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The Neocatechumenal Way Come & Listen! Tuesdays and Fridays from 7p-8p in the Parish Center

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 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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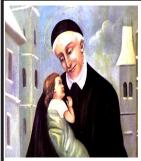


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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"I was hungry and you fed me." THANK YOU for the food and staples that you have donated. Without your help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization would not be able to exist here at St. Leo's. Your generosity makes it possible for us to assist others.





DONUT SUNDAY

Catch up with fellow parishioners over Donuts and coffee after the 8a and 11a Masses on Sunday, April 30.



Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the 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 form a on the parish website. Visit leothegreat.org Under Organizations click on Alumni Association. We hope to hear from you!

DONUT SUNDAY

April 30th after the 8:00 and 11:00 Masses

MEMORIES

Plewacki Casey supported youngsters participating in CYO sports. He attended the events and did everything he could to see that the youngsters had the proper uniforms and equipment. He was recognized for his involvement with a uniform shirt with his name on it which was framed and put on display.

Do you have a favorite memory from the past 75 years? If so, please submit it to nzola@leothegreat.org.

We also welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Do you have any photos from the Mass with the Bishop and social on October 9th?Please forward your photos to photos@leothegreat.org



Over the years St. Leo's CYO program has had teams in the following sports: football, basketball, volleyball, cross country, track,

baseball, softball, and cheerleading. The basketball program even included Bitty Basketball for youngsters in the first grade to learn the fundamentals of the sport.



AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOOD NEWS!

In the Easter season we celebrate the fact that Christ has conquered sin and death! To bring this fact closer to home, there will be a series of catechesis or talks in the parish that are aimed to cultivate adult faith in those seeking answers to the serious questions and issues of life. These hour talks began last Tuesday, April 18th at 7pm, and will continue every Tuesday and Friday at the same time in the Parish Center. Snacks and refreshments will be made available for you to enjoy. These talks are appropriate for ages 12 & up; Childcare available.

These catechesis are brought to the parish by the missionary team of the Neocatechumenal Way, a new experience in the life of the Church, which our late Pope Saint John Paul II called, "an itinerary of Catholic faith formation valid for our society and our times." This will be a marvelous opportunity to rediscover the fruits that your baptism holds for this life, and also to invite those you know who have strayed from the Church to hear a Good News.



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, Joe Barr, 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, MaryKay Simonek, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Kenneth Lees, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Claudia Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, and Teresa Bozek.



SUNDAY Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

(11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn

6:22-29

TUESDAY 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-

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WEDNESDAY Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn

6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 24th—St. Francis of Sigmaringen, Priest/Martyr

8:30am +Devin Neumann (David Neumann)

Tuesday, April 25th—St. Mark, Evangelist

8:30am +Sara Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)

Wednesday, April 26th—Easter Weekday

8:30am +Linda DeBaltzo (Family)

Friday, April 28th—St. Peter Chanel, Priest/Martyr

8:30am +Dianne Toronski (The Pelley Family)

Saturday, April 29th—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor 4:00pm +Susan Santana (Rita Santana) of the Church

Sunday, April 30th —Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00am +Eugene Lions (Children)

11:00am People of the Parish

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: ACTS 2:14, 22-23

None of the scripture readings during the seven-week Easter season are from the old testament. But the Acts of the Apostle, which is read every Sunday during Easter, frequently quotes Old testament passages which the early Christians saw as fulfilled in Jesus. Today's reading gives part of Peter's sermon at the first Pentecost. Peter quotes from Psalm 16 which, like most of the psalms, was popularly thought to have been written by David.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:17-21

The Christians for whom the first letter of Peter was written were recent converts from paganism. They found themselves a small minority in pagan surroundings. Their neighbors and local authorities made life miserable for them. Today's passage offers encouragement by reminding them that Jesus died and rose for them.



EDWARD LINSKY HOLY ANGELS, BAINBRIDGE YEAR 3

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious

Pray that they may continue to persevere and that others may



In Memory Of Mary Ann Kiesel

December 8, 1937 November 18, 2022

Memorial Mass

Sat. April 15, 2023 St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is gone.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the

ways, of happy times, and laughing times, and bright and sunny days.

Yurch Funeral Home

In Memory Of Gladys Perozek

January 30, 1925 April 10, 2023

Funeral Service

12:00 pm Fri. Apr 14, 2023 St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

Father James Schmitz

Interment

Holy Cross Cemetery Holy Family Garden Crypt Joseph Aisle Unit 301 Level F

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ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus always has time

for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

— Father John Muir

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

"I Am Not Afraid — I Was Born to Do This."

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Have you ever felt like you weren't doing the work you should be doing? We have all had jobs that leave us feeling unfulfilled. Bored. Dreading the next day. We may even experience a sensation of unfamiliarity, of being unable to recognize ourselves.

Most of us have also been lucky enough to have a job that we love — a vocation, a calling that makes us look in the mirror and think, This. This is who I'm supposed to be. I recognize this person.

For me, that work is the work of marriage and motherhood. The hours are terrible, the pay is even worse, and my coworkers are frequently disappointed in me — but it doesn't matter. When I look in the mirror every morning and see my tired, wrinkled face gazing back, choruses of "I said I don't want the BLUE SHIRT, MOMMY, ugh!" and "Honey, I've got an early meeting, I'm so sorry but I have to run," ringing in the background, I think to myself: I recognize this girl. She was born to do this.

Christ's own disciples did not recognize him on the road to Emmaus. It wasn't until he took the bread and broke it that their eyes were opened, and they realized they had known it all along — "Were not our hearts burning within us?" In that moment, Christ was doing the very work he was born to do, making the sacrifice.

I don't know what kind of vocation you are called to. I don't know what kind of work reveals your true self. But I hope that whatever work you are doing, you can look in the mirror and feel your heart burning within you.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP "Listen First, Then Speak"

By: Tracy Earl Welliver

The road to Emmaus is one of my favorite Gospel stories because it shows a Jesus that is masterful at reaching people. First, when he comes upon those walking on the road, he asks them what they are talking about and then asks them to explain. How often are we too eager to just start talking at people when we feel they need to hear what we have to say? Jesus offers an invitation for them to share first. Allowing them to share first opens them up for what Jesus will do next.

Second, Jesus takes time to interpret for them the words of the prophets. He gave them their turn and now it is his. Not only wise, but a movement of respect. After a long walk, they invite Jesus stay with them and dine. Third and finally, Jesus breaks bread with them and they are able to see that he is no ordinary traveler. He is the risen One. He could have just told them who he was, but allowing them by their experience to uncover who he was had the greater impact.

Jesus demonstrated to us in these actions how to be gracious and impactful when sharing the good news. If we are to be good stewards and fruitful disciples then we must imitate him in this regard. This Easter season let us practice the following: 1) Allow others first to share what they have to say. 2) Then be willing to take the time to explain fully or to the best of our ability our faith. And 3) help others find a way to experience firsthand the message you have shared. No one can understand love without witnessing love. In this way, your words and deeds will become a pathway to Jesus for others.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

"Mean What You Say"

By: Tracy Earl Welliver

Missouri is known as the "Show Me" state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick -talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: "Say what you mean and mean what you say."

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same?

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,



I celebrated the funeral Mass for Gladys Perocek on Friday, April 14th. Gladys was married for 35 years to her husband Jerome. She had 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. They used a beautiful passage of scripture from the Old Testament book of Proverbs which praises a woman, both wife and mother, who was a person of deep faith. After Holy Communion, Gladys' daughter spoke well of her and her faith. May Gladys rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

The following day I had a Memorial Mass for Mary Ann Keisel, known by many as "Neni", the wife of Don. Mary Ann & Don would be seen in the same pew together week after week as they both faithfully came to Mass together. They have 2 sons, Douglas & Dennis, and I expressed our sympathy to them. There are also 2 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. Because Mary Ann was born on December 8th, the feast of Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of our country, she had a special devotion to our Blessed Mother. We trust that Mary prayed for her during her life and most especially "at the hour of her death" as we pray in the Hail Mary.

On Saturday I also celebrated the wedding of Matthew Natal & Kathryn Pulliam. Matthew is the son of our faithful parishioners, Jose & Heather Natal. We congratulate them all and pray that the marriage of Matthew & Kathryn will be joyful and fruitful.

Though I write this column on Tuesday morning, before our evening gathering in the Parish Center to hear the stories of faith given by those who spoke at all the Masses last weekend, I remind you again that their talks will continue this week, on Tuesday & Friday evenings at 7pm. So if you or someone you know need the encouragement of others who have suffered but have found real joy in their relationship with the Lord, please join us in the Parish Center!

We are going to be removing our parish app from the Apple App store and the Google Play store as very few people were making use of them since most people just use our website <u>leothegreat.org</u>, even on their mobile phone as it presents an easy format no matter what type of device you are using. We have thousands of hits every month on our website so it has proven to be a very useful and effective tool for communication. Today I will be adding the ability to view a few photos I took while in Italy last month so be sure to take a look. Feel free to ask me about any of them but you can also click the icon with the letter (i) in the circle to see more information about it.

Recently, I met a man by the name of Luke Brown, who shared with me his work at Sacred Heart Counseling which uses faith to enhance the healing process. They offer counseling for individuals, couples & families. We are putting information about this service here in our parish bulletin & also have brochures and business cards available in the rectory office. I highly recommend them as they offer faith-based counseling which many have requested. Feel free to ask me about them in person.

I just wanted to thank you again for your continued generous contributions to our parish so that we can continue our mission of proclaiming and celebrating the mysteries of our faith. I am also mindful of you constant generosity to our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry which distributes food to those in need who live in our neighborhood. Thanks to Bernadine Vance and to all those who work with her in this vital ministry. God bless you all for seeing Christ in others.

Jr. James Ochmitz

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!
The next meeting date will be: May 3, 2023
THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS in the
months of June, July & August.

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.

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HEART OF A SHEPHERD

Building for Today. Providing for Tomorrow.



Years of planning, fundraising, deconstruction and construction – all part of the Heart of a Shepherd Campaign – culminated on Dec. 2, 2022, when Bishop Edward Malesic blessed the newly renovated Saint Mary and Borromeo Seminaries.

There was a sense of joy in the crowd of about 200 benefactors, seminarians, seminary faculty and staff, pastors, representatives of religious orders and diocesan staff members.

"Investing this much into the seminary lets people know we intend to stay here," Bishop Malesic said. "We form our seminarians to have courage, strength and faith. We want to ensure that they have the best environment to pursue their priestly formation. This is a place where they can form lifetime friends with each other and Jesus."

Father Mark Latcovich, president and rector of the seminaries, and Rick Schultz of St. Mary Parish in Hudson, chair of the Heart of a Shepherd campaign, also spoke. After evening prayer in Sacred Heart Chapel and a reception in the Founders' Room, visitors enjoyed tours of the newly renovated seminary.

The Heart of a Shepherd campaign was an extraordinary endeavor, one that had its share of twists and turns. It began in 2018 as a \$30 million initiative to provide funding for much-needed seminary updates, the priest retirement fund and to help newly ordained priests burdened with student debt. But when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in early 2020, the campaign expanded to help parishes fund their pressing needs. In a show of enormous support, generous donors far exceeded the original goal, raising more than \$52 million with \$12.9 million of that to support the parishes.

"We thought there would be only 4,000 donors, but not in our diocese. There were 13,520 donors," Schultz said. Bishop Malesic credited the late Bishop Anthony Pilla for developing a vision to renovate the facilities. The bishop and Schultz both expressed gratitude to all those who took leadership and support roles in the Heart of a Shepherd campaign.

"Thank you, also, to our benefactors today.

We celebrate the bricks and mortar,

but you, dear benefactors, are the

living stones of our church,"

said Bishop Malesic."

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Faith Formation students and their families had their hands full last Sunday making Communion Bread (7 Loaves) together.



Recipe for a Communion Bread (7 loaves)

1 Tbsp molasses

1 Tbsp salt 5-6 cups of wheat flour

Mix all of the ingredients minus the wheat flour in a mixer. (I use a Bosch mixer with dough hook). Slowly add flour until the dough wipes clean off of the sides of the bowl. Mix for 5-7 minutes.

Divide recipe into six to seven equal balls. One at a time, take the dough ball and pat into a 1/4 inch thick circle. Take a fork and pierce the dough with stripes and a cross.

(Don't skip the piercing step or the bread will ruin.)

Bake at 400 degrees for 14-20 minutes. Cool on a rack. Wrap well and freeze until needed.

Bread will be slightly chewy. If you desire crispy communion bread, roll out very thin and bake longer. The benefit of chewy bread is that it doesn't crumble.

SUPPORT ATHLETICS AND WIN A RAFFLE

Although the Women's Reverse Raffle that was to be held on April 22nd had to be cancelled due to low ticket sales, in its place, Athletics will be raffling off some wonderful gift certificates, gift baskets and also a gift vacation— destination? A one week stay in Estero, Florida! You will be able to purchase tickets in the back vestibule after Masses this weekend 4/22 & 4/23, as well as next weekend 4/29 & 4/30. Raffle tickets may also be purchased from 1p-2p in the gym on 4/30. Winners will be pulled on 4/30 @ 2:00pm. Winner need not be present.

1 Ticket = \$1.00 6 Tickets = \$5.00

:) Fr. Jim's Arms Length: 43 Tickets = \$20.00 Estero, Florida Raffle Ticket= \$10.00



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

April 17, 2023

Eileen Kovacik

Could you or someone you know use a hospital bed, wheelcahir, or walker? Contact Mary at 216-749-7747

Holy Hour

Flame of Love Holy Hour will be every Thursday following the Noon Mass at St. Paul's Shrine, located at 4108 Euclid Ave.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

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

Seneca Allegany Casino (Day Trip) Thursday, June 8, 2023

Bonus: \$25 Slot Play (Buffet Open Noon-9:00p)

Cost: \$56.00 per person

2 cups hot water 2 Tbsp olive oil

2 Tbsp honey

Deadline: Tuesday, May 9th!!!



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