



ST. LEO MAGNUS

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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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

Sacrament of Enhance (Confessions)

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9 am - 6 pm
Thursdays 9 am - 7 pm



Holy Year of Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1, 2025 + Weekday

8:00 am **Rosary**

8:30 am **Debra Larnder (Dave & Lucy Bobby)**

9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, February 1, 2025 + Vigil for The Presentation of the Lord

5:15 pm **Mark & Ruth Retter (Family)**

Sunday, February 2, 2025 + The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am **Elden Lewis (Patti Lewis)**

10:00 am **Noel Feronti (Mary Ann Allen)**

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 + Weekday

9 am - 6 pm **Adoration**

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

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 + Saint Agatha

8:30 am **Bill MacDonald (MacDonald Family)**

4-6 pm **Confession**

Thursday, February 6, 2025 + Saint Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 am **Linda Wilson (Chris & Susie Klase)**

9 am - 7 pm **Adoration**

Friday, February 7, 2025 + Weekday

8:30 am **James Kennedy (Carol Bomba)**

Saturday, February 8 + Weekday

8:00 am **Rosary**

8:30 am **James Johnson (Dave & Lucy Bobby)**

9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, February 8, 2025 + Vigil for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Fr. Theodore Ross, S.J. (Dolly MacDonald)**

Sunday, February 9, 2025 + Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **John Fernan (Fernan Family)**

10:00 am **Monica Martin (Martin Family)**

Attention Parents of 7th and 8th grade students:

FAMILY HONOR will be presenting Real Love & Real Life, a chastity program series at St. Marys Church Parish Center on Sundays, March 2, 9, and 16, 2025. A Real Love & Real Life program includes parents and their teens and together we explore communicating effectively in families; relaying the need to respect the gift of our sexuality and the incredible power we have to give life; discusses other topics all teens are facing, such as peer pressure, dating and avoiding risky behaviors, all with the truths that our Catholic faith teaches. This is an incredible opportunity to spend quality time with your teen and open the door to communication on some really important issues. To register or find out more about this program, call or text Laury Kraus 335-0124 or 781-6746.

Altar Candles

Please contact the parish office if you would like to reserve a special candle in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Our offerings for 2025 include the Sanctuary Candle, Saint Leo and Saint John of God Candles

The wine and hosts for February have been provided by Bill Jacobs in loving memory of his wife,
Mary Helen Jacobs

If you would like to sponsor a month please contact the parish office.

Prayer Chain ~

In need of prayers? Call Jan @ 814-776-1352

If you would like to pray for the needs of those requesting prayers, call the parish office to be included as a prayer chain warrior.

Liturgical Ministries February 8 & 9, 2025

	Altar Servers	Eucharist Minister	Lector
Jan 25 5:15 pm	Bobnars	F or K Griech	J Challingsworth
Jan 26 8:00 am	Washburns	L Caggese	J Allenbaugh
Jan 26 10:00 am	M & R MacDonald	S or L Fink	N Hoffman

Ministry Schedule
Week of Feb 9, 2025

Money Counter
Team #2

Altar Guild ⁽²⁷⁾
Group 7, Pew 5

Cancel the Cold


†We remember in our prayers†

February 2

Carl D. Lindberg

Ron McDonson

Hayden LaValle



DID YOU KNOW?

THERE ARE 5 PATRON SAINTS OF NURSES! ST. AGATHA, ST. CAMILLUS, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, ST. JOHN OF GOD, AND RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.

Parish Contributions

Week of 1/26/2025

Weekly Offering.....	\$6,828
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,695
Year -To-Date (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)	
Actual.....	\$235,158
Budget.....	\$269,545



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

Radio Mass Broadcast - \$100/week

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.

Online Giving

As we embrace the winter season and its serene beauty, we invite you to consider offering a gift to **St. Leo Magnus**. Your generosity during this time helps us continue our mission and support our community. Visit our parish website www.stleomagnus.org to make a one-time donation or to set up automated, recurring giving throughout the year. It's quick, easy, and convenient. Thank you so much for your generosity and support. Your contributions are a true blessing, and we are deeply grateful for your kindness.

Bulletin Deadline- Submit by Feb 4 at noon for Feb 9 bulletin

Contact St. Leo Parish

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Office hours: Mon. - Thur.

9:00 am - noon + 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call the parish office for your cemetery needs

Happening This Week

Sun	2	Confirmation Class, 11:30 am, social hall
Thu	6	Finance Council Meeting, 6:00 pm, social hall
Fri	7	Open Mic Night at the K of C. 7:00 pm

Cash Bash

St. Boniface Parish will be hosting a Cash Bash on Saturday, March, 1st in the Social Hall. **No one under 21 permitted.** Cost: \$10 Ticket Donation which includes food, pop, beer and a chance to win \$500, \$750 or \$1,000. Other raffles, drawings, small games of chance throughout the night. Come and enjoy what is sure to be a fun fill night of music, laughter and luck! All proceeds to benefit St. Boniface Parish.

ATTENTION ALL MEN

Looking to expand and explore your faith? A group of men at St. Leo has been discovering a national men's faith program "That Man is You" for over 5 years!!! "Amazing, insightful, virtuous" Come and join us for this 13 week program.

We will start on Monday, January 20th from 6:30 - 8 pm at the Knight building in Ridgway, next to St. Leo parking lot. If you have any questions call Deacon Larry at 772-4111 or email me at LarryCaggese@gmail.com. (**The Knights building would be a great meeting place for you Cursillo GR group.)

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Infant baptisms (for children from birth to just before their 7th birthday) are scheduled throughout the year after weekend Masses. **Baptisms are not performed during the solemn season of Lent (between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday).**

Before scheduling their child's baptism, parents and godparents should attend a baptism preparation class in person or online. Godparents that are not participating members of St. Leo Parish will have to request a **Sponsor Letter** from the parish where they attend weekly Mass.

We will be most happy to reserve a date for your child's baptism after all necessary documents are received in the parish office.

Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Feb 18 6:30 pm St. Boniface, Kersey 814-885-4488

Feb 20 6:30 pm St. Mark, Emporium 814-486-0569

***Be sure to call ahead to reserve your spot!**

Pre-Cana class schedule

Feb 23 & Mar 2 8:30 am - noon St. Peter Cathedral, Erie 814-453-6677

Mar 2 8:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Walburga School, Titusville 814-8274635

Mar 15 9:30 am - 6:15 pm Queen of the world, St. Marys 814-834-4701

***Be sure to call ahead to reserve your spot!**

CHILI COOK OFF



Best Presentation - Larry Caggese serving pasta e fagioli



"The Crew" working hard to serve the fantastic samples



The judges hard at work



Fr. Paul Siebert and Chet Kucenski entertain the crowd



Chili Cookoff winners Mrs. Melissa Lundin posing with two of her 8th grade students, Annie Gausman and Nellie MacDonald.

The 3rd Annual St. Leo Chili and Soup Cook-off was held on Friday, January 24th in the Social Hall. Once again, it was a big success. This year, a Soup category was added in addition to the Chili category. The taste and variety of the entries were remarkable. Six judges were invited to use their food tasting expertise to choose winners in both categories. Those in attendance were entertained by Chet Kucenski and Fr. Paul Siebert, who set the tone and tempo with lively music during the event. Our kitchen crew served up tasty hot dogs, fries, and nachos. Several women of the CD of A filled a cookie table to everybody's delight. Children's activities were offered by some of the SLS 8th grade girls, and provided much fun for the little ones.

The winners were as follows:

Chili: St. Leo School 8th Grade class

1st Place Soup: Lucy Bobby, Chicken Gnocchi Soup

2nd Place Soup: Rosa Aiello, Italian Wedding Soup

50/50 Winner: Chris Lawrie

A very special thank you to all those who entered: Jeannie Allenbaugh, Rosa Aiello, Nancy Hoffman, Kris Ostrander, Loree Brazinski, Christine Lynn, Larry Caggese, St. Leo School 8th Grade Class, Pat Fleming, Joe Gier, Lucy Bobby, and Billy MacDonald. Thank you to Elk County Foods for donating the bread and to the talented cookie bakers of the CD of A.

The judges who tasted and graded each and every entry so expertly were: Joe Kucenski, Gary Gerber, Merv Kemmer, Rena Urmann, Padraic McGrath, and Ken Hinton. Thank you!

Thanks to the kitchen crew, setup and cleanup crew, kids' activity helpers, and all those involved in putting the event together.

We would like to thank all those who attended for making our night of fellowship, food, and fun a success.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Parish event.

St. Leo's Outreach Committee



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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

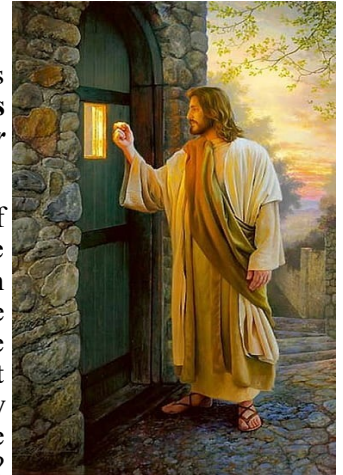
- New Registration*
- Change of Address or Phone*
- Moving Out of the Parish*
- Need Envelopes*

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

The ancient psalmist this weekend on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord gives the proper direction for us to focus. We respond with a question and answer: **“Who is this King of Glory? It is the Lord!”** Here’s the first verse again: **“Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the King of Glory may come in!”**

Doors and doorways – entrances and exits – comings and goings are part of everyday human life. We leave our homes for whatever purpose and we return at some point – hopefully. We leave places we recognize and feel safe, travel somewhere unknown or new and again hopefully come back to where we began. At birth God opens wide the doorway of life to us and after however many years He needs us to carry out His plan here on earth, the doorway to our earthly mortality closes, just as the doors to eternal life burst wide and we are pulled into His presence. We come, we go – we leave, we arrive – we say “hello,” we say “goodnight.” However, what about all that time in between? What do we do when we wait behind those doors? How do we open or close the doorways of our hearts?



Many of us wait behind the doors of our houses and even the portals of our hearts, waiting for some like Jesus – or someone who has that same kind of light radiating from them, like Jesus, to help us find the way. Often we sit in darkness and sorrow. Not like turning the electric lights off in the living room and sitting in the dark, but even more so we sit frightened in the darkness of our lives and are desperate to let the light in – inviting the divine to enter. Maybe we're afraid to unlock the door? Maybe we are ashamed to let the King of Glory in, thinking He might not want us now, after sin has scarred us? When we are weighed down by trouble and anxiety, that's when we must get up, dust off our soul and let Jesus Christ in!

Unlock the door and open up our hearts! Yes, make the doorway as wide and tall as you can make it! Be honest with yourself first and invite God in. God's stronger and much more forgiving than we are to ourselves. Why keep our hearts locked away and closed, when we know our God will love us and will, no matter what, fight for us? Opening the gates of our hearts can be frightening – no question, especially if it's been a long time in letting Him in, but He's waiting. We try so hard to hide things, don't we? There's guilt (often misplaced and false guilt mind you!), shameful and sinful acts, wounds that cut deep, fears, painful memories and the list goes on. Some things are stuffed so far back, our souls become like an old closet that we haven't seen the back of in years. You have any of those closets? Everyone does, myself included. But.....but....if we let the King of Glory in – if we open the doors to our hearts – if we are honest with God: He will help us clear the clutter out. Then there will be room for Him and all His blessings!

The Byzantine Catholic tradition recalls today's feast as *The Meeting*. It made me recall the life of a Byzantine Catholic priest named Theodore. His niece is my friend and she told me this true story. Just after the First World War, the Byzantine Catholic priests in Europe were permitted to be married before they were ordained – *only before*, which was a tradition going back some 1500 years. Ted's family actually had a priest in every generation going back to the 1600's, many of them married. Ted became engaged. However, with the devastation that the war had plunged Eastern Europe into, Ted had no choice but to go to America to join his parents, where his father Paul was also a priest. One problem, at the time, the predominantly Irish-American bishops, with Rome's blessing, decreed that those Byzantine priests who would be ordained for service in America may no longer be married! What was Ted to do? He had a life-altering choice: would he marry his fiancée and stay in Europe or would he choose the priesthood and leave for America? He went to his room and locked the door! For three days and three nights, he wouldn't eat nor drink or see anyone. He hardly slept. All he did was pray. He prayed and prayed and prayed. He opened up his heart wider than he ever thought possible. On the third day, the lock tumblers turned and the door opened. Father Ted came to America and never saw his fiancée again. Many of us will never have to make such a tremendous decision, but some of the smaller ones we carry are just as important.

Take some pray time this week and sit somewhere quiet – light a candle and issue an invitation to the King of Glory. If you need to ask Him to excuse the mess of our lives – if you have to guide Him through the clutter that's between you and Him, do it! *“God our Father, my Father, heal me, help me, hold me.”* That is a good start and God will assuredly do the rest. Think about what our lives might be if we shut him out and lock the door. Do you feel abandoned? Do you feel lost? Are you in need of love and healing? Don't hide – don't lock the door! Open wide for the Lord today! Don't be afraid, because He will show us the way. His light will banish the darkness when we call Him.

As Simeon prayed today, may we, God's servants, go in peace! 