Father James P. Schmitz



July 30, 2023 The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

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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.--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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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Back to School Drive

It is hard to believe that 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 are able and would like to make a cash donation, just put your cash or check in an envelope and mark the envelope "Back to School Drive" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory Office. We thank you very much for your continued generosity to help us with supporting our families as their children return to school! Thank You!

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.

THE HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS

The Holy Land Shepards will have their beautiful work displayed for you to purchase in the back vestibule after every Mass next weekend on August 5th & 6th. Your support is more than appreciated!

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 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.theholylandshop.com (810) 394-5291



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

Gather Us In-1948-2023

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Parish Picnic — August 13, 2023 | 12:00pm — 2:00pm **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 6:00pm (in the church)

Memories

One of my best memories at St. Leo's happened in 1958. Fr. Brennen put together the first ever St. Leo the Great baseball team on which I proudly played the catcher. That year we went on to win the West Side championship only to lose the City Championship to the East Side champions, St. Margaret Mary. Marty Cygan (the pitcher) and I had the privilege of having our pictures in the Universe Bulletin along with the details of the game! —Bob Boyert

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

From the St. Leo Bulletin-July 22,1973

ST. LEO PARISH SILVER JUBILEE- OCTOBER 14 In preparation for this 'Historic' event the Parish Co-ordinating Committee has planned the following events for the climax of this year of thanksgiving: 1. A week of Spiritual Thanks- one evening for each group- men, women golden agers, youth and children. 2. Solemn Pontifical Concelebrated Mass on Sunday Oct. 14 at 2 P.M. 3. Special JUBILEE DINNER- After Mass for 500. 4. SPECIAL MEMORIAL BOOK 5. GRAND PRIZE JUBILLE DRAWING OF \$2500 6. JUBILEE DANCE- Following Saturday YOUR cooperation and help will be needed in all these events to make them a success. Especially during the next weeks in obtaining personal patrons and Business ads for the MEMORIAL BOOK

THESE ARTICLES ARE FROM 50 YEARS AGO AS THE PARISH WAS **CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY** !



St. Leo Bulletin-July 29, 1973

ON BUILDING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

Every Parish must be firmly built on the spiritual relationship of one parishioner spiricul terecrousing of our personation with another. We worship God together, we with another. We worship God together, we pray, we receive the sacraments. we come to Him with our needs and petition together. To be truly "spiritual" we must be keenly aware of one another's needs and burdens-we need to work together- to meet and discuss and listen. This is the work inherent in and listen. This is the work inherent in and interent in is the work inherent in forming a truly "spiritual community". Here, at 54. Leo's, we have tried to reach out through the Parish Renewal, through the formation of the Parish Spiritual

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

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 Friday, August 4th-Weekday 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, 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 and Joe Brodzinski.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 31st-St. Ignatius of Loyola 8:30am + Mary Kuznik (Craig Kuznik) Tuesday, August 1st—St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30am +Raymond Kikta (Nancy Kikta)

Wednesday, August 2nd—Weekday

8:30am +Mercedes Gribschaw (Barb Crawford)

8:30am +Eugene Zola (Family)

Saturday, August 5th—St. John Vianney, Priest 4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, August 6th— The Transfiguration of the Lord 8:00am The Wolf & Thorton Families (Mary & Tom Thorton) 11:00am +Maureen Kelly

Since there is no Mass here at St. Leo's on <u>Thursdays</u> 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: 1 KINGS3:5, 7-12

King Solomon ruled about 950 years before Christ. His wisdom was legendary. Today's reading describes an event from early in Solomon's rule that tells how he became a wise person.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:28-30

As we continue our readings from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, we will today hear Paul use the word predestined. This word does not mean that individuals are locked into a destiny over which they have no control. Rather, it means that in Christ, God provides abundant grace for everyone.

Sunday	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-3
TUESDAY	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43
WEDNESDAY	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
THURSDAY	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/ Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
SATURDAY	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

In Loving Memory of KENNETH LEES

July 15, 1944 - July 19, 2023 Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow but remember me in every tomorrow. Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles, I've only gone to rest awhile. Although my leaving causes pain and grief, my going has eased the hurt and given relief. So dry your eyes and remember me.

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LEGACY OF LOVE A wife, a mother, a grandmother, too.

This is the legacy we have from you. You taught us love and how to fight, you gave us strength, you gave us might. A stronger person would be hard to find, and in your heart, you were always kind. You fought for us all in one way or another,

not just as a wife, not just as a mother. For all of us you gave your best. Now the time has come for you to rest. So go in peace; you've earned your sleep. Your love in our hearts we'll eternally keep "We never lose those we give to God."

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Tucker von Carlowitz St. Monica, Garfield Hts. Aspirant Every week we pray for those discerning а vocation in religious life. that they may Pray continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom. —Fr. John Muir

PRACTICING CATHOLIC "The Falling Action & the Field" By: Colleen Dorman

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are both equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is. What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP *"What Is God Asking of You"* By: Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple." -Psalm 119

KISSING THE ALTAR AT MASS

Question: Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer: Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar. These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" — we read: "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist" (no. 296). One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the "Book of the Gospels" after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the "living stone" (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the "household of faith" (see Galatians 6:10). To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1382-1383).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday of this past week I celebrate the funeral of Ken Lees, whom I anointed on the morning that he passed away. I prayed the last rites for him along with his wife of 45 years, Sharon, and their daughter Carolyn. We express our sympathy to them and to Carolyn's two brothers, Christopher & Michael. Ken liked to sit in the front row of church when he was at Mass and sent his three children to our parish school here at St. Leo's. He believed in giving them a solid education. Ken enjoyed family gatherings, especially at Thanksgiving & Christmas. His hobbies were classical cars & trains, and he also loved going to Disneyworld with his family. He kept up on what was new there & could tell you many things about that magical' kingdom. We pray that he may now enjoy the eternal "magical" kingdom of God after a lifetime of faith and devotion to his family.

The following day I celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Joan Zuercher who was also a faithful participant at Mass when she was healthy and able. She had a devotion to her Guardian Angel and her funeral was appropriately celebrated on the feast of Sts. Joachim & Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus, for she was a devoted mother of 2 sons and a loving grandmother of 3 children. Joan lived a virtuous life, including volunteering at a clothing store for the needy. Her obituary said that "Joan was a warm, strong and independent woman whose kindness, honesty and spunk will live on forever." May she indeed live on in God's kingdom.

Here we are again in the final week of July already, entering the month of August in just a couple of days. Please remember that we will be having our annual parish picnic in a couple of weeks on Sunday, August 13th from Noon until 2pm. It's a time for big, juicy hamburgers, hotdogs and other good food, to be enjoyed with your fellow parishioners. Please plan on joining us, rain or shine (we'll be inside the gym in case of bad weather).

I had the joy of celebrating Mass a couple of times this past week at the outdoor grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid, Ohio. Our eighth graders made a little pilgrimage there a few weeks ago. I have fond memories of being there often when I was younger, as it was a place my grandmother loved to visit. Take a ride there sometime & enjoy this sacred place of prayer.

Here is the final bit of information I promised you last week about the Cathedral in downtown Cleveland:

The tabernacle table was fashioned from an old baptismal font. The altar installed in 1948 features a pelican and the ambo has a sculpture of St. Stephen, deacon and martyr.

In the sanctuary is the "cathedra" with seating for priests on both sides. Bishop Edward Malesic's coat of arms is affixed to the cathedra, the literal & symbolic chair of the bishop.

There is a beautiful icon there that was gifted to the diocese for its 150th anniversary by the Byzantine Eparchy of Parma.

Inside the Resurrection Chapel are the tombs of two archbishops and eight bishops of the diocese as well as a full set of relics of St. Christine, a martyr in the early Church.

You can visit the website of the Diocese of Cleveland at <u>dioceseofcleveland.org</u> in order to learn more about the cathedral and its history as well as take a virtual tour.

Jr. James / Delimitz

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! <u>THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS</u> in the months of July & 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.

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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.



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THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

July 24, 2023 Elaine Tesler

Sunday, July 23, 2023					
Sun. Envelope	\$	6,677.00			
WeShare	\$	1,670.00	Thank you for		
Total	\$	8,347.00			
Cap. Improv	\$	332.00	you continued		
WeShare	\$	60.00	generosity		
Total	\$	392.00	and support		
CUDD		40.00	of St. Leo the		
SVDP	\$	40.00	of St. Leo the		
WeShare	\$	10.00	Great Parish!		
Total	\$	50.00			

*** 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.)



Pop and water available

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It was a beautiful day of renewal, back on July 9th, for women who have been involved with St. Leo's Parish Life programs such as Christ Renews His Church, Arise, Home Bible studies, Ministry Groups, Day of Recollection and other groups that have formed over the last 47 years! Thanks to Fr. Jim his blessing to put on this event. Thanks to



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 for this shop is August 2, 2023!

Deacon Pat who made himself available and stopped in to kick off the event with prayer! Food was enjoyed over great conversations. Memories were shared. Testimonies were given. Women who came as guests were moved to tears hearing stories of faith and just being witness to the love and joy that filled the room. So much has been put on hold over the last few years and these ladies, like many of us, are eager to get back together and evangelize! Ideas were discussed and all are looking so forward to seeing the fruits of this reunion.

Be on the look out in upcoming issues of the bulletin for an invitation to a Womens Breakfast sometime in August!

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.

