

July 23, 2023

The Sixteenth 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-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00a.m.–4:00p.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.



Instagram @leothegreatorg



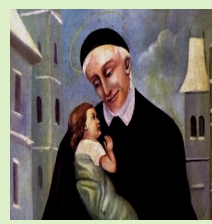
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www.leothegreat.org



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your response to our "Christmas in July" food and staple collection. Your donations were very much appreciated as our cupboard certainly needs your help.

Thank you for sharing your love and caring by helping your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization care for those in need.

PARISHIONER PHOTOS

JUST SMILE AND SAY CHEESE!

In conjunction with the 75th anniversary of the parish, a photographer will be available in the vestibule after each of the Masses the weekends of July 29th & 30th and 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.



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



Anniversary T-Shirt Order Slip

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Size(s): _____



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

Parishioner Photos—July 29th & 30th and 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 Picnic—August 13, 2023 | 12:00pm — 2:00pm

Presentation on the Eucharist—October 15th at 6:00pm
(in the church)

MEMORIES

We were a considerable way through a Saturday evening Mass when we heard the sounds of a storm outside -- the rain hitting the windows, the wind blowing, and the crash of lightning and thunder. After one particularly loud clap of thunder, the lights in the church flickered and then went off. The priest was able to conclude the Mass and people waited for the storm to subside before going to their cars. A large branch of a tree had come crashing down across the driveway by the main vestibule of the church, blocking access at that part of the driveway. One parishioner took ownership of the situation. He went home, picked up his chainsaw and, just as quickly as the branch had come down, he cleared the driveway so everyone could go home.

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



Our statue of St. Leo the Great has undergone several makeovers through the years. Besides having the paint touched up, the mitre and staff have been replaced.

!!!LAST CALL!!!

**Get your 75th Anniversary
T-Shirt order in by JULY 23rd!!!**

Adult T-Shirts are \$15.00 each. Youth sizes are available at \$12.00. Proceeds will benefit the charities supported by our parish! Place order at the rectory office or complete the form on the left, place in an envelope with payment and drop in the collection basket.



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



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, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavý, 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 Bublavý, 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, 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 and Anthony Bozek.

"Please God, continue, closely united with one another, to be a force of renewal and hope in our society. May the Lord help us to work ceaselessly to enable all, believers and non-believers alike, to understand that protection of human life from conception is an essential condition for building a future worthy of the human being."—St. John Paul II



Zakary Jester
St. Raphael, Bay Village
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, July 24th—Weekday

8:30am +Deceased Members of the Bastian Family (Pat & Joan Berigan)

Tuesday, July 25th—St. James, Apostle

8:30am +Agapita & +Peter McKenzie (Nenita Mendoza)

Wednesday, July 26th—Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed

+Caitlin Soucek-Kacher (Family)

Virgin Mary

Friday, July 28th—Weekday

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

Saturday, July 29th—Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, July 30th—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Dennis Prokop (Paulette Prokop)

11:00am +Robert Corlett (Mary Ann Corlett)



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).

Sanctuary Candle Intention

July 16th—July 30th

Dennis Dina

"Gone fishing with the Lord"

Love,
Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

The book of Wisdom was written about 50 years before Christ. In one lengthy section of this book, the author looks back to the wonderful things God did for the Jewish people during the exodus. In today's passage from that section, the author speaks directly to God with words of praise.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:26-27

We continue to read from the eighth chapter of the letter to the Romans, in which Paul discusses the role of God's Spirit in our life. Today's brief reading gives us a remarkable insight into prayer.

SUNDAY Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

MONDAY Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

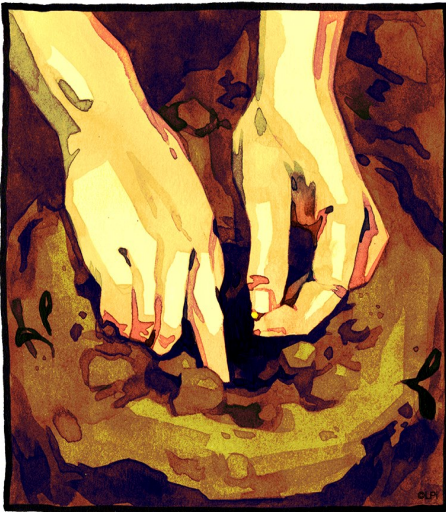
TUESDAY 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

WEDNESDAY Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

THURSDAY Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great) Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it.

But finally, great news. The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free. — Father John Muir

PRACTICING CATHOLIC "THE CATHOLIC BUBBLE"

By: Colleen Dorman

There's a dangerous myth that exists among pockets of faithful, observant Catholic families. I call it the Legend of the Catholic Bubble.

Here's how the legend goes: you find a devout Catholic parish and a devout Catholic community filled with devout Catholic people who care about devout Catholic things, and you stay away from everything and everyone else, you and your children will be safe from the influence of the evil one. Your children will never fall away from the faith, or even be tempted, and your own faith will stay steel-strong amidst the many tempests and trials of this earthly life.

But like the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman, it's all made up. Don't misunderstand me: I love a good devout Catholic parish. I live for a supportive, devout Catholic community. It's one of the biggest blessings in the Christian life, and I cannot overstate how helpful it is to raise children in an environment that upholds your Catholic faith and does not denigrate it.

But. But.

Make no mistake: the Catholic Bubble will not save you. The trials and the temptations will find you there, too: on the parish council, at Catholic school, in your Catholic moms' group. No community on earth is so supportive that it mimics Heaven. The weeds have been sown with the good seed, and the harvest time is not yet upon us.

Cherish your community, certainly — but beware of the lure of the Catholic Bubble. We are called to be yeast in the loaf of bread, and yeast is nothing on its own.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP "Do What Needs To Be Done"

By: Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." — Romans 8:27

What is The FEST?! A day of FAITH, FAMILY & FUN for all ages...and it's FREE!
Sunday, August 6, 2023 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe from 12:00p-10:00p

- Live concert w/ Christian artists – Chris Tomlin, Jeremy Camp, Big Daddy Weave & Katy Nichole!
- Amazing activities, inflatables, rock walls and entertainment for the kids and grandkids.
- Marc's Moms Station & the Man Cave for free prize entries.
- Family-friendly and affordable food.
- Conveniently park for FREE!
- A beautiful outdoor Mass at 8:00 pm.
- American Fireworks caps off this GREAT family day.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Since there isn't a whole lot going on in the parish right now as we are right in the middle of the summer months, I thought I'd share with you some information from the website of the Diocese of Cleveland which speaks about our diocesan Cathedral:

Visiting the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland is an unusual experience for many people. In order to help more of the faithful experience the mother church of the diocese, Theology on the Rocks West hosted a tour of the cathedral recently.

Diane Fusco, a longtime cathedral parishioner and docent, guided the visitors through the church and pointed out many interesting things as she briefed them on their history and significance. The cathedral is the bishop's church, which is evident because the cathedra, or special seat used by the bishop, is located there.

Fusco said the cathedral's census includes about 1,100 households and about 1,700 people from all over the diocese. "It's a diverse group of people," she said.

Prior to the 1847 establishment of the diocese, Cincinnati was the only diocese in Ohio. Amadeus Rappe was named the first bishop and one of the first decisions was where to locate the cathedral. A church already existed in The Flats (St. Mary) but the new bishop decided to purchase property at what is now East Ninth Street and Superior Avenue, Fusco said.

Construction began in 1848 and the first Mass was celebrated in 1852. The current altar is located about where the original one was. The building is of the neo Gothic style.

"We look up when entering," Fusco said, noting the building and its artwork are meant to inspire people and help to pass on the faith. "The pillars and arches take our minds to heaven," she added.

The windows were plain glass until the 50th anniversary of the diocese when stained-glass windows were installed. Fusco said the beauty of the windows reminds us of the glory to come.

The original church was red brick. During World War II, it was painted gray. There are paintings and other ornamentations over the doors and scattered throughout the church. Fusco said during the war, the cathedral was filled with people praying for the safety of soldiers. After the war, in 1948, the cathedral was rebuilt and expanded. Although there had been thought of moving it to the University Circle area, diocesan officials decided to keep it at the same location.

Fusco said various bishops added their touches to the church. The stained-glass windows show important scenes from Church history and help to tell stories through the images.

The large Holtkamp pipe organ – it has 4,360 pipes -- can be played up in the choir loft or in front of the intricate, carved wooden reredos that consists of 850 pieces. The reredos, hand carved from Appalachian oak, features statues of St. John the Evangelist as well as Matthew, Mark and Luke.

The three doors on the East Ninth Street main entrance represent the Trinity. The Latin for we praise you, we bless you, we adore you is painted above the doors.

The Sacred Heart Chapel area contains a mural of the apocalypse. Across the church is a shrine to Mary featuring statues of people important to the Blessed Mother including her mother, St. Anne, and St. Joseph, her husband. Murals were done with the wet plaster technique (*to be continued next week*).

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!

THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS
in the months of 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.

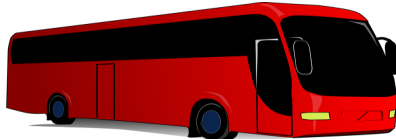
If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.



Hallow

For more information and to download the Hallow app that Fr. Jim speaks of in his previous Pastor's Column simply scan the QR Code above with your camera to be directed to the Hallow website. It truly offers so many great and useful tools to both encourage and strengthen our daily prayer life.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS



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 IN AMISH COUNTRY

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

GIFT CARDS | DEAL OF THE WEEK



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 17, 2023
Eileen Kovacik



Sunday, July 16, 2023

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| Sun. Envelope | \$ | 4,830.44 |
| WeShare | \$ | 2,863.50 |
| Total | \$ | 7,693.94 |

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| Cap. Improv | \$ | 283.00 |
| WeShare | \$ | 125.00 |
| Total | \$ | 408.00 |

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| SVDP | \$ | 70.00 |
| WeShare | \$ | 305.00 |
| Total | \$ | 375.00 |

*Thank you for
you continued
generosity
and support
of St. Leo the
Great Parish!*

ST. LEO SENIORS

Our upcoming meeting on
Wednesday, July 26, 2023
will be our *Annual Club Picnic!*
Please begin to arrive around 11:00 a.m.
A picnic-like lunch will start at Noon.
Feel free to bring some dessert to share!
After lunch we will have some fun
with a little BINGO!

THE HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS

The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian Families to leave their homes in search of work and safety.

Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to travel to different parishes all around the United States for the past 15 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. We are happy to announce that we will be visiting your parish on August 5th & 6th.

We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand carved items. We value your support. We will be accepting cash credit cards & checks.

May God bless you & keep you safe.



The Holy Land Shepherds.
www.theholylanshop.com
(810) 394-5291

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM OR SUBMIT ONLINE BY JULY 23, 2023!!!

Now is the time to update your information for our parish database and the 2024 Guide Book!!!
Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory office or place it in the collection basket.
You may also fill out this information online at leothegreat.org! Please call the rectory office at 216.661.1006 or email Nina at ncapone@leothegreat.org with any questions. Thank you.

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| Family Name (i.e. SMITH, John & Jane) | |
| Address | |
| Phone Number | |
| Email Address (for office use only—will not be included in guide book) | |

Place a ✓ next to ALL that apply!

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| | Please Include <u>ALL</u> of the above information in the 2024 Guide Book | | Update your system with the above information as it is most current |
| | Do Not Include my Address | | Update the Rectory Database <u>but</u> DO NOT submit to 2024 Guide Book |
| | Do Not Include my Phone Number | | |

Thank you for your help in this effort that is being made to better serve the parishioners of St. Leo the Great!



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!