin

8:30am +Jean & + George Wetherwax (Georgia Shores)

Saturday, August 12th—Weekday

4:00pm +Raymond Kikta (Nancy Kikta & Family)
Sunday, August 13th— The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Michael Cieresewski (Love, April & Dawn)

11:00am People of the Parish

Note: There are still some weekday Mass Intention spots available for 2023. Stop by the Rectory Office to schedule.

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).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-3

Today's reading is from a part of the book of Isaiah written when the Jewish people were exiled in Babylon. This section is often referred to as the "book of comfort" because of the encouragement it gives. Today's passage is a glorious finale to this book of comfort": Poor people are being invited to a sumptuous banquet.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

Today's reading concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. This chapter reflects on the salvation brought about by God in and through Jesus. Paul concludes this chapter with a jubilant hymn that celebrates the love of God expressed in Christ.

SUNDAY Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-2 1

TUESDAY Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13 -14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

FRIDAY Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful. Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith. — Father John Muir

PRACTICING CATHOLIC "TRANSFIGURED"

By: Colleen Dorman

We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

For me, they come with the sacraments: in the pew following my First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed my forehead with oil at my Confirmation, standing opposite my husband on our wedding day, cradling my newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: "Lord, it is good we are here."

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ.

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP"Glimpses of Heaven" By: Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed." — Daniel 7:14

WHAT ARE "SPECIAL" MASSES?

Question: Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

Answer: Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation: The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

On July 28th, I celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Veronica Nagel, known more commonly as "Ronnie." She and her husband Jimmy were married for 19 years and we are grateful for their loving relationship which St. Paul says is a reminder to us of the faithful love of Christ for his Bride, the Church. Ronnie enjoyed praying the rosary and so had the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, "now and at the hour of her death." Ronnie and Jimmy would always sit on the tabernacle side of the church by the stained glass window which depicts the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary. They both always wore a smile and had a friendly disposition. Ronnie loved the color pink which is symbolic of joy, just as the Church uses the similar color of rose during Advent to signify our joy at the nearness of Christ's coming. Ronnie enjoyed her work at an accounting firm and grew in her skills there. She will be missed by many so we commend her to the mercy of God and pray that we may see her again in God's kingdom.

I'd like to remind you that The 135th General Assembly approved a special election to be held this Tuesday, August 8th, for the citizens of Ohio to vote on Issue 1. Issue 1 asks voters if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment." Raising the threshold to amend the Ohio Constitution does not have any direct moral content, therefore the bishops of Ohio are maintaining a neutral position. While not taking a position, the bishops are asking all Catholic churches in Ohio to inform parishioners about this election and encourage voter registration and participation in the special election. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship states, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." Just a reminder that our Parish Center here at St. Leo's is a polling location which makes it very convenient to vote for many of us.

Some of you would remember Mildred Ancin, the sister of Father Vesely who was a parishioner here at St. Leo's and who sadly died shortly after her brother last year. Mildred would have been 99 years old today, August 6th. She shared a birthday with several other people I know, but that would not be of interest to you. May she and Father Vesely rest in peace as we pray they may celebrate the life of God in heaven.

I received a letter from Bishop Malesic this past week thanking me for helping the parish reach its goal for the 2023 Annual Catholic Charities Appeal we held earlier this year. But in reality I did very little in that regard...you were responsible for allowing us to do that again this year as in years past. Please know how grateful I am to you for your continued generosity not only to Catholic Charities which helps thousands of people here in the Cleveland area, but also of your contributions to the parish every week which allow us to do what we can in proclaiming the gospel to those in our parish and neighborhood community. Your donations to our capital improvement fund also help us to keep up with the repair and maintenance of our buildings and grounds and so I appreciate your assistance in that as well.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. This is celebrated every year on August 6th and is not a holy day but when it falls on a Sunday, we celebrate it as a feast instead of a Sunday of Ordinary Time. Of course you will hear the story in the gospel of how Jesus was transfigured before 3 of his Apostles and what it meant for them and hopefully in our preaching, you can hear what it means for us.

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!

THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS
in the months August.

If you have any questions, contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.



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.

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen. —United States Catholic Conference of Bishops

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

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



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 \$35 slot play \$15 food credit



SENECA ALLEGANY

Friday, October 13th, 2023 Casino Bonus \$25 slot play

Deadline: Friday, September 1st!!!

Cost: \$287.00 per person-single occupancy \$196.00 per person-double occupancy \$188.00 per person-triple occupancy



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 IHOP Gift Card Get 1 \$10 Papa John's Gift Card FREE



Stop by the Rectory Office and ask us about our deals!



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES July 31, 2023

> Congratulations, **Bonnie Bartzcak!**



Sunday, July 30, 2023

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WeShare	\$ 10.00	Great Parish!
Total	\$ 600.00	

Pro Life Meeting

The Pro-life group will be meeting on Wednesday August 16, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. This month we will be looking at topic of human trafficking and the issues around the LGOBT gender controversy.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Please consider attending!

If you have any questions about the group, the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.

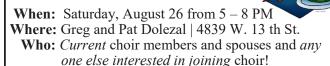
Because our country remains under constant attack from evil, we ask all to continue praying to St. Michael the Archangel, as often as you can. He can help us defeat the enemy.



St. Michael the Archangel,

Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke them, we humbly pray, and cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

CHOIR KICK-OFF PICNIC





To confirm your attendance and to sign up for a dish to share, please call Pat at 330.933.4992 or email: igpadolezal@yahoo.com

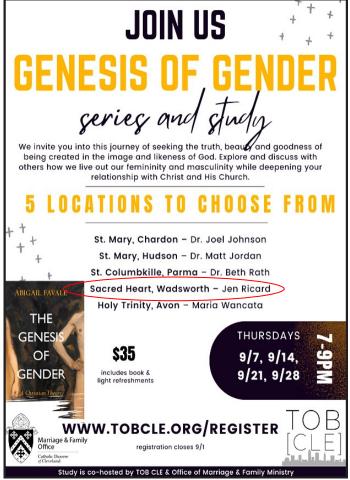
PARISHIONER PHOTOS

JUST SMILE AND SAY CHEESE! Did you miss the opportunity last 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.



Visit **leothegreatschool.org** to check out some of St. Leo's new SPIRIT WEAR! Get your orders in today and represent your love and support of St. Leo's School. Proceeds help the Parent Teacher Committee put on fun, educational and meaningful events for the students during the school year!

Deadline extended to August 6, 2023 @ 11:59pm!





Have you moved into the area recently or joined us for Mass and would like to register with our Parish family? Please stop by the rectory office or give us a call at 216-661-1006. You can always visit our website as well at leothegreat.org for more information. We look so forward to meeting you!