St. Leo The Great Parish

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Welcome to everyone and everyone is welcome at St. Leo and especially to the Church that God is continuing to build. If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are. Thank you for praying with us and please feel free to join us as often as you are able.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. James R. Schutte, Pastor
Stephanie Sepate, Business Manager, Food Pantry Administrator
Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate
Casey Betz, Development Director
Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister
Burundi Ministry: contact Parish Office ~ Hispanic Ministry: contact Parish Office

MISSION STATEMENT PRAYER

Lord, God, in your infinite wisdom and love, you are inviting us to be a welcoming Catholic community, grounded in Eucharistic prayer, celebrating our diversity, and sharing your love through ministries of serving and being present, in our urban neighborhoods, while focusing on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Help us to accept your invitation to be church, and to generously live together this mission statement. Teach us your works of mercy and unite us as your people, who serve our urban neighborhoods with your presence and grace. Let your works of mercy be common, holy ways for celebrating our diversity, and for leaving the Eucharistic table, heeding your command to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, may we see you when you are hungry and thirsty, and recognize you when you are naked or a stranger, or sick or in prison, and then welcome you, feed you, clothe you and visit you. With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, bless us with your works of comforting, consoling, forgiving and patiently forbearing. We ask this always through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish: 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Thursday Mass: 7:00 PM
EXPOSITION: First Thursday of the month following 7:00 PM Mass until 9:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM, or by appointment
BAPTISMS: Call three weeks in advance
WEDDINGS: Call six months in advance

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: ages 4 to completion of 2nd grade/First Communion, year-round, during Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 21 – 6:00pm Mass:
Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;
Readings: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday, September 22 – 10:30am Mass; **25th Sunday**
Mass Intention for Ilda Browning;
Readings: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

Monday, September 23 – No Service.
Readings: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 24 – No Service;
Readings: Ezra 6:7-8, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 25 – No Service
Readings: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 26 – 7:00pm Mass;
Mass Intention for Francis Massarella
Readings: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 27 – No Service.
Readings: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 28 – 6:00pm Mass:
Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;
Readings: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15; Luke 9:43-45

Sunday, September 29 – 10:30am Mass; **26th Sunday**
Mass Intention for Immigrants and Refugees;
Readings: Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 22

Lectors – Linda H. Albert
Distributors – Laura, Claudette, Amparo P., Arcenia C., Michael
Servers – Angelica, Emilio, Moises

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 29

Lectors – Diane, Theo
Distributors – Myles, Simeon, Rolando B., Anastacio V., Shirley
Servers – Adela, Estrella, Patience

Communion Distributors please place a hand on the shoulder or on the head of those who approach at communion who cross their arms across their chest and say, "God bless you and God be with you."

ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY

Serving Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1:00-3:30pm

Pantry Requirements: Serving North Fairmount, English Woods, Roll Hill Apts., and Millvale once every 30 days. See website: www.saint-leo.org or call (513-921-1044) to see if your street is covered. To meet St. Leo's Acts of Mercy pantry donor guidelines, current proof of residence (Duke or telephone bill), photo ID & Social Security Cards for all members of household must be presented at each visit. **Plan ahead: Children must be supervised while at our Food Pantry.**

ESL ***ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES***

FREE! *Saturdays, 10:00 – Noon*

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS *North Fairmount Community Center/Referral Services: Linda Klems: 513-921-5842,*
Housing: 513-921-5889; Literary Network: 513-621-7323
Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500
GED Referral: Roll Hill: 513-542-8333x5

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Facebook: *St. Leo the Great Catholic Church*
St. Leo's YouTube Channel*: StLeotheGreatParish*

PARISH SUPPORT

YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Collection for September 15: $2,013.20

Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

EASY ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE:
Go to http://saint-leo.org/DonateNow.aspx and click on the Donate Now Button.

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https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards Enter St. Leo's **#KC265** or search for St. Leo the Great Church.

Make a long lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Leo the Great Church in your Will. For more information contact Casey Betz at 513-921-1044 ext. 30.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH PARTNERS

In deepest gratitude for their most generous contributions of time, talent and treasure to St. Leo's, this week please keep in prayer Our Lady of Lourdes.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please keep in your prayers all those listed in our Parish Petition/Special Prayer Books. Please call the Parish Office if you are hospitalized and wish to be visited. Hospitals no longer share that information.

VOCATION VIEW

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow?

LET US PRAY

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Important Dates to Remember

September 15	First Communion Class
September 21	Christmas Sign-ups
September 22	Sacrament of First Communion at Mass
	Parent and Teen Planning after Mass
September 23	Christmas Sign-ups
October 5&6	Respect Life Fund Collection
October 6	High School Encounter Event
October 13	Parish Council

Bulletin information is always welcome! Articles must be in the office by 10am the Monday prior to publication, provided there is still Room. Please call Casey at 921-1044 X30 or email to cbetzstleo@aol.com

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 22, 2019

From Fr. Jim . . .

About the Gospel: What's the point? Did you understand that? What does this mean? How does this apply? These are common questions and responses after hearing what Jesus was saying to his disciples. "And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting imprudently." Was Jesus encouraging dishonest behavior? If so, how could he do this? It is against his behavior and nature. On the surface it seems like Jesus is encouraging dishonesty, but it is a misinterpretation of Scripture to do so.

A steward functioned as an agent of the master with the power to hire, fire, enter into contracts, etc. The steward managed the finances and made some payment for himself by charging interest. The loan note showed the amount to be paid back and not the amount borrowed. The money to be paid back included the interest which was the steward's own money. So, when the steward writes the note, effectively he is giving up his own share of the money owed, twenty-five percent in one case and fifty percent in the other. The rich man gets his amount in full. So, the parable is not about encouraging dishonesty as much as it is about the right use of money and resources.

Without a doubt, the steward had been dishonest, and therefore he was being fired from his job. But his writing down of the debt was a clever way of using his own resources (the money owed to him) to gain favor with others and to assure that his master was paid in full. It was the steward's own money, so he couldn't be condemned for stealing. Instead, the master and the debtors admire the steward for the good that he has done.

We are to be creative with our own resources and use wealth for a greater good. How are we using are time talent and treasure to give God glory and praise and to build the kingdom of God? How can we be clever with our time, talent and treasure to love God and neighbor with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength? How can our wealth and riches be used to serve God and the good of all? Storing up treasure in heaven is the only treasure that lasts and the only treasure that satisfies.

Thank you, Our Lady of Visitation: On September 13, 2019, we were invited to Our Lady of Visitation's parish picnic. The weather was great, and the event was most enjoyable. I believe we might have had the biggest representation from Saint Leo ever. Our Lady of Visitation, in addition to hosting the event at Stricker's Grove, provided a bus from First Student for us. We filled it with fifty people – adults, children, teens, parents and families, elderly and the young. Also, many others came by car and the diversity of St. Leo was well represented. Some of our young, working adults and college students came back for the event and it was a reunion of sorts for all our parishioners. We give thanks to God for our partnership with Our Lady of Visitation and for their generous welcome into their parish family.

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry
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Youth Program

Sep. 22: Parent & Teen Planning Meeting after Mass.
Oct. 6: High School Encounter Event at the Holy Spirit Center 5:30-8:30 pm
Nov. 8/9: High School Retreat with St. Max., Woodland Lakes (Amelia)

Van drivers URGENTLY NEEDED to transport parishioners to and from mass on Sunday mornings. Contact Angela at 921-1044 x 24 if you are willing to help.

Annual Christmas sign-ups for children 16 years of age and under. If you are a parent(s) that live in the North Fairmount Community zip code 45225 only, please come sign-up your children **at St. Leo Church's undercroft** on **Sat. Sep. 21 & Mon. Sep. 23 (9:00am to 12:00 noon only)**

Sign-ups will also be held **at the Villages of Roll Hill Community Center** on **Sat. 9/21/19 & Tues. 9/24/19 (9:00am to 1:00pm only)**

Please bring the following documents:

*Valid Picture ID
*Proof of Residence within the last 30 days (ex. utility bill)
*Birth Certificates for all children 16 and under or medical card with child's date of birth (NO Social Security Cards will be Accepted)

Mass and Healing Service Come and celebrate this special healing event on ***Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm*** *at* ***St. Ignatius Parish.*** 5222 North Bend Rd., Monfort Heights. Healing includes the physical, spiritual, emotional, psychological and relational aspects of your life; it is not limited to a physical cure. You can receive prayer for yourself or for those you care about. Jesus still heals today! Come and experience His healing love! Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more info call **513-471-LITE (5483).** For more information visit our website at www.LRC1.org or on Facebook at www.facebook/lrc1.org.

Explore Your Call *An Introductory Vocational Dinner & Conversation* Join other young adults in the Archdiocese to meet and learn from Consecrated men and women in the area. This dinner is open to all young adults (aged 18 - 35) who want to learn more about Religious and Consecrated life. We welcome everyone - from the mildly curious to the serious discerner! **Tues., Oct. 15, 6 -9 PM at The Holy Spirit Retreat Center** Register: tinyURL.com/ExploreYourCall or e-mail MReinagel@catholiccincinnati.org with any questions

"St. Paul asks us to pray "for all in authority" (1 Tim 2:2). We must learn to do this, even for politicians with whom we disagree. Christians must pray for all people in government, that they may work for the common good."

~ Pope Francis

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