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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



Mass Intentions

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 for The Holy Family of*

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

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)

Tuesday, December 30, 2025 + *Sixth Day within the Octave of the*

Nativity of the Lord

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

6:00 pm **Donna Hinton** (Ken Hinton & Family)

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 + *Vigil for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Confession**

5:30 pm **Rosary**

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

Thursday, January 1, 2026 + *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

11:30 am **Rosary**

12:00 pm **Guiseppe Villella** (Rosa Aiello & Family)

Friday, January 2, 2026 + *Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

8:30 am **Helen & Mike DeStefano** (Family)

Saturday, January 3, 2026 + *Christmas Weekday*

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Timmy Hetrick** (Dave & Lucy Bobby)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, January 3, 2026 + *Vigil for The Epiphany of the Lord*

5:15 pm **Irvin & Alice Malacarne** (Carl & Susan Ginther)

Sunday, January 4, 2026 + *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 am **James M. Urmann** (Family)

10:00 am **Bobby Aiello** (Rosa Aiello & Family)



The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the families of

Harry Richards - brother of Charlie Richards

Dave Steis - son of Joyce Steis

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

ALTAR CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of

JIM MANNO

By his wife, Virginia

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.

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The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie



Liturgical Ministries New Year & January 3 & 4

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Wed, 12/31 6:00 pm	O Buck M Gausman	N Hoffman	See Schedule
Thu, 1/1 12:00, noon	L Kerr CC MacDonald	B Gausman	See Schedule
Sat, 1/3 5:15 pm	H Bowen D Scarnati	JP MacDonald	See Schedule
Sun, 1/4 8:00 am	A Corl J Tettis	M Detwiler	See Schedule
Sun, 1/4 10:00 am	B Leader G McCloskey	K Gerber	See Schedule
Money Counters	Team # 1 (1/5)	Altar Guild (1/2)	Group 6 Pew 4

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

IN NEED OF PRAYERS? CALL JAN @ 814-776-1352

SHE WILL ADD YOUR INTENTION TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Parish Stewardship

December 14, 2025

Weekly Collection \$ 6,032
Weekly Goal \$ 9,168

Catholic Service Appeal

Gifts to date \$31,584
Goal \$58,224

Online Giving

Our online giving platform has undergone some modification. If you have an account with Vanco, it has been transferred to MP eGiving. It transferred just as you had it set in Vanco. The link to MP eGiving can be found on our website, www.stleomagnus.org. A new login and password will have to be created by following the onscreen directions.

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 onscreen 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

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.

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.

Bulletin Deadline - Submit by Dec. 29 for the Jan. 4 Bulletin

We will be back to our normal deadline of Tuesdays at noon for Sunday for the January 11th bulletin

Parish Office closed December 31 until January 5

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

Weekly Wisdom from Pope Leo XIV

"The Nativity scene will remind them that God draws close to humanity, becomes one of us, entering our history in the smallness of a child. Indeed, in the poverty of the stable in Bethlehem, we contemplate a mystery of humility and love. Before every Nativity scene, even those made in our homes, we relive that Event and rediscover the need to seek moments of silence and prayer in our lives, to find ourselves and enter into communion with God."

**Pope Leo XIV - Speech to Nativity Donors
15 December 2025**



St. Leo Parish is grateful for gifts received since July, 2025 in loving memory of:

Edith Fedus
Howard Peterson
Robert Connacher



Welcome to our newest Catholic!

Greyson Lee James Cherry

Son of Brandon Cherry and Jade Ginther

We pray God will bless him, and his family,

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**

Planning a wedding in 2026?

Start your marriage with intention and faith. Join the Engagement Encounter retreat, Feb. 6-8 at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie. **This weekend fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements and welcomes Catholic and interfaith couples.** Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email: familylife@erieRCD.org. Register online: <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/>. Give yourselves - or a couple you love - the gift of a strong foundation this season.

Open Mic Night

Ridgway K of C. Friday, Jan. 2. 7 - 11 pm. Come listen to some great local talent and try our great homemade pizzas and cool beverages. We're always looking for new talent. Stop in!

Breakfast Buffet

Kersey K of C. Sunday, Jan. 4th from 8 - 11:30 (sold out). Price \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this breakfast buffet.

Cash Bash

St. Boniface Parish. Saturday, Feb. 7, 6 - 8 pm. Grand Prize: \$1,000! Tickets \$20 each. Must be 21 to attend. Call St. Boniface Parish Office for more details 814-885-4488



St. Leo School
a Catholic,
Classical
Academy

SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, OUR PREK-4TH GRADE STUDENTS PRESENTED "GLAD TIDINGS OF EMMANUEL". THIS PLAY WAS WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY SLS MUSIC TEACHER MRS. MCCLOSKEY AND TOLD THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH. WE PRAY YOU ALL HAD A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!



50/50 Drawing today!
Will Fr. Justin call you??

Christmas Cash Raffle

7 winners, \$1,000 each

Larry Wheeler - St. Marys

Michael Gasbarre - Mechanicsburg

Mary A. Krieg - Ridgway

Bob & Patt Gilmore - Ridgway

Carol Miller - Ridgway

Molly Corl - Ridgway

Lisa Martin - Ridgway

Chili Cook Off !

January 30th at 6 pm

If you'd like to enter your chili or soup
Call/text Susie @ 814-594-5192

CD of A News

Congratulations to Rose Ann Leithner, the winner of the Christmas Basket.

Thank you to all who purchased chances and all the ladies of our CD of A for the may donated items. A special thank you to Pat Fleming for the donation in memory of his mother, Mary Lou Fleming. She was a long time member of our CD of A. We did very well. Happy New Year!

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

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From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

On the days of our baptisms, the priest or deacon reminded the mother and father of the child that they are the *first teachers* of their children in all things. This includes, and most importantly – teaching, sharing, and passing on the precious treasure of the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church. Families must look to one another, especially children to their parents, on how to properly live a good, holy, and faithful life in the chaotic, violent, and increasingly godless world that surround us. Do we as Catholic families today prioritize our faith? Our daily listening and following of God's directions? Of sharing His Son to those who do not know – refuse to know – or have forgotten Him?

As many families can attest – past, present, and future – this passing on the light of our faith – the hope of Jesus Christ – has become more and more difficult in our secular society. Sometimes we might think that we never sufficiently received the Faith. This perhaps makes us further feel that we are not equipped to pass on the Faith. Yes, doubt and the possibilities of missed opportunities creep into our spiritual lives, but that should never make us quit – give up – cease from sharing our Catholic faith – Her values – Her teachings – Her roadmap back to Heaven with our families on a daily basis! Did you read that? A daily basis! Not just on Sunday or Christmas and Easter. To have grandparents, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, cousins and other family who are ready and willing to support us – struggle with us – walk with us in our faith journey (even when it might take a drastic detour into the darkness) is an extraordinary blessing. Why? Because when we share the faith – live the faith – teach it to one another – then the Jesus Christ (God is with us, as we hear in Advent) – then the path to eternal life is clear. Don't you want to be on that road with your parents, children, with all of us?

Therefore, model the Faith at home. Talk about our Faith not just on the ride home from Mass, but often at home – at school – at work – wherever the light of Jesus needs to shine. Being a Catholic family today means living the Catholic Faith in full – full time – not part time – not just for an hour on Sunday! Living the Catholic Faith means accepting the full gift of the treasures of the Church, cherishing them, professing them, living parish life, and receiving the pledges of eternal life and future glory in these gifts in a sacramental life and devotional life. It takes time. It takes sacrifice. It takes the entire family, just as we see in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

In the 1977 television miniseries *Jesus of Nazareth*, Mary Magdalene (played well by actress Anne Bancroft) meets Jesus (portrayed by the dynamic blue-eyed Robert Powell) in the garden immediately after the Resurrection. As the Scriptures record, He instructs her to go and tell His disciples that He is risen. Upon arriving at the Upper Room where the apostles are cowering in uncertainty and fear, Mary Magdalene, as the Church calls “The Apostle to the Apostles”, is barely able to contain herself. She reports, “He is alive. I saw Him. He told me to tell you.” Mary receives a “deer in the headlights” look from a confused Peter and a snarky retort from the future Doubting Thomas. Mary, who is trying to teach these men the truth, exploded with indignation, “Was His death a fantasy? I saw Him die.” Regrouping, she finishes, “He told me to tell you, and I have done so.” Slamming the door, she storms away.

This cinematic moment of artistry shows us all that we must be faithful transmitters of the Lord in our daily lives, especially with our families. Jesus Christ – the Incarnate Son of God, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and taught the faith, protected, and loved by Joseph – told us to raise our families in the Faith, and you parents said “yes” at your children's baptisms. I said “yes,” when I was ordained to the ministerial priesthood nearly 19 years ago, and continue to say “yes” here for you – my parish family – for soon to be 9 years next month. The more faithful a parent is – the more likely the kids will follow. Because they see how much you love God – how consistently you follow Him – how our faith is first in your life; then they will want these gifts just as much – and then, one day, pass it to their children (or maybe to a faith community as a priest or religious sister.)

Members of our families who leave or outright reject the Catholic Church, Jesus Christ, and God our Creator, some will one day return, more believing than ever. I believe this. Why? Because I have seen it happen. In fact, I have seen it happen over the last few months with many people coming home to the faith – to Mass – to Jesus Christ.

My dear sisters and brothers, on this wonderful Feast of the Holy Family, remember that creating Christian Catholics who are whole human beings, who love the Church that belongs first and foremost to Jesus Christ, and who will be on fire to pass on the hope that never disappoints, is all our jobs. But it starts with parents and their children. This calendar year is almost over. How would you grade your passing on, encouraging, defending, and keeping the Faith with your family? Start again! Never stop!

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – pray, protect, and provide for us! Father Justin