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OCTOBER 1, 2023

THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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SCHOOL HOURS:

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.



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

www.leothegreat.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!

THANK YOU PARISH VOLUNTEERS

We extend much appreciation to the dedicated team of volunteers who were part of the parish clean-up on Saturday, September 16th. You may have noticed that weekend the shine on the pews from the thorough cleaning they received. What a great way to give back to the parish!

PARISH OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to the parish staff who put so much effort into upgrading the parish buildings and assisting with the open house. Thank you to everyone who stopped in -- the students who wanted to show off their school to their family members, the students who graduated over the years, the parents whose children attended the school, and the new parishioners who were curious about the buildings they have not seen. We enjoyed sharing with you as you took a walk down memory lane or toured the buildings for the very first time.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Early Drawing: And the winner of the final early bird drawing is *Marcia Dooley*! Did you miss out on the early bird drawings? 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.

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.

Did you already get your picture taken? Photos taken in August and September can be picked up in the rectory during the week or in the main vestibule of the church after the weekend Masses.



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.

Animal Blessing—October 7th at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

MEMORIES

One summer when the Festival was held outdoors, we awoke on Sunday morning to a steady rain. We checked with Fr. Russ on how he wanted to proceed since it looked like the final day of the Festival weekend would be a wash out. He told us to carry on, business as usual. The volunteers showed up with ponchos and umbrellas. The band played weather-appropriate songs like "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head", and people showed up to play games, eat food, and enjoy the afternoon. The rain eventually tapered off, and soon it was business as usual.

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.



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, October 6, 2023

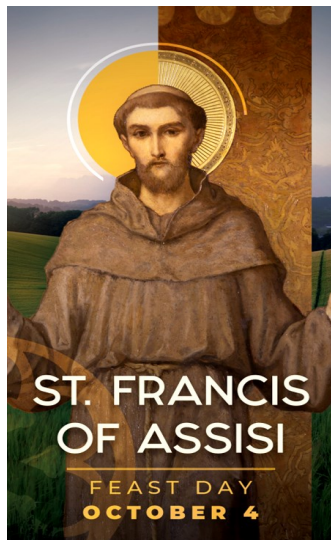
Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 8:30 a.m. morning Mass and close with Benediction at 4:45p.m. Come have a seat in our chapel and pray in the presence of Jesus. Pour out your cares, your worries and your fear; thank Him for His great sacrifice and mercy on us; praise Him with thanksgiving for all the moments he has helped us carry our own cross. Be still and hear Him speak.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, Oct. 7th @ 11:30am in the Marian Shrine

Bring your beloved pets/companions to be blessed.

All animals must be held or on a leash.



"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today."

"Do few things, but do them well. Simple joys are holy."

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received—only what you have given."

—St. Francis of Assisi

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, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virginia Soflkanacs, 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, Sara Stupic, Eileen Johnson and Judy Towalski.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

September 24th—October 8th

In Loving Memory of

Bill Kordick

"You Live on through us."

Love, Your Wife and Children

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 2nd—The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30am +Robert Strumbel (Louise Strumbel)

Tuesday, October 3rd—Weekday

8:30am +Ron Cook, +Jackie Nagy, +Jean Ulrich, +Miriam Fontaine

Wednesday, October 4th—St. Francis of Assisi (Melody Halsey)

8:30am Robert & Robin Vaughan (Holly Davis)

First Friday, October 6th—Weekday

8:30am All Souls in Purgatory (Ruth Delacerna)

Saturday, October 7th—Our Lady of the Rosary

4:00pm +Betty Kollar (Ron Kollar)

Sunday, October 8th—The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Larry Bronecki (Linda & 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: NUMBERS 11:25-29

The book of Numbers describes the wanderings of the Jewish people in the Sinai Desert. Earlier in the book, Moses had complained to God about the difficulties of governing so many people. In response, God had directed Moses to gather 70 elders around the meeting tent to receive a share in the administrative burdens. Today's passage picks it up from there.

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:1-6

Today we conclude our series of five readings from the letter of James. A major concern in this letter is social justice. Today, the author delivers a blistering attack, reminiscent of some of the Old Testament prophets.

SUNDAY Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

MONDAY Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

TUESDAY Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

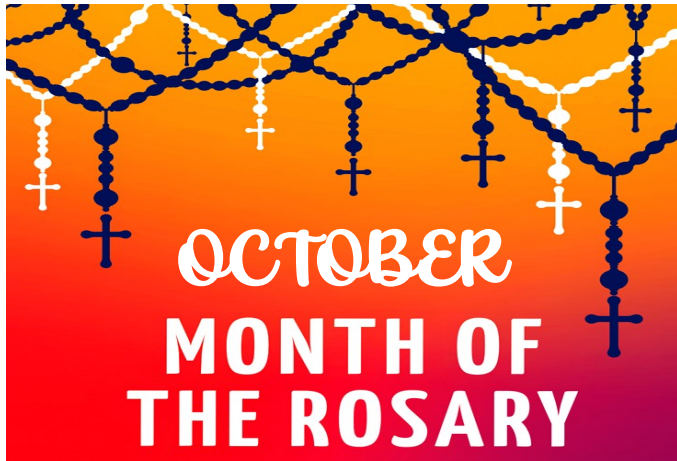
THURSDAY Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

FRIDAY Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

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



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Serving Others (Part 1 of 3)

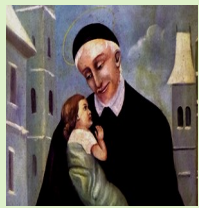
When it comes to serving others, I am reminded of a parable. The parable starts with an image of Hell where there is an enormous banquet of delicious food and everyone present is ravenous. Everyone has utensils attached to their hands that are three feet long and so they cannot scoop the food into their own mouths. Consequently, everyone remains hungry. Heaven is the same thing, except everyone is feeding the people around them. Christ tells the disciples that those who serve shall be first. When I reflect on this message within the context of mental health, it makes me think about how frequently people benefit from focusing on serving others and serving a larger purpose. We are called as Catholics to live like Christ and serve others, but we often can lose focus of this call and instead focus too much on ourselves. When we serve others, we make a gift of ourselves to them and we recognize that there is more to life and the world than just our thoughts, desires, and feelings. This is the larger purpose that allows us to get outside of ourselves for a time. These acts often result in feelings of purpose, joy, peace, and a closer relationship with Christ. A greater sense of purpose is also an incredible way to avoid or decrease some of the mental health issues that we face such as depression and anxiety. I want to remind everyone that there is a balance between focusing on ourselves and serving others, which we will discuss more in part two of this series. This week, consider praying about new ways to serve others or simply to recognize and reflect on the ways that you already serve others in your work, family life, and friendships.

—Luke Brown, LPCC



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ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH ORGANIZATION



The SVDP Outreach Organizations **THANKS YOU!** Thank you for your donations to the *Back to School Drive*. With your help we were able to donate \$500.00 to St. Leo's School to

purchase needed school supplies for students of our parish school. A sincere thank you to all of our parishioners who assisted with their donations and prayers!

BLANKET SUNDAY COMING SOON

The weekend of October 14 and 15th marks the 37th annual blanket Sunday collection to help the poor. This collection is sponsored by the diocesan Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Due to sanitary concerns and lack of storage space, we will gratefully except your financial donation, and do the shopping for you, making your money, go even further, with both purchases of blankets and other items needed by the homeless and disadvantaged.

Simply put your cash or check in one of the blanket Sunday envelopes that are on the tables at the entrance of the church, or in any envelope you may have and mark it "Saint Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday", then drop it in the collection basket or at the rectory office. Please "blanket" someone for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling.



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

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

"The Vineyard" by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin? When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "Show me, don't tell me." "I'll believe it when I see it."

It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple. It doesn't matter if we intend to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way. Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention. But all this begs the question: what does the work mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go? My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

"Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way." — Psalm 25:8

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to Tom & Lorraine Vetrick as we welcome their son Mason into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. May he know the personal love of God his Savior as he is washed clean in the waters of baptism.

Thanks to John & Jeannie Sabol who have arranged our vestibule display to show pictures from our Preschool over the years. Our Preschool children are now in the main school building instead of on the 2nd floor of the Parish Center, where we hope they can take advantage of the gym, cafeteria and other amenities of our school building.

Eucharistic Ministers who bring Holy Communion to the sick are asked to request a prayer card that they can use when taking the Eucharist to people in their homes, hospital or nursing facilities. It's a simple rite which helps to connect their reception of Holy Communion to the liturgy of the Church. You can request one from the Mass Coordinator or from myself or Deacon Pat or Joan Berigan.

This past Tuesday would have been Michaela's 11th birthday. So I thought I would include this cartoon picture which shows why all dogs can go to heaven, and not just "Saint" Bernards.

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!

Upcoming Meetings:

October 4th, November 1st and December 6th

**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, September 24, 2023

Sun. Envelope	\$	5,456.00
WeShare	\$	1,635.00
Total	\$	7,091.00
Cap. Improv	\$	284.00
WeShare	\$	60.00
Total	\$	344.00
SVDP	\$	0.00
WeShare	\$	10.00
Total	\$	10.00

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

CURRENT GIFT CARD DEALS

Buy a \$25 Cinemark Gift Card
and get a FREE \$10 Gift Card to Wendy's!
Stop by the Rectory Office and ask us about our deals!



SEEKING NEW CHOIR MEMBERS!

We practice every Wednesday from
6:30p – 8:00p in the sanctuary. We sing every other Sunday
at the 11:00a Mass. No previous experience or training
required, just a love of music and singing. Can't commit
every week? Consider being a cantor.
Interested? Reach out to Mickey or Mary at the organ after
any Mass or express your interest via email at:
mstitt@leothegreat.org.

EXPERIENCE LOVE THAT HEALS

7 WEEK SERIES

FOLLOWING

BE HEALED BY

DR. BOB SCHUCHTS

JOURNEY DEEPER INTO THE REDEEMING
LOVE OF THE FATHER

TUESDAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 3RD

9:00-10:30 AM OR 7:00-8:30 PM

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St. Leo the Great Parish

Presents

Eucharist

A CHALLENGING TRUTH TO SWALLOW
Every sign that God gives us says ... BELIEVE!

Speaker: Trapper Jack

After 30 years away from the Church, it was
Blessed Mother Mary who brought blind radio
host, Trapper Jack, back.

A series of miraculous encounters re-ignited
his faith and now fuel his inspirational talks.

Since departing secular radio, Trapper has used
his microphone to share his faith through uplifting presentations,
the *Touched by Heaven* podcast, and *Men's Morning Light* on
YouTube.



Sunday, October 15, 6:00 PM

4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109

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

September 25, 2023

Congrats, James Martin!!!





Catholic Support for Women

Our state is facing a change to the constitution that threatens pregnant women and preborn children. Just as Jesus defended vulnerable women, the Catholic Church in Ohio stands in radical solidarity with pregnant women and those affected by abortion through various ministries:

- **Walking with Moms in Need** – Offers material resources such as clothing, food, and baby supplies, and personal accompaniment to pregnant women
- **Catholic Charities** – Sponsors educational programs for expecting mothers and fathers and accompanies families into parenting; Supports families with programs related to housing, food insecurity, and other needs
- **Project Rachel** – Provides confidential post-abortive healing to women and men affected by abortion

The Catholic Church in Ohio also advocates for the needs of mothers, children, and families. The Catholic voice in public policy has helped build a culture of life in Ohio by eliminating sales tax on baby products, investing money in housing for pregnant women, extending a cash assistance program through all months of pregnancy, and creating a new doula program to address infant and maternal mortality rates. As Catholics, we must support women and children in need by

Voting NO on Issue 1.



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

