



September 3, 2023  
The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday | 9:00am—4:00pm

Saturday | 12:00pm—5:00pm

Sunday | 9:00am—12:00pm

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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–FRIDAY: 8:00a.m.–1:00p.m.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

### WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a, or anytime by request or appointment.

## NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses are asked to contact the Rectory Office or use our website.

## BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to contact the Rectory Office to make arrangements.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparations and arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with a priest. Only then can a wedding date be confirmed.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

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



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Good and Gracious God, You created human beings in Your image and likeness and gave us dominion over creation to be stewards of the land and co-creators of Your Kingdom. Jesus, You became one of us and labored as a carpenter. You ask all people -- whatever our state of life -- to follow you faithfully. Holy Spirit, bless all workers this Labor Day. May all our actions be animated by Your love, as we do all things for the glory of God. Amen.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Over the years the Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization has given temporary assistance to people as emergencies occur. At times, people find themselves unable to keep up with day-to-day expenses. When you pass by the Poor Boxes, help our members reach out and help a needy family with your donations. If you prefer, you can also put your Cash or Check in an envelope and mark the envelope "SVDP Outreach" and put it in the Collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. We thank you very much!

### FESTIVAL NEWS

The parish Festival will be Friday, October 20th, and Saturday, October 21st, this year. Each parish family is asked to participate in the Festival raffle. The Festival raffle tickets are in the main vestibule of the church. Due to space constraints, raffle tickets for zip codes 44109, 44131, 44134 and 44144 are in the vestibule. Parishioners living outside those zip codes can pick up their tickets in the Rectory Office. Please pick up your packet of tickets before or after Mass on the weekends. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 21st).



### RAFFLE TICKET DELIVERY

We are in need of people to help deliver the remaining raffle tickets. If you are interested, please contact Nancy at [nzola@leothegreat.org](mailto:nzola@leothegreat.org) or (216) 661-1006. Thank you!

### 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](mailto:nzola@leothegreat.org).

### PARISHIONER PHOTOS

Did you miss the opportunity the first weekend? In conjunction with the 75th anniversary of the parish, a photographer will be available in the vestibule after each of the Masses the weekend September 9th & 10th. This is an opportunity for you and your family to be part of the memories for this year and future years. No advance registration required. Refreshments will be available and participants will get a free 5" x 7" photo. Already have your photo taken?? You can pick up a 5" x 7" photo courtesy of the photographer from the rectory office during the week or the main vestibule after all of 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](http://leothegreat.org). Under "Organizations" tab select *Alumni Association*. We hope to hear from you!

**Parish Service Day** — Pitch in with fellow parishioners to make our parish buildings shine for our 75th anniversary!

**Parish Open House**—An opportunity to see changes taken place over the last 75 years!

**Presentation on the Eucharist**—Oct. 15th at 6:00 p.m. (in the church)

**Rosary** —Monday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m.

### MEMORIES

*The school year always began after Labor Day. At the beginning of the school year, the students were each given hardback Phonics, Geography, History and other books to last the year. There was a box stamped in the front or back of the book for your name and the school year. It was interesting to see how long the books were in use and who used them before you did. We were supposed to take the books home and cover them with a removal covering (never contact paper!). A local insurance agency provided some book covers that had instructions for cutting and folding the cover to fit the different sized books. There were never enough covers for all the books so parents had to use their crafting skills to make book covers from brown paper grocery bags and wrapping paper. At the end of the school year, each student had to return their books after first removing the cover and then using an eraser to clean the edges of the pages.*

Share *YOUR* memories with us! Submit them to [nzola@leothegreat.org](mailto: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](mailto:photos@leothegreat.org).



Sr. M. Joella Bielinski  
when she taught at St. Leo's



circa 2021

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## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



### LABOR DAY MASS

Monday, September 4th, is Labor Day. God has given us many gifts and talents, and we reap the benefits of our labors. Give thanks for these many gifts and talents at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Labor Day. Weather permitting, Mass will be held at the outdoor shrine.

### ROSARY

**Monday, September 11th at 7:00p.m.**

Please join us in honoring Mary by praying the rosary in the Marian shrine. Please bring a lawn chair as limited seating is available. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be said in church. What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

## PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virginia 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, Betty Popow, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, 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, and John Gierlach.

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

August 27th—September 10th

In Loving Memory of  
**Joe Jares**

Love,  
Your Family



**William Prebel**  
**SS. Cosmas and Damian**  
**Twinsburg, Year One**

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, September 4th—Labor Day**

9:00am For all those work & and all those who seek work

**Tuesday, September 5th—Weekday**

8:30am +Joe Lovano (Family)

**Wednesday, September 6th—Weekday**

8:30am +Therese Pauloski (Grace & Brothers)

**Friday, September 8th—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30am +William Hinton, Sr. & +William Hinton, Jr. (Betty Hinton)

**Saturday, September 9th—St. Peter Claver, Priest**

4:00pm +Deceased Classmates of Blessed Sacrament

Class of 1971 (Mark Scurka)

**Sunday, September 10th— The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Dan Sunyak (Sunyak 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 will open on September 11th after the 8:30a.m. Mass. 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. Lines during the first day or two of opening can resemble lines you might see on Black Friday while shopping. In other words, please be considerate of each other and patient with our staff as they work diligently to see that your requests are fulfilled :) Sanctuary Candle Intentions will also be available for \$10 (to cover cost of candle replacement).

*"It's wonderful that so many wish to have Mass offered for themselves or on behalf of another (living or deceased) but we only have so many Masses per year and so must limit how many intentions you can have. And of course several people may want Mass to be offered on a particular day because it someone's anniversary of birth or death or for some other reason, but we must understand that there is only 1 intention per day (except possibly on Sunday when there may be 2). Though it's important for 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: JEREMIAH 20:7-9** Jeremiah often anguished over the difficulty in being a prophet. Proclaiming God's message made him very unpopular. Today we hear why he still felt compelled to do that.

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-2** Toward the end of Paul's letter to the Romans, he deals with the moral demands made on those who follow Christ. In today's reading, Paul reminds us that living a Christian life -- which so often includes sacrifice -- is like an act of liturgical worship in which we offer ourselves to God.

**SUNDAY** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

**MONDAY** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

**TUESDAY** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

**WEDNESDAY** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

**THURSDAY** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

**FRIDAY** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**SATURDAY** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

## A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Today's Gospel reading relays the story of Jesus telling St. Peter to "get behind me Satan." This can be jarring to read, especially as it follows immediately after Matthew's account of Jesus telling Peter that he is the rock upon which he will build his church! How is it that St. Peter can be both "Satan" and "Rock?" I think that we can all identify with having moments of triumph and moments of great weakness. Sometimes they may even follow right after one another as they do here for Peter! There are some important lessons that we can learn from this Gospel and from Peter's very human, relatable moments. Firstly, we all have moments where we do the right thing, make good choices, and put God first. Jesus celebrates one such moment when Peter is the first to recognize that he is the Messiah. We should also celebrate our successes. Secondly, we all will also have moments of failure, like when Peter tries to stop Jesus from fulfilling his call to lay down his life for the world.

We too fall on our faces sometimes and make choices we regret. And sometimes we too need the Lord to point out to us where those areas are for growth. Peter took the correction of the Lord and went on to become St. Peter, our first pope. His life shows us that even with many bumps along the road, it is possible for all of us to become saints. He persevered through his weakness and trusted in the Lord to supply what he lacked. When we feel discouraged about our own mistakes and weaknesses, let us remember the life of Peter. I leave you with this quote from Pope John XXIII. "Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible for you to do." —Luke Brown, LPCC



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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP "Obsessed with Possessions"

By: Tracy Earl Welliver

How many public self-storage facilities can you find in your city or town? They seem to be popping up everywhere. One day I was talking to my neighbor and he was explaining that he just wanted to have his garage back again. He was thinking about moving everything to a storage unit so he could gain what he wanted more than all that stuff: space. We talked about the fact that if he chose to follow through with it there was no shortage of places to house all of it. Of course, we also agreed that it would be better to simply let go of all it. He could sell it or give it away. But, of course it was good stuff! So good, in fact, one was tempted to rent a whole new space to house it!

I am not against stuff in principle, but I do realize that stuff can become a stumbling block to real freedom. Sometimes our possessions take on an importance that begins to dictate how we act or how we give of ourselves to God and others. An everyday steward seeks detachment from things of this world that will one day pass away. Things that we possess should be seen as pathways into experiences that glorify God whether they allow us to serve others, enrich our lives lived daily for God, or even help make leisure and recreation time resting in God's presence easier. But the simpler the life, the fewer distractions there are from focusing on those we love and our relationship with God. And besides, do you really think a monthly payment to house stuff you don't really need is the best stewardship way of life?

*Then Jesus said to his disciples,  
 "If anyone wants to follow after me,  
 let him deny himself,  
 take up his cross, and follow me."*

—Mt 16:26-27



## God Bless our Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff on the 1st Day Back to School



Lord, as teachers and students prepare for and make their way into a new school year here at St. Leo the Great, we ask that You send your angels to guard and guide them through their days. We thank you for delivering this faculty and staff to us and trust that they've found themselves at home here this school year with great purpose and reason. We pray that their patience and kindness is rewarded by the ways they work with one another to build comradery. May they remember to keep You, Lord, at the center of their positions to not only live out your Gospel and live in the light of your Truth, but to also lean into it so that they may find rest in moments that challenge them. May they always remember to practice discernment when searching for answers. Please watch over the students. May they hear Your call daily in all the little ways you reveal Yourself to us all and meet us where we are. May they learn, above all, how to recognize your Love— true love—and to come to know how to reflect Your love and compassion—Your gentle and simple ways— in their own lives...especially when faced with growing pains. Lastly, please, we ask that you watch over the parents of these students. Present to them, in all your beautiful and perfect ways, a reminder, if not the reason itself, why they've found themselves enrolling their child at this Parish School. If they have fallen away from their friendship with You...or have yet to be introduced to You at all... if they feel they've gone too far for too long in the wrong direction ... meet them and help them find their footing again so they may trust in your goodness, your mercy and forgiveness. Guide them home to Your Church so that they, along with the hope and mission of St. Leo School, can be a bigger part in the formation of Faith that their child experiences in this place. We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen,



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Lorraine Konefal was a parishioner whom I will always remember walking to her pew (always the first row in front of the tabernacle) with her cane and her large brim hat that she always wore to Mass. I was glad to have had the opportunity to see her a final time at the new Metro Hospital just a couple of weeks ago when I anointed her & talked about her life. We celebrated her funeral Mass last Tuesday & remembered how she spent many years as a model and dance instructor who also loved to travel. She won many contests such as Miss Valley View, Miss January and Miss Lorain (to name just a few). Lorraine can be seen talking to Bishop Malesic on the large poster above the display case in the vestibule. That picture was taken last year when the Bishop was here to celebrate Mass at the beginning of our 75<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary. Lorraine was a devout Catholic who attended Mass faithfully and had a devotion to St. Terese & to the Blessed Mother. May she now rejoice with them in her eternal home.

Did you notice the newly painted sloping roof of our church when you drove in for Mass today? It once sported the gold color that Fr. Russ Lowe wanted to remind him of Notre Dame. It is now a dark brown color and I suspect you think that is meant to remind you of the Cleveland Browns (I could have gone with orange too but somehow that just didn't seem to be the right color). But in reality it took a bit of thought to come up with the right color. I initially wanted to restore the original color but it was difficult to determine exactly what that was, though some of you may recall what it was. From old pictures dating back to 1959, it appeared to be either a cement color or even white which may have matched the stones on the arches around the church before they became dirty and weathered. I finally thought that it might be best to match the color of the new awnings that we placed at the entrances of the buildings which designate what those buildings are. When you see it as you drive in, I am hoping that you will be reminded of chocolate, because that best describes the color. If you like the color, please let me know. If you don't, please send an email or text to Nina Capone, our Office Manager, or to Mary Lynn Haldi, one of our Receptionists. They will file your complaint in the appropriate filing cabinet drawer for when it is painted again in 10 years.

The new handicapped ramp, seating area & concrete parking spaces by Lux Hall should also be completed by the time you read this. We hope it will provide much easier access for people who need to enter the gym via a wheelchair or walker, rather than having to make the long trip through the side entrance of the school building, then through the cafeteria & hallways. This also brings to completion the numerous updates in our school building which includes air conditioning in the cafeteria, new windows throughout the school & in the gym, new tables in the cafeteria, all new desks & lockers in the classrooms and new remotely controlled locks on all the doors & cameras throughout all the buildings. I am grateful to Mrs. Denise Burns, our Principal, for the many grants she was able to attain which helped pay for many of these projects.

Mass for Labor Day will be at 9am on Monday (outside, weather-permitting) and of course the Rectory Office will be closed as usual. We welcome our students back to school this Tuesday and ask God to bless them and our teachers and staff as we begin a new school year.

Congratulations to Jill Kramer (who worked in our rectory office many years ago!) & to her husband Nathaniel Frances as they were married last Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. May God grant them many years of happiness together.

*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:

September 6th, October 4th & November 1st

**If you have any questions,  
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by  
email: [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

## BLANKET SUNDAY

The 37th Annual Blanket Sunday in-parish appeal kicks off the weekend of October 14-15, 2023. Last year, funds from the appeal were used to purchase 5,400+ new winter blankets that were provided to people experiencing homelessness and 138 beds/mattresses for low-income individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio. The need is great and donations can be made securely online: [svdpcle.org/donate/blanket-sunday-donations/](https://svdpcle.org/donate/blanket-sunday-donations/).



Checks may also be mailed to: St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday, 1404 East 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114. Thank you for helping us "blanket" neighbors in warmth and compassion!

## UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

\*Check the bulletin boards at the church entrance for more details



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

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AMISH COUNTRY

Monday, November 13, 2023

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Shopping at: Sol's in Berlin, Schrock Heritage Village, Tis The Season, Coblenz Chocolates, Walnut Creek Cheese, and Breitenbach Winery, Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant (included)

**Deadline: Monday, October 23rd!!!**

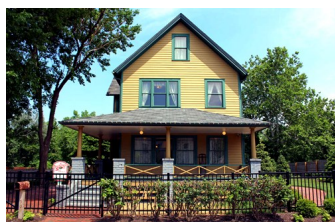
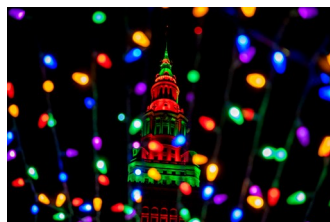
## JACK CASINO | Christmas Lights Display

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Cost: \$34 per person

Casino Bonus: \$10 | \$5.55 Senior Lunch Public Square & Christmas Story House

**Deadline : November 17, 2023**



Reminder: Please park your vehicles closest to W.25th (back entrance) on the day of the event to keep access to our church and rectory office easy for daily visitors.

## KOHL'S CURRENT GIFT CARD DEALS

Buy 1 \$25 Kohl's Gift Card  
Get 1 \$10 Papa John's Gift Card  
**FREE**



Stop by the Rectory Office and ask us about our deals!



## THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

August 28, 2023

Congratulations,  
Thomas Basic!!!

## 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!

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Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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Donate online at [svdpcle.org](https://svdpcle.org)



Sunday, August 27, 2023

Sun. Envelope	\$	5,081.89
WeShare	\$	1,330.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,411.89</b>
Cap. Improv	\$	160.00
WeShare	\$	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>200.00</b>
SVDP	\$	60.00
WeShare	\$	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>70.00</b>

Thank you for  
you continued  
generosity and  
support of

St. Leo the  
Great Parish !

## 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 - CLEVELAND, OHIO



### WHERE'S TODAY'S MASS?

One of the challenges of founding a parish is the distinct lack of a structure where Mass can be celebrated. And at St. Leo's these locations varied.

Sunday Masses were initially celebrated at the (1)**Benjamin Franklin School auditorium on Spring Road**, like this early (2)**First Holy Communion Mass**, possibly in 1950.

Daily Masses were first celebrated at the (3)**Home of Bill Heminger at the corner of Broadale and Saratoga**. The house was also used for organizational meetings.

Eventually, St. Leo's needed a rectory, and in 1949 Fr. Lux purchased this (4)**House on Broadview Road south of Cook Ave.** with financial assistance from his sister. The addition on the right was built to accommodate daily masses. This house eventually became a convent for the school nuns.

In the spring of 1949, Fr. Lux approached parishioners to build a church structure on the parish property, and in three evenings they completed the job.

(5)**This photo is a symbol of the St. Leo spirit**, where parishioners, if they are asked, will do what they can for the community.

We're not sure of all the names of the men in this building crew, but the bald man is Myron Rosby. Barney Darmstadt and Leo Kudlaty are also in this photo. The important question, though, is, what's missing here? And the answer is windows. They had apparently finished the church and realized that the structure had no windows.

But here's the (6)**Inside of the finished structure—with windows**. It appears that it accommodated about 190 worshippers. You don't see it, but there was also a small pump-style reed organ, which provided music for the Masses. This is possibly the only First Holy Communion Mass celebrated in the temporary church, which was obviously crowded. —John Sabol

