



# St. Leo Magnus

## Roman Catholic Church

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026



2025

2026

*May 8th*

*Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Election of  
Our Beloved Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV*

# Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 2, 2026 + Saint Athanasius

- 8:00 am **ROSARY**
- 8:30 am **William Miller, 32<sup>nd</sup> anniv.** (Dolores Miller)
- 9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, May 2, 2026 + Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 5:15 pm **Irvin and Alice Malacarne** (Carl and Susan Ginther)

Sunday, May 3, 2026 + Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am **William and Mary Lou Fleming** (Pat Fleming)
- 10:00 am **David Steis** (Peg Nearing)

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 + Easter Weekday

- 9:00 am - 6:00 pm **ADORATION**
- 6:00 pm **Susan DeStefano** (Family)

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 + Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am **NO MASS**
- 4:00 - 6:00 pm **CONFESSION**
- 6:00 pm **MILLIONS OF MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP**

Thursday, May 7, 2026 + Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am **Rayfield Knight** (Jim and Terry McLaughlin)
- 9:00 am - 6:00 pm **ADORATION**

Friday, May 8, 2026 + Easter Weekday

- FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF POPE LEO XIV**
- 8:30 am **Bill Fannin** (Dave and Joey Keplele)

Saturday, May 9, 2026 + Easter Weekday

- 8:00 am **ROSARY**
- 8:30 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**
- 9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, May 9, 2026 + Vigil for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 5:15 pm **Joseph and Janice Casolo** (Family)

Sunday, May 10, 2026 + Sixth Sunday of Easter

- HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**
- 8:00 am **Jean Gier** (Family)
- 10:00 am **John & Marie Park, 47<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.** (Gail Pontious)

*The Sanctuary Candle before the Blessed Sacrament will burn this week  
In Thankfulness for an answered prayer*



The Saint Leo Candle burns this week in loving memory of **Betty Peterson** by Darlene Needs.

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



# 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.*

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The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Erie



***Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for May***  
***THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD***  
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

*The wine and hosts for May have been donated  
in loving memory of  
Jacqueline Renaud  
By her family.*

## Liturgical Ministries Week of May 9 & 10

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Sat, 5/9 5:15 pm	H & T Bish	JP MacDonald	T Bish
Sun, 5/10 8:00 am	J & P Bobnar	J Allenbaugh	N Hoffman
Sun, 5/10 10:00 am	H Owen O Buck	K Gerber J Williams S Anderson	L Caggese
Money Counters	Team #2	Altar Guild (5/8)	Group 8 Pew 4

*The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to  
the family of Carmen Dragone  
May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal  
peace.*

**READINGS: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER #835**

## Parish Stewardship

April 26, 2026

<b>This Week</b>	<b>CSA, 2026</b>
Offering.....\$ 11,844	Pledges.....\$26,590
Goal.....\$ 9,168	Goal.....\$61,135

*Thank you for your Generosity*

### Online Giving

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior this Easter, we invite you to consider offering a gift to Saint Leo Magnus. Your generosity during this sacred season helps us continue our mission and support our community. Head over to our parish website to make a one-time donation or set up automated, recurring giving for the entire year. It's quick and easy when you visit our online giving page [www.stleomagnus.org](http://www.stleomagnus.org). It's quick, easy, and convenient. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support. Your contributions are a genuine blessing, and we are profoundly thankful for your kindness.

### Ways to Remember

There are many ways to memorialize both living and deceased family and friends:

**Mass** - \$10/requested date

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

**Beat the Heat/Cancel the Cold** - \$10/date

Contact the parish office for details.

### 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>May 21, 2026</b>	6:30 pm	St. Mary's, St. Marys	814-781-1019
<b>June 2, 2026</b>	6:30 pm	Queen of the World, St. Marys	814-834-4701

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

**Bulletin Deadline - May 5<sup>th</sup> for the May 10<sup>th</sup> bulletin**

## St. Leo Magnus Church

### Parish Office Hours

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

Monday - Thursday  
[secretary@stleomagnus.org](mailto:secretary@stleomagnus.org)

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

## Weekly Wisdom from our Holy Father

*“Dear brothers, go out and discover culture, people and life! Marvel at the things that God makes grow without our having sown them. The people you will serve as priests — lay faithful and families, young and old, children and the sick — inhabit pastures that you must come to know. At times it will seem to you that you lack the necessary maps. But the Good Shepherd has them; listen to his very familiar voice. So many people today feel lost! Many feel they can no longer find their bearings. In this regard, there is no more precious testimony than this: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake’ (Ps 23:2–3). His name is Jesus: ‘God saves’! You are witnesses to this. ‘Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life’ (Ps 23:6). Dear brothers, sisters, and young people: may it be so!”*

**Pope Leo XIV  
Homily at Priestly Ordinations  
26 April 2026**



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### Cancel the Cold/Beat the Heat

†We Remember in our prayers†

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Arthur Cianca, Jr.	Souls in Purgatory
Dominic & Elvira Judice	Ron Swanson
Jane Judice	Deceased of Judice-Boggia Families

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Edith Fusco

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please let the Parish Office know if a member of your family is sick and would like to have someone deliver Holy Communion to them.

**BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP  
MOTHERS DAY ONE DAY ONLY SALE  
20% OFF EVERYTHING!  
SATURDAY, MAY 9TH 10A-2P**

**ST. BONIFACE FEAST DAY FAMILY FEST**

Join St. Boniface, Kersey, as they celebrate the Feast Day of St. Boniface on Friday, June 5. Start at 5 pm with Mass then food, drink kids activities and live music until 9 pm.

**BOOK CLUB**

We're reading "Discernment" by Fr. Henry Nouwen. Meetings will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Center on Wednesdays for 5-6 weeks starting April 29th from 4-6 pm. If your interested or have questions, contact Rita Kraus @ 814-594-7510.

**INNOCENT VICTIMS OF ABORTION**

Ecumenical Memorial Service will be held May 12 at noon. St. Marys Cemetery. Bring lawn chair. Sponsored by Elk County Right to Life Maternity Closet.

**CELEBRATING AMERICA 250 IN SONG**

Concert Choir of Elk County will host this event at the Red Fern in St. Marys May 15 & 16 at 6:00 pm. Tickets \$40/person include dinner. Tickets can be purchased at ECCOTA, Ridgway.

**SACRED HEART BREAD SALE**

Thursday, May 14. Pre-orders only. Call 814-781-1019 by May 12 to order.

**COUPLES STRUGGLING WITH INFERTILITY**

Did you know that 1 in 5 women struggle with infertility (CDC)? Couples carrying the cross of infertility are in our families, among our friends, and in our pews. They need to know that they have many gifts to bring to our parish, that their marriages are life-giving in many beautiful ways, and that God has not abandoned them - and neither have we. If you know someone struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss, resist the temptation to offer solutions or make predictions about what will happen if they "just pray a little harder." Instead, show these couples your support by listening to them, praying for them, reminding them that God is with them, and that they are not alone. For more resources and support, visit [www.springsinthedesert.org](http://www.springsinthedesert.org).



Welcome to our newly baptized  
**Thomas Daniel Bianconi,**  
Son of David and Anastasia Bianconi.

**Evelynn Donna Dickant,**  
Daughter of Nick Dickant and Brittany Mercer.

**Saoirse Cait Aiello,**  
Daughter of Josh and Edel Aiello.

*We pray God will bless them and their families as they grow in faith.*



Join Us  
Wednesdays 6-7 pm  
St. Leo Magnus

Join with other mothers as we pray to grow in holiness and humility and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church

*THANK YOU LADIES OF THE CD OF A  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ST. LEO MASS HEARD  
ON 97.5 THE HOUND AT 9:00 AM ON SUNDAY  
MORNINGS IN MAY*



St. Leo School  
a Catholic,  
Classical  
Academy

**SPOTLIGHT ON  
ST. LEO SCHOOL**



OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MS. LUNDIN, PUT ON A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE OF "CHARLOTTE'S WEB" ON APRIL 23 & 24. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST AND CREW!



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

My dear parish family:

It is hard to believe, but this Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, will mark the first anniversary of the election of our Holy Father, Pope Leo. The excitement as the white smoke began to billow above the Sistine Chapel, was amazing. Then our church bells began to ring, joining other jubilant bells around the world. Finally, the former Cardinal Prevost – the first American born Pope – stepped out onto the balcony. As many of us gathered in the church to watch this historic moment live online, the presence of the Holy Spirit was certainly with us.

The last Pope Leo – namely, Leo XIII (born Gioacchino Pecci and born in 1810), who served as Bishop of Rome from 1878 until 1903, died as Pope at the age of 93. His beloved successor, Pope Leo XIV is only 70 years old at present. The Holy Father knows the importance of rest and exercise, since he takes Tuesdays to rest at his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo just north of Rome, he often plays tennis and swims that day. Therefore, let's pray the world and our Church has Pope Leo for the next 23 years and beyond, well into his nineties. He has done great things in the past year and will do many more in the years and decades to come!



As the one-year anniversary of Pope Leo XIV's election to the papacy approaches, here is a selection of quotes from him on various topics to reflect upon, pray with, and give thanks to God for the great gift of the 267<sup>th</sup> Vicar of the Risen Christ here on Earth:

*"Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world."* — Pope Leo at the Mass for the inauguration of his Petrine ministry May 18, 2025

*"Be agents of communion, capable of breaking down the logic of division and polarization, of individualism and egocentrism. Centre yourselves on Christ, so as to overcome the logic of the world, of fake news, of frivolity, with the beauty and light of truth."* — Pope Leo's address to Catholic digital missionaries and influencers July 29, 2025

*"Friendship with Christ, which forms the basis of faith, is not just one aid among many others for building the future; it is our guiding star."* — Pope Leo at a vigil for the Jubilee of Youth Aug. 2, 2025

*"On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself."* — Pope Leo in his first apostolic exhortation "Dilexi Te" ("I have loved you"), promulgated Oct. 9, 2025

*"Marian spirituality is at the service of the Gospel: It reveals its simplicity. Our affection for Mary of Nazareth leads us to join her in becoming disciples of Jesus."* — Pope Leo at the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality Oct. 12, 2025

*"Life shines brightly not because we are rich, beautiful or powerful. Instead, it shines when we discover within ourselves the truth that we are called by God, have a vocation, have a mission, that our lives serve something greater than ourselves."* — Pope Leo at the Mass for the Jubilee of Education, where he proclaimed St. John Henry Newman a doctor of the Church Nov. 1, 2025

*"AI can process information quickly, but it cannot replace human intelligence. And don't ask it to do your homework for you. It cannot offer real wisdom."* — Pope Leo at a digital encounter with youth during the 2025 National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis Nov. 21, 2025

*"Peace, in fact, cannot be decreed: It must be embraced and lived. It is a gift from God, which unfolds through patient and collective effort. It is everyone's responsibility, beginning with civil authorities."* — Pope Leo in his meeting with the authorities, civil society and diplomatic corps in Yaoundé, Cameroon, April 15, 2026

*May the joy of Easter glory continue to give us strength each day of our faith journey, so we may bear happy witness to the Risen Jesus Christ!*

*Father Justin*