Father James P. Schmitz



June 25, 2023 The Twelfth 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.--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.

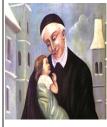
If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.



Read the latest bulletin & find other useful information by visiting our website at

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

SUMMERTIME..."and the livin' is easy". according to that old familiar Gershwin song. Unfortunately, that is not the case for everyone. Hunger does not take a summer vacation and there are many in need of assistance. Make this summer a little easier for our clients by making a donation.

Checks should be made payable to St. Leo's St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization. You can place it in the collection basket during Mass or drop it off at the Rectory Office.



2024 GUIDE BOOKS

Please be sure to view the back page of this bulletin to view and complete the form for our Parish Records and for the 2024

Guide Book. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Rectory Office. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

All baby bottles need to be returned to the Church or Rectory Office by JULY 2nd!!! Thank You!!!

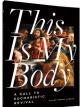


🚺 Independence Day Mass 🤜

There will be an Independence Day Mass on Tuesday, July 4th, at 9:00a.m. Weather permitting, the Mass will be held at the Marian Shrine. If possible, bring a chair. Begin your holiday by attending Mass and giving thanks for the many freedoms with which we have been blessed.

DONUT SUNDAY

Please join us Sunday, June 25th for donuts and coffee after the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.



Воок **UPDATE!** Please note that we have ordered more copies of the book This is my Body: A

Call to Eucharistic Revival by Bishop Robert Barron, that was made available in the church a few weekends ago. So keep an eye out for them on the tables near the entrances. We are glad that so many of you have taken interest and/or know of someone who would benefit from reading it.



Born: July 18, 1924 **Ordained:** May 22, 1948 Died: December 20, 1990



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

Gather Us In-1948-2023

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. Visit leothegreat.org. Under Organizations click on Alumni Association. We hope to hear from you!



Independence **Day Mass** -- 9am on July 4th (outdoors if weather permitting)

Donut Sunday—Sunday, June 25th (after the 8a & 11a Mass)



Memories

Fr. Fiala was a favorite among the students in my class, both when he served as an associate and later as a pastor at St. Leo's. He would interact with the students in the classroom and even when they were playing games on the playground at recess.

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 photos to: photos@leothegreat.org

DID YOU KNOW?

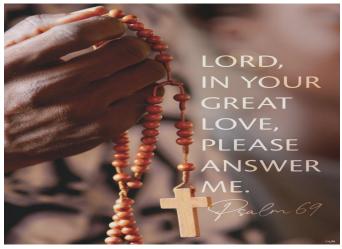
Former pastor Fr. Fiala was such an advocate for unborn children that he wrote the following prayer:

Prayer for the Adoption of the Unborn Holy Innocents of Abortion

Heavenly Father, long ago the Holy Infants of Bethlehem gave their lives to protect the Divine Christ Child in their midst. I pray for the countless holy innocents of today whose lives are taken by abortion through selfishness, indifference and ignorance. I offer my sufferings, the anxieties and tensions of my life in reparation for those who have taken the lives of these holy innocents, and pray to be worthy to adopt these unborn infants each day, as my own spiritual children, so that I may plead for them the baptism of desire in Jesus, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." May they find eternal joy with Jesus, Our Redeemer, in the fullness of eternal life with You, who created them through the instrumentality of human parents ... God of mercy. God of compassion, grant me this grace to plead in their name and adopt these infants spiritually as my own. This I ask through Jesus Christ, Your Divine Son. Amen.

*Prayer composed by Fr. John L. Fiala asking all to become members of the Apostolate of the Holy Innocents by reciting this

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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, 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, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett, Nancy Dighero, Shawn Calvey, and Gloria Madonia.

In Loving Memory of GAYTANA COSIANO

Born: December 22, 1936

Entered Into Rest: June 15, 2023

Services: Monday, June 19, 2023 St. Leo the Great Church Cleveland, Ohio

Interment: Holy Cross Cemetery Section 29 Lot 2943 Grave 1 †

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI Lord make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatted, Let me sow love. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

> R I P E P I FUNERAL HOME Pearl Road at Snow Road



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, June 26th — Weekday 8:30am +Harriett Zanzano (Doug & Annie Haldi) Tuesday, June 27th —St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:30am +Russell Riccardi (Mary & Rick Riccardi)

Wednesday, June 28th—St. Irenaeus

8:30am +Carol & +Hank Dickey, +Ed Wolf & +Marge Thorton (Mary & Tom Thorton)

Friday, June 30th —Weekday

8:30am +Norman King, Jr. (Norman King, Sr.)

Saturday, July 1st— Weekday 4:00pm +Caitlin Soucek-Kacher (Family)

- Sunday, July 2nd 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - 8:00am People of the Parish
 - 11:00am +Theresa Kowal (SVDP Outreach Organization)

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

FRIST READING: JEREMIAH 20:10-13

The Prophet Jeremiah lived about 600 year before Christ. He prophesized that Israel, because of its unfaithfulness to God, would be defeated by the Babylon. When this began to happen, many of his friends and neighbors denounced him as a traitor and turned on him.

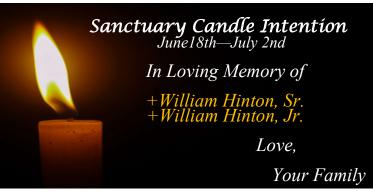
SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-15

Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. His purpose in this passage is not to teach about original sin, but to contrast Adam and Christ. From Adam we inherited a strong pull toward sin. From Christ (the "new Adam") we received a gift that is incomparably stronger: Divine grace.

SUNDAY Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday	Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
TUESDAY	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
WEDNESDAY	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
THURSDAY	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17- 18/Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

SATURDAY Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5 -17



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us? — Father John Muir

Everyday Stewardship "Will You Say Yes?"

By: Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of

blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is makebelieve. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS *"The Wonder of God"*

By: Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

When I was a teenager, after a homecoming dance one year I took my date for a walk on the Potomac in downtown Alexandria. The moon was out and I was struck by how the light shimmered on the water. I remember focusing to try to see all the details of the dancing rays on the ripples. My date didn't see it and didn't really get it. She thought it was no big deal. It was a great date and a fun night, but for that one moment we saw the world from two completely different vantage points.

Two of the greatest gifts from God to each of us are life and time. Without taking care, we can easily miss the grandeur and beauty of both. Being mindful as an everyday steward means pausing to see the detail in all that exists around us. God's creation is not something created with a broad brush, but instead with the intricacies of a master painter.

God created all things with purpose and a complexity only the divine could fully comprehend. Every single hair on our head has been counted! But when we take a moment to reflect on the beauty that is created by that complexity, we allow ourselves to revel in God's generosity. There is so much to give thanks for in this life. But you and I can't give thanks to God unless we really stop to take notice. When was the last time you stared in awe at the moon?

PRACTICING CATHOLIC "The Necklace" By: Colleen Dorman

I have a necklace that originally belonged to my great-grandmother. I don't really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I've certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my greatgrandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don't have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn't marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

"And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." — Matthew 10:28

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Last Monday I celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Tannie Cosiano. Tannie, whose baptismal name is actually Gaytano (and I never knew that!) lived a very full and faithfilled life. I remember expressing my condolences to her just

 $2\frac{1}{2}$ years ago when we celebrated the funeral Mass for her husband Ralph. They were married for 62 years but knew each for over 70. They have 6 children, 11 grandchildren & 2 greatgrandchildren. Tannie was a teacher for 25 years, and taught 23 of those years at our neighboring parish, St. Charles. So much could be said about her life and her faith, like that of her husband. Please pray for them both that they nay be reunited now in the presence of their Creator.

Hopefully you are noticing the new windows that are being installed in our school on the Broadview Road side of the building. They are replacing very old and worn windows that go back to the beginning of our school in the 1950's, and will be far more energy efficient besides attractive. They are tinted to keep the heat of the sun out and have screens on the bottom panels which of course will keep the bugs and rodents out when they're open. These windows will modernize the look of our buildings all around.

The 2^{nd} set of glass block windows are being installed on the south side of the gym as well and will include some venting (required for the grants we were able to get to help pay for them). This will complete the work in there and will again go a long way not only towards the look of this large room but toward the efficiency of the heat and air conditioning as well.

The landscapers were here for several hours this week, ripping out weeds, mulching and making everything look beautiful for us to enjoy during the summer months. I am very grateful to the parishioner who has generously provided us with several yards of mulch free of charge again this year. Our thanks to you for this annual gift! I believe you will find that the holes that were created in the parking lot over the winter months have all been filled in. Let us know if you see anything we may have missed.

We have contracted to have the sloping roof repaired and painted this summer...everything you see of that gold-ish color will be replaced with the original grey color. We are happy to have a former parishioner doing this work for us.

As we take care of many inside and outside projects on our property this summer, let us remember that God desires not only that we enjoy the rest and beauty of the summer months, but that we also continue to express our gratitude to him as we gather each week for Mass. I know it's easy to let vacation and just the laziness of the summer days keep us from being faithful to that, but remember that God calls us to do this not for his sake but for our own. God is not in any way in need of our praise, gratitude or worship. The beauty of God is that He needs absolutely nothing from us. But we are the ones who need God, who need to acknowledge daily that all good gifts come from His hands & that we deserve nothing of what is so generously given to us. What God asks of us is so little compared to all that God gives us. Why do we hesitate to give back so little of our time, our attention, our love? Please continue to remain faithful during these summer months so that the fullness of God's gifts may be enjoyed.

Jr. James Delimity

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 in the months of</u> <u>June, July & August.</u>

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.

June 25, 2023 | 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Total	\$ 7,000	continued	ge	enerosity .
SVDP	\$ 50.00	Cap. Improv	\$	410.00
WeShare	\$ 85.00	WeShare	\$	105.00
Total	\$ 135.00	Total	\$	515.00

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS



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



RIVERS CASINO | *Pittsburgh*, *PA* Wednesday, August 16, 2023 \$48.00 per person Deadline: Monday, July 17th!!!



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, \$5 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



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

JUNE 12 JUNE 19th JIM & DENISE BURNS JAMES VEIGER, SR.

HELP NEEDED

A fellow parishioner is in need of a wheel chair ramp for the outside of her home due to recent changes in her health. If anyone knows of anyone who donating or selling one or if anyone has had any experience in obtaining one for themselves or a family member and can assist in the navigation of such a process please contact Mary Ann at 216-398-4936 with any details you may have.

FLOCKNOTE

You can be added to our email list to receive Bulletins, Funeral Announcements, Upcoming Events, Parish Alerts, Volunteer Opportunities, etc! Visit leothegreatflock.flocknote.com today!

St. Leo's school is undergoing some major renovations this summer!







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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE !

	Now is the time to update your information for our parish database <u>and</u> 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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	Address							
	Phone Number							
	Email Address (for office use only—will							
	not be included in guide book)							
Place a \checkmark next to <u>ALL</u> that apply!								
	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!



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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!