St. Leo Magnus
Roman Catholic Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — NOVEMBER 29, 2026



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass
Tuesday: 6:00 pm
Wednesday -Saturday: 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)
Wednesday: 4:00-6:00 pm & Saturday: 9:00 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday + Thursday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Blessed Mary - Our Lady of Advent

Guide us on our journey with you to Bethlehem to find Your Son.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28, 2026 + Weekday
NO MASS

Saturday, November 28, 2026 + *Vigil for First Sunday of Advent*
5:15 pm **Jim Facchine** (Family)

Sunday, November 29, 2026 + *First Sunday of Advent*
8:00 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**
10:00 am **Arthur & Susan Cianca** (Mary Ann Cianca)

Tuesday, December 1, 2026 + *Advent Weekday*
NO MASS

Wednesday, December 2, 2026 + *Advent Weekday*
NO MASS

Thursday, December 3, 2026 + *St. Francis Xavier*
8:30 am **Joseph & Mary Caggeso** (Larry Caggeso)

Friday, December 4, 2026 + Advent *Weekday*
8:30 am **Giuseppe Leone, 55th anniv.** (Fr. Justin)

Saturday, December 5, 2026 + *Advent Weekday*
8:30 am **Art Ciance, Jr.** (Mary Ann Cianca)

Saturday, December 5, 2026 + *Vigil for Second Sunday of Advent*
5:15 pm **Mr. & Mrs. Evo Giovanini** (Dave Giovanini Family)

Sunday, December 6, 2026 + *Second Sunday of Advent*
8:00 am **Betty Lewis** (Patti Lewis)
10:00 am **Sue Magrini** (Dave & Lucy Bobby)

St. Leo Candle burns this week in loving memory of Mary Margaret Facetti by Linda Johnson

The Wine and Hosts for November have been donated in memory of Ray & Gina Titler by Mark, Carrie and Bryan Caruso

Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Kathy Pino by Barbara Jones

Pope Leo XIV
Prayer Intention for November
For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Readings: First Sunday of Advent #783

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

Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

Please call the parish office @ 814-772-3135 if you know of someone who is unable to come to Mass and would like Holy Communion.

Call Jan @ 814-776-1352 to be added to our prayer list.

Spiritual Opportunities this Week

Tuesday, December 1
NO ADORATION (St. Leo is hosing Elk County Choir Christmas Concert)

Wednesday, December 2
NO CONFESSION
6:00 pm MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Thursday, December 3
9 am - 6 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 5
8 am Rosary
9 am Confession

ADVENT PENANCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday – Dec. 9 @ 6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
Sunday – Dec. 13 @ 2 pm	Saint Mark
Monday – Dec.14 @ 6:30 pm	Sacred Heart
Wednesday – Dec. 16 @ 6:30 pm	**Saint Leo**
Thursday – Dec. 17 @ 6:30 pm	Queen of the World
Sunday – Dec. 20 @ 2 pm	Saint Joseph

St. Boniface Advent Penance Services

St. Boniface is leaving the light on for you. Fr. Chris will be doing penance services after most weekend masses and on the following dates:
Thursday, December 3 and Tuesday, December 22,
at St. Boniface, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



FOLLOWING OUR FAITH THROUGH ADVENT

During Advent, St. Leo's small faith communities will reflect on the Advent Gospels as they seek to find God's will in his Word.

New participants can join one of three continuing groups. To join the Monday afternoon group, call Mary Detwiler (814-389-2057); for Monday evening, call Molly Fernan (814-335-2226); for Thursday morning, Christine Tutton (814-389-5476).

A fourth group at St. Leo's studies the richness and beauty of the Catholic faith. Interested people are welcome to meet with the OCIA sessions Wednesday evenings. Call Lucy Bobby (814-335-3329).

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.

Bulletin Info - Submit by Nov. 30 for the Dec. 6 bulletin

Parish Office Closed Nov. 25 - Nov. 30 for Thanksgiving

St. Leo Magnus Church

Parish Office Hours
9 am - noon & 1-4 pm Monday - Thursday
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CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS

WEEKLY WISDOM FROM OUR HOLY FATHER

"Peace means more than social action or a programme for civil or political reconciliation. It has its roots in an encounter with the Risen Christ. Just as he gave the disciples the gift of peace through his victory over sin and death, so for you peace is first an experience of reconciliation and deep consolation following the proclamation of Jesus."

Pope Leo XIV
Speech – 19 November 2026



Online Giving

As we gather to give thanks this Thanksgiving season, we invite you to consider offering a gift to St. Leo Magnus Church. Your generosity during this season enables us to carry on our mission and uplift our community Visit our parish website to make a one-time donation or to set up automated, recurring giving throughout the year. It's quick, easy, and convenient when you visit our online giving page at www.stleomagnus.org

Thank you for your generosity and support. Your contributions are a true blessing, and we are deeply grateful for your kindness.

Liturgical Ministries December 5/6, 2026

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector
5:15 pm Saturday	H Bowen S Swanson	JP MacDonald	H Bish
8 am Sunday	MC Messineo R MacDonald	D Richards	WJ Fernan
10 am Sunday	S & S Tettis	L Caggeso F Howard C Leader	L Caggeso

Money Counters - Dec. 7- Team #1
Altar Guild - Dec. 4 - Group 6, Pew 4

KERSEY KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS
Monthly Breakfast Buffet will be held Sunday, December 6th from 8am - 11 (sold out). Cost $10 for adults & $5 for kids 16 and under. All invited!

CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR
Elk County Concert Choir invites you their annual Christmas concert to be held Tuesday, December 1 at St. Leo Church and Saturday, December 5 at St. Mary's Church, St. Marys. Both concerts begin at 7 pm.

CD OF A CHRISTMAS PARTY
Royal Inn, Saturday, Dec. 5th at noon. Entree selections include: Stuffed Pork Chops $25, Chicken Parm $24, Fish Francese $24 (price includes tip). Please call Debby @814-773-7990 or Linda @ 814-776-6758 to make reservation by November 29th.

ADVENT CANDLES/WREATHS
Advent Candles and Wreaths for sale in the Gathering Space until December 6th. Candles are $5/box. Wreath with Candles $20.

ST. BONIFACE ANNUAL CASH BASH
Saturday, January 30th in St. Boniface Social Hall. An evening of fun games, raffles and chances to win big. Big ticket raffle items include: $150 Ken's Meat Gift Card, and 2- $150 Lottery Ticket Baskets. Grand prizes: $1,000. Tickets available at St. Boniface.

HOLIDAY FOOD FESTIVAL (a.k.a. Bah Humbug)
Dec. 12th. 9 am - 1 pm at Sacred Heart Social Hall. All your favorite goodies will be for sale as well as Soup by the quart and homemade breads. Also, a huge basket raffle.

SACRED HEART PARISH BINGO
Dec. 4th Sacred Heart Parish Center. Doors open at 4 pm. Games begin at begin at 6:30

Gifts of the Magi
Christmas Gifts for Kids
Pick up a gift tag from the tree in the Gathering Space. Purchase a gift for the child and return, unwrapped with the tag, by Saturday, December 10th.



St. Leo School a Catholic, Classical Academy
814-772-9775

SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SCHOOL LUNCH WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, NOV. 17. THIS DAY IS ALWAYS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED BY STUDENTS, FACULTY/STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS ALIKE! MANY OF THE MEN IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO HOME COOK A DELICIOUS THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINS!! THANK YOU TO TOM BUCK AND HIS TEAM OF DADS (FORMER AND CURRENT) AND ALUMNI WHO CAME TOGETHER TO PREPARE AND SERVE THIS DELICIOUS MEAL FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Check us out on Facebook!



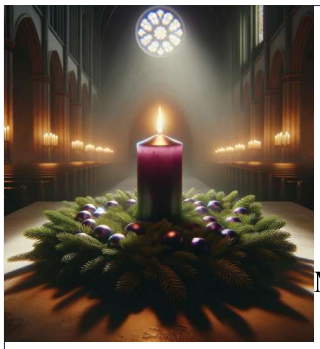
RIDGWAY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRAND REOPENING FRIDAY DECEMBER 4. COME SEE OUR NEWLY RENOVATED HALL AND ENJOY OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH LIVE MUSIC AND HOMEMADE PIZZA FROM 7 – 11 PM.



CANCEL THE COLD

+We remember in our Prayers+

Elizabeth Erickson
Lewis & Helen Miller
Arthur Cianca, Jr.
Deceased of Judice-Boggia Families
Ron Swanson
Mary Foley
Genevieve Stanley
Sis Geitner
Gene Facchine
Facchine & Armanini Families
James Manno
Joseph & Edith Fusco



From the Pastor's Desk



My dear parish family:

Throughout the next two liturgical seasons (Advent and Christmas) I plan on sharing reflections both here in the bulletin and in my weekend homilies based upon the psalm response for each of the Sunday's readings. On this first week of Advent, let us begin with Psalm 80.

Today, on the First Sunday of Advent, a new Church year begins! We come to a season of watching and waiting. We look back on how and where Christ has met us in the last year and see the ways we need to transform and to re-acknowledge (a flame of renewal must always be present within us) the ways that God is calling us to respond once again to His call and to grow closer to Him and to one another. This is the time to pray for new beginnings, and to ask God for increased courage, for more patience, and especially for a greater share of His presence within our community and world.

Lord make us turn to you. Let us see your face and we shall be saved. That response, when you take it apart, it starts first with that notion, Lord we want to turn to you; because we can turn in a lot of different directions, as we all do constantly, we turn away (often inadvertently) from God. Lord invite us back, make us turn! That's what we are praying this first weekend of our Advent journey, and indeed, every day of our Christian journey back to Heaven. To literally move your body around from a different direction is a great visual as we begin the road of Bethlehem. Think of it this way, you were pointing north and now you've got to reorient yourself to the southwest. You're physically turning. That's a choice! To turn to another person when they're speaking – it's deliberate. It's necessary. It's the courteous thing to do.

We want the same with God; to turn to the Lord and ask the Lord for the help to reorient ourselves back to His face – the face of a baby we will soon find in stable. That child – our Savior Jesus, is guiding us in turning back so that we can enter into that encounter with the divine at Christmas. This encounter – this turning is personal. Let us see your face, Jesus! Not and AI version. Not some fakery or trick of society or Satan – the real You! To gaze upon the face of God and not be destroyed; to gaze upon the face of God and know love, mercy, forgiveness, compassion; to turn to the face of the One who loves us, and to be able to recognize that we can draw near to God – yes, that's very personal. And we are starting that journey today!

This intimate connection that the One who we're turning toward knows us, loves us, forgives us, longs to help us. My dear friends, there's a lot of distractions in the world. There are a lot of temptations in the world. There's lots of sins that can destroy us. Lots of forces at work to poison us against oner another, ourselves, and God. Therefore, we must want to be able to look at where we find our hope, our strength, where we're grounded so that we can engage life and do so fully. When we turn to the Lord, we reorient ourselves. When we gaze upon the face of Christ and see that tender compassion from the Cross that Jesus offered for our eternal life, we understand that's how we're saved.

This Advent season, when we turn to the Lord, we encounter the Lord who saves, renews, and sends hope forth into the world that others might know His power and Hos love. It all starts with a personal face to face connection to Christ!

The power of this psalm and this psalm response today then invites us to reject what does not belong – to get rid of it, so we might have that newness of life that is only gifted by Jesus and thereby we're restored in grace by the light that comes from God – the light soon to stream forth once again from a stable on December 25th.

Today, we pray that this Advent will be full of opportunities to turn our face to God and know His salvation. As we watch, wait, hope, and pray for our Lord's return, may we be aware of the ways God renews his grace, peace, and holiness in our lives.

May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph guide us this Advent!

Father Justin