

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 21 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;
Readings: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, December 22 – 10:30am Mass; **4TH Sunday of Advent**

Mass Intention for Bill Hartmann;
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Monday, December 23 – No Service;

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Tuesday, December 24 – 6:00pm Mass in Spanish;

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Luke 1:67-79

Wednesday, December 25 – 10:30am Mass, **Feast of the Nativity;**

Mass intention **PEACE ON EARTH;**
Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Thursday, December 26– **7:00pm Mass;**

Mass intention for Francis Massarella;
Readings: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

Friday, December 27 – No Service.

Readings: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1-8

Saturday, December 28 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;
Readings: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Sunday, December 29 – 10:30am Mass;

Mass Intention for Dennis Fieglein;
Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21;
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 22

Lectors – Diane, Spes

Distributors – Myles, Simeon, Rolando B., Anastacio V., Shirley

Servers – Elias, Aimable, Daniel

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 29

Lectors – Gary, Theo

Distributors – Michael, Simeon, Pedro B., Elsa M., Ivy

Servers – Mawo, Angel, Estrella

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."



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Collection for December 15: \$2,130.80
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.

SHOP AT AMAZON SMILE AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0538556>

SHOP AT KROGER'S AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

<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 Santa Maria.

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

Be patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask the Lord what he wants of you.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Important Dates to Remember

- December 22 Youth Group Advent
- December 24 Christmas Eve, 6:00pm Mass, Office Closed
- December 25 Christmas Day, 10:30am Mass, Office Closed
- December 26 Office Closed
- January 5 Parish Epiphany Potluck

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 921-1044X30 or email to cbetzstleo@aol.com

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. PANTRY CLOSED: DEC. 23, 25, 27, 30**

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

ANGELS' ARMS STORE, 1882 Baltimore Ave. Accepting donations of clothing, kitchen, bath and bedding. Open Mon-Wed-Fri 9-3:00 and Tues-Thurs. 10-3:00. All Items Free! Call Linda Klems at 623-9897.

VISIT US! St. Leo's website: www.saint-leo.org

Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

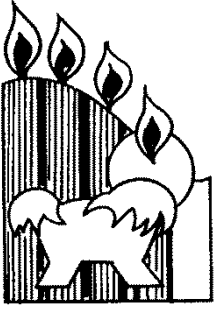
St. Leo's YouTube Channel: StLeoTheGreatParish



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Sign up to receive St. Leo's Monthly Newsletter: call the office at 513-921-1044, email your name and address to: cbetzstleo@aol.com or sign up online at: <http://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

From Fr. Jim . . .



Gift Giving at Christmas Time: The best present that we have ever received is the presence of God’s coming to us in human form and shape in the birth of God’s son, Jesus Christ. Arguably, the best gift that we can give to another at Christmas is the gift of our presence. In her book, Out of the Ordinary 2000, Sr. Joyce Rupp suggests that we consider the “Present of Presence.” This primarily involves “being with” someone rather than just “doing” for someone. There are two possible ways to be with another –

physically be present with another and be present to another “in spirit” by deliberately sending prayer, compassionate thoughts, and kind feelings toward another person or group. She suggests giving the “Present of Presence” by: being with someone who needs you; being with a person who gives you hope; being with those who live in terror or fear; being with an older person; being with someone who has helped you to grow; being with one who is in pain; being with yourself; being with someone who has written to you; spending time with a child; being with someone who is terminally ill; being with a coworker; being with your loved ones. These are only some. She suggests more. What “Present of Presence” would you add to this list? We can be about “being with” in addition to just “doing for” because of God choosing to share our human form and dwell in us. We have the ability to warm the lives of others with our very presence because of this incredible Gift of Love.

On this note, I want to thank everyone who wants to create this presence through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and through expressions of solidarity with those who are most in need. You are not just providing for their physical and material needs but in ways that you are not fully aware, you are building a spiritual relationship with them. You are treating them as a brother or sister in Christ. You are giving them the present of Christ’s presence and love. People know that they are not alone or have not been forgotten or that there are others who really care about them. They know that God is born to them and remains with them. Thank you so very much!

Welcome, Welcome and again Welcome! As the angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all,” they announced the coming of God to everyone. All of heaven and earth is joined together now as God has taken on our flesh. No one is excluded from God’s salvation, no one. In this spirit, we invite you and whomever you wish to invite, to be with us to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. This is a good time to invite someone who may feel alienated from the church to come with you. Extend an invitation and welcome them. If you see it as appropriate, help others find the songs in the hymnals and the responses to the liturgy and missalettes. For the celebration of this great feast, full active participation by everyone is our greatest response to the coming of the Lord. Also, welcoming others and extending the hospitality of the Eucharist is a great response. This is one of our best virtues at St. Leo. Thanks be to God. Let’s give this as our Christmas gift to others in honor of the One who has made a home with us and among us.

Mass on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 is 10:30am. Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24, 6pm in Spanish. All are welcome at either or both Masses. On behalf of our entire staff, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and the blessing and gift of Christ’s presence and peace for a joyous New Year. May the Lord be present to you in new, exciting and profound ways. May you experience God’s love and mercy like you never have before. God is truly with us! All Glory and praise be to God.

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. This we pray.

WELCOME GUESTS! If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another parish here in the Archdiocese, from across the river, or from further reaches. Thank you for praying with us. Feel free to join us as often as you can! REGISTER PLEASE! If you are attending St. Leo regularly and consider us “your parish,” please register yourself and your family. Call the office at 513-921-1044 to register.

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor for December Kind Anonymous Donor

FOOD PANTRY CLOSED: December 23, 25, 27, and 30.

Youth Program

Dec. 22: Youth Group Advent

Jan. 15th: Homework Help/Tutoring Program Begins

Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-7:00pm, Centennial Hall

To sign up: contact Judie Kuhlman at

judiekuhlman@gmail.com

First Communion Class: Jan. 16, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 24, Mar. 8, 29

April 5th Rehearsal

To sign up: contact Judie Kuhlman at

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First Communion: Sunday April 19, 2020

We are looking for an assistant to help out in the office beginning in January. The position is 2 or 3 days a week, 9am-3pm, answering phones and working on office projects involving computer/typing and some bookkeeping. Since the hours will be less than 20 per week, the position does not include benefits. However, as most of the staff agree, it is an opportunity to be involved directly in the mission of St. Leo’s. If you or anyone you know is interested, please send information to stleocinti@aol.com or call Stephanie at 921-1044x20.



January 5, 2020

Epiphany Parish Potluck

immediately following Sunday Mass

Snow NEWS!

Check out the following stations for St. Leo cancellations:

WCPO-Channel 9, WKRC-Channel 12, WXIX-Channel 19



Be sure to pick up your Sunday Contribution Envelopes and your 2020 Calendars from the back of church. If you need envelopes, call the office at 921-1044.

Include your deceased loved one in the list of memorials on the back page of the bulletin. The cost is \$55.00 per name and all names will remain in the bulletin for one year. If interested, make your check out to Diocesan, list the name of your loved one, along with your name, address, phone # and email address and return it to the office no later than December 30, 2019.

Best Wishes for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, and may the peace and the joy and the love of that wonderful night be with you always.