TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

As we reflect on Christmas from our past, part of our memories are of those who have gone before us to be with the Lord. Some of these people have been gone for many years, others more recently. No matter, we miss them and bring them to mind. During the Christmas Season, we decorate Christmas trees that are symbolic of the Cross, the Tree of Life. As a way to celebrate the eternal life that these people have entered into, you are invited to place an ornament on a Tree of Remembrance that will be part of the church Christmas decorations. Starting next weekend, December 10 and 11, ornaments will be available before and after all the Masses for you to write the name of the deceased on and place it on the Tree. At the end of the Christmas Season, you are welcome to take the ornament home for future use. May all of our deceased live forever in the Peace of Christ.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-DECEMBER 8

This Thursday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception-a holy day of obligation. The title "the Immaculate Conception" was bestowed upon the Blessed Virgin Mary because of the Church's belief that Mary was conceived without original sin since she was destined to be the Mother of God. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is also the patron saint of the United States. The mass schedule for this holy day of obligation is 7 pm on December 7th (Vigil Mass); 7 am, 8:30 am, and 7 pm on December 8th.

HOMEBOUND

We are offering Communion on a weekly basis to those homebound interested. Please call the rectory if interested or have any questions 216-661-1006.

OPLATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)

ARE AVAILABLE IN THE RECTORY FOR $2.

In your prayers...

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, Mary Jane Funta, 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 and Raymond Carrossellia

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 5-Advent Weekday
7:30 – John, Rose & Phil Velardo (Carmella Vrba)

Tuesday, December 6-St. Nicholas
7:30 – Margaret Anderson (Joe & Joan Krakora)

Wednesday, December 7-St. Ambrose
7:30 – Frances Szymanski (Family)
7:00 – All Souls

Thursday, December 8-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 – Katherine Rosby (Skora Family)
8:30 – School Mass
7:00 – All Souls

Friday, December 9-St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
8:30 – William LaGodney (Wife)

Saturday Evening / Sunday Obligation, December 10-Advent Weekday
2:45 – 3:30 pm - Confessions
4:00 – Backraty Family (Charles & Claire)

Sunday, December 11
8:00 – Parishioners
10:00 – Marianne Stracensky (Family)
12:00 – Edmund Venesky (Wife)

In Loving Memory

Herbert Uffman

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2011

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8 -14 Mk 1:1-8
Monday:	Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab-14 Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10-13 Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

"One hour for the Lord"

PARISH SUPPORT

November 20, 2011

Sunday Collection.....$8,717.75
Assessments..... $135.00
Weekly Goal.....$12,500.00
Number of Families 2,100

November 27, 2011

Sunday Collection.....$8,936.00
Assessments..... $44.00
Weekly Goal.....$12,500.00
Number of Families 2,100

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

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Philip & Sarah Beno on the baptism of their son **Logan Anthony**. Our baptisms are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, the next baptism class is Monday, December 12th, at 7 pm please call to schedule your child's baptism 216-661-1006.

ADOPT-A-CHILD

If you wish to purchase a gift for a needy child, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247 of Judi Westerburg at 216-642-0134. All gifts must be wrapped and dropped off in the church sanctuary by December 17 at 5 pm. If you would like to help deliver gifts, please come to the Parish Center on Sunday, December 18 between 10 am and noon.

St. Colman Parish has asked for new hats, weatherproof gloves and warm socks-adult sizes, and RTA bus tickets. Please do not wrap these items, but bring them to the rectory by December 17.

Monetary contributions may be placed in the collection basket. Please make any checks payable to St. Leo Parish and mark them for "Adopt-A-Child".

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, December 11th, from 9 am -noon. Donations are typically low during the holidays. Donors must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 11 lbs. The average adult has between 9-12 pints of blood in their body-all we need is 1. Your body will replace the lost fluid within 24 hours and the red cells in 4-8 weeks. Please stop by and donate!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Because of Christmas and New Year's, the bulletins will need to be done early in December and January. Announcements for the December 18th bulletin need to be in the rectory by Thursday, December 8th. Announcements for the December 25th bulletin need to be in the rectory by Thursday, December 14th. Announcements for the January 1st bulletin need to be in the rectory by Monday, December 19th.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following students who made honor roll at St. Edward High School...**Vincent Funari, Tyler Meitin, Joseph Milcinovic and Gerald Schubert**.

THANKSGIVING PIES

Thank you to everyone who donated pies or made a monetary donation for St. Augustine's for Thanksgiving. We were able to deliver 86 pies and 25 containers of Cool Whip. The staff at St. Augustine's were very appreciative. Thank you very much!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Do your Christmas sharing early! Let your heart and your means dictate what you share. Your contributions will enable SVDP to deliver your message of good cheer to our needy neighbors. The Poor Boxes can be seen as the "Bread Boxes of the Poor". Please be generous this year, the need is great. Thank 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

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THANK YOU

The 8th Grade would like to thank all parishioners who supported the Bob Evans fundraiser on November 17th. We ask God's blessings on you for your continued help of our class and school!

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Christmas is that time when we want to show our appreciation and love for others. We often do this by giving gifts to family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Often, we wonder "what is the perfect gift?" I suggest that you give a gift of a gift card from the St. Leo the Great Certificate Program. The Certificate Program allows you to choose from nearly 100 stores and restaurants to show your appreciation. Still not sure what gift card to give? Then give the gift of a gift card that allows the person to come and redeem the card of their choice. The Perfect Gift!

The Certificate Program is a no additional cost to you program that allows you to purchase gift cards for use at restaurants, stores, gas companies, and for entertainment. The Parish makes a small profit on the cards that helps to offset major Parish expenses. Gifts cards can be purchased at the Parish Office.

I know that Giant Eagle offers a variety of cards as well for purchase, and many of you like to purchase cards there to offset gasoline purchases. I don't blame you. However, why not buy your Giant Eagle cards here and then redeem them at the store for groceries or other cards and still get the credit for gasoline.

We have included a list of the certificates available. If you have any questions please call the rectory at 216-661-1006.

ST. LEO STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The 5th grade is collecting Can Tabs as a Service Project to help Ronald McDonald House. Please save your can tabs and bring them to the rectory.

The 6th grade is collecting Pink Yoplait yogurt lids for Breast Cancer. Please save your lids and bring them to the rectory.

The 6th grade is also collecting Coats and Sweaters in good condition for Coats for Kids. Please drop off any donations to the rectory.

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 by using the account number 6935.

CLUSTERING NEW

Mary Queen of Peace-National Night of Prayer will be Thursday, December 8 at 9 pm until Friday, December 9 at 1 am in the Lower Chapel. We will pray together before the Blessed Sacrament and unite with other parishes throughout the country during the National Hour of Unity from 12-1 am.

St. Charles Borromeo-Mark your calendars for the First Friday of the month to attend this informative series of talks in the Church arranged by our seminarian-intern, Matt Byrne. The next talk will be on Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 pm. Additional talks have been scheduled on the First Fridays of January, February, etc.

St. Thomas More-Join us for an Evening of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 pm in the church. Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ as we sing carols and listen to readings with the music ministry. In its third year at STM, an Evening of Lessons and Carols is a beautiful service that will help you ready the way for the Lord!

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES & PLACEMENT EXAMS

Padua Franciscan-Placement/Scholarship exams are Monday, December 12 from 5:30-8:30 pm. For more information visit www.paduafranciscan.com.

St. Joseph Academy-Placement/Scholarship exams are Saturday, January 7 from 9-11:30 am. The cost is $20. For more information visit our website www.sja1890.org or call 216-251-4868.

St. Peter Chanel-Placement and Scholarship tests are Saturdays, December 10 and January 7 from 9 am-12 pm. The cost is $20. Please call Scott Gongos at 440-232-5900, ext. 144 to reserve a seat.

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Calendar

Monday, December 5

4:00 pm	Basketball	Gym
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	PC/Great
6:45 pm	PSR	School
7:00 pm	Parish Worship	PC/Francis

Tuesday, December 6

4:00 pm	Basketball	Gym
6:30 pm	SVDP Meeting	PC/Francis
7:00 pm	RCIA	PC/Great

Wednesday, December 7

4:00 pm	Basketball	Gym
6:00 pm	Music Ministry	Church
6:30 pm	PTC	Cafe
7:00 pm	Music Ministry	Church

Thursday, December 8

4:00 pm	Basketball	Gym
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	PC/Great

Friday, December 9

4:00 pm	Basketball	Gym
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Parish Center

Saturday, December 10

8:00 am	Basketball Centers	Gym/Kit
3:00 pm	Grapevine A.A.	PC/Great
3:00 pm	Cub Scouts	Parish Center

Sunday, December 11

9:00 am	American Red Cross Bloodmobile	Café/Kit
11:00 am	Music Ministry	Church

ST. MARY BYZANTINE

A Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on Saturday, December 10, 5-6 pm and Sunday, December 11, 11 am-12 noon. At St. Mary Byzantine, 4600 State Road. Cookies will be sold for $7 per pound, containers will be provided. For more information, please contact the school office at 216-749-7980.

MAGNIFICAT HIGH SCHOOL

The Performing Arts Department has two free concerts scheduled this December to get you in the mood for the Christmas season. The Band Concert is Tuesday, December 13 at 7 pm. The Choral Concert is Tuesday, December 20 at 7:30 pm. Both events will take place in Magnificat Center for Performing Arts. Admission and parking are free for both events.

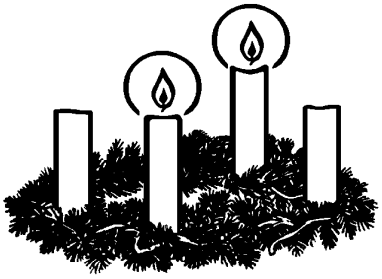
JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

Advent Retreats-**A Day Retreat is Tuesday, December 13, 9 am-2:30 pm**. The cost is $25, includes lunch, presentations and personal prayer. **A Evening Retreat is Thursday, December 15, 6:30-9 pm.** The cost is $15, includes refreshments, presentations, and personal prayer. **December 16-18 is AA Men's Retreat, Friday at 6 pm until Sunday at 11 am.** The cost is $150, includes 5 meals, lodging and retreat materials**. Christmas Eve Mass is at 4 pm on Saturday, December 25**. **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 retreat are at the Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Road. Call 440-884-9300 for more information.

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 to register and for more information.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support elderly religious. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "We thank God for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABC's but also to love God." Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week's second collection.

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 All or Diane Miskinis at 330-665-3506 or 1-800-470-2230. You may also learn about Reteouvaille at www.helpourmarriage.com.