

# St. Leo Magnus

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 11, 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



*This is my Beloved Son.  
Listen to Him!*

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 10, 2026 + Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Harry Richards** (Charlie & Debby Richards)

9:00 am **CONFESION**



Saturday, January 10, 2026 + Vigil for The Baptism of the Lord

5:15 pm **Robert Connacher** (Michael & Pat Facchine)

Sunday, January 11, 2026 + The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am **John Addeo, 24<sup>th</sup> anniv.** (Family)

10:00 am **Bill Fannin** (The Martin Family)

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 + Weekday

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

Thursday, January 15, 2026 + Weekday

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

Saturday, January 17, 2026 + Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Leonard B. Mick, 43<sup>rd</sup> anniv.** (Fr. Justin)

9:00 am **CONFESION**

Saturday, January 17, 2026 + Vigil for The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Linda Giovanini** (Steve & Nancy Assalone))

Sunday, January 18, 2026 + The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Dc'd mbrs of the Cavaliere Family** (Al Cavaliere)

10:00 am **Joshua Reynolds** (Ron & Rita Bennardi)

Father Justin will be away this week having a much needed vacation. There will be no daily mass or Wednesday Confessions. If you have need of a priest, please call the parish office during normal business hours.

### Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for January

#### For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

*The wine and hosts for January have been donated in loving memory of*

**Bob Connacher**

*By Debby & Charlie Richards and  
Mary Louise & Dan Kutsch*

**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.

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Erie



## ALTAR CANDLES

*Sanctuary Candle* burns this week in loving memory of  
**BERTHA VERBECK**  
By her family

*Saint John of God Candle* burns this week in honor of  
**MARY LEE DESTEFANO**  
By her family

## CANCEL THE COLD

*†We remember in our prayers†*

**January 11**  
Edith Fusco

## Liturgical Ministries January 17 & 18

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
<b>Sat, 1/10 5:15 pm</b>	Washburns	F or K Griech	H Bish
<b>Sun, 1/11 8:00 am</b>	A Stenta H Bowen	V Stager	WJ Fernan
<b>Sun, 1/11 10:00 am</b>	O Buck E Leuschel	A Messineo	C Tutton
<b>Money Counters</b>	Team # 3	<b>Altar Guild (1/16)</b>	Group 8 Pew 6

## SICK AND HOMEBOUND

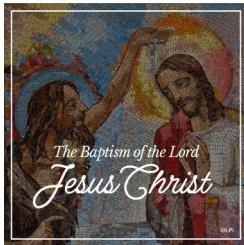
Please let the Parish Office know if a member of your family is sick and in need of anointing or would like to be placed on our Communion List.

## Parish Stewardship

January 4, 2026

Offering \$9,058 Weekly Goal \$ 9,168

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity



### Online Giving

Our online giving platform has undergone some modification. If you have an account with Vanco, it has been transferred to MP eGiving. It transferred just as you had it set in Vanco. The link to MP eGiving can be found on our website, [www.stleomagnus.org](http://www.stleomagnus.org). A new login and password will have to be created by following the onscreen directions.

For those interested in making an online donation, navigate to our website and choose "Online Giving" in the "Ways to Give" tab. You will be directed to the MP eGiving platform. Just follow the onscreen direction to make a donation. If you have questions, please call the parish office.

### 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

### St Leo Magnus Lenten Gospel Journey

Our Small Faith Communities will

1. Reflect on Sunday Lenten Gospel
2. Apply God's Word to our lives.
3. Offer spiritual support for demands of Christians today.

Father Justin will be our facilitator for the first Lenten reflection for all the small faith participants after **6:00 pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.**

Sign ups in late January.

More details next week.

### 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

**Bulletin Deadline** - Submit by Jan. 13 for Jan 18<sup>th</sup> bulletin

### Weekly Wisdom from Pope Leo XIV

*"At the dawn of the new year, the Liturgy reminds us that for each of us, every day can be the beginning of a new life, thanks to God's generous love, his mercy and the response of our freedom. It is beautiful to view the coming year in this way: as an open journey to be discovered. Indeed, through grace, we can venture forth on this journey with confidence – free and bearers of freedom, forgiven and bringers of forgiveness, trusting in the closeness and goodness of the Lord who accompanies us always."*

### Pope Leo XIV Homily – 1 January 2026



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### Chili Cook Off !

January 30th at 6 pm

If you'd like to enter your chili or soup  
Call/text Susie @ 814-594-5192

### Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

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

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

## Engagement Encounter

February 6 - 8, 2026 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. This weekend fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements. Catholic and interfaith couples are welcome. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org), register at [eriercd.org/familylifeoffice](http://eriercd.org/familylifeoffice). "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

## 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.

## CD of A Members

Please attend our next meeting Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 pm in the social hall.



St. Leo Parish celebrated the Epiphany with our very own Magi. Gideon Anderson, Alex Urmann and Neil Buck presented baby Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

## Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month

In 2024, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children received over 27,800 reports of possible child sex trafficking. The average age of child sex trafficking victims is 15 years old. Child sex trafficking is child abuse. It occurs when a minor is advertised, solicited, or exploited through a commercial sex act-where sex is exchanged for money, food, shelter, drugs, or anything of value. Traffickers can be family members (even parents), friends, gangs, foster parents, trusted adults or boyfriends. Talk openly with your child about this reality and build resiliency. Address myths that glamorize the commercial sex industry. Warn about online risks: social media and gaming platforms are used by traffickers to target, groom, and recruit victims. Prepare your child: at some point they will likely encounter inappropriate messages or harmful content online. Teach them how to respond safely. Report suspected child sex trafficking by calling 1-800-843-5678 or visit [CyberTipLine.org](http://CyberTipLine.org). For additional resources visit [www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/)



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## SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL

### MYSTERY READER

DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT, MRS. MITCHELTREE'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS WELCOMED NUMEROUS "MYSTERY READERS" TO READ AN ADVENT OR CHRISTMAS THEMED BOOK. THE STUDENTS WERE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE THEIR LOVED ONES READ TO THEIR CLASS!



## Pope Leo, XIII Parish Service Award Recipients



Hunter and Tucker Bish



Tom Buck and Dawn Gier

## From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, which officially and liturgically conclude our observance of Christmas. At the Vatican this weekend, Pope Leo will continue the custom as did his immediate predecessors, Popes Francis, Benedict XVI, and John Paul II, of baptizing the newly born children of Vatican employees. This celebration takes place in the magnificently adorned Sistine Chapel, where seven months ago, the Holy Father's election too place.

Pope Leo will bless that water in the baptismal font just as all priests and deacons do when they celebrate this most important and most sacred moment in a person's life. The Holy Father will pray the words either in Italian or Latin this weekend. This weekend as I



bless water for the Sprinkling Rite at the start of masses, I will say the same words – but in English of course.

After the extended and beautiful prayer over the water at a Baptism, the minister physically touches the water and says this concluding phrase: *"We ask you Father, with your Son, to send your Holy Spirit upon the water of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in death, through baptism, rise also with him to newness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord."*

Those final three words are pivotal: "newness of life." Yes, when we are washed in the savings waters of Baptism, our lives begin anew. True we were physically new when we were born – but now in Baptism there is a spiritual and lasting newness. We belong to Jesus Christ and His Church! We are new disciples that are beginning our journey of following the Lord – bearing Him witness – serving Him – sharing Him with others – and sacrificing for Him.

As this "new year" unfolds for through the weeks and months ahead, we must not be so caught up in the superficial or momentary things of this world – but hold fast to the truth that God "makes all things new."

A parishioner, on New Year's Day, asked if they might have a special blessing for the New Year. I did a quick search on my smart phone after Mass and I found this prayer. It covers all the bases I think, and I suggest we offer it now. 2026 is only two weeks old – but our journey of faith – our pilgrimage of hope – is once again new. Let us join with one another, walk with Jesus, always grateful to God for saving us at Baptism – making us new – offering us the promise of a new home – a new hope – a new life in Heaven that will last forever.

### PRAYER FOR A BLESSING ON THE NEW YEAR

*O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.*

God bless you this week and a continued happy new year!