

CHURCH OF ST. LEO THE GREAT

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19-20

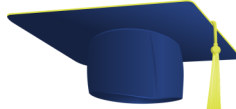


CONFIRMANDI 2023

Kaitlyn Amari Santiago Pereira
Olivia Skotnicki Aidan Verhosek
Ashlyn Frimel Alexander Leon

*God bless our Confirmandi as they
continue their journey with the Lord!*

8TH GRADE GRADUATES



Mabelin Clarke-Miller Marialis Huerta Aleciana Pawlus
Anthony Cocita Iayana Jones Santiago Pereira
Isabella DiPerna Olivia Karpa Bridget Potter
Xavier Elliott Omar Kotkot Andrea Tehoke
Ashlyn Frimel Juliana Lewis Ahleia Thompson
Jordan Grega Kendra Lovejoy Natalia Torres
Olivia Gus Olivia Morrow Lee Whatley, Jr.
Wallace Hambrick Toneyah Parker

Congratulations and God bless you!



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your generous donation of food and staples to fill our pantry to assist our clients who have reached out to St. Leo's St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization in their time of need. Your continued support of both food and monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

A 9:00 a.m. liturgy will be celebrated on Memorial Day, May 29th. Please plan to join us. Weather permitting, the Mass will be held by the Marian shrine behind the Parish Center. Please bring a chair because seating is limited. We also would like to remember those individuals from our parish who have died in service for our country. If a member of your family has died in the Armed Forces, please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory by Sunday, May 28th.



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 a form on the parish website. Visit leothegreat.org Under Organizations click on Alumni Association. We hope to hear from you!

Confirmation | Sunday, May 21st @ 11:00am Mass
Memorial Day Mass | Monday, May 29th @ 9:00a

MEMORIES

When it came to Confirmation, the nuns always wanted to please the Bishop so they made sure that the selected names were of saints or a slight variation -- Mary, Patrick, Francine (as a variation of Francis), or Jack (as a variation of John) were all acceptable. On the day of Confirmation, we approached the Bishop one by one, the Confirmation name was whispered, the Bishop anointed us, and a sign of peace was exchanged. Everyone in the congregation strained to hear the whispered names selected by the Confirmandi. As one particular candidate stepped forward, the name was whispered -- a name that was very unusual, had only the slightest connection to a saint's name and probably did not get the prior approval of the nuns. The Bishop was so caught off guard that he exclaimed the name loud enough for the entire congregation to hear. It took him a second or two to regain his composure and resume Confirmation.

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



The students at the school celebrated the parish's 75th anniversary on Friday, May 19th. It was a very busy day with morning Mass and the annual awards assembly followed by lunch. In the afternoon, the students participated in a hip hop dance session led by a local dance company, and an artist taught 3D drawing which incorporated the 75th anniversary logo. As a special treat, the day concluded with ice cream from Honey Hut.

Memorial Day Mass —Monday, May 29, 2023 @ 9:00a



Name of Deceased Person: _____

Rank: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Family Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Date of Death: _____

Relationship: _____

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 Bublav, 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 Bublav, 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, and Mary Ann Perry.

WHY ARE THERE LITURGICAL CYCLES?

QUESTION:

Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

ANSWER:

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm



WILLIAM ELWER
ST. JUDE, ELYRIA, YEAR 4

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, May 22nd—St. Rita of Cascia

8:30am +Rudy Dejelo (Cora Dejelo)

Tuesday, May 23rd—Easter Weekday

8:30am +Alfio Lovano (Family)

Wednesday, May 24th—Easter Weekday

8:30am +David Lincheck (Pam & Theresa Lincheck)

Friday, May 26th—St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:30am +Linda DeBaltzo (Family)

Saturday, May 27th—St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

4:00pm +John Kozlowski (Mary Jane Kozlowski)

Sunday, May 28th— Pentecost Sunday

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +William LaGodney Sr. (With our love, Mary, Bill Jr. and Family)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: ACT 1:1-11

Today's Passage takes us back to the beginning verses of the Acts of the Apostles and sets forth the themes that Luke is going to develop throughout this, the longest book of the New Testament. His major theme is the role of the Holy Spirit, who enables the apostles to be effective witnesses to Jesus. The Holy Spirit is mentioned 57 times in the Acts of the Apostles.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

Ephesus was an ancient city located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. Paul visited there several times. Today's passage, which is near the beginning of the letter to the Ephesians, is a prayer asking God's blessings upon that community. Many thoughts in this prayer are connected to today's feast of the Ascension.

SUNDAY	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20
MONDAY	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
TUESDAY	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
WEDNESDAY	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
THURSDAY	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
FRIDAY	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
SATURDAY	Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Sanctuary Candle Intention *May 21st—June 4th*

In loving Memory of
Ronald Vance

Bernadine & Family



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you. Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live. — Father John Muir

PRACTICING CATHOLIC ***Seeking Christ in One Another*** By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.

But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP ***Jesus' Great Commission*** By: Tracy Earl Welliver

I remember watching part of a college graduation address where the speaker said "With this degree you are commissioned to go into the world and make a difference." The imagery conjured up in my mind by the use of the word "commissioned" was pretty powerful. I thought about the commissioning of military officers and the responsibility they took on for the lives of their subordinates but also the lives of those they protected. To me the word meant something very serious and solemn.

It meant huge responsibility and expectation. In the Bible, Jesus gives what we call the Great Commission "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20a).

The word commission makes this more than a suggestion or a hope. There is an expectation, a responsibility, and a mandate. Of course, did you wake up this morning thinking about how you would fulfill the Great Commission today?

Sharing the faith is not just something we should do; it is something we must do. The key is that you don't need to speak all the time to share. It will be through your life of stewardship that others will be able to see Jesus. By giving of yourself, by always responding to the call, and by surrendering all to God, you will lead others to become disciples, to seek out the sacraments, and to observe his teachings. Yes, responding in full to the Great Commission, great things can happen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

On Wednesday, May 10th I celebrated the Funeral Mass for Margaret Habrat and so extended our sympathies to the family. Marge & her husband Jack were married just shy of 50 years when he died in 2016 (I celebrated his funeral Mass as well, and that of his sister Beverly). I remember how devoted Marge was to her husband, following him from one medical facility to another in order to be with him during his illness. Marge & Jack were founding members of our parish and sent their 4 children to our parish school. Both were also Eucharistic Ministers. Besides their two sons and two daughters, they had 13 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. We pray that both Marge and Jack may be found worthy of eternal life.

On Saturday, May 13th, I celebrated a Funeral Mass for Ronald Horvath, the brother of Judy Krahn, a parishioner of St. Leo's. Ron enjoyed time with his family and with his friends. He also enjoyed nature, gardening and cooking. I would see him when I visited the home where he lived with his mother whom I would anoint from time to time. She has passed as well so we pray they may be together again in God's kingdom. Let us pray for Ron and for all those who have gone before us that they may enjoy the presence of God who promises that those who believe in him will have eternal life.

The 8th graders took a trip to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid. I have such fond memories of that sacred place from my childhood when we would drive there and spend time in prayer with my grandmother who lived in Euclid and who enjoyed making trips there. I remember walking up and down the hills as we prayed the stations of the cross, holding candles as we did so. I remember saying the rosary there and drinking water that flowed down from the rocky grotto where there was a statue of the Blessed Mother. Of course it is named after Our Lady of Lourdes as it replicated the place in Lourdes, France where Mary appeared to St. Bernadette and encouraged her to pray the rosary. I hope you get a chance to visit that place of prayer sometime and to ask for Mary's intercession for you and your loved ones. Again we honor her especially during this month of May and ask her to pray for us and with us. How can her own Son deny her requests on our behalf?

Today I am grateful for the opportunity to confirm 6 young people of our parish during the 11am Mass. In the past we have celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturdays during the 4pm Mass (and will do so again next year) but the Bishop had allowed us the opportunity this past year to have the Pastor confirm instead of himself since it was becoming difficult for him and the abbot and retired bishops to visit all the parishes of the diocese to celebrate confirmation. We have another bishop now (Bishop Michael Woost) to assist Bishop Malesic so this is just a one-time permission given for me to administer this sacrament this year. But I'm happy to do so and I thank the confirmandi and their parents for their cooperation with our new preparation for this sacrament. I am really grateful for their willingness to try something new and to cooperate with us in this new venture, encouraged by Bishop Malesic. They have been faithful to the Sunday Faith Formation sessions and have participated regularly at our 11am Mass as well (which is why we are celebrating Confirmation during that Mass this weekend). So congrats to the young men & women & many thanks to their parents!

Happy belated 48th wedding anniversary to Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan who celebrated their anniversary on May 10th. May God grant them more years with each other and with us.

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 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.

PARISH SUPPORT

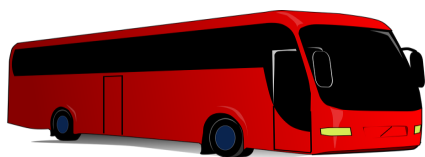
May 7, 2023

Sun. Envelope \$	6,563.00	Cap. Improv \$	265.00
WeShare \$	2,490.00	WeShare \$	130.00
Total \$	9,053.00	Total \$	395.00
SVDP \$	140.00		
WeShare \$	165.00		
Total \$	305.00		

*Thank you
for your continued
generosity & support.*

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

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



Discover
HARTVILLE

Thursday, July 13, 2023
\$78.00 per person
(includes lunch)

Includes a guided tour and shopping at Pegasus Farm, Gardens, and Country Store; Shopping at Hartville Marketplace and Flea Market, Shops, Hardware, and Sommers Discount Market.

Deadline: Monday, June 12th!!!



Rivers Casino | Pittsburgh, PA

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

\$48.00 per person

Deadline: Monday, July 17th!!!



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

May 15, 2023

Marge Repinski



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

The Neocatechumenal Way



SANTA FAMIGLIA DI NAZARET MOSTRACI IL DIO UNICO: PADRE FIGLIO E SPIRITO SANTO

A series of one-hour talks will continue to take place every **Tuesday and Friday at 7pm in the Parish Center**. 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." Every talk is different and builds on the one meeting prior. While you don't have to attend every meeting, it is encouraged that you attend as often as you are able. Snacks and refreshments will be made available for you to enjoy. These talks are most appropriate for ages 12 & up; Childcare available.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The St. Leo the Great Baby Bottle Drive for Womankind began Mother's Day Weekend. Bottles can be picked up from the tables at the entrances of the church or over at the Rectory Office. Womankind is an excellent organization that specializes in helping women in need get free prenatal care and baby supplies for their infants up to three years of age. With times being as trying as they are, more mothers than ever are seeking help! You may fill the baby bottles with change or cash, or a check made out to "Womankind" or simply scan this QR code to go directly to the St. Leo the Great's Baby Bottle Drive for Womankind-donor page to donate using a credit card. Thank you for your generosity! All baby bottles need to be returned to the Church or Rectory Office by Father's Day Weekend, June 17/18! For more information about Womankind visit their website at womankind-cleveland.org or call Womankind at 216-662-5700. Thank you and may God bless you.



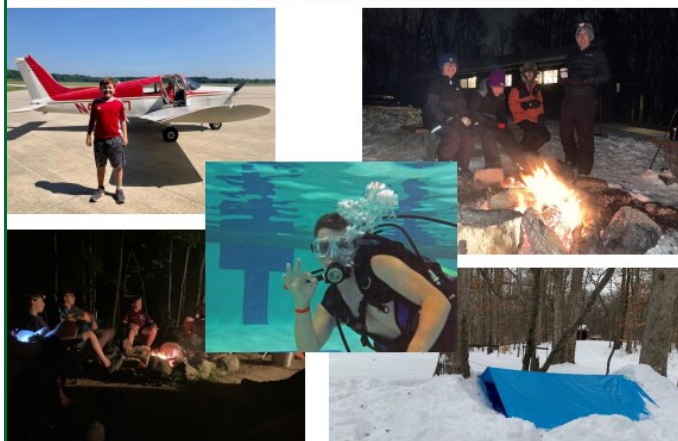
Womankind
Maternal & Prenatal Care Center

Pull up your camera app on your smartphone and point at this QR code for a direct link to donate now!

#ADVENTUREON!

Scout Troop 24 meets weekly – Tuesdays 7:30 – 9pm

St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109



Who: Students in grades 6-12th

Where: St. Leo's

When: Tuesdays 7:30-9 pm

Contact: Mike Robinson 216-409-3733

Email Troop 24: scout-troop-24@googlegroups.com

Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio

A Catholic perspective on the proposed constitutional amendment to expand and enshrine abortion in our state.



CATHOLIC
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Prayer for Ohio

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family,
pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn,
pray for us!

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust, and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life.

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2023 ballot. More informational resources are coming, but in the meantime:

- Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot
- Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect

OUR CONCERNS

1 PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

2 ENDANGERS
PREBORN CHILDREN

3 ENABLES THOSE WHO
PRESSURE WOMEN

SCAN ME



HELP
PROTECT
THE DIGNITY
OF LIFE IN
OHIO