



St. Leo Magnus

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Sat. Vigil: 5:15 pm + *Sunday:* 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesdays: 6 pm + Wednesdays ~ Saturdays: 8:30 am

Saturdays: Rosary is recited at 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

Evening before: 6:00 pm

On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays 4-6 pm



150th Anniversary: 52 Weeks - 52 Photos

#3: Pictured above is winter scene taken during the construction of the church's Gathering Space in 2008. It was built in honor of Msgr. Paul Olmsted.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9, 2023 + Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am **Rosary**
 8:30 am **Phyllis Ferraro** (Ronald Jacobs)
 9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, December 9, 2023 + Anticipated for Second Sunday of Advent

5:15 pm **David & Joanna Angelo** (Dawn, Joe & Allie Gier)

Sunday, December 10, 2023 + Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **Howard & Betty Gausman** (Family)
 10:00 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 + Advent Weekday

6:00 pm **Joanna & David Angelo** (Joe, Dawn & Allie Gier)
****Adoration: 9am - 6pm****

Wednesday, December 13, 2023+ Saint Lucy

8:30 am **Frances Olewinski & Helen Linder** (Felcia Nelson)
 6:00 pm **Billy Egger, Rita & Catherine Vinski** (Egger Family)

Thursday, December 14, 2023+ Saint John of the Cross

8:30 am **Bob Rodich** (Sharon)
 6:00 pm **Greg Magdalena** (Alex & Sara Anderson)
****Adoration: 9am - 6pm****

Friday, December 15, 2023+ Advent Weekday

8:30 am **Dorothy & Joseph Medvid, Victor & Vittoria Aiello**
 (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)
 6:00 pm **Deceased of the Joseph Loughery Family** (Family)

Saturday, December 16, 2023 + Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am **Rosary**
 8:30 am **Pearl Peterson** (Family)
 9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, December 16, 2023+ Anticipated for Third Sunday of Advent

5:15 pm **Eugene & Jim Facchine** (Family)

Sunday, December 17, 2023+ Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **Dominic & Elvira Judice** (Art & Mary Therese Cianca)
 10:00 am **Kelley Aiello** (Mike & Christie Aiello & Family)



Mass Ministry Schedule Weekend of December 16 & 17, 2023

	5:15 pm	8:00 am	10:00 am
Altar Servers	S & J Tettis	P Wshburn E Leuschel	K Petrosky O Buck
Eucharistic Minister	W MacDonald	S Geci	S or L Fink
Lector	M Buck	L Caggese	D Paige

Altar Candles

*WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING
MEMORY OF*

Saint Leo - Deceased Pastors of Saint Leo Parish

Sanctuary - Mary McMackin by her family

Blessed Mary - Deceased of Saint Leo Parish

Saint Joseph - Souls in Purgatory

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.*

Cancel the Cold

†We remember in our prayers†

December 9

*Genevieve Armanini
Joseph & Angeline Facchine*

December 10

*Don & Martha Olson
Rollin & Martha Laughner*

December 12

Mary Helen Jacobs

*The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to
the family of David Amacher.*

*May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in
eternal peace.*

Prayer Chain

Call Felcia @ 814.772.5460

**If you, or someone you know are in need
of prayers.**

Ministry Schedule Week of December 17, 2023

Money Counters	Team #3
Ridgmont Minister	M Skraba
Altar Guild (12/15)	Group 3 Pew 5

St. Leo Parish

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 email: secretary@stleomagnus.org**

Office hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 am - noon + 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call the parish office for your cemetery needs

**Second Annual
Parish Family Christmas Tree**

Bring an ornament any ornament ~ new or old ~
one or many...
a special ornament unique to you and your
family...
an ornament to share with the whole parish...

Hang it on the parish tree in the gathering space
to share with the everyone this Christmas. Pick it
up after the Christmas Season.

Parish Support
December 3, 2023

Contributions.....\$9,671
Weekly Budget.....\$9,246

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Contributions.....\$175,720
Budget.....\$212,658

Online Giving

Our online offertory program is called Vanco. This offertory site can be accessed by visiting our church website at www.stleomagnus.org and click the **Vanco** button at the top of the page. Simply follow the directions to set up an account. You have total control of your donation. Your donation to St. Leo will be received and placed into the fund you chose.

Ways to Remember

There are many ways to memorialize both living and deceased family and friends:

Mass - \$10

Candles - Sanctuary, Saint Leo, Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph - \$20/week

Hosts and Wine - \$100/month

Beat the Heat/Cancel the Cold - \$10/date

Radio Mass Broadcast - \$100/week

Contact the parish office for details.

Have an IRA? Would you like to gift to a qualified charity, tax free?

If you make donations, and are subject to required minimum distributions (RMD) rules for your IRA, gifting some of your RMD income using the qualified charitable distribution will count toward satisfying your RMD, and neither you or the charity will have to pay income taxes.

Religious Education Program
2023-2024

Registration details will be published soon.
Keep an eye on the bulletin

50/50 DRAWING

We'll draw 1 winner on December 17th
Winner will get at least \$9,850!!

Tickets can be found in the gathering space or at the parish office.

St. Leo Christmas Cash Drawing
December 17th

7 winners of \$1,000 each

Tickets for sale at the parish office
\$20 each/3-\$40

Gifts of the Magi

Thank you to all who so graciously brought gifts for children. Many in our area will have a bright Christmas because of your generosity. If you have not returned your gift, you may drop it off in the parish office before December 14th.



This Week At St. Leo

Sun.	Dec. 10	Confirmation Retreat at St. Callistus
Thu.	Dec. 14	St. Leo School Christmas Play, 9:30 am and 7:00 pm
Sat.	Dec. 16	CD of A Bake Sale
Sun.	Dec. 17	50/50 Drawing Christmas Raffle Drawing CD of A Bake Sale CD of A Christmas Basket Raffle

Advent Candle Sale

Sponsored by the CD of A

A ring with candles \$20
Candles only \$5

In the gathering space until mid December

Bulletin Deadlines -

Submit by December 7th for the December 17th bulletin
Submit by December 13th for the December 24th bulletin
Submit by December 20st for the December 31st bulletin
Submit by December 27th for the January 7th bulletin

K of C 12 Knights of Christmas

300 tickets will be sold for this raffle. Cost \$20
24 drawings over 12 days beginning December 13. All tickets stay in drum through the final \$1,000 draw! Tickets available in the parish office or from a knight.

St. Leo Little Ones

PreK through Grade Four are excitedly rehearsing for their annual Christmas program on **December 14, 2023** in the St. Leo Church Social Hall at 7:00pm.

The show is titled **From Creation To Christmas**, and it highlights Old Testament stories that trace the ancestry of Jesus leading up to His birth. You won't want to miss the Kindergarten critters singing and swaying in Noah's Ark, or the delightful story of Jacob and his 12 tribes of Israel. Also being featured is the beautiful Annunciation scene of Mary and the angel Gabriel, and Moses will be trying his best to free his people from the mighty Pharaoh's slavery. All this and much more will prepare your heart, mind, and soul for the arrival of Baby Jesus.

Come and bring a friend to see and hear the children give tribute to the birth of Christ. **Dress rehearsal is open to the public on Thursday, December 14 at 9:30 am.**

Come let us adore Him!

Area Church Penance Times

- St. Leo** - Wednesdays 4-6 and Saturdays at 9 am
- St. Boniface** - Saturdays at 3:15 pm and after Sat. & Sun. masses during Advent
- Queen of the World** - Saturdays at 4:15 pm
- Sacred Heart** - Saturdays at 3 pm
- St. Mark, Emporium** - Wednesdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 2:30 pm
- Holy Rosary** - Saturdays at 4:30 pm
- St. Joseph, Force** - Saturdays at 4:45pm
- St. Mary's** - Saturdays at 3:30 pm

Penance Services

- Holy Rosary** - Monday, Dec. 11 at 6 pm
- Queen of the World** - Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 pm
- St. Mark's** - Saturday, Dec. 16 after 4 pm mass
- St. Joseph** - Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 pm
- Sacred Heart** - Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 pm

Children's Liturgy



Advent Candle Ceremony



Leading the pack to class



Enjoying a Nativity snack



Welcome to our newest Catholics!

Madelyn Grace Frey

Daughter of Chelsea Frey

Barrett Anthony Wisor

Son of Brandon and Loreal Wisor

Molly Inez Urmann

Daughter of Andrew and Tia Urmann

We pray God will bless them, and their families, as they grows in faith.

Goodies, Goodies, Goodies!!

The CD of A will be holding their annual **Christmas Bake Sale** in The Gathering Space on Saturday, **December 16th** and Sunday, **December 17th** after all Masses. Please bring some extra "dough" with you to Church that weekend to buy some delicious goodies. Last year we set a new record with making \$1,000 on the bake sale and we are hoping to do that again this year to help our Parish and community :)

ALSO CALLING ALL BAKERS!! If anyone would like to help us out with donating goodies for us to sell at the Bake Sale, please mark on your containers if they contain nuts or peanut butter. If you have any questions, call Dawn at 814-788-0278.

ST. LEO MAGNUS CATHOLIC CHURCH Membership Form

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please drop this form into the offertory basket or mail to Parish Office

- New Registration
- Change of Address or Phone
- Moving Out of the Parish
- Need Envelopes

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:



Every year on this Second Sunday of Advent we encounter a pivotal figure in the history of our salvation, who was the loud voice – the strong voice – the faithful voice that cries out in the desert even now over two thousand years later. He was the cousin of a young girl from Nazareth, who was only 15 years older than he, but had an irreplaceable role to play as well. His mother was thought to be barren and couldn't have children, but as we experience time and time again, "*for God nothing is impossible.*" His cousin who would be born just nine months or so later, would be the one to whom he would point to and later in the waters of the Jordan River baptize. That's how we know him: John The Baptist. He is often called in the Eastern tradition of the Church by a more fitting name – a more Advent name: *The Forerunner* – the One who Comes Before.

That was John the Baptist's entire life. He is conceived before Jesus. He is the first, before his parents – before his cousin's Joseph and Mary – before the Wise Men and Shepherds – before anyone else in the human race – he was the first to experience the joy of Jesus Christ. As the two cousins were *in utero*, he leapt for joy that the Savior was coming. Even then as a new life inside Elizabeth, he was readying himself – he was preparing the way – shouting out in the desert before birth – that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life! He was then born before Jesus to get the people ready. He went into the desert long before Jesus would be tempted there for forty days, to rally the troops if you would, to get the excitement going. Finally, John will die before Jesus; be killed by cruel men – men who refused to see the light – ignored the shouts of salvation – would not be changed by God's touch. John is always a step in front Jesus, making sure all is ready – all is set in motion.

We, therefore, are all John the Baptists. That's our call every Advent. That is our Christian duty every day: to make the path straight – to get rid of all the stones and smooth out the bumps that could trip us up; to prepare the way – to be sure there is room in our hearts to welcome again the Son of God. However, we must be a voice crying out in the world, because the world has become quite desert-like hasn't it? So many voices shouting that they are the way – that they have the truth – that only with them can you have a wonderful life, but they lie! Without God's truth, without the way that John the Baptist shows us, without the life, the eternal life, that is only possible with Jesus Christ, nothing else matters. John shouted these truths twenty centuries ago to people who were in pain and sorrow – who were searching for meaning, for direction, for love. They shouted for God to come and save them.

God answered. God came. We shout today for the same things. Moreover, God will answer, because God is coming again! He arrives in about 14 days to shatter the darkness of the world. This week we must put on the camel hair – feast on wild locusts and honey – and convince others who might think we're crazy because we love Jesus Christ unconditionally, to make room for Him again in our homes and in our hearts.

Long before He came that first night in Bethlehem, Jesus Christ knew us – every single human person whom He came to save. The Child of the Manger who could not speak, knew our names already! God in His human form – The Messiah – The King of Glory, knew all our faces. Every line and curve, each beautiful and unique feature that His Father has created us in, was forever imprinted in Jesus' heart. There we are and there we will stay forever. ***Come Lord Jesus, come quickly without delay!***

Let us give thanks for these past 150 years a
and move forward together as one family of faith in Christ!

Father Justin