ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 11, 2016

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM
Sundays ~ 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12NOON

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Thursday ~ 7:30AM
Friday ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

7:00AM, 8:30AM (SCHOOL YEAR ONLY) and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are heard on Saturday, from 2:45PM—3:30PM or anytime by appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing address are asked to contact the Rectory office.

BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked contact the Parish 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 curious about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

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PLEASE REMEMBER... Margaret Zisk, Sarah Grier, Edward P. Gorczyca, Carol Sladewski, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Stella Sugalski, Robert Holshue, Donna Mlady, Mike Manzo, Cheri Minch, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Carol Frisco, Dorothy Forister, Ann Sazpansky, Larry Kuznik, Rosemarie Hamski, Jo Hoffman, Wesley Holland, Anna Mendoza, John Risko, Connor Mlady, Trudy Miller, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Dianne Soler, Muffie Bone, Theresa Truxall, Gary LaBuda, Mary Ras, Dave, Janene Catanese, Denise Rooks, Bernice Kilcoyne, Jeanette Klaehn & Donna Robertson

Congratulations to;
AIDEN, AGUSTIN & ADIANNA PEREZ
as they are baptized this weekend

May the blessings you received from God guide you throughout your life!

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES
CONGRATULATIONS TO
Margaret & David Umerley
$100.00 September 5th Winner

Don't forget to sign up for our Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing in the Rectory Office.

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life.

This week we pray for:
Evan Jamison
Capuchin Formation Program
Senior, Borromeo

Pray that he may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

PARISH SUPPORT
Sunday, September 4th

Sunday Collection	$8,513.98
Assessments	$722.00
Envelopes used	345

Thank you for your continued support.

September 12th to September 18th

Monday, September 12th: Most Holy Name of Mary
7:30 a.m. +Charles Talarico (Family)

Tuesday, September 13th: St. John Chrysostom
7:30 a.m. +Jeanne Baker (Steve Baker)

Wednesday, September 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7:30 a.m. +James Johnson (Family)

Thursday, September 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows
7:30 a.m. +George Kilcoyne (Bernice)

Friday, September 16th: SS. Cornelius & Cyprian
8:30 a.m. +Louis Chiappetta (Stankiewicz Family)
3:00 p.m. WEDDING:
Matthew Burkett & Valerie Cortez

Saturday, September 17th: St. Robert Bellamine
2:00 p.m. WEDDING:
Kyle Seminatore & Stephanie Sitko
4:00 p.m. +Jelena Music (Niece, Borka)
Seniors in attendance

Sunday, September 18th: 25thSunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. +Lottie Zale (Ted Polak & Family)
12:00 p.m. +Andrew Chopka & Mary Ann Norman (Andy & Pat Chopka)

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their covenant with God at Mount Sinai. In today's passage, Moses has been up on the mountain for 40 days conversing with God. In his absence, the Israelites have despaired and built a golden calf to worship as a god.

Second Reading: Tm 1:12-17

The first letter to Timothy was written about 30 years after Paul's death. It was written in Paul's name, a practice common in the ancient world. In today's portion of this letter, the unknown author sketches a portrait of Paul as someone we should imitate.

Readings for the Week of September 11, 2016

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:1Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Whenever I write out the date for September 11th, it always brings back those horrible memories of what happened 15 years ago. But even bad memories help us not to forget that which should remain in our consciousness. Still we pray for the victims of terrorism throughout the world.

Thomas Caine was the father of parishioner Kim Degardeyn. Tom's Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated this past Thursday and Kim wrote some beautiful words about his life that I shared at the funeral. This is one example of what it means to honor our father and our mother. May Kim, her son Devin and her mother Patricia be consoled by our faith during this time.

We also had the funeral Mass for the daughter-in-law of Eileen Gabel (whose husband Jim was buried from our church back in January of this year). Michelle was very young (51) and leaves behind a husband, a son, parents & two sisters. We cannot understand the mystery of illness and an early death but we can take comfort in the hope held out to us by our faith. May she rest in peace & may God's blessings be with Eileen.

Finally I also celebrated the funeral Mass for Doris Aigner-Copfer, mother of Shelley Aigner, a parishioner. I spoke about Doris last year when I mentioned that she became Catholic last July while she was under the care of Hospice. She was a delight to visit and brought smiles to her large family and many friends. I saw her just before leaving for vacation and promised my prayers for her. Now I hope in her prayers for me. Though she became Catholic a little over a year ago, she recently asked me for a parish registration form & for envelopes! So she became an official member of St. Leo's just days before her passing. She'll be remembered among the many who have left us.

My dad is now out of the nursing home and staying at his sister's home in LaGrange while his wife recuperates from pneumonia. Thanks for your continued concern and prayers for them.

Beginning this Sunday, we will have a gathering of people wishing to learn more about Catholicism or to reconnect with their faith. We will meet from 9am until 10am each week in the Parish Community Center (between the school & church). Everyone is welcome and you can join us whenever you wish as my plan is for these informal sessions to continue throughout the year. Bring your questions & I'll bring some information about our faith that I hope will help you in your every day life as you build your relationship with Christ. Know someone who may be interested in Catholicism or just "brushing up" on faith? Invite them...or better yet, join them!

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

Sept. 12th to September 18th

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

Monday, September 12th

5:00 p.m. 4th gr. girls volleyball practice	Lux
6:45 p.m. Girl Scouts #71821	Francis
7:00 p.m. 8th gr. girls volleyball practice	Lux

Tuesday, September 13th

5:30 p.m. 6th gr. girls volleyball practice	Lux
6:30 p.m. SVDP	Francis

Wednesday, September 14th

11:00 a.m. Seniors	Great
5:00 p.m. 4th gr. girls volleyball practice	Lux
6:30 p.m. Winter Sports Sign-up	Lux
7:00 p.m. 8th gr. girls volleyball practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. Choir practice	Church

Thursday, September 15th

1:00 p.m. Women's Knitting Group	Francis
5:30 p.m. 6th gr. girls volleyball practice	Lux
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Recruiting Night	Great

Friday, September 16th

3:00 p.m. Girls Volleyball Meeting	Great
7:30 p.m. Recovery International	Francis

Saturday, September 17th

7:30 a.m. CYO Volleyball Site	Lux
2:45 p.m. Confessions	Church
3:00 p.m. Grapevine	Great

Sunday, September 18th

8:30 a.m. Bloodmobile	Lux
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation/RCIA	Great
7:00 p.m. Coach Robinson Adult Open Gym	Lux

2017 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2017 Mass Intention Book will be open **TOMMOROW Monday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m. at the Rectory Office.** Each parishioner household may have 4 Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is $10.00.

WEDDING BANNS

Valerie Cortez (SLG) & Matthew Burkett

Kyle Seminatore (SLG) & Stephanie Sitko

ARISE SIGN-UP WEEKEND

The fifth and final session of ARISE Together in Christ will begin the week of October 9th. If you have already participated, you know how enriching the program can be. If you have not participated, now is the time to join. You can sign-up the weekend of September 24/25 after all the Masses.

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

Friday, October 14th
(6:00 to 11:00 pm.)

Saturday, October 15th
(5:00 to 11:00 p.m.)

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 call Nancy at 216-749-1472.

And More!
Need some incentive to exercise? We are in need of people willing to deliver raffle tickets. Delivering the tickets saves the parish hundred of dollars in postage. If you are interested, please call Nancy at 216-749-1472.

Lawn Signs!
Have you seen the lawn signs popping up all over the neighborhood? If you would like a sign for your lawn, there are still some remaining at the Rectory Office.

Volunteers!
Volunteer sign up sheets are in the main vestibule.
The Festival cannot be a success with your help! Please sign up.

RAFFLE TICKETS!!!
DON'T FORGET the Early Bird Drawing! Get your raffle ticket stubs in for our next early bird drawing which will be **Sept. 11th** (that's this weekend). All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 15th). Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.

DID YOU GRADUATE FROM ST. LEO GRADE SCHOOL? ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A ST. LEO GRADUATE?

Are you a former student from St. Leo the Great parish school? Do you have a family member who is a former student? Do you know any former students? The St. Leo the Great Alumni Association is looking for former students to share memories and current pursuits. If you are a former student, or know of one, please complete the information below and return it to the rectory. If you want more information, please provide your name and phone number and check the space for more information, and you will be contacted. We hope to reach as many former students as possible. Please help us in our search and tell other former students who may no longer be parishioners. Personal information will not be distributed. Thank you!

Name:_____

Maiden Name (if applicable):_____

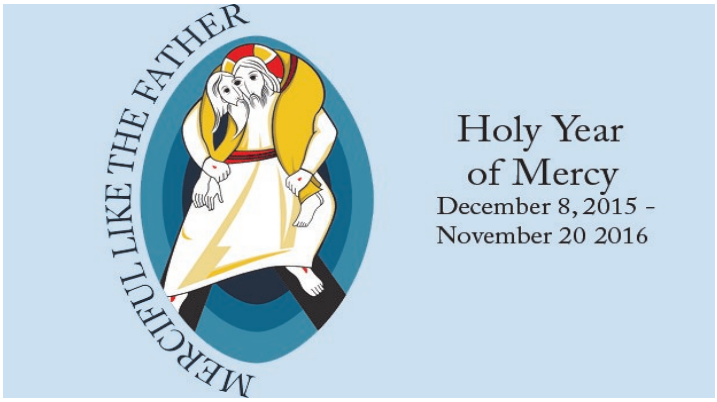
St. Leo Graduating Class:_____

Current address:_____

Phone:_____

Email:_____

_____ I'd like more information about St. Leo the Great Alumni Association



PSR CLASSES FOR 2016

PSR classes for 2016 will begin on **NEXT Monday, September 19th** from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the school.

Registration forms are available in the Rectory Office and on our website Fees: $40 for one child; $70 for two; $90 for three and up. Please pay by check made out to St. Leo the Great. Fees are due at the time of registration.

Volunteers Needed: We are always looking for faithful volunteers. If you feel called to assist, please contact Mary Tonti-Perry at 216 661-1006 or email her at mtonti@leothegreat.com.

LIVING ROSARY

The Spiritual Life Commission of St. Thomas More Parish will present a Living Rosary at 7pm on Thurs., Oct. 6th in their church. All are invited to join them for this very special rosary.

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leos Lux Hall on Sunday, September 18th, from 8:30a-12:00p. For those who are internet savvy, please register @ redcrossblood.org after you create a profile. It's easy! Registering is optional; it just helps with the staffing. Please stop by and donate!

GRIEF AND HEALING

Holy Family Hospice invites you to an 8-week program on Grief & Healing. Two times available:

Tuesdays, September 13-November 1
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays, September 15-November 3
2:00-3:30 p.m.

Both sessions will be held at Holy Family Home in Parma. Registration is required by September 8. Call Erin at 440.545.7032, ehout@holyfamilyhome.com
This group is open to the community and is free of charge.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Next weekend, September 17th & 18th, is our monthly food collection. We are especially in need of peanut butter and jelly, canned pasta, canned vegetables, such as corn, green beans, etc. pancake syrup, toilet paper, dishwashing soap, laundry soap and bars of soap. Thanksgiving is also fast approaching and we will need sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, evaporated can milk and pie crust mix. We thank you for whatever you are able to donate because our need is greater than ever.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Walk with St. Vincent DePaul Society to Help Neighbors in Need, Saturday, September 24 by participating in their 5th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk/Run. Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon with FREE registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. It will be held at the following locations: **Concord Woods Park** in Concord Township, **Jefferson Park** (register @ St. Vincent de Paul Church) 13400 Lorain Ave. in Cleveland and **Richfield Woods Park,** 4100 Broadview Rd in Richfield. We need your support to make the event a success. Donate or register online: www.fopwalk.org. For more information call 216.696.6525 ext. 3150.

ST. LEO'S SENIORS

Wednesday, September 14th, St. Leo's Senior Group will meet in the parish center at 11:00 a.m. for our monthly meeting. Come and enjoy the last days of summer with your friends.

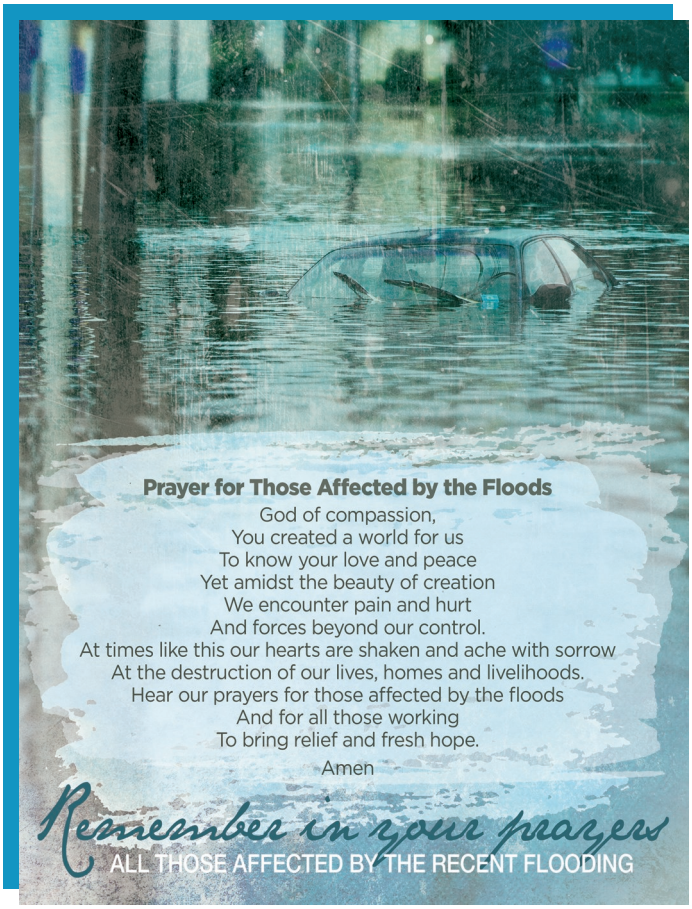
ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS AND PARISHIONERS!

Sherry Montell will be working on setting up the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin the week of September 25th. Please consider advertising in our bulletin.

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family or a sponsor ad can be purchase supporting community service organizations like the battered women's shelter, etc. **We need and appreciate your help.**

If you are interested or would like more information, please call Sherry directly at 330-559-3448 or toll free at 1-800-477-4574, Ext. 6321, or via e-mail to smontell@4LPi.com.

Thank you in advance for your generous support, and please patronize our advertisers!



EMERGENCY SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR LOUISIANA FLOOD VICTIMS

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked dioceses across the country to consider having an emergency collection to assist victims of the recent flooding in Louisiana. The recent storms in Louisiana caused the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina. In support of this major relief effort, it is suggested that this special collection take place on the weekend of September 17- 18, 2016. The funds will support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will help provide support to Catholic dioceses also impacted. Thank you for your support. Together, we can be a visible witness to the healing presence of Jesus alive in the world.

Craft show helpers needed! Ursuline Sister Mary Eileen Boyle will have a booth at the Tremont Art Festival to promote and support her non-profit organization Esperanza Threads. This organization trains migrants and marginalized Clevelanders in the art of industrial sewing, then places them into jobs. Help sister **set-up**, staff **OR tear-down** her booth on Sept.17-18. Groups and individuals are welcome and appreciated! Contact Maggie Gibson: 440-449-1200 ext. 409 or mgibson@ursulinesisters.org.

Prayer to Remember 9/11

Heavenly Father,
on this day, a terrible act of brutality
was visited upon our people.
We ask for your grace upon
the souls of those who died this day,
and the loved ones they left behind.
Bless those who, today, work unceasingly
to protect us all from further acts of violence.
Change the hearts and minds of those
who would murder the innocent in your name.
Help us to remember Christ's victory over all death.
Lead us all to you, Lord, in a true unity,
begotten not of blood that was shed in anger,
but shed by your Son, out of love for us.
Amen.

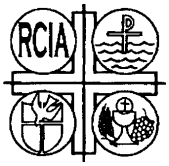
An Open Invitation to Talk about What It Means to Be Catholic

Let's talk! Every Sunday at 9am we will walk with you on a journey of faith and answer any questions you may have about Catholicism like....

- What is faith and how do you get more of it?
- What do Catholics believe and how is it different from Christians of other Traditions?
- What's going on at Mass?
- Why is the Bible so confusing? How can I understand it?
- Do Catholics worship Mary and the Saints?
- What's what in the church building (we'll talk about the altar, the pulpit, the tabernacle, etc.)
- Who's who in the Church (from the people to the Pope)
- Why do Catholics...? (fill in the blank with your own question!)

We will meet every Sunday (unless otherwise noted in the bulletin) at 9am in the Parish Community Center (the building between the school & the church). You can come to each session or only the ones you want to. We'll begin with a brief presentation on some topic concerning faith and answer whatever questions you may bring. It's informal and relaxed.

Who's it for? Anyone! If you're thinking about becoming Catholic (through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or "RCIA"), it's for you. If you're already baptized Catholic or in another denomination, it's for you. If you're just curious, it's for you. We will work with you on an individual basis to see what your needs and wishes are.



No need to sign up, just show up. Come to all or to just some of the sessions. We will publish the topics each week in the bulletin & on our website (leothegreat.org). Free coffee and donuts will be available. Still have questions? Call us at 216-661-1006 or email Father at jschmitz@leothegreat.org. Let's talk...heart to heart.

BUS TRIPS

Thursday, September 22nd: Amish Trip - $58.00
Depart: 7:30 a.m.
Arrive Amish 9:00 a.m.
Depart Amish 5:00 p.m. Approx. Return 6:30 p.m.
Shearer's Chips, Ashery Country Store, Hillcrest Orchards, Lunch-Chalet in the Valley, Guggisberg Cheese, Hershberger's Bakery and Farmers Market and Swiss Heritage Winery

Thursday, Nov. 17th: Holiday Amish Trip-$80.00
Depart: 8:30 a.m. Arrive: Warthers Museum 10:00 a.m.
Warthers Musuesm-Festival of Trees, Der Dutchman-lunch & cookies. Schrock Farm Village-ornament included, Walnut Creek Cheese-ice cream included.

Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE —Classic Car Show… Join us for an enjoyable afternoon...of music, food and of course – classic cars! this Saturday, September 17th beginning at 11:30 am.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—Mass & Holy Hour, Wed. Sept. 14th (Feast of the Victory of the Cross, and eve of Mary Mother of Sorrows at 7:00 p.m. will be celebrated for all who have lost a child ~miscarriage, accident, substance abuse, suicide, abortion, illness.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Night at the Races…. Sat. Oct. 1st—50/50 Raffles, Sideboards, Basket Raffles, Beer, Wine, Wash, Tickets include dinner, open bar, door prizes /$25 per person—$30 at the door. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Ticket available at STM Rectory.