

# St. Leo Magnus

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 15, 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

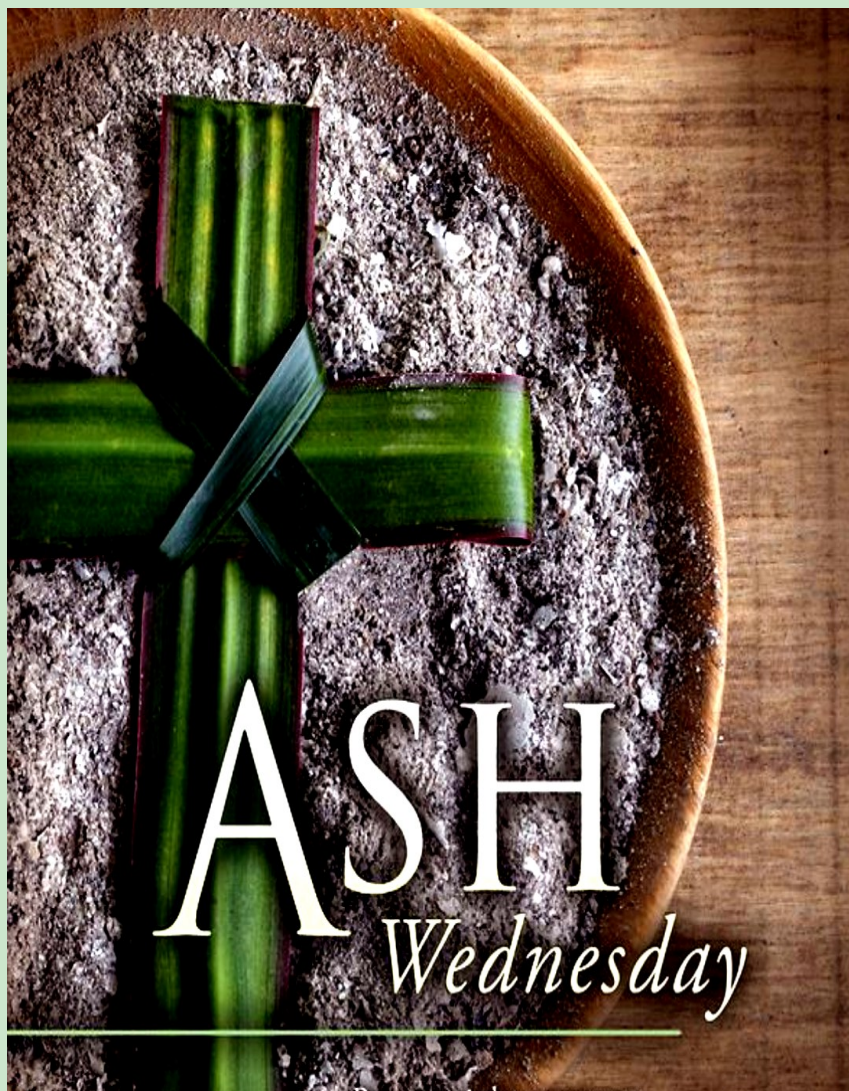
*On the day:* 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

#### **Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)**

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

#### **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesdays + Thursdays 9 am - 6 pm



## LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!

*Ash Wednesday Masses + February 18th*

*8:30 am - 12:05 pm - 6 pm*

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 14, 2026 + Saints Cyril and Methodius

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Arlene Regulski** (BJ Matheson)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, February 14, 2026 + Vigil for the Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Sandy Lewis** (Molly Fernan)

Sunday, February 15, 2026 + Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Elizabeth Erickson** (Jim & Carol Miller)

10:00 am **Isabella Hope Tettis** (Mike & Karen Tettis)

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 + Weekday

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

6:00 pm **Cynthia Aiello** (Michael & Nancy DePanfilis)

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 + Ash Wednesday

8:30 am **Tom Knouse** (Dave & Joey Kepple)

12:05 pm **Doreen Marzella** (Rose Wolf)

6:00 pm **Inez Grieggs** (Family)

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



Thursday, February 19, 2026 + Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 am **Felcia Nelson** (Joan Klase)

6:00 pm **Linda Giovanini** (Mary Ann Cianca)

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

Friday, February 20, 2026 + Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 am **Al & Anne Hargrave** (Jim Laughner)

6:00 pm **Steve Gausman** (Francis & Cathy Santiso)

Saturday, February 21, 2026 + Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, February 21, 2026 + Vigil for the First Sunday of Lent

5:15 pm **Robert "Bob" Porter** (RHS Class of 1980)

Sunday, February 22, 2026 + First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am **Jennie Morelli** (Dave Giovanini)

10:00 am **Charlotte Weiser** (Family)

### Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for February

#### **FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

*The wine and hosts for February have been donated in loving  
memory of  
**Kathy Pino**  
By Barbara Jones*

## 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



**DID YOU FORGET  
SMALL FAITH GROUP REFLECTION  
SIGN-UP FORMS ARE IN GATHERING SPACE.  
PLEASE RETURN TO PARISH OFFICE  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
REFLECTIONS START ASH WEDNESDAY.**

### Liturgical Ministries February 21 & 22

|                               | Altar Servers           | Eucharistic Minister         | Lector           |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Sat, 2/21<br/>5:15 pm</b>  | CC MacDonald<br>MJ Bish | J Wonderly                   | H Bish           |
| <b>Sun, 2/22<br/>8:00 am</b>  | L Kerr<br>T Washburn    | V Stager                     | M Stager         |
| <b>Sun, 2/22<br/>10:00 am</b> | J Hoyle<br>A Stenta     | K Gerber                     | N Hoffman        |
| <b>Money Counters</b>         | Team # 4                | <b>Altar Guild</b><br>(2/20) | Group 5<br>Pew 5 |

### 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

February 8, 2026

Offering \$6,099  
Weekly Goal \$9,168

CSA, 2026 \$  
Goal \$61,135

*Thank You*

### Online Giving

Visit our parish website, [www.stleomagnus.org](http://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 when you visit our online giving page. Thank you for your generosity and support. Your contributions are a true blessing, and we are deeply grateful for your kindness.

### 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

### 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.

### 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        | 814-772-3135 |
| <b>May 21, 2026</b> | 6:30 pm  | St. Mary's, St. Marys   | 814-781-1019 |

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

**Bulletin Deadline** - Submit by Feb. 17 for Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> bulletin

We have a few extra copies of the new hard bound hymnals. If you would like to purchase one contact the parish office. Cost \$20



## 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 CEMETERY NEEDS**

## Weekly Wisdom from our Holy Father

*"The Scripture serves to nurture the life and charity of believers, as Saint Augustine recalls: 'Whoever ... thinks that he understands the Holy Scriptures ... but puts such an interpretation upon them as does not tend to build up this twofold love of God and our neighbor, does not yet understand them as he ought'. The divine origin of the Scripture also recalls that the Gospel, entrusted to the witness of the baptized, despite embracing all the dimensions of life and reality, transcends them: it cannot be reduced to a mere philanthropic or social message, but is the joyful proclamation of the full and eternal life that God has given to us in Jesus."*

**Pope Leo XIV**  
**General Audience Catechesis**  
**4 February 2026**



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*The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the family of:*

**Mary Lee DeStefano**

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

## Marriage Preparation Schedule

### Sundays, Feb 22 & Mar 1

St. Peter Cathedral, Erie  
8:30am-Noon, Mass included  
RSVP 814-453-6677

### Saturday, Feb 28

Queen of the World, St. Marys  
9:30am-6:15pm  
Mass included  
RSVP 814-834-4701

### Sunday, April 19

St. James, Erie  
9am-5pm, Mass included  
RSVP 814-899-6178

### Fri & Sat, April 24 & 25

Our Lady of Peace, Erie  
Fri, 5p-9p & Sat, 9a-1p  
No Mass included  
RSVP 814-833-7701

## St. Leo Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent

4:30 - 6:30 St. Leo

Social Hall

Cost: \$14.75

Eat In or Take Out

Call 814-772-4705 to  
order



## Saint Leo Lent Devotions

STATIONS, SOUP AND A  
SCRIPTURAL JOURNEY THROUGH MASS  
Every Wednesday at 1 pm

Every Wednesday Fr. Justin will pray a  
different version of *The Way of the Cross* in  
Church. Then to the social hall for  
homemade soup from Fr. Justin's kitchen  
and reflection on the  
Biblical Foundations of the Mass.



## Fish Dinners are back! At St. Joseph Church, Force

Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent  
from noon - 6:30 pm.

Eat in or Take out - call 814-787-4151

We offer Fantail Shrimp, Haddock Fish (baked/fried),  
and Pastor's Platter (Fish, Shrimp and Clam Strips)



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## Lunch with the Lord

### The Sacred Heart Social Committee

will once again host Lunch with the Lord on Thursdays during Lent, from noon to 1:00 PM.

Each week will feature a guest speaker.

The series will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Center,  
337 Center Street, St. Marys, PA 15857.

**February 19, 2026 Rev. Robert F. "Bob" Zilhaver**

St. Marys Methodist Church St. Marys, PA

**February 26, 2026 Pastor Missy Smith**

Mountain Ridge Church Benezette, PA

**March 5, 2026 Fr. Justin Pino, Pastor**

St. Leo Roman Catholic Church Ridgway, PA

**March 12, 2026 Fr. Ananias, O.S.B., Pastor**

Monk of St. Vincent Archabbey

Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church Patton, PA

**March 19, 2026 Fr. Ignatius Camello, O.S.B., Parochial Vicar**

Monk of St. Vincent Archabbey

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**April 2, 2026 Fr. Thomas Curry, O.S.B., Pastor**

Monk of St. Vincent Archabbey

Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Partnered Parishes of St. Marys, PA



A delicious lunch will be served at Noon;  
then there will be 10 to 15 minutes of a spiritual message to follow.  
A Free Will Offering will be accepted!

For reservations, please call the  
Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes Administrative Office 814-781-1019  
Ext #3 for Kathy.

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## What Catholics Believe About Lent: Fasting, Ashes, and 40 Days Explained

Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the Archdiocese of Denver, as he answers  
some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent?  
Why is it 40 days long? Or even, what should I give up for Lent? Find out in  
this episode of What Catholics Believe.

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## Cancel the Cold

†We Remember in our prayers†

**February 14**

Joseph & Eduth Fusco

**February 15**

Arthur Cianca, Jr.

Dominic & Elvira Judice

Deceased of Judice-Boggia Families

Souls in Purgatory

Jane Judice

Ron Swanson

**February 18**

Mary Wonderly

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

My dear parish family:



Lent is nearly upon us! Rejoice? Or be scared? Yes, many people don't look forward to Lent. Childhood memories of giving up candy or sitting through weekly Stations of the Cross come immediately to mind. Words like "sacrifice," "discipline," and "self-denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth. The somber purple seems to be overwhelming. Well, I love purple. I really enjoy Lent, because it is a reminder of the joyously glorious celebration of Easter to come. When we think about it, forty days isn't that terribly long.

Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us realize that in one way or another we've wandered from God's path that He has traced for us, Lent becomes that second chance, a significant time, as Scripture reminds us, "to return to God with our whole heart."

This year here in our parish we will be offering several ways to make this return possible in our spiritual lives. Please consider being a part of some or even better, all these opportunities as we begin this solemn penitential season this coming Wednesday with the distribution of the blessed ashes.

- (1) **WEEKEND REFLECTIONS:** As some of you will recall, two years ago, during Lent I reflected in my Sunday homilies about the "**phantoms of the Passion**," those biblical figures that appear during this important time in our salvation history and then inexplicably vanish. This year I have a new set of "phantoms" to share meditations with you, namely – *Malchus, Caiaphas, Pilate's Wife, Dismas, and Longinus*. Every week in this bulletin column I will share some thoughts on these five individuals and then expand the meditations during the weekend homilies. So, stay tuned!
- (2) **DAILY MASSES & CONFESSIONS:** Again, during Lent, we will be offering two daily masses – the usual morning mass at 8:30 am on Wednesdays through Saturdays. In addition, there will be evening mass on Tuesdays through Fridays at 6 pm. Our usual times for confessions will continue Wednesdays from 4-6 pm and Saturdays following the morning recitation of the Rosary and Mass.
- (3) **DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAYS:** I am pleased to announce that after last year's success, we will be having **Lent Devotions every Wednesday during Lent**. Starting at 1 pm, we will gather in the church to pray a different version of *The Way of the Cross* (Stations), followed by fellowship in the social hall. I will again be preparing a different homemade soup, followed by a reflection. This year's theme will be the biblical foundations of the Mass. Please refer to the insert in last week's bulletin for more details. Hope to see you there!
- (4) **SMALL FAITH GROUPS:** As I have been announcing in the past weeks at Mass, we are resurrecting the Small Faith Groups here at Saint Leo. This can be a wonderful opportunity to share our faith with fellow parishioners; but especially strengthen our spiritual lives by walking with others toward the Cross and Open Tomb this Easter. Details are in the bulletin, or you can stop Molly Fernan if you see her.
- (5) **FISH, FAITH, AND FELLOWSHIP:** I am equally glad that the Knights of Columbus have chosen to take up the mantle of our dormant fish dinners – not only in efforts to raise funds, but also for the opportunity to gather for a meal and be together. **Every Friday in Lent** the social hall will be open for this purpose. Please refer to the insert in last week's bulletin and tell your family and friends to join us! It starts this Friday. See you there!

My sisters and brothers in Christ, during this penitential, sacred, and beneficial season, the Lord and His Church invites all of us to deepen our faith and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter morning. Through these moments listed above and any additional ways to become closer to Jesus, His Passion, Death, and Resurrection this Lent, may we discover the grace and strength to walk with Him again in His suffering, so that we may rejoice with the whole world this April in His glorious resurrection! *Have a great Lent!*

*Father Justin*