

# St. Leo Magnus

## Roman Catholic Church

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*Being Witnesses of Christ's Gospel since 1874*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 18, 2026

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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



***Here I am Lord - I come do  
you Your will!***

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 17, 2026 + Saint Anthony

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Leonard B. Mick, 43<sup>rd</sup> anniv.** (Fr. Justin)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**



Saturday, January 17, 2026 + Vigil for the Second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Linda Giovanini** (Steve & Nancy Assalone)

Sunday, January 18, 2026 + Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Deceased members of the Cavaliere Family** (Al Cavaliere)

10:00 am **Joshua Reynolds** (Ron & Rita Bennardi)

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 + Weekday

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

6:00 pm **Gerald & Kathryn Walsh** (Steis Family)

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 + Saint Agnes

8:30 am **Richards' Family** (Debby & Charlie Richards)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm **CONFESSION**

Thursday, January 22, 2026 + Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30 am **Barb Metelsky** (Dave & Lucy Bobby)

**After 8:30 am Mass: Rosary for Life**

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



Friday, January 23, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am **Parishioners of Saint Leo Magnus Church**

Saturday, January 24, 2026 + Saint Francis de Sales

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **James Hogan** (Margie Buck)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, January 24, 2026 + Vigil for the Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Joseph & Janice Casolo** (Family)

Sunday, January 25, 2026 + Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Darrell & Lois Yonker** (Family)

10:00 am **Pearl Joyce Anderson** (The Paige Family)

### Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for January

#### **For prayer with the word of God**

*Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.*

*The wine and hosts for January have been donated in loving memory of*

**Bob Connacher**

*By Debby & Charlie Richards and  
Mary Louise & Dan Kutsch*

## 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



## ALTAR CANDLES

*Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of*  
**ROBERT & RITA GAUSMAN**  
*By the Gahr Family*

*Saint Leo Candle burns this week in honor of*  
**MARY HELEN JACOBS**  
*By Jeff & Sonya Marzella*

## Liturgical Ministries January 24 & 25

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
<b>Sat, 1/24 5:15 pm</b>	H & T Bish	T Bish	M Buck
<b>Sun, 1/25 8:00 am</b>	J Nicklas D LaBenne	D Richards	J Allenbaugh
<b>Sun, 1/25 10:00 am</b>	MJ Bish CC MacDonald	L Caggese	N Hoffman
<b>Money Counters</b>	Team # 4	<b>Altar Guild</b> (1/23)	Group 1 Pew 1

## 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.

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

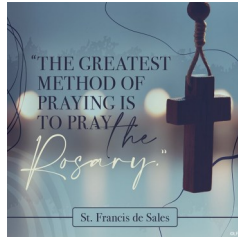


## Parish Stewardship

January 11, 2026

Offering \$6,899 Weekly Goal \$ 9,168

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity



## 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](http://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

**additional Mass intentions may now be requested**

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

**Hosts and Wine** - \$100/month

## Chili Cook Off !

**January 30th at 6 pm**

**If you'd like to enter your chili or soup**

**Call/text Susie @ 814-594-5192**

## Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

<b>Feb 24, 2026</b>	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	814-486-0569
<b>Mar 21, 2026</b>	10:00 am	Sacred Heart, St. Marys	814-781-1019
<b>Apr 29, 2026</b>	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	801-772-3135

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

## 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**

**Bulletin Deadline** - Submit by Jan. 20 for Jan 25<sup>th</sup> bulletin

## Weekly Wisdom from Pope Leo XIV

*"In light of this profound vision of life as a gift to be cherished, and of the family as its responsible guardian, we categorically reject any practice that denies or exploits the origin of life and its development. Among these is abortion, which cuts short a growing life and refuses to welcome the gift of life. In this regard, the Holy See expresses deep concern about projects aimed at financing cross-border mobility for the purpose of accessing the so-called "right to safe abortion." It also considers it deplorable that public resources are allocated to suppress life, rather than being invested to support mothers and families. The primary objective must remain the protection of every unborn child and the effective and concrete support of every woman so that she is able to welcome life."*

**Pope Leo XIV**  
**Address to Diplomatic Corps**  
**9 January 2026**



## St Leo Magnus Lenten Gospel Journey Small Faith Communities

- \* Reflect on Sunday Lenten Gospel
- \* Apply God's Word to our lives.
- \* Offer spiritual support for demands of Christians today



Father Justin will be our facilitator for the first Lenten reflection for all the small faith participants after  
**6:00 pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Sign ups in late January.  
More details next week.

**CD OF A MEMBERS**

Our next meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Please come!

**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. MARK ANNUAL CHILI/MAC & CHEESE COOK-OFF**

Saturday, Feb. 7 @ 5:00 pm. Music, 50/50 and great food. Call 814-486-0569 for more information.

**PADDLE PARTY**

Christ the King Parish Center, Houtzdale. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026 Doors open at 11 am. Auction begins at noon. Cost: \$5 for first paddle, \$2 for each additional paddle. Kitchen will be open! Call 814-378-7653 for additional information.

**VILLA MARIA EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY CENTER**

Villa Maria, PA will sponsor a special virtual series entitled "To Love Our Sacred Earth" with Maureen Wild, SC. Her first topic will be **Thomas Berry's 'Great Work' meets Joanna Macy's "real Turning"** on on Jan. 24, 2026. For info go to <https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1085>.

**ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE**

Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Jan. 23 in support of the March For Life in Washington, DC to end Abortion. The Holy Hour will be lead by Deacon Andy at the Sacred Heart Church beginning at 3 PM with the Divine Mercy followed by the Rosary and prayer. It will conclude with Benediction at 4 PM. Come pray with us for our Preborn babies and their parents.

**RESPECT-LIFE: SECONDARY INFERTILITY**

We all know couples who desire to have children but struggle with infertility. But have you ever heard of "secondary infertility"? It's a term that may not be familiar, but it's an experience of infertility that can be uniquely isolating. Couples struggling with secondary infertility have one or more children, but also have difficulty expanding their families. We can support these couples by not making assumptions about their family size, refraining from asking intrusive questions, and affirming their marriages and the gift of their parenthood. For more resources and support, visit [www.springsinthedesert.org](http://www.springsinthedesert.org).

*Pro-Life* ©LPI

**WORD OF LIFE - PRIORITIES AT THE POLLS**

"Even with the overturning of Roe v. Wade in June 2022, a decision that returns the abortion issue to the electorate, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons warranting protection under the law. Federal laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children, and many political leaders at the state and federal level, work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "Priorities at the Polls"



# Join us for our Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Mass and Celebration!



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK WITH US NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 25! WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING THIS YEAR'S DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE DURING MASS AND REGISTERING INCOMING STUDENTS FOR PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN, AND TRANSFER STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-8 DURING OUR DONUT SOCIAL IN THE SOCIAL HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS. JOIN US FOR FESTIVE FUN, AND CONSIDER SLS FOR YOUR FAMILY FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR! FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR, CONTACT THE SCHOOL.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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### ✦ ANSWER THE CALL TO SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP ✦

Are you feeling a divine pull to spiritual ministry?

Embracing the role of a spiritual guide allows you to walk alongside others in their spiritual journeys, providing encouragement, gentle guidance, and renewed hope.

If you believe that God is calling you, don't miss the opportunity to explore this local training program designed to assist you in discerning your decision.

Visit [rdtoemmaus.com](http://rdtoemmaus.com) for more information and to apply.



Welcome to our newest Catholic!

**Leo Gerard Singer**

Son of Daniel and Jessica Singer

We pray God will bless him, and his family,  
as he grows in faith.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

My dear parish family:

Here is an excerpt from American history: *"I do swear (or affirm) that I renounce and refuse all allegiance to George the Third, King of Great Britain, his heirs and successors, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a free and independent state, and that I will not at any time do or cause to be done any matter or thing that will be prejudicial or injurious to the freedom and independence thereof, as declared by Congress; and also that I will discover and make known to some one justice of the peace of the said state all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which I now know or hereafter shall know to be formed against this or any of the United States of America."* This was the oath taken by soldiers during the Revolutionary War, specifically here in Pennsylvania, but other colonies would have had similar oaths, including Connecticut, the home of the infamous Benedict Arnold.

He signed that oath of allegiance in 1787, but just 18 months later he would go down in history by another name – traitor. He would be added to that same list that included Marcus Brutus, who conspired to kill Julius Caesar and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed the Son of God for thirty pieces of silver. In fact, on the Revolutionary War oath, the person promising his allegiance had to write in their own hand the word "swear." It was that important to write out that single word of promise – fidelity – that I am going to fight for my country's freedom.

What happened to Benedict Arnold – to Brutus – to Judas – to those countless (now nameless) people throughout history who acted in the same way? They've been branded as traitors, but I think it goes beyond treason. The answer lies under the surface of their selfishness. General Arnold must not have listened to the 40<sup>th</sup> psalm – the words we pray this weekend: ***"Here I am Lord, I come to do your will."***

Who's will? How often we gloss over that very important fact; how often society and the world replace that essential truth – that it's not the *world's* will, or *society's* will, or our *friend's* will, or our *own personal* will, but **God's will**! Yes, God's desires – God's plan – His plan always rooted in love for every human person – is our starting point, not self-centeredness.

Brutus – Judas – Benedict, that was their mistake – that was their sin, not so much treason and betrayal, both of which are not good and I suggest strongly that none of us ever dip our toes in either of those waters; but the root of their treason, the start of their betrayal was that they were drowning in their own self desires – *their* will and ignored everything else. Brutus ignored the will of the Roman people and just wanted to be more powerful in the Senate – killing Caesar would get him there. Benedict Arnold threw away the will of a nation that deserved freedom – switching sides was his solution. And then there's Judas – once Jesus' friend – once a committed follower of the Messiah – but greed for a measly thirty scraps of silver polluted his soul to give away the greatest gift he ever received, by erasing God's will from his life and literally "kissing off" Jesus.

See the pattern – the thread? They shut themselves off from God's will – His voice – His direction – His love. I imagine that all three of them realized their awful mistake soon after their betrayal, but the damage had already been done. If they had only listened! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could take up a little bit of space in our lives, carve out a little bit of time, maybe five or ten minutes of silence each day to encounter God's will? We can be very good at saying our prayers – good at talking to God, but are we good at listening to God? To hearing God's voice more in our lives, so that we might hear what the Lord is asking of us, and that we would try to respond to that by doing what He wants us to do?

***"Here I am Lord, here I am, I come to do your will."*** *Here I am with all my flaws – all my scars – all the sins – all my humanness, yet here I am! For You God!!* It's the perfect prayer we can begin every morning – to totally abandon ourselves to God – to surrender, not like the British in the Revolution, but surrender all we have, our soul, our gifts, our love to the will of God – to Him who first breathed life in us, who first loved us, who first taught us to live in His light. So, shouldn't God be the first person we think of in the morning? Shouldn't God be the first person we want to talk to in the morning? Shouldn't God be first one we love? Then why is it "me – me – me" "my – my – my" "I want – I need – I must?" Do we need to change our focus – our attitude – our direction? Yes! Can we change our will to be more like God's will? Is it possible to let God lead us every day? Again, the answer is Yes! Yes, we can do it. We can do it together. **WHEN GOD CALLS – ANSWER, "YES!" – SAY, "HERE I AM, SEND ME!"**

God bless you in His abundance this week and always!

*Father Justin*