

# ST. LEO MAGNUS

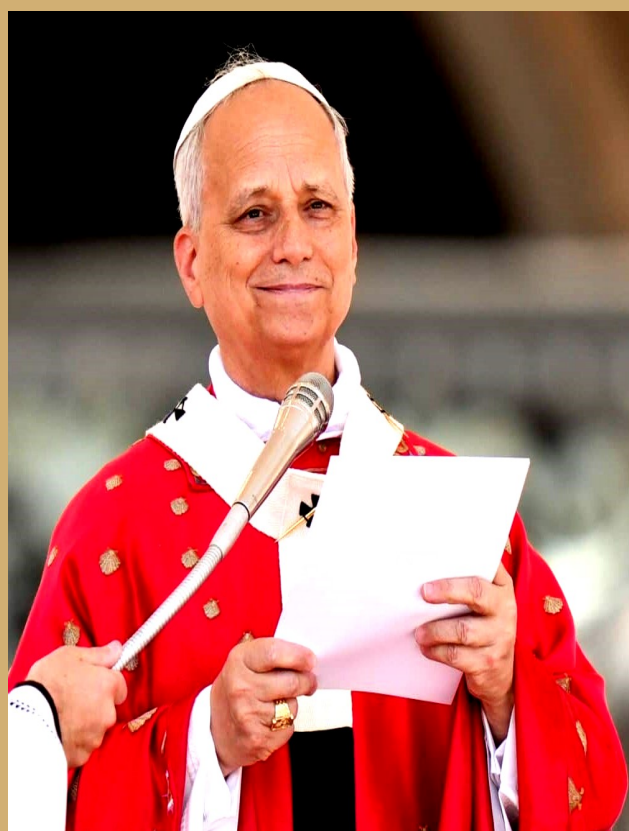
## Roman Catholic Church

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## A Double Celebration of Joy!



This weekend the Church throughout the world celebrates the FEAST OF THE EXALTATION (OR TRIUMPH) OF THE HOLY CROSS. September 14th also marks the 70TH BIRTHDAY OF OUR BELOVED HOLY FATHER - POPE LEO XIV. This week let us give thanks to the Lord each time we gaze upon His saving Cross and sign ourselves; and also thank God for the life, service, and ministry of Pope Leo.

*WE ADORE YOU O CHRIST AND WE PRAISE YOU +  
BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.*

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13, 2025 + *Saint John Chrysostom*

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Alice Kennedy** (Dolores Miller)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, September 13, 2025 + *Vigil for The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

5:15 pm **Joe & Lino Viglione** (The Morelli Family)

Sunday, September 14, 2025 + *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:00 am **Laurie Casolo, 5th anniv.** (The Casolo Family)

10:00 am **Liz Mitchell** (Family)

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 + *Saints Cornelius and Cyprian*

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

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

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 + *Weekday*

8:30 am **Michael Rechner** (Jim & Terry McLaughlin)

4 - 6 pm **CONFESSION**

Thursday, September 18, 2025 + *Weekday*

**No Mass**

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

Friday, September 19, 2025 + *Weekday*

8:30 am **Art Cianca** (Denny & Becky Ryan)

Saturday, September 20, 2025 + *Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon and*

*Paul Chong Ha-sang, and companions*

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Giovanni & Maria Assunta Tamburro** (Larry Caggese)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, September 20, 2025 + *Vigil for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:15 pm **Marshall Armanini** (Family)

Sunday, September 21, 2025 + *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am **Francis Nearing** (Peg Nearing)

10:00 am **Max & Bernice Bauser** (Family)

*The wine and hosts for September have been provided in loving memory of*  
**Liz Mitchell and Mark Stolburg**  
*by Nina Stolburg.*

## ALTAR CANDLES

**WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

**SANCTUARY - FRED WONDERLY**

*By his wife, Jan*

*May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in eternal peace.*

*Amen*

**Sanctuary Candle, Saint Leo and Saint John of God Intentions**

If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp, Saint Leo Candle or Saint John of God Candle burn in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with Rena. The cost of the candle is \$20. It will burn for 1 week. The memorial will also be published in the Bulletin.

## Liturgical Ministries September 20 & 21, 2025

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Saturday, 5:15 pm	CC MacDonald MC Messineo	F or K Griech	T Bish
Sunday, 8:00 am	H Bowen D Scarnati	D Richards	L Caggese
Sunday, 10:00 am	E & H Leuschel	J Williams	C Tutton
Money Counters	Team # 3	Altar Guild (9/19)	Group 7 Pew 1

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

### Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for September

**FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL CREATION**

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### **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 First Friday Communion List. Call 814-772-3135

*The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the families of:*  
**Benedict Brendel and Joshua Reynolds**

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



*Welcome to the Faith!*

**Curious about Jesus?**

**Are You ready to receive the Sacraments?**

**Join us to take the next steps in your faith Journey.**

**Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or have you been away from the Church and would like to refresh your knowledge of the Catholic faith?**

**ALL ARE INVITED** to take the next steps in your faith journey and join the OCIA process which takes place throughout the year.

*Please contact St. Leo Magnus Parish Office at 814-772-3135.  
Or email us at [secretary@stleomagnus.org](mailto:secretary@stleomagnus.org)*

**“By God’s help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time receive the sacraments fruitfully”**

## Parish Stewardship

September 7, 2025

Weekly Collection \$9,419  
Weekly Goal \$9,168

## Catholic Service Appeal

Goal \$58,224  
Gifts to date \$24,742



**Year Long 50/50 is going strong!**  
**Current Pay out \$6,510**

**Tickets are available in the Gathering Space or the parish office.**  
**Drawing will be held December 28, 2025**

### 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

Contact the parish office for details.

### Online Giving

We know how busy things can get. Even if you can't be here every Sunday, your generous donations can! Simply visit our online giving page. It can be found on our parish website [www.stleomagnus.org](http://www.stleomagnus.org). We hope you'll find the experience quick 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.

***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.

## Pope Leo XIV



*"Let unity be an indispensable goal of your efforts, but not only that: may it also be the criterion for evaluating your actions and your work together, because what unites is from Him, but what divides cannot be."*

**Pope Leo XIV**  
**Homily during Mass at the Basilica of St. Augustine,**  
**Rome**  
**Monday, 1 September 2025**

### CD of A News

Reminder - **TUREEN DINNER AND MEETING Tuesday, September 16th following 6 pm mass.**

Please RSVP to Sara 814-673-7829. Main dish and drinks will be provided. Please let Sara know if you are able to bring a side or dessert.

**FALL DIOCESAN MEETING**, hosted by Court St. Leo, **Saturday September 20.** Registration 9-10:45, mass at 11 am Lunch at noon \$12/person. Meeting to follow. Please contact Sara at 814-673-7829 ASAP to make your reservation.

### CANCEL THE COLD

**†We remember in our prayers†**

Arthur Cianca, Jr.  
Genevieve Stanley  
Mary Foley

Ron Swanson  
Patricia McDivitt  
Souls in Purgatory

### PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR  
ST. LEO CEMETERY NEEDS**

### ST. LEO SCHOOL

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**ADORATION OF THE MOST  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
**9:00 am - 6:00 pm**

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Masses

Sat. Vigil: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

#### Daily Mass

Tuesday: 6:00 pm, Wednesdays - Saturdays: 8:30 am  
Saturdays: Rosary is recited at 8:00 am

#### Holy Day Masses

Evening before: 6 pm, On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

#### Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9:00 am



**"NOAH" BUS TRIP**

November 14 & 15, sponsored by QW Rosary Altar Society. Includes "Noah" on Friday. Dinner Show at the Dutch Apple Theatre, overnight at the Country Inn and much more. Everything, including transportation \$519/person - double or \$575/person - single. Reserve by July 1. Call 814-781-3481.

**ST. BONIFACE THEN & NOW**

Celebrate and reunite with the St. Boniface School Family on Sat. Oct. 18 at 5 pm. A buffet dinner will be served with a short presentation of the history of St. Boniface School. Reach out to the St. Boniface parish office at 814-885-4488 for more information or to sign up.

**PARISH CARE & CONCERN MINISTRY**

Parish Care and Concern: Are you looking to start or breathe new life into your parish social ministries and connect with fellow parishioners in renewed service? Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie invites you to attend an information session to learn more about how Parish Care and Concern can help you use your gifts and talents as a parish family to serve your neighbors in need. On Thursday, Sept. 18th at 12pm, there will be a presentation at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 Grandview Blvd., Erie and an opportunity to attend virtually. Register at <https://bit.ly/PCandC> or contact Diane Gallagher at [dgallagher@ccincerie.org](mailto:dgallagher@ccincerie.org) or 814-824-1251 for more information. All are welcome.

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS-  
DIOCESAN CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES:**

The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html> For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

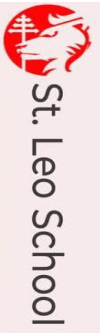
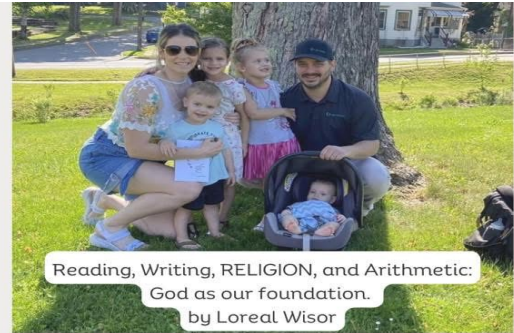
**ATTENTION ALL MEN**

**That Man Is You**, a nationwide men's fellowship will be starting its 6th year at St. Leo. We stream in 20 minute presentations by noted Catholic speakers followed by a short discussion. These speakers are spiritually thought-provoking that come from the "school of hard knocks" to accredited Catholic speakers. Peer into your Catholic faith and live that faith more abundantly...come join us Monday evenings for this 13 week program starting on Monday September 15 from 6:30 to 8pm at the Knights of Columbus. Contact Deacon Larry if any questions or interest.

**St. Leo Religious Education**

**Sacrament classes for grades 2, 3 and 9 will be held at St. Leo. Classes will begin in October from 9 am - 10 am. If you have not enrolled, please do so ASAP.**

Students in grades 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 should be registered at Holy Rosary in Johnsonburg. If you are not registered, call Holy Rosary parish office @ 814-965-2819. **Classes have begun so do not delay!**

**Parent Testimonial**

"This year starts a new journey of parenthood as we send off our oldest to her first year of full time school, KINDERGARTEN. A nerve wracking but also sentimental time as we transition into uncharted territory. Lucky for us, Gemma will be attending St Leo's Catholic School. Moving to the town of Ridgway 3 years ago, in hindsight, has been our greatest decision. At that time, thoughts of school were not quite on the radar yet, because at that time, Gemma was 2 and her sister only 1. As those three years flew by in the blink of an eye, her two younger brothers joined our family and were baptized at St Leo's Parish and we found ourselves applying for pre k 4. That was our first experience with St Leo's School and Gemma flourished in her couple hours a week. I remember I was on the fence with even sending Gemma to pre k right up to the week it started because I did not know if we (I say we but really just myself lol) were ready for such a change with all new faces and families and a school I've never been to. But Gemma had loved it right off the bat and was learning so rapidly that we knew we made the right choice. The best part of St. Leo's School is the strong Catholic foundation on which they will center their education around. It is very important for Brandon and I to have our babies not only grow physically, mentally, and emotionally but also spiritually. We are so blessed to have St. Leo's School where they can explore the Catholic Church and the importance of keeping God in our minds and hearts at all times and here they can freely do that. Here, at St. Leo's School, they'll never have to fear judgement or repercussions for loving the Lord and growing strong in their faith. Here, they will learn to love everyone as they are, just as God loves us ALL. Here, we will grow together as a family. We are thankful for the opportunity to have SLS so these small precious babies of ours may one day be the large powerful adults that lead with kindness and compassion and the knowledge to persevere through the toughest challenges life will bring. St. Leo's Parish, SLS, and Ridgway as a whole, is an amazing community and we feel extremely fortunate and blessed to be a part of it. Look out St. Leo's School because the Wisor kiddos will be coming through for the next 14 years straight!"



St. Leo  
School  
a Catholic,  
Classical  
Academy

**SPOTLIGHT ON  
ST. LEO SCHOOL****DID YOU SEE US ON  
THE NEWS??**

**DID YOU MISS OUR SPOTLIGHT  
ON WTAE?? NOT TO WORRY!  
USE YOUR PHONE CAMERA  
AND SCAN THE QR CODE  
BELOW - IT'LL TAKE YOU TO  
THE ARTICLE AND VIDEO CLIP!  
BE SURE TO SHARE WITH  
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**



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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

My dear parish family:

This year many of the most beautiful feasts in the Church's calendar happen to fall on Sunday. This weekend is such a feast – The Exaltation (or Triumph) of the Holy Cross, which happens to coincide also this year with our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday!



The Cross of Jesus Christ. So often we focus on the Cross primarily during Lent, especially on Good Friday when we approach it and kiss it reverently. The rest of year we still see it in church, but usually focus on another aspect of the season whether it's Christmas or Easter or Ordinary Time. The cross becomes "ordinary" to us. It's off-center or hidden. Today we see it front and center. So too are those fourteen steps we call the Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross. They are vivid and alive during Lent; on Good Friday they are full of color – especially the blood red pouring from the hands, feet, head and side of Jesus; yet the rest of year they fade into the background, the colors become muted and we walk by them with an "ordinary" stroll.

Today reminds us that the Cross – the triumph of Jesus over sin – the Lord's victory over death – is not on the back burner of our faith – the Cross is not off center or blending into the woodwork – the Cross is the epicenter, the climax, the heart of our Catholic Christian experience every day. Not just during Lent is the way of Cross, our way, our path, our road to eternal life. We don't walk the stations with Jesus just once a year, but every day. Every day, because when we trust and love our God, we wake up and go out into the world and walk these fourteen steps.

Sometimes we are condemned like Jesus and often we condemn others. Each morning we pick up our Cross, whatever the size of weight. We encounter people along the way just like Jesus – maybe it's our mother or family – some stranger like Simon to help us carry our cross or we offer to carry someone else's – a woman like Veronica may need to wipe away our blood, sweat and tears like she did for Jesus. There are those days when fall under the weight of the Cross – maybe once or twice or three like Jesus, or maybe more! We often feel embarrassed and unguarded like the Lord when he was stripped of his dignity and garments. There are moments on our roads that our hands and feet and held against our wills and someone with savage hatred, nails us to the wood that once hung the Savior of the world and the hurt and agony – the pain and suffering is so overwhelming.

Then there comes those moments of death – dying to ourselves – dying to others – sacrificing all those things that divide and separate us from God, so that we might love Him even more – our neighbors more – ourselves more. Jesus tells us in John's gospel what He must do and what we must do to imitate Him. The Lord says: ***"So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life."*** Do you believe? Do I? Do we want eternal life? Of course! Then all of us must be *lifted up* to the Cross with the God who became one of us out of extraordinary love, to save the human race.

Then like in the last two stations, after be lifted, we will be taken down and be given rest. But do the stations end there in that cold tomb? No. The Way of the Cross continues here – here at this Table of the Word, where Jesus is alive and speaks to us every day. The stations guide us here to this other Table of Sacrament, where Christ is alive in the bread and wine that will become for us His Body and Blood. The Wounded, Crucified, Risen and Ascended Jesus is here within us, because of the Cross. No wonder we say ***exult!***

Let's be sure not to push the Cross into a corner out of the center of our lives. Let's not allow the way of the cross to fade away until next Lent, but walk them with Jesus every day. By walking with Jesus along this path, with His Cross – with our cross upon our shoulders, we can become closer to eternal life, where the love of Christ – that same love that even the horror of the Cross could not destroy, will never end.

When we make the Sign of Cross today before we leave mass – don't leave the Cross here, but let it trace over our whole bodies – inside upon our hearts and take it with us. Hold on to the Cross, but most of all, live out it's love! ***"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your Cross you have redeemed the world!"*** That wasn't just true 2,000 years ago on Calvary's hill, its true today – it's true right here!

Today and always may God bless you and keep you!

*Father Justin*