

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

May Christmas Day and the entire Season of Christmas be filled with much happiness, joy, and peace for you and your family. On behalf of the entire staff of St. Leo's, I want to wish all of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Once again, the church looks great. The decorators did a fantastic job. Thank you to all who donated for the purchase of Christmas flowers. Use of cell phones is not normally encouraged in church, but feel free to take pictures with your phone (cameras are welcome to) and send them to family and friends.

Claudia, the choirs, and extra musicians do a great job in providing music for the Season. Thank you to all involved in music ministry at St. Leo's.

Fr. Vesely has been visiting the rectory kitchen more often these past few days to sample the bakery that many of you dropped off. Yes, Napoleon is very appreciative as well.

The Adopt-A-Child Program was a great success! Thank you to the volunteers that worked hard to ensure that many children in our community would have something for Christmas. Also, the St. Vincent DePaul Society was able to provide, through your donations; Christmas dinner for a number of families.

Christmas is a time of happiness; however, I know that it can bring some sadness when we recall those family members and friends that have gone before us. For all the loved ones on the Remembrance Tree and all our dearly departed, may they rejoice forever at the eternal Christmas in God's presence.

If you are traveling this Holiday Season, may you travel in safety. To all the school children: have fun, enjoy the time off, and be safe. Welcome home to all the college students who have returned, and to everyone visiting St. Leo's this year. If you were able to take some time off from work, enjoy the time relaxing and spending it with family and friends.

May God bless you this Christmas Day! May this Christmas remain in our hearts and thoughts for years to come.

Fr. Russ



**Pray for our sick...** Regina Parle, Leonard Lyzen, Carol Sladewski, Lenore Tansler, Laura Bednarski, Mary Pasela, Tammie Nowacki, Ethel Simone, Ann Aron, Rose Mary Howard, Madison Kuhn, Paul Critzer, Walt Schoolcraft, Tomika Jones-McFarlane, Midge Markovich, Ester Dallas, Bob Lung, Gail Ryan, Bruce Furman, Hank Nowacki, Janet Lajewski, Millie Sklodowski, Renee Schlatterbeck, Theresa Truxall, Pat Konkol, Cathy Stimac, Jess Matey, Theresa, Martin Fontaine, Dorothy Steimle, Barbara Ann Prez, Mary Kay Simonik, James Minch, Margaret Zisk, Doris Cianciolo, Ina Minch, Richard Bernacki, Colleen Kleinhenz, Donna Mlady, Connor Sgobbo, Mary Szakal, Steve Simonik, Edward Bacso, Matthew Walsh, Michelle Crespo, Mary Ann Herron, Dorothy Friedl, Jim O'Malley, Rocco Capone, John Pantani, Bill Miller, Ann Kilbane Friedl and Raymond Carrossellia

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, December 26-St. Stephen**  
7:30 – Helen Eberl (Walter Milewski)

**Tuesday, December 27-St. John**  
7:30 – Dolores Mattei (Joanne Grisanti)

**Wednesday, December 28-The Holy Innocents**  
7:30 – Geraldine Kruszynski (Family)

**Thursday, December 29-St. Thomas Becket**  
7:30 – Ted Venesky (Wife)

**Friday, December 30-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
8:30 – Raymond Novy (Charles & Claire)

**Saturday Evening / Sunday Obligation,  
December 31-St. Sylvester I**  
2:45 – 3:30 pm - Confessions  
4:00 – John Kozlowski (Family)

**Sunday, January 1-The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother**  
8:00 – Parishioners  
10:00 – Irene Waldorf (John Waldorf)  
12:00 – Parishioners

**RECTORY HOURS**

Closed Monday, December 26, Tuesday through Thursday the rectory is open 9 am-9 pm, Friday is 9 am-8 pm. Saturday, New Year's Eve is 9 am-4 pm. New Year's Day, January 1.

*Have a Blessed and Merry  
Christmas from St. Leo staff!!*

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011  
 Sunday: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18  
 Monday: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17 Mt 10:17-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35  
 Friday: Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3 Ps 105:1-6, 8-9 Lk 22:22-40  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18  
 Sunday: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

# "One hour for the Lord"

## PARISH SUPPORT

December 11, 2011

Sunday Collection .....	\$11,092.50
Assessments .....	\$167.00
Immaculate Conception .....	\$1,952.00
Weekly Goal .....	\$12,500.00
Number of Families .....	2,100

Because the bulletin was done early, the contributions for Sunday, December 18th will be in the January 1st bulletin.

**If your employer has a matching contribution program, they may match your individual contribution to St. Leo the Great Parish.**

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Shawn & Jamie Purcell on the baptism of their daughter **Riley Corrine**. Our baptisms are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, the next baptism class is Monday, February 13th, at 7 pm please call to schedule your child's baptism 216-661-1006.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To St. Leo the Great 8th Grader **John Ortega** who is being recognized as an Ignatian Scholar for excelling in their admissions test. He will receive a Merit Scholarship at a special ceremony in the Breen Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, January 4th.

To St. Leo the Great 8th Grader **Theresa Lincheck** who auditioned and was accepted into the Honors Wind Ensemble at Baldwin Wallace College. Theresa played her clarinet with the Wind Ensemble at their Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 17th at Kulas Hall.

## MEGA RAFFLE

Just a few notes to remember when handing in your Mega Raffle money and envelopes...You can always catch up on the envelopes; if you missed a month or two, you can hand in \$10 for the months you may have missed at any time. Please write a separate check from your weekly envelopes. No receipt will be mailed/provided when you turn in your Mega Raffle entry, your cancelled check is your receipt. As always, call the rectory if you have questions or concerns. The deadline for the December drawing is December 31st and the drawing is January 9th.

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contributions must be delivered or post marked December 31, 2011 to count as 2011 contributions.

## ST. LEO SENIORS

**Meadows Racetrack & Casino**-Don't let Friday the 13th scare you, you might come out a big winner. On January 13, we will leave St. Leo's at 7:30 am **(PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE)** for Meadows Racetrack & Casino. We will return about 7 pm. Call Joanne Todd to book your trip 440-526-3505. The cost is \$29.

**Cleveland Part 1**-Depart St. Leo's at 9:00 am on February 15th and arrive at Moses Cleveland, travel to Lorenzo Carter Cabin, Irishtown Bend, Ohio City. Spend some time at Hansa German Market and the Westside Market. Have lunch at Sterle's Restaurant, then visit Archie's for a "Hough Tribute" bakery, Euclid Beach, University Circle, Little Italy and Gus Gallucci's Store. Call Joanne Todd to book your trip 440-526-3505. The cost is \$62.

**When parking for these bus trips, please park in the far west of the back parking lot.**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas time is that time of the year for reflecting on all the good we have been blessed with and a time for holding family and friends close. But for many in our community, this special day is spent quite differently. Please pray for peace in our world, but also remember that "peace" means not being hungry or alone, cold or homeless, sick or afraid. Help your SVDP give our neighbors that true sense of peace with a donation in the collection basket, in an envelope marked SVDP or in the Poor Boxes. Thank you very much for your help throughout the year and Merry Christmas to you.

**Donate that old car to the SVDP Society:** Donate your used car, van or pickup truck to the SVDP Car Donation Program, and avoid the hassles and headaches of trading it in or selling it yourself. Your vehicle will be sold and the proceeds used by SVDP in the Diocese of Cleveland in their charitable programs that assist the needy and suffering. You may also be eligible for an income tax deduction. To donate your vehicle, please call 1-800-322-8284 or visit [www.svdpusacars.com](http://www.svdpusacars.com).

## MARKET DAY

The next Market Day pick up is Friday, January 13th, 5:30-6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Stop in the rectory to pick up a form or go to [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) by using the account number 6935. Forms must in to the school by January 5, online orders must be in by January 9.

## YARN NEEDED

Drop off yarn to the rectory for Warm Up America.

**KEEP UP TO DATE AND VISIT US AT [WWW.SAINSTLEOSCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.SAINSTLEOSCHURCH.ORG)**

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am

Friday 8:30 am



**New Year's Day-**

**Solemnity of**

**Mary and Sunday Obligation**

Saturday, December 31 4 pm

Sunday, January 1 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon



**Feast of the Epiph-**

**any-Sunday Ob-**

**ligation**

Saturday, January 7 4 pm

Sunday, January 8 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon



**St. Leo the Great**

**staff wishes eve-**

**ryone a Happy and Healthy New Year!**





Calendar

**Monday, December 26**

Facilities Closed

**Tuesday, December 27**

6:30 pm SVDP Meeting PC/Francis  
7:00 pm RCIA PC/Great

**Wednesday, December 28**

6:00 pm Men's Choir Church  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Church

**Thursday, December 29**

**Friday, December 30**

**Saturday, December 31**

3:00 pm Grapevine A.A. PC/Great

**Rectory Hours 9 am-4 pm**

**Mass Schedule 4 pm**

**Sunday, January 1**

**Mass Schedule 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon**

### POLISH CHRISTMAS LITURGY

The Traditional Polish Christmas Liturgy "Pasterka" will be celebrated on Tuesday evening December 27 at St. John Bosco in Parma Heights. Singing of the traditional Polish Christmas Carols (Kolendy) will begin at 6:45 pm and mass will follow at 7:30 pm. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Pasterka Chairpersons, Larry and Kay Gonet at 440-826-0226.

### LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please join us at the 13th annual Visitation Home Reunion Dance to benefit the Community of the Little Brothers and Sisters of the Eucharist. It will be held at St. Clarence Hall, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted on Friday, January 20, from 8 pm-midnight. Music will be provided by the Andy Cooney Showband. Tickets are \$25 each and include light refreshments. For further information and tickets, please call 216-251-4075.

### ROSARY FOR LIFE

March for Life in Washington, DC. Stand up for the preborn child on this annual pilgrimage of pro-life groups from across our country on Monday, January 23. Call for the bus leaving St. John Bosco, Parma Heights: Frank 216-362-6091 or Immaculate Conception, Willoughby: Chuck 440-257-7835.

### CLUSTERING NEWS

**Mary Queen of Peace-Bingo** in the Parish Center on Fridays at 6 pm.

**St. Charles Borromeo**-Lottery tickets for the month of February 2012 will be sold in the parish office from now until the end of January 2012. They are for the state's 7:30pm drawing for three numbers straight. You can win \$100.00 as many times as the number comes up in the month of February. All of the money we make goes to the parish so I ask for your help. Thank you very much and God bless you. Pamela Nolan (440) 888-1469.

**St. Thomas More**-Bingo is held at STM every Wednesday in the gym. Doors open at 5 pm and Early Birds begin at 6:30 pm.

All are welcome to gather in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for peace on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

### JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

**Christmas Eve Mass is at 4 pm on Saturday, December 24. A New Year's Eve Retreat is December 31 at 6 pm until January 1 at 11 am.** Mass will be celebrated at 11 pm with a celebration to follow. The cost is \$80, includes food and overnight lodging. All retreats are at the Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Road. Call 440-884-9300 for more information. **Individually directed retreat January 8-15.** Begin the New Year with time for contemplation and prayerful re-direction. Consider making a full 8-day retreat, or select the timeframe that suits you best. Whether you select 1 day or a full week, your soul will thank you! Spiritual directors are available upon request. Please call for consultation 440-884-9300, ext. 10. The cost is based on length of stay. **Pre-Cana Days** at the Jesuit Retreat House are Sundays, January 22, February 12 and March 18. The program runs from 12:45-8 pm. The cost is \$75 per couple. Space is limited and registration is required. Please see the Retreat House website at [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org) to register and for more information.

### RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Someone once said "marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth." Have you become so distracted by outside pressures that you have neglected your spouse? Retrouvaille (Help Our Marriage) can help you put your marriage back on track. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held January 13-15 at the Cleveland Hilton Inn Beachwood. A registration fee of \$150 is requested to confirm a reservation. For information concerning the program, or to register, contact Al or Diane Miskinis at 330-665-3506 or 1-800-470-2230. You may also learn about Reteouvaille at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).