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THE 31ST 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 website today.

www.leothegreat.org



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PARISHIONER PHOTOS



If you had your photo taken in August, September, or October, your pictures can be picked up in the Rectory Office during the week or in the main vestibule of the church after the weekend Masses. Thanks to all of you who took part in this opportunity!

75TH ANNIVERSARY MASS & DINNER

The 75th parish anniversary celebration will conclude on Sunday, November 12th, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please plan to join us at this special Mass. A closing dinner will follow at Noon in Lux Hall. The dinner will include salad, choice of entrees, and dessert. Tickets for the dinner are \$10.00 and will be available at the rectory beginning the week of October 23rd. **Don't miss out – the final date for purchasing dinner tickets is Sunday, November 5th.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



With the leaves falling and the weather turning colder your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization is getting more requests for food. We presently serve 36 families. Our monthly food collection is next weekend. We are especially in need of:

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

THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION

This year the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will be giving to our clients a gift card to purchase their Thanksgiving Turkey and additional items to make their Thanksgiving more complete. If you are able, please consider a donation to help with these expenses. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVPD Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection basket or turn it in to the Rectory Office. We appreciate you helping us to make their dinner complete.



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!

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

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

Prayer Service in Remembrance of the Deceased | will take place later this month; date yet to be determined.

MEMORIES

Before the current rectory was built, the parish office and the residence for the priests were housed in the two-story building at the northwest corner of Silverdale and Broadview Road. One Halloween the neighborhood kids took a chance and stopped at the rectory office while trick-or-treating. As it turned out, the housekeeper at the rectory did have treats for the kids -- little boxes of candy. The rectory became a regular Halloween stop after that.

On the Sunday closest to Halloween the Sunday school students would dress up as saints and process from the school to the church. At the right moment during the homily, the priest would ask the children to process around the church where they were greeted by the smiling congregation.

The annual Cub Scout Halloween party was fun for the whole family-- the Scouts, their parents, and their younger siblings. One such Halloween party was especially memorable for the younger children in attendance. One of the dads took a cue from the saints for his costume and dressed up as St. John the Baptist. Although the costume was clever and creative, it frightened most of the children. The costumed St. John the Baptist hid his head under a fake stump of a neck protruding from the top of his clothes. He held a mannequin head glued to a platter. The parents finally convinced him to not wear the costume so the kids could enjoy the party.

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

PRO-LIFE MEETING

The Pro-life group will be meeting on Wednesday November 15, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. This month we will be studying and discussing the reactions and repercussions of the November election.

**ALL ARE WELCOME
AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

If you have any questions about the group, the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-394-5803.

Because our country remains under constant attack from evil, we ask all to continue praying to St. Michael the Archangel, as often as you can. He can help us defeat the enemy.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke them, we humbly pray, and cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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 Sofkancs, 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, Dayna Hansen, Leo Hansen, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson, Judy Towalski, Susan Mante, and Vicki Przylski.



Amanda Hartwell
Mercedarian Sisters
of the Blessed Sacrament
Postulant

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

November 5th—November 19th

"Tony, I miss you so very much."

Love, your wife, Rose

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 6th—Weekday

8:30am Deceased Members of the Kolpa & Gierlach Families (Family)

Tuesday, November 7th—Weekday

8:30am +Christina Hoffrica (Family)

Wednesday, November 8th—Weekday

8:30am +Fr. Vesley's Birthday (Fr. James Schmitz)

Friday, November 10th—St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor

8:30am +Armand Venditti (Colleen Dankle)

Saturday, November 11th—St. Martin of Torres, Bishop

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, November 12th — The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Mary Ann Kiesel (Donald & Dianna Behlek)

11:00am +Jackie Nagy (Family)

Notes: The + before a person's name indicates that they are deceased. There is no Mass here at St. Leo's on Thursdays. You can visit another nearby parish for weekday Mass including St. Charles Borromeo (7:00a & 7:00p), Mary Queen of Peace (8:00a), St. Columbkille (8:15a) or St. Francis de Sales (8:45a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: MALACHAI 1:14-2:2, 8-10

The book of Malachai was written after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. The prophet expresses God's displeasure because once the people returned to their homeland and enjoyed better times, they grew lax in their religious practices. Today's passage is directed to the Jewish priests in the temple, scolding them for their carelessness and indifference.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-9, 13

Thessalonica was a city in northeastern Greece, where Christians were being persecuted. So Paul wrote them a friendly and encouraging letter. In today's passage we will hear him use a touching image to describe his relationship with these people who he loves.

SUNDAY Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

MONDAY Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

TUESDAY Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

THURSDAY Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

FRIDAY Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

WELCOME! 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 visit our website leothegreat.org for more information. We look so forward to meeting you!

PRACTICING CATHOLIC
“A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry”
By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

“Mommy, you haven’t been making any sacrifices.”

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the “sacrifice jar” we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

“If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode,” I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn’t appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) hard work.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out meaning to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it’s hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

“The greatest among you must be your servant.” — Matthew 23:11



Join the St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023
At 2:00 PM—In Utopia Hall for

Tidings of Comfort & Joy
Hope for the Holidays

OUR GUEST SPEAKER,

Cassandra Zabor of ZABOR FUNERAL HOME
will do a presentation on
grief management throughout the holiday.

Please invite your family and friends.
If you have any questions,
please call Peggy at 216-402-2773

Please come and allow us to help heal your hurting hearts.

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In this weekend’s Gospel, we hear about Christ calling out the Pharisees for their hypocrisy. As a counselor, I often hear people call themselves hypocrites for mentioning teachings to others while also having a difficult time following the same teachings themselves. I also hear priests say that people will say in the confessional that they feel shame about confessing the same sins every time they attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation. However, I think that this is a flawed and incorrect view of what hypocrisy is. It is often worth mentioning to people that hypocrisy is really defined as preaching to others what you believe does not apply to you. For example, a person can tell others that an issue like pornography is bad while also struggling with it themselves and this does not make them a hypocrite. However, if that same person says, “You should not view pornography but it is not a big deal if I do,” is now guilty of hypocrisy. When we add shame on top of the difficult sins that we are already struggling with, it only makes matters worse. Christ is calling out the Pharisees for telling others how to live while not putting any effort into those same principles themselves, which is to be guilty of hypocrisy. If they were putting genuine effort into practicing what they were telling others to do, Christ would not have been so harsh. If you feel like you are guilty of hypocrisy, please revisit today’s Gospel and reflect on how you may be different than the Pharisees that Christ is rebuking.

—Luke Brown, LCC



Holistic Catholic Counseling
www.sacredheartcleveland.com
440-305-6192

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

This past Monday I woke up with a deep cough. So I laid low during the day, careful not to spread any germs to others (the only time we are called in life not to share is when we're sick). I didn't sleep well Monday night, and by Tuesday morning I had no voice. I had a cold at this time last year and I remember that one Christmas...perhaps a couple of years ago...when I lost my voice over that holiday. I'm sure it will be back by the time I celebrate Mass this weekend though perhaps not when I celebrate Mass on the feast of All Saints. I regret that I may not be able to attend the funeral for Elaine Hocevar, the sister of Doris Neylon who is an active parishioner here at St. Leo and a wonderful support to me and to her fellow parishioners. Gratefully, Fr. Ned Weist was available and willing to celebrate Elaine's funeral Mass here and I promised Doris that I would be with them in prayerful spirit. Fr. Ned has been a friend of Doris & her family for some time and again I'm grateful for his presence especially when I am ill. Our sympathies are extended to Doris on the passing of her sister and our prayers remain for both Doris and Elaine.

I want to be sure to thank you for the cards and support I received after Michaela's passing. I always try to acknowledge you when I see you but sometimes a few weeks can go by before I see you before or after Mass and then my forgetfulness sets in but please know I am grateful for your kindness and I ask God to bless you in your compassion. I still miss Michaela greatly but glad I have Abby to spend time with. One of these days I'll have to introduce you to her so you know she's not a figment of my imagination!

I also want to warn you that from time to time I hear that someone has received an email which bears my name, or even a text message, asking them to buy me a gift card so that I might help some needy parishioner. A few weeks ago, all of the teachers in our parish school received such an email, asking them to contact me as soon as possible which naturally put them in a bit of a panic! Please know that I would NEVER ask you personally for money, for a gift card or for anything else, even on behalf of a needy parishioner. If you receive a message like this, at least ignore it, but it's also helpful if you let me know about it so that I can put others on alert. It's called SPAM in the digital world and sadly some people use it to try to scam others out of money. You are always encouraged to call the rectory office or me personally if you receive such a message so that we can confirm it is a hoax.

I hope you enjoy the book we gave out this past Wednesday on the feast of All Saints which gives some quotes from many different saints. I enjoyed reading it (though I'd read just one or two quotes at a time) & hope it may bring you some wisdom. The saints are wonderful friends who left us some of their God-given wisdom & who even now pray for us on our journey of faith so that we may join them some day. May they always intercede for us!

I don't need to remind you that the election this Tuesday, November 7th, is a very important one for our state and for our Church. There is a video on our website which I encourage you to watch...it is from our Bishop, Edward Malesic, and I always appreciate his faithful but gentle approach to the difficult & pressing issues we face today. Again I thank you for listening to the voice of the Church on these matters & ask you to vote according to your informed conscience. We are hoping that a NO vote on Issue 1 will protect human life from its beginning and give parents the rights they are entitled to. We leave all things in God's hands.

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.



Sunday, October 29, 2023

Sun. Envelope	\$	4,730.50
WeShare	\$	1,325.00
Total	\$	6,055.50

Cap. Improv	\$	100.00
WeShare	\$	40.00
Total	\$	140.00

SVDP	\$	0.00
Blanket Sunday	\$	814.00

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



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

October 30, 2023

Congrats, Tom & Eileen Squires!!!

CURRENT GIFT CARD DEALS

**Buy a \$25 Cinemark Gift Card
and get a FREE \$10 Gift Card to Wendy's!**

With the Holidays almost upon us, be sure to stop by the Rectory Office to purchase gift cards for those "stocking stuffers"—a great way to check off your holidays shopping list while supporting the parish.

Note: Newly added gifts cards include *McDonald's*, *AMC Theatre*, *Meijers*, *Home Goods* and *Sierra* (an extension of T.J. Maxx)



BONUS WEEK RECYCLING

Our Parish receives \$2.00 more per/pound of paper that is recycled in our bin out back on certain weeks of the year. If you have any papers or boxes please feel free to drop them off, especially during the following week of 11/13—11/17. We thank you!

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS



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

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.

Trunk or Treat/Costume Parade

Thanks to all of the school families who participated in this year's Trunk-or-Treat event on back on Friday, October 27th. Pizza, popcorn, drinks and of course candy was enjoyed as students and families danced to the DJ's best tracks to celebrate in a fun and safe way. The costumes did not disappoint and the cars that decorated did a great job. Way to show up, Leo Fams!

Kindergarten thru 2nd Grade also had a fun time dressing up for Halloween as parents and family attended a costume parade last Tuesday, October 31st in Lux Hall.





Vote NO to Stop Abortion through Nine Months

This Tuesday, the rights and safety of women, children, and parents are on the ballot. Issue 1 not only puts women at risk and threatens parental rights, but this extreme amendment also allows abortions through all nine months of pregnancy. The vague language of Issue 1 endangers preborn children and Catholics cannot be silent when the most vulnerable are in harm's way.

Catholics must Vote NO on Issue 1 because it endangers children by...

- **Allowing abortion through all nine months** by using the overly broad term "health" to permit painful, late-term abortions. In U.S. law, "health" includes age, as well as psychological, emotional, or physical well-being, so an abortion providing-physician could justify an abortion in the third trimester by citing a woman's age or emotional well-being.
- **Leaving preborn children without protection** by giving abortion providers the ability to determine on a "case by case" basis when a preborn child is protected by state laws. If abortion-providing physicians can decide when a preborn child is viable, this allows the same clinician to sidestep regulations and end the lives of potentially viable children.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that every human being deserves protection, love, and care – especially the most vulnerable. This Tuesday, to defend the preborn from painful, late-term abortions and to protect children in the womb, Vote NO on Issue 1.

Visit www.voteohio.gov to find your polling location or be sure to postmark your absentee ballot no later than November 6th.

HELP THE HOMELESS

Malachi Center at W. 25th St. and Detroit Ave. provides many services to help homeless men and women throughout the year. This Christmas season, the Center is distributing reusable plastic and/or canvas grocery bags to help our less fortunate friends.

The bags will be filled with personal items such as heavy socks, hats, gloves, scarves, soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, lotion, snacks, hand and foot warmers, extra-large and larger sweatshirts, and many other similar items.

If you would like to donate bags and/or other items, please bring your donation to the rectory by Nov 26th. Items should be tagged "Help the Homeless." Your overwhelming generosity last year to this cause was heartwarming. Let's do it again this year. Thank you so much.

Questions? Call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

There was wonderful attendance for the LIFT meeting back on Tuesday, October 18th. Ladies, all ages, no matter where you are in your journey, please, join us next month on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 7:15p.m. in the Parish Center.** (Note: Voting will be going on in the Great Room, so we will meet in the Conference Room off to the right). We are meeting to connect and *LIFT* each other up as we grow our relationship with God and learn to live more intentionally in our Journeys as women of the faith. For more information contact Pat at 216-403-1523 or Barb at 216-302-5454 or email Nina at ncapone@leothegreat.org

Almighty God, Creator of life, we ask you to protect and defend the unborn children of Ohio. Embolden and mobilize those who stand for life. Change the hearts of those who don't. Move through your Holy Spirit to overwhelm voters with love and compassion for the most vulnerable among us. Prevent this evil expansion of abortion by leading the people of Ohio to vote NO on Issue 1. We humbly ask this in the name of Jesus.