

July 2, 2023 The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary

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SCHOOL HOURS: Please note that our School Office is currently operating under *Summer Hours* while school is not in session.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00a.m.--1:00p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

WEEKDAYS

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

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

BAPTISMS

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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

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



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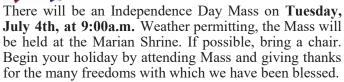


Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.



Reminder: The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th in observance of the holiday and will reopen Wednesday, July 5th.

🎶 Independence Day Mass



WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

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

2024 GUIDE BOOKS

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Please be sure to view the back page of this bulletin to view and complete the form for our Parish Records and for the 2024 Guide Book. This book is being

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

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Please 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. Visit our website at leothegreat.org. Under *Organizations* click on *Alumni Association*. We hope to hear from you!

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

Parish Picnic -- will be held in August -- please check the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks

Photo Opportunity -- July 29th & 30th and September 9th & 10th 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. More details to follow.

October 15th -- Presentation on the Eucharist at 6pm (in the church)

MEMORIES

For the longest time, the statues of St. Joseph and the Virgin Mary were on separate sides of the sanctuary. When the church was renovated, the statues were moved to the same side of the church, and a statue of Jesus as a child was added. They were finally united as the Holy Family.

Do you have a favorite memory from the past 75 years? If so, please submit it to nzola@leothegreat.org. We also welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Do you have any photos from the Mass with the Bishop and social on October 9th? Please forward photos to: photos@leothegreat.org



The statues in church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and St. Anne are the same statues that were in the old church which was at

the south end of the school.

T-Shirts: Have you seen the 75th anniversary T-shirts? Orders are being taken now through July 23rd. Adult T-Shirts are \$15.00 each. Youth sizes are available at \$12.00. Proceeds will benefit the charities supported by our parish. Order forms are available in the rectory office or you can complete the form on the left, place in an envelope with payment and drop in the collection basket.



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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on July 7th beginning after the 8:30am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 4:45pm. You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere.

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virgina Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Megan Arena, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, MaryKay Simonek, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Kenneth Lees, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Claudia Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett, Nancy Dighero, Shawn Calvey, Gloria Madonia and Sharon Rock



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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.

REST IN PEACE
Nancy Montali

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 3rd—St. Thomas, Apostle

8:30am +Dennis Dina (Sandy Plato)

Tuesday, July 4th—Independence Day Mass

9:00am Jane & Michael Malinosky 40th Wedding Anniversary

■ Wednesday, July 5th—Weekday

8:30am +Nette Wilde (Cora Dejelo)

First Friday, July 7th—Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

8:30am People of the Parish

Saturday, July 8th—St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of Church

4:00pm +Dolores Fricker (Wendy Zachary)

Sunday, July 9th—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Joe Jares (Family)

11:00am +Jacob, +Katie, and +Bruce (Friends)

Since there is no Mass here at St. Leo's on <u>Thursdays</u> you can attend Mass at one of our other local parishes; St. Charles (7am), St. Barbara (7:30am), St. Francis de Sales (8:45am) or Mary Queen of

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 4:8-11, 14-16

Elisha, who lived about 800 years before Christ, succeeded the great prophet Elijah, and was noted for his miraculous deeds. Today we hear of one such deed performed in gratitude for the hospitality given to him and his servant Gehazi.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 6: 3-4, 8-11

[Today and for many Sundays hereafter, our second reading will be taken from Paul's letter to the Romans.] In a previous section of his letter to the Romans, Paul taught that we sinners are reconciled to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now Paul notes that we experience this dying and rising when, in the immersion form of baptism, we are symbolically, "buried" in the water and emerge to new life.

SUNDAY 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

MONDAY Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

WEDNESDAY Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

THURSDAY Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/ Mt 9:9-13

SATURDAY Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17





A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As a boy my favorite board game was "Chutes and Ladders." The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That's life, isn't it? At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we "surely will not lose our reward." The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that's the difference between chutes and ladders. — Father John Muir

PRACTICING CATHOLIC "A Prophet's Reward" By: Colleen Dorman "Move back in with us until you save enough

"Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house," my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn't understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today's first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me—specifically, in whose name she received me.

I've always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents' acts of love — toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I've finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don't come cheap. They come from the cross.

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

- Matthew 10:39

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP"Put God First" By: Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

It took five years of marriage before I was ready to have that first baby. Of course, now that I have three children I cannot imagine a life without them. After twenty-five years, I cannot imagine life without my wife as well.

And I know that I am lucky. I know those who have lost children or have been widowed. They couldn't imagine life without their loved ones either.

The tough reality to digest is that we don't own those whom we love. They are all gifts from God, entrusted to each of us as good stewards. If we cling too tightly, we become like the steward who buried his talents in the ground. If we don't care enough, we become like the prodigal son who squandered his gifts on gambling and frivolous living.

But can we love our loved ones too much? I am not sure it is possible to love others too much if it is genuine love. However, if we truly love them, then we will want to lead them to the One that gave them to us in the first place: God. We do that by demonstrating that no one comes before God in our lives, not even our family.

In this world, our loved ones make living meaningful. But this world is not the end. As much as we love them here, our ultimate goal is for them to live eternally with God. May my wife and kids never think I chose them over God, so that they may choose God over all else, as well.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

For the last several years we have been renting out the large room of the Parish Center and it has gone very well over all, but not infrequently we find that people do not follow the rules (such as no alcohol use or taping things to the ceiling) which causes liability to us or damage to the space. So we will continue to rent out that space but only to active parishioners (approved by me) and to parents of our school children. It is a great space that can hold around 75 people, with an overflow room (the "Conference Room") which has a large table and about 12 chairs for additional seating. We have a full kitchen, 2 restrooms, and a lot of parking. The building is also handicap accessible. We also have a large TV in the space with an Apple TV for displaying pictures, etc., a large whiteboard and a drop down screen for use with the projector that is installed in the ceiling. We will keep our prices very reasonable (very competitive with surrounding places). If you are interested in finding out more information about the rental of this space, please see our website or contact Miss Nadia whose contact information is available on the front of the parish bulletin. Many have used this space for parties for baptism, anniversaries, first communions & confirmations, birthdays, baby & wedding showers, etc.

Our rectory office will be closed on both Monday and Tuesday of this week in observance of the holiday. Mass will be celebrated outdoors at the shrine (weather permitting) on Tuesday, July 4th, at 9am. Chairs and benches are available so you need not bring your own.

Thanks to John & Jeanne Sabol for displaying new pictures in the vestibule which include a variety of school, festival and recent pictures. Be sure to take a look!

In keeping with the command of Jesus in last week's gospel that we speak in the light what is so often kept in the darkness, I would like to include here some words from our Bishop on the one year anniversary of the reversal or Roe v. Wade:

As we approach the first anniversary of the Supreme Court of the United States' Dobbs v. Jackson decision, which overturned the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion in all 50 states, I'd like us all to remember the Catholic Church's teaching on the inherent dignity and immeasurable value of human life. We are brothers and sisters in the human family, created in the image and likeness of God, and we are called to protect and care for each other – from conception to natural death.

In the year since the Dobbs decision last June 24, we applied the many states that have acted to protect preborn children, and are saddened by those that have moved to enshrine abortion into law -- and tragically in some cases -- up until birth. In Ohio, there likely will be a constitutional amendment on the November ballot that seeks to do the latter – expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of existing protections for women and preborn children.

The Diocese of Cleveland has developed and supports many ministries to serve expectant mothers who face unplanned pregnancies and those who find it difficult to care for their children after they are born. From Catholic Charities programs and services, to the Christ Child Society to Zelie's Home, women faced with these challenging circumstances are provided with mother and infant necessities, medical and mental health care, job training and education, housing, and adoption and foster care services. Our goal is that every parish in our diocese connect women in their time of need and beyond with the many resources available to them, enabling them to choose life.

In Jame 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.

WOMEN'S RENEWAL

Past Members are planning a reunion for all women who have attended: Renewal Weekend, Day of Recollection, Christ Renews His Church, Arise Groups, Ministry Groups, and/or Home Bible Study Groups during the past 47 years or more at St. Leos!

Ladies, please join us on Sunday, July 9th, 2023 from 2-5 in the Parish Center.

Bring your memories, photos and study books from your groups to share. It will be an afternoon of fellowship, prayer, song and food—not to mention a great way to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St. Leos Church!

If you would like to attend please call one of the ladies below to RSVP by July 5, 2023!

GIFT CARDS | DEAL OF THE WEEK



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



Stop over at the Rectory Office and ask us about the deals we have going on in our inventory!

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS



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



RIVERS CASINO | Pittsburgh, PA Wednesday, August 16, 2023 \$48.00 per person \$20 slot play \$5 food credit Deadline: Monday, July 17th!!!



AMISH COUNTRY

Annual Fall Shopping Monday, September 11, 2023 Lunch at Berlin Farmstead (included) \$80 per person

Deadline: Monday, August 21st!!!



SENECA NIAGARA (*overnight stay*) Thursday, October 12th, 2023 Casino Bonus \$35 slot play \$15 food credit



SENECA ALLEGANY

Friday, October 13th, 2023 Casino Bonus \$25 slot play

Deadline: Friday, September 1st!!!

Cost: \$287.00 per person-single occupancy \$196.00 per person-double occupancy \$188.00 per person-triple occupancy

PARISHALKSUPPORT

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Sun. Envelope	\$ 5,528.00	Thank you for	
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WeShare	\$ 20.00	Great Parish!	
Total	\$ 20.00		



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

 FATHER'S DAY
 JUNE 26TH

 \$200.00
 \$100.00

 TIM PEAK
 NANCY ZOLA



HONOR ROLL

NameGradeHonorsMadison Messer11Second HonorsLauren Osbourne12First Honors

*Lauren was named Trinity's Ambassador of the Year, received the Four-Year Instrumental Music Award and will be attending Xavier University, where she's received a Leadership Award, and will be studying Psychology/Criminal Justice.

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CEMETERY

Memorial Abbey Mausoleum

Companion crypt above ground entombment for sale.

Call Bob Sevel with any questions 216-816-7853

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Now is the time to update your information for our parish database <u>and</u> the 2024 Guide Book!!!

Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory office or place it in the collection basket. You may also fill out this information online at leothegreat.org! Please call the rectory office at 216.661.1006 or email Nina at ncapone@leothegreat.org with any questions. Thank you.

Family Name (i.e. SMITH, John & Jane)	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address (for office use only—will not be included in guide book)	

Place a next to <u>ALL</u> that apply!

Please Include <u>ALL</u> of the above information in the 2024 Guide Book		Update your system with the above information as it is most current
Do Not Include my Address		Update the Rectory Database <u>but</u> DO NOT submit to 2024 Guide Book
Do Not Include my Phone Number		

Thank you for your help in this effort that is being made to better serve the parishioners of St. Leo the Great!



Have you moved into the area recently or joined us for Mass and would like to register with our Parish family? Please stop by the rectory office or give us a call at 216-661-1006. You can always visit our website as well at leothegreat.org for more information. We look so forward to meeting you!