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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Sat. Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday: 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

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays + Thursdays 9 am - 6 pm



*And the Word became
flesh and dwelt
among us!*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 20, 2025 + Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Mary Butera** (Estate)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, December 20, 2025 + Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:15 pm **Frank & Dorothy Arminini** (Family)

Sunday, December 21, 2025 + Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **William Fleming** (Pat Fleming)

10:00 am **Mary Bellomo** (Family)

Tuesday, December 23, 2025 + Late Advent Weekday

9:00 am - 6:00 pm **ADORATION**

6:00 pm **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 + Christmas Vigil Mass for Children

4:00 pm **Fr. Justin**

Thursday, December 25, 2025 + Christmas Mass at Midnight

12:00 am **Jean & Andrew Fioramonti** (Family)

Thursday, December 25, 2025 + Christmas Mass in the Morning

10:00 am **Arturo & Secodina Morelli** (The Morelli Family)

Friday, December 26, 2025 + Saint Stephen

8:30 am **Charlie Hogan** (Dave & Joey Kepple)

Saturday, December 27, 2025 + Saint John

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Christine Pino, 4th anniv.** (Fr. Justin)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, December 27, 2025 + Vigil The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:15 pm **Steve Kovalyak** (Dave & Theresa Zamoski)

Sunday, December 28, 2025 + The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 am **Billy Egger, 4th anniv.** (Mary Egger)

10:00 am **Doris Mascioni** (Don & Marcia Wildnauer)



IN NEED OF PRAYERS? CALL JAN @ 814-776-1352
SHE WILL ADD YOUR INTENTION TO OUR PRAYER LIST

ALTAR CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of
JOSH REYNOLDS
By The Manno Family

Saint Leo Candle burns this week in loving memory of
AMOS & JEAN GIER
By Chris & Susie Klase

Saint John of God Candle burns this week in loving memory of
JOHN & BETTY CASOLO
By Chris & Susie Klase

Prayer for a New Bishop

O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
May we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie



Liturgical Ministries Christmas & Dec. 27/28

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Wed, 12/24 4:00 pm	D LaBenne P Messineo MC Messineo	A Messineo V Stager	M Buck
Thu, 12/25 Midnight	J Nicklas S Tettis S Tettis	M Detwiler	L Caggese
Thu, 12/25 10:00 am	A Corl G McCloskey J Tettis	T Bish H Bish	C Tutton
Sat, 12/27 5:15 pm	J & P Bobnar	S Anderson	T Bish
Sun, 12/28 8:00 am	S & S Tettis	D Richards	WJ Fernan
Sun, 12/28 10:00 am	A Stenta N Washburn	T Buck	N Hoffman
Money Counters	Team # 4 (12/29)	Altar Guild (12/26)	Group 5 Pew 3

Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for December For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace,

The wine and hosts for December have been
provided in memory of
Victoria Davidson
By Paul & Rita Reed

Year-Long 50/50 Is over \$10,005 !

The pay-out will continue to climb until the drawing on December 28, 2025

Online Giving

Our online giving platform has undergone some modification. If you have an account with Vanco, it has been transferred to MP eGiving just as you had it set in Vanco. No need to enroll into a new app. The link to MP eGiving can be found on our website, www.stleomagnus.org. For those interested in making an online donation, navigate to our website and choose "Online Giving" in the "Ways to Give" tab. You will be directed to the MP eGiving platform. Just follow the on-screen direction to make a donation. If you have questions, please call the parish office.

Ways to Remember

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

Mass - \$10/request

Candles: Sanctuary, Saint Leo, Saint John of God - \$20/week

Hosts and Wine - \$100/month

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

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. Call the parish office for more details.



We have a few extra copies of the new hard bound hymnals. If you would like to purchase one contact the parish office. Cost \$20

Bulletin Deadline - Submit by Dec. 29 for the Jan. 4 Bulletin
**We are back to our normal deadline of Tuesdays
by noon for Sunday.**

St. Leo Magnus Church

Parish Office Hours

9 am - noon & 1-4 pm

Monday - Thursday

Ph: 814-772-3135

secretary@stleomagnus.org

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR
CEMETERY NEEDS**

Weekly Wisdom from Pope Leo XIV

"In today's fast-paced world, there is a tendency to forget and to consume images and words without reflecting on their meaning. The Church, on the other hand, is called to educate people in memory. Those who know their own history know who they are. They know where to go. They know whose children they are and the hope to which they are called. Christians are not orphans: we have a genealogy of faith, a living tradition and a communion of witnesses."

**Pope Leo XIV
Apostolic Letter
11 December 2025**



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Advent Penance Services

Sun. Dec. 21 2 pm St. Joseph, Force

Mon. Dec. 22 6 pm Sacred Heart, St. Marys

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please let the Parish Office know if a member of your family is sick and in need of anointing or would like to be placed on our Communion List.

FLOCKNOTE - KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US VIA EMAIL &
TEXT! TO SIGN UP STLEO TO 84576 OR TLEO.FLOCKNOTE.COM

Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Jan 6, 2026 6:30 pm Queen of the World, St. Marys 814-834-4701

Feb 24, 2026 6:30 pm St. Mark, Emporium 814-486-0569

****Be Sure to call ahead to reserve your spot**

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

If your family is celebrating an upcoming wedding in 2026, consider a gift that lasts a lifetime—**Engagement Encounter**.

This weekend retreat helps couples prepare for a strong, faith-filled marriage and fulfills diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church.

Next session: February 6-8, 2026 at *St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie*. **Space is limited—register early!**

Call the Family Life Office: 814-824-1261 or

email: familylife@erieRCD.org, more details and registration: <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/>.

"A Wedding is one day, but a marriage is for a lifetime"

CANCEL THE COLD

†We remember in our prayers†

December 20

Robert Connacher
Frank & Dorothy Armanini
Deceased members of Facchine Family

December 24

Joseph & Edith Fusco

December 25

Joseph & Edith Fusco
Joseph & Janice Casolo
Carl D. Lindberg



The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.

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SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL

A CLOSE-"KNIT" GROUP

KNITTING CLUB WITH OUR PRINCIPAL MRS. KUCENSKI IS BACK IN FULL SWING!

STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL CHOOSE TO KNIT WITH MRS. KUCENSKI DURING RECESS TIME, OFTEN MAKING HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.



Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/

Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

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to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

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From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

In a few short days, the Christian world will welcome the Savior of all Humankind! Churches will ring out with festive hymns – that no one needs a book – we know the joyous words by heart since childhood. Streets will glitter in lights and décor with more of a shimmer on December 25th. Homes will be filled with family, friends, feasting, and most of all faith! Nevertheless, as we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ – the Word Made Flesh Who again dwells among us as one of us – there will be people who will not celebrate – who do not have a reason to rejoice – who simply and sadly do not believe! May one of our prayers this Christmas be that one person that we know (or someone we do not know), who is not celebrating Christmas – will do so this week. Pray that one doubtful heart will melt into joy. Pray that one soul, who feels shrouded in darkness will be penetrated and cleansed by the light that extends from Bethlehem's night into the four corners of the earth. Pray that all human persons realize that we are pilgrims of hope – walking together to encounter face to face and heart to heart, Him, who is the Hope from Heaven, that never disappoints.

Yes, let us spend some significant time on Christmas Eve – Christmas morning – the days throughout the liturgical season of Christmas that extends until January 12, 2026 on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – to pause, reflect, be grateful, and together with our families – look at the nativity scenes that adorn our homes. Meditate on each figure in the scene, that I hope is in prominent place – not pushed to the side to make room for Santa Claus or Rudolph.

It is that scene of our Lord's entrance into our human story that must be our focus – not the decorations – not the food overwhelming our tables and stomachs – not the holiday clothes, as beautiful as they are – but the tiny hands, face, and heart of the Child in our mangers.

With a gathering around our nativity scenes at home this week, I found an “old” home blessing for the Nativity that was first published in a Christmas missal from 1951. Like my father, who experienced his first Christmas that same year in 1951 – a 74-year-old blessing can only get better with age! It even comes with song suggestions – an all for one deal! Please take time this week to pray this ritual – sing these songs – and in the silence from the annual chaos, recommit us to the journey of hope that not only begins at Bethlehem, but leads us to Egypt, Galilee, the Cross at Calvary and the Empty Tomb in the nearby garden. The road to eternal life begins anew this Thursday at midnight!

My sisters and my brothers, on Christmas we will pause, once again, before the crib and contemplate with wonder the Word made flesh. Sentiments of joy and gratitude will be renewed in our hearts, as they are every year, while we recognize in this annual feast that it was out of love that the Creator of the universe came to dwell among us. Yes, in being born among us, may the Child Jesus not find us distracted or merely busy. Rather, let us beautify our souls and make our families a worthy dwelling place where He feels welcomed with faith, trust, courage, commitment, and love. May the Blessed Virgin and St Joseph help us to live the Mystery of Christmas with renewed wonder and enduring hope. This week and every week, with Christ by our side, let us rejoice and be glad, experiencing a happy, blessed, and faith-energizing Christmas.! Amen!

Father Justin

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB AND TREE

The prayers may be said by the Father or Mother. In the little procession formed by the children, the youngest is allowed to place the figure of the Christ Child in the manger. The tree lights should not burn until the blessing of the tree begins.

All sing: HOLY NIGHT.

Father: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Father: *Let us pray.* Almighty, everlasting God, pour down your blessings on this Crib, which we have set up in memory of the Birth of your Divine Son, Jesus Christ (he sprinkles the crib with holy water). Help us to remember, we beg you, each time we look at it, that Jesus came down to us at Bethlehem because He loved us. Let it remind us, too, O Heavenly Father, that the presents we give and those we receive, are given and received in memory of His love. Give peace to our home, O Lord, and peace to the world, so that we may live with our own family and with all men in happiness; through the same Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and rules with you in union with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

All sing: AWAY IN A MANGER, or some other hymn, while moving to the tree.

Father: O Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly beg you to bless this tree (he sprinkles it with holy water) which we have decorated with ornaments and lights in honor of your birth in Bethlehem. Grant that our souls may also wear the ornaments of good deeds; and make the light of virtue shine in us, so that we may draw all men to you. Amen.

All sing: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL, or some other well-known hymn.