

St. Leo Magnus

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Being Witnesses of Christ's Gospel since 1874

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 1, 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

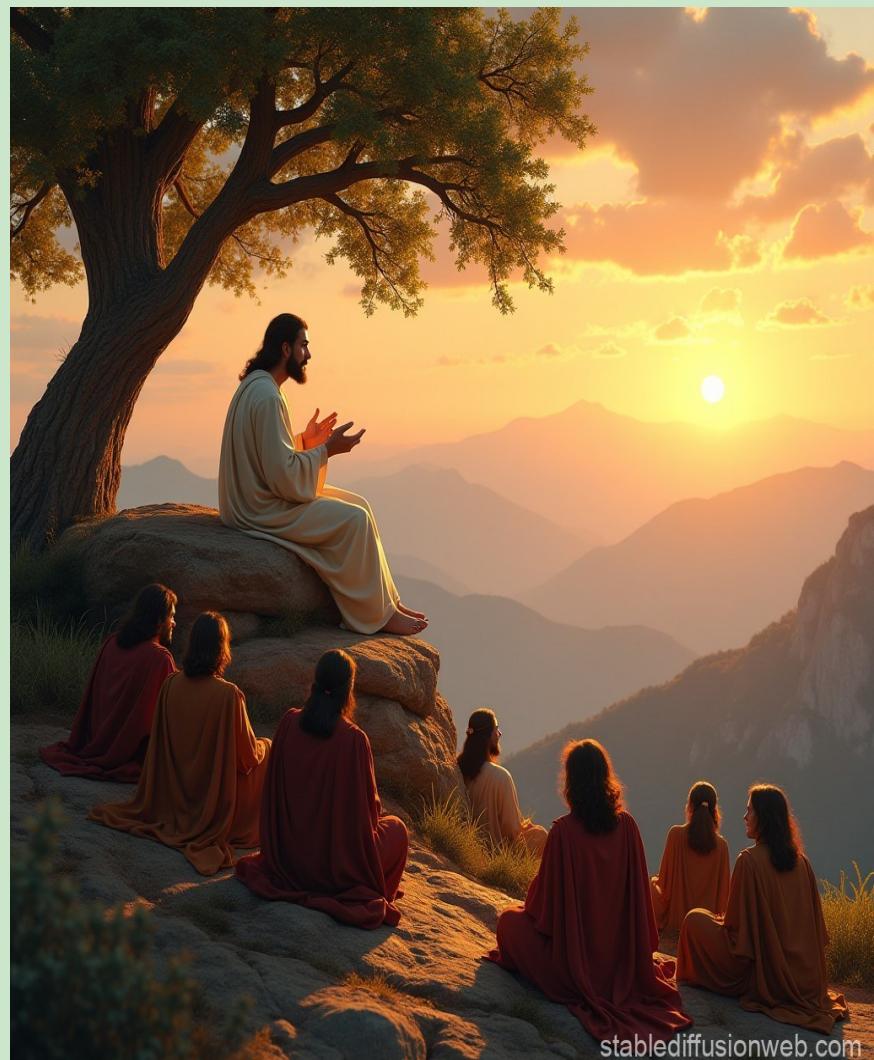
Evening before: 6:00 pm
On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays + Thursdays 9 am - 6 pm



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31, 2026 + Saint John Bosco

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **John Fernan** (Molly Fernan)

9:00 am **CONFESION**



Saturday, January 31, 2026 + Vigil for the Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Jessie Lamarca** (Dave & Lucy Bobby)

Sunday, February 1, 2026 + Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

10:00 am **Art Cianca, Jr.** (Mary Theresa Cianca)



Tuesday, February 3, 2026 + Weekday

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

***NO MASS**

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 + Weekday

***NO MASS**

***NO CONFESSION**



Thursday, February 5, 2026 + Saint Agatha

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

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

Friday, February 6, 2026 + Saint Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 am **Carlin Joyce** (Dave Bobby)

Saturday, February 7, 2026 + Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Jerry Steis, 20th anniv.** (Steis Family)

9:00 am **CONFESION**

Saturday, February 7, 2026 + Vigil for the Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Mario Mascioni** (Marcia & Don Wildnauer)

Sunday, February 8, 2026 + Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Geraldine Gilmore** (Fr. Mark Groeger)

10:00 am **Joseph Gasbarre** (Dave & Joey Kepple)

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**

**FLOCKNOTE - KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US VIA EMAIL & TEXT! TO SIGN UP
STLEO TO 84576 OR TLEO.FLOCKNOTE.COM**

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

ALTAR CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of
BILL GAUSMAN
By the Gahr Family

Liturgical Ministries February 7 & 8

| | Altar Servers | Eucharistic Minister | Lector |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Sat, 2/7 5:15 pm | MC Messineo E Regulski | S Anderson | J Challingsworth |
| Sun, 2/8 8:00 am | D Scarnati M Gausman | M Detwiler | WJ Fernan |
| Sun, 2/8 10:00 am | Bobnars | S or L Fink | D Paige |
| Money Counters | Team # 2 | Altar Guild (2/6) | Group 3 Pew 3 |

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**



Bulletin Deadline - Submit by Feb. 2 for Feb 8th bulletin

Parish Stewardship

January 25, 2026

Offering \$4,275 Weekly Goal \$9,168



THANK YOU
for your generosity

Online Giving

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 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

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| Feb 24, 2026 | 6:30 pm | St. Mark, Emporium | 814-486-0569 |
| Mar 21, 2026 | 10:00 am | Sacred Heart, St. Marys | 814-781-1019 |
| Apr 29, 2026 | 6:00 pm | St. Leo, Ridgway | 814-772-3135 |
| May 21, 2026 | 6:30 pm | St. Mary's, St. Marys | 814-781-1019 |

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

St. Leo Magnus Church

Parish Office Hours

9 am - noon & 1-4 pm
Ph:814-772-3135

Monday - Thursday
secretary@stleomagnus.org

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR
CEMETERY NEEDS**

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



Weekly Wisdom from Pope Leo XIV

"In our lives, both individually and as a Church, interior struggles or circumstances we deem unfavorable can lead us to believe that it is not the right time to proclaim the Gospel, to make a decision, to make a choice, or to change a situation. In this way, however, we risk becoming paralyzed by indecision or imprisoned by excessive prudence, whereas the Gospel calls us to dare to trust. God is at work at all times; every moment is 'God's time,' even when we do not feel ready or when the situation seems unfavorable."

Pope Leo XIV
Angelus Message – 25 January 2026



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Cancel the Cold

†We Remember in our prayers†

February 1

Vincent Foley
Hayden LaValle
Carl D. Lindberg

Marriage Preparation Schedule

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| Sunday, Feb 8 St. Walburga School, Titusville 9am-5:15pm No Mass included RSVP 814-827-4636 | Saturday, Feb 28 Queen of the World, St. Marys 9:30am-6:15pm Mass included RSVP 814-834-4701 |
| Sundays, Feb 22 & Mar 1 St. Peter Cathedral, Erie 8:30am-Noon, Mass included RSVP 814-453-6677 | Sunday, April 19 St. James, Erie 9am-5pm, Mass included RSVP 814-899-6178 |

ST. BONIFACE K OF C BREAKFAST

Kersey K of C will host a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, February 1st from 8 am until 11:30 (sold out). Price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this breakfast buffet.

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.

MARRIED COUPLES

The **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Experience helps a couple listen, share, and connect more deeply. It's about learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Visit wwme.org

**Readings for the week of
February 1, 2026**

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34



**Small Faith Communities
Lenten Gospel Reflections**

Sign-up Forms and Brochures
in Gathering Space
Please hand in this week
(February 1-7)
in collection, to rectory or mail

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

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.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The CD of A would like to thank all the bakers and buyers for our Annual Christmas Bake Sale!!!

**It was a huge success!! The support of our
Parishioners is outstanding and we could not do
this without you!
Thanks again!:)**

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From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

All too often we hear a reading at Mass and we think, "Oh, I've heard this before." Yes, our eyes glazed over, our minds turn to planning the rest of Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon. The Beatitudes are a prime example for the familiar "spiritual haze." What we often need to literally jolt us into a better spiritual mindset, is a shock to our system to bring us to a deeper realization of Jesus Christ's presence into our lives; and furthermore, how we can bear Him witness in the world, that is constantly blind, deaf, and mute towards Him, in fact, most of the sacred.

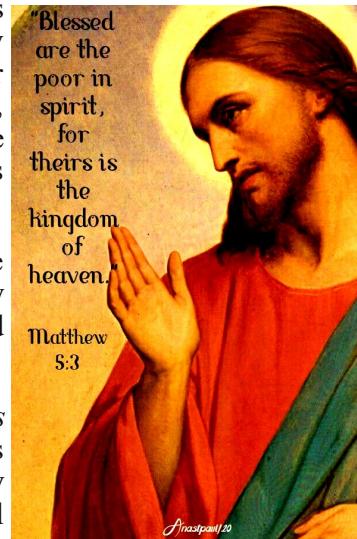
The Beatitudes are the focus of the Gospel narrative this weekend, and the first, "*blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,*" is used by Jesus to describe not only Himself, but all of us – His disciples, witnesses and friends. That word is "poor" or even more shocking let's say, "nothingness!"

When Jesus begins the Beatitudes with "*blessed are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven*" He is reminding the hundreds gathered there on the grass for His Sermon on the Mount, and us gathered in pews here, that nothingness is key to living what He preaches. Clarifying some of the words on an etymological (history of language) level of the first beatitude might help our meditation. First, the word "blessed" is *makarios* in the original Greek of the Gospel of Matthew. It means "happy!" The word translated centuries ago into Latin first and then to other languages, as poor is *ptoches* in Greek. It means not simply poor, but absolute destitution. These are the people who own nothing and whom the First Century world considered to be worthless. Jesus, the Good Shepherd – the Lord of All Time and History – declares these people to be happy! Huh? Quite the shock, right? They are happy because they have the Kingdom of Heaven, that is, oneness or union or communion with God.

Yes, Jesus is saying the "poor in spirit" are symbolic of the most necessary spiritual practice: interior nothingness. Happiness is the state of interior nothingness. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are those who are in the state of interior nothingness for theirs is the realization of being totally together with God – though God – and in God. The poor in spirit are happy with the invisible God and have let go all other sources of happiness. They are nothing within because they release all thinking while with pure faith, bare hope, and naked love. They drop all thinking – everything within – and fall into God Himself. Talk about a shocking revelation! Talk about a call by God in His human form to all of us to sacrifice. Yes, sacrifice,, like Him!

How can we live this first beatitude? First is to sink – to drop – to totally fall into the nothingness in prayer. God is not a thing to have or to hold or to hoard, like so many people do with "stuff", but He is a mystery beyond being. Therefore, we can pray by sinking into the nothingness of God. We close our eyes and let everything in our minds fall away. We relax into the inner nothingness. Sinking into nothingness is to find all our happiness in God, the infinite nothing else, but pure divine wonder. It is to rest in God within and not pay attention to anything – a freely willed detachment from everything we think gives us happiness, allowing God to fill us with His grace. Don't resist. When we become "poor in spirit," as the Beatitudes teach us, we get moments of happiness straight from God that we never want to stop. By accepting this wonder of God entering the emptiness we have prepared for Him without fighting it, holding on to it, or judging it, is to accept God as Mystery in the poverty of a little moment.

In the Beatitudes and the rest of the Sermon on the Mount, showing mercy, being meek, thirsting for justice all depend on emptying out our interior self, the fertile ground for God's own life to express itself through us. The poor in spirit have hearts free and ready for God's presence and love. The poor in spirit can love their enemies and not worry. They can be humble, honest, and compassionate. They can let go of the anger that gives rise to violence, quarreling, and even murder. Their hearts are wide open to God's mercy. In such a heart, there is no selfishness. In such a heart, there is nothing but God! Therefore, if we prepare our hearts like this today and always, then the Lord's final word's this weekend will be so much more beautiful: "*Rejoice and be glad! For your reward will be great in heaven!*" Amen to that!



Father Justin