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OCTOBER 8, 2023

THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Monday-Friday | 8:00a.m.-3:00p.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
and find other useful
information by visiting our
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Traveling International

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Exhibition

October 8th-21st

St. Columbkille Parish



When: 9 AM - 9 PM
Where: The Parish Center
Admission: Free and Open to All

Join us in Perpetual Adoration!

- Explore modern and historical miracles of the Eucharist.
- Draw closer to God through these displays of His intense love for you!
- Examine where faith meets modern science.
- Interactively experience the catalog of miracles compiled by modern-day teen saint, gamer, and programmer, Blessed Carlo Acutis.
- Family-friendly!

6740 Broadview Road | Parma, Ohio 44134

www.stcolumbkilleparish.org

PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Our Parish Community Center is available to rent for **active parishioners and/or families of our parish school students**. Stop by or contact our Rectory Office, visit leothegreat.org or email missnadia@leothegreat.org for more details or to book a date today!

FESTIVAL NEWS

Raffle Tickets :There is still time to get your Festival raffle tickets in before the Festival. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 21st.)

Sponsorships: Do you own a business? Would your company like to be a sponsor for the Festival? Sponsors help defray the cost of the Festival. If you are interested in a sponsorship, please contact Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org.

Sign Up Sheets: The Festival cannot happen without all of our dedicated volunteers. Sign up sheets are in the main vestibule of the Church. Please consider volunteering a few hours at the Festival on Friday, October 20th, or Saturday, October 21st.

Lawn Signs: Festival lawn signs are available in the main vestibule of the church. Please feel free to take one home to put on your lawn.

Bakery: Attention all you fabulous bakers! We welcome donations of your delicious baked goods for the bakery table at the Festival. Donations can be dropped off on Friday, October 20th, and Saturday, October 21st, prior to or during the Festival.



Mark your calendars to join us for Mass, 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 leothegreat.org. Under "Organizations" tab select *Alumni Association*. We hope to hear from you!

Parishioner Photos | LAST OPPORTUNITY | Oct 14th & 15th 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.

Rosary | October 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the church

Presentation on the Eucharist | Oct. 15th @ 6p (in church)

Prayer Service for Right to Life | Nov. 3rd @ 5:00 p.m.

Closing Mass | Sunday, November 12th, at 11:00 a.m.

Closing Dinner | Sunday, November 12th - details in the coming weeks

MEMORIES

The animal blessings always attract a variety of pets -- dogs, cats, bunnies, turtles, and even an iguana. Being outside by the shrine, it's not usual for a bird or squirrel to appear in the trees nearby. Surprisingly, they aren't frightened off by the crowd of people or the barking dogs but often remain in place. Most of the animals quiet down during the prayers and blessing as though they are listening attentively. One year a deer tentatively walked along the fence, making its way from the far end of the property to the area near the shrine. It stood there watching as the blessing took place, then slowly wandered away afterwards.

Share **YOUR** memories with us! 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 **YOURS** to photos@leothegreat.org.

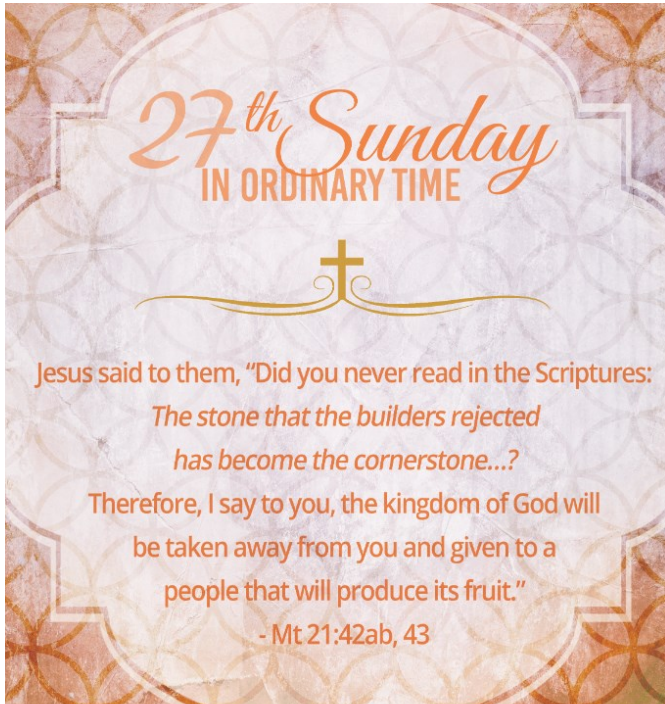
PARISHIONER PHOTOS

If you missed the opportunity to get your photo taken you will have ONE LAST OPPORTUNITY to get your photo taken the weekend of October 14th and 15th after all of the Masses. This is an opportunity for you and your family to be part of the memories for this 75th anniversary year and future years. No advance registration required. Refreshments will be available, and participants will get a free 5" x 7" photo.

Already get your picture taken? Photos taken in August and September can be picked up in the rectory during the week or in the church after the weekend Masses.



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Larry Kuznik, Irma Zappitelli, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virginia Sofkanacs, 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, 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, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublav, John O'Malley, 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, Shawn Calvey, Gloria Madonia, Sharon Rock, Anthony Bozek, Joe Brodzinski Suzanne Brown, Joyce Stevens, Victoria Fischer, John Gierlach, Dylan Greve, Ken Perry, Danya Hansen, Leo Hansen, Michael Saul, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson and Judy Towalski.



Br. Luke Maria Lee, OP

Dominican

Student Brother

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.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

October 8th—October 22nd

+Carol Sladewski

"You will always be remembered with love"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 9th—St. Denis, Bishop St. John Leonardi, Priest

8:30am 8:30am +Russell Walker (Children)

Tuesday, October 10th—Weekday

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

Wednesday, October 11th—St. John XXIII, Pope

8:30am Judie Gruntkowski (Frank)

First Friday, October 13th—Weekday

8:30am Neroni Kozlowski Families (MaryJane Kozlowski)

Saturday, October 14th—St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

4:00pm +Helen Hrach (Fr. James Schmitz)

Sunday, October 15th—The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Ronald Vance (Beradine & Family)

Notes: The + before a person's name indicates that they are deceased. 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).

2024 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK

Our Mass Intention Book is now OPEN. **One Weekend Mass and One Weekday Mass—OR—Two Weekday Masses** will be available for you to request for a stipend of \$10 each. This system is in place to best accommodate the special intentions of all our parishioners. Sanctuary Candle Intentions will also be available for \$10 (to cover cost of candle replacement).

Though it's important to us to remember a person prayerfully on a particular day for sentimental reasons, God is beyond time and so will hear our prayers whenever they are offered. We must all accept the limitations of time and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation." -Fr. Jim

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

The first eleven chapters of Genesis have very little historical foundation but they teach religious truths in parable form. In Chapter One and Chapter Two, there are two quite different accounts of creation. Today we hear a part of the second account.

SECOND READING: Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Today and for the next six Sundays, our second reading will come from the Letter to the Hebrews. The section from which today's passage is taken is perhaps the New Testament's most profound commentary on the implications of Jesus becoming a human being.

SUNDAY Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

MONDAY Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13


FRIDAY Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

FAITH FORMATION

Continuing Sundays from 9:30a-10:45a for Grades 1-8. Parents & families of students welcome to join! For more info email Joann Deranek at jderanek@leothegreat.org

"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Matthew 21:43



ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH ORGANIZATION

Jesus identifies Himself with the need person whom you assist. As you approach the food baskets, remember His words, "I was hungry and you feed me." Next weekend, OCTOBER 14th AND 15th is our monthly food collection. We need your help. Help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization help others. The need is great.

Canned Corn	Canned Pasta Sauce	Scalloped Potatoes
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Canned Mixed Vegetables	Canned Baked Beans
Canned Pasta	Pancake Syrup	Canned Diced Tomatoes
Assorted Soups	Ramen Noodles	Tuna Fish
Rice & Noodle Sides	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Cereal
Canned Fruit	White Rice	Dishwashing Soap & Bar Soap
Cranberry Sauce	Canned Yams	Stuffing Mix

BLANKET SUNDAY

Next weekend is Blanket Sunday, sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. When you make a financial donation, your money will go even further through bulk purchases of the blankets and other items for the homeless and poor individuals in our own metropolitan area. Simply put your Cash or Check in one of the Blanket Sunday envelopes provided on the tables at the entrances of the Church or in any envelope you might have and mark it "SVDP Blanket Sunday." Please give someone a blanket for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling. Thank you!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul BLANKET SUNDAY DRIVE

Your donation allows the Society to make bulk purchases of blankets and other necessities for the poor, needy, homeless and disadvantaged in the Diocese of Cleveland. Thank you for your generosity!

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Parish _____

Donation Amount \$ _____



Place your **tax deductible** donation into the collection basket or mail it to:
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Diocese of Cleveland
1404 E. 9th St. Cleveland, OH 44114

Donate online at svdpcle.org

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Serving Others (Part 2 of 3)

Last week, we discussed reflecting on ways to serve others as a way to focus more on others than we do on ourselves and answer the call of Christ. However, sometimes we can take the good of self-sacrifice to the extreme, to the point that it becomes unhealthy. In my line of work, I have met people who are so busy helping others that their own mental health and spiritual life are neglected in the process. These individuals frequently forgo sleep, prayer, rest, and activities they enjoy to instead provide the same things for the other people in their lives. While it is good to sacrifice for and serve others, the extreme is not what God is calling us to. One of the best ways to reflect on the merit of our behaviors and activities is to ask one simple question- is this bringing me closer to Christ, or away from Christ? If our busybody lifestyle of serving others selflessly is leaving us feeling used, neglected, despairing, or discouraged, it may be time to reevaluate and change how we are acting. Serving others and ourselves is a delicate balance that needs to be revisited frequently. A great source to reflect on is the book "Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life" by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. If you find yourself struggling with serving others to a degree that is detrimental to your mental health and spiritual life, I recommend picking up the book and taking its message to prayer. Our first priority is to get ourselves to Heaven. Helping others get there is noble and virtuous, but we cannot afford to lose our own way in the process. —Luke Brown, LPCC



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PRACTICING CATHOLIC

"The Gift that Gives Back" by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... full. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

As part of our Parish's 75th Anniversary, we are going to be working on a refresh of our parish website. We launched it almost 10 years ago and it's been extremely helpful to those who are seeking to learn more about our parish. From there people are able to view our livestream of Mass, see our Mass times, learn about our parish school, view funeral information, and so much more. Though some of you may still rely on some of the more traditional forms of communication such as the newspaper or other print media, I can tell you that most of the younger generation almost exclusively use the internet. We receive hundreds of "hits" every week on our website from both parishioners as well as from those outside of our parish community. Many come to our website to find information or to contact us via email or phone call. One feature that I have found most helpful to myself as well as to those who wish to see me is the ability to make an appointment with me (or with Deacon Pat or Joan Berigan) quickly & easily by viewing our available days and times. There is so much on our website that the most difficult part of running it is trying to make it easy for people to find the information they are looking for quickly. So to that end, we will be working with the company who provides our live-streaming as they have just announced a website service which is specifically for faith communities. We will be porting our information over to them so while the site will look a bit different, it will still contain the information we currently have, but in a format that will be easier for you to find and view. Our website URL or "address" will remain the same (leothegreat.org) & we will let you know when it is up & running but we hope it will be before the end of this year. As always, please let us know what you find helpful or what information you would like available on our website. And know that you'll still be able to view it on a computer, tablet or even your phone as it will be properly scaled for each device.

This Tuesday I will be attending a priest convocation for all the priests of our diocese at St. Albert the Great in North Royalton. We were told that the Bishop has asked the Presbyteral Council (a group of priests who represent all the priests of the diocese) for input on a document concerning the manner in which Masses are scheduled in the diocese. The priests believe it's important for the faithful to understand that there is not only fewer priests to attend to the needs of the entire diocese but also far fewer people in the pews due to the crisis of faith that besets all religious denominations in our country and in our world. It becomes more challenging with fewer people to make vibrant celebrations of Mass for the people. A man from the Catholic Leadership Institute will be giving a presentation to us and of course there will be much discussion amongst the priests about this topic. I'll keep you informed.

I had the opportunity to spend time with the 8th graders of our parish school as they had a retreat day hosted by students from Trinity High School. The retreat day took place at Camp Christopher where I spent one summer after college as a camp counselor. I celebrated Mass for the students there which happened to be on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. It's always good to see our students hear high school students give witness to their Catholic faith.

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon Pat lead the Pet Blessing this weekend on Saturday by our outdoor shrine. I continue to grieve the loss of Michaela and think of her so often as I pray that she, like all dogs suggested in last week's cartoon posted here, have free entry into the Pearly Gates through the doggy door that is open to them all.

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 MONDAY 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!

Upcoming Meetings:

November 6th and December 4th

**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

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Sun. Envelope	\$	7,468.00
WeShare	\$	2,240.00
Total	\$	7,091.00
Cap. Improv	\$	534.00
WeShare	\$	180.00
Total	\$	714.00
SVDP	\$	145.00
WeShare	\$	120.00
Total	\$	265.00

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

St. Leo the Great Parish Festival

Friday, October 20 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 21 - 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Food

Honey Hut Ice Cream
cotton candy
Italian sausage sandwiches
with onions & peppers
empanadas*popcorn
pierogies*nachos
cabbage & noodles
and much more!

Dining Specials

****Friday****
Corned Beef/Reuben
platter or sandwich

****Saturday****
Roast Pork
with dumplings
and gravy

Games & More

Kiddie Games
\$5,000 Raffle
Games of Skill
Instant Bingo
Wheels
Gift Basket Raffle

Entertainment

****Friday****
6:00-10:00
Dawn to Dusk
****Saturday****
5:00-6:00 - DJ Pat Daley
(polkas)
6:00-10:00
Backtrax

THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

October 2, 2023

Congrats, Chuck Cramer !!!

FESTIVAL!

Festivals are a St. Leo tradition that goes back to its earliest days, as these photos from 1952 indicate. The tradition died out for a while in the late fifties, only to be revived in 1979 by Fr. William Eylar, pastor at that time. And it's time again to continue that tradition.





Early Voting Against Issues 1 & 2

Catholics are called to faithful citizenship, which means we must act when a moral question confronts our society by praying and fasting, educating ourselves and our neighbors, and making our voice heard when it's time to vote.

As followers of Christ, Catholics cannot be silent when the health and safety of women and preborn children are endangered by the vague language of Issue 1. We must also protect the health of children and safety of our communities, which are both threatened by the legalization of recreational marijuana proposed by Issue 2. Recreational marijuana puts children at risk by increasing exposure to harmful drugs when their development is most vulnerable. It also increases the likelihood of traffic fatalities and workplace accidents.

Visit www.voteohio.gov to **register to vote by October 10th**. Early voting begins October 11th – find your early voting location or request an absentee ballot at www.voteohio.gov to protect women, children, and communities in Ohio and **Vote NO on Issue 1 and Issue 2**.



The Catholic Conference of Ohio is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education. www.ohiocathconf.org

