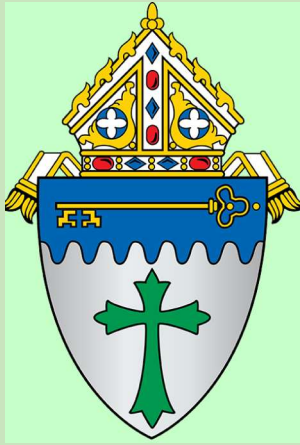




St. Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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Faithful Witnesses of Christ's Gospel since 1874

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18, 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

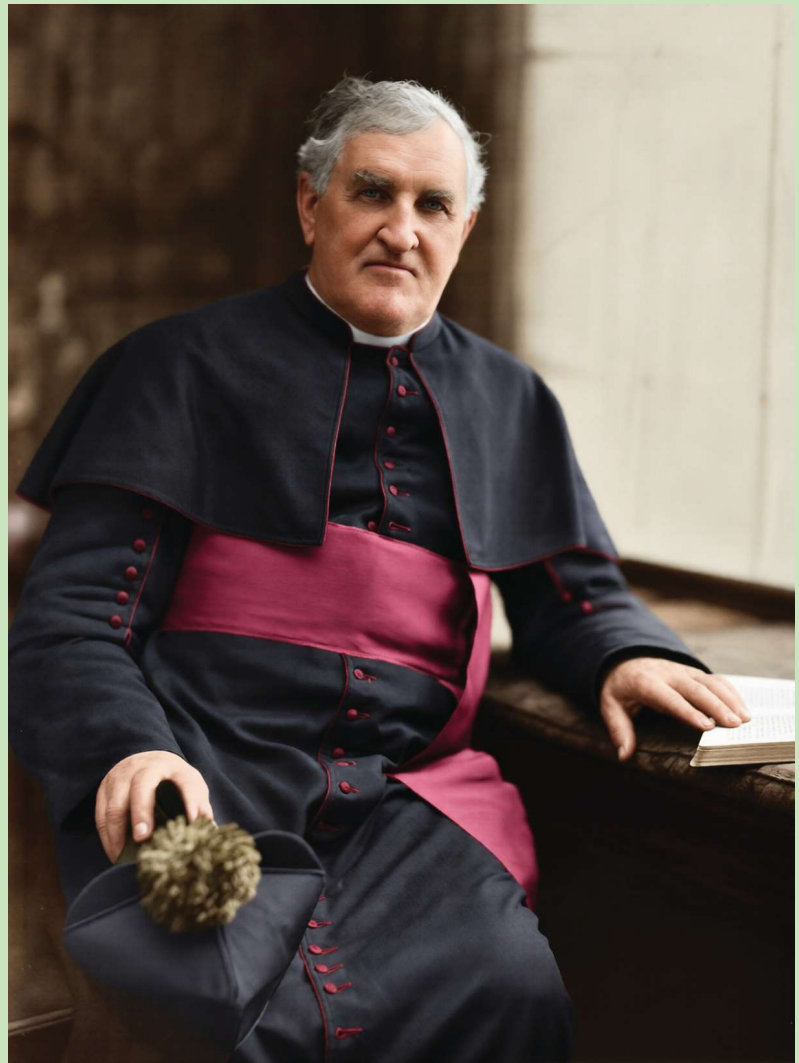
On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

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



MONSIGNOR MICHAEL MEAGHER
Founder of Saint Leo Magnus Parish

Born + 5 September 1852 Ordained + 6 July 1873

Appointed First Pastor + 10 June 1874

Died + 17 October 1926

In gratitude for his 52 years as our shepherd – pray for him!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17, 2026 + Saint Ignatius

9:00 am Msgr. Michael Meagher, 100th anniv.

Mass at St. Leo Cemetery

Saturday, October 17, 2026 + Vigil for Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Bob Connacher (Dave & Theresa Zamoski)

Sunday, October 18, 2026 + Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mary Lou Fleming & Patty Iorfida (Pat Fleming)

10:00 am Frank Clark, 28th anniv. (Ron & Mom)

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 +

NO MASS (intention moved to 10/22/2026)

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 +

NO MASS (intention moved to 12/5/2026)

Thursday, October 22, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am Livio & Jennie Morelli, 70th Wedding Anniv.
(Family)

Friday, October 23, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am The People of Saint Leo Parish

Saturday, October 24, 2026 +

NO MASS (intention moved to 12/22/2026)

Saturday, October 24, 2026 + Vigil for Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Richard & Ethal Facetti (Linda Johnson)

Sunday, October 25, 2026 + Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Josephine Quattrone (Roseann Gausman)

10:00 am Tom Dickinson (Chris Lawrie)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in honor of
Ralph and Margaret Tettis - 50th wedding anniversary
by Dale & Rose Marie Himes

Readings: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - #937

Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for October For Mental health ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

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



The wine and hosts have been donated this month in
loving memory of Bob Connacher
by his wife, Carol.

Spiritual Opportunities this Week

Monday, October 19

1:00pm Small Faith Group
6:30pm That Man Is You

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

4:00 - 6:00pm **NO CONFESSION**
6:00pm Millions of Monicas

Thursday, October 22

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

Saturday, October 24

**NO CONFESSION OR
ROSARY**

Parish Support

October 11, 2026

Budget	\$9,153
Offertory	\$5,767
Online	\$1,002

Thank you for your generosity

Online Giving

As summer winds down and routines begin to shift, your consistent support helps our parish stay strong in ministry and mission. Online giving makes it easy to stay connected—even when you're on the go. Visit www.stleomagnus.org to set up a one-time or recurring gift. It's secure, simple, and helps us continue serving our parish community all year long. Thank you for your generosity, your faithfulness, and the many ways you bless our church family.

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.

2027 Mass Requests

We will begin accepting Mass Requests for 2027 on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Each family is able to request up to THREE intentions. The cost is \$10/intention

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 Oct. 20 for the Oct. 25 bulletin

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

"The joy we proclaim, therefore, is not artificial; it is profound, concrete and real. It is as beautiful as the faces of the people we meet. It is as genuine as the work, the smiles, the tears, the handshakes, and the acts of kindness that fill our days. It is a gift of God for the salvation of the world. Therefore, let us ask Mary, the Mother of the Lord, to help us grow in this joy. Even when it is not understood, let us proclaim this joy always and everywhere, with generosity, courage and faith."

Pope Leo XIV
Angelus Message
11 October 2026



ST. LEO CEMETERY
Be sure to remove all non-permanent items by November 15th



Join us for coffee and donuts in the Gathering Space after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses on Sunday, October 18 - sponsored by St. Leo's CD of A.

Liturgical Ministries October 24/25, 2026

	Saturday 5:15	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
Altar Servers	N Gilmore D LaBenne	G McCloskey P Messineo	CC & R MacDonald
Eucharistic Ministers	JP MacDonald	V Stager	A Messineo K Gerber S Leuschel
Lectors	J Challingsworth	N Hoffman	C Tutton

Money Counters - Oct. 26 - Team #4
Altar Guild - Oct. 23 - Group 8, Pew 4

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH FALL FISH DINNERS

October 23rd and October 30th. Noon - 6:30 pm
Haddock Dinner \$17, Shrimp Dinner \$17, Pastor's Platter \$20. Dinners include potato, soup, roll, salad, drink and dessert.

ECCHS OUTDOOR BASH RAFFLE

Sunday, October 25th from noon-4pm. ECCHS Cafeteria. Must be age 21 & older to attend. Cost: \$30/ticket which includes admission, meal and chance on one of 12 main ticket items. Call 814-389-3352 for questions & tickets.

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

Getting married in 2027? Take time to invest in your future with an Engagement Encounter weekend, February 5-7, 2027 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. This retreat fulfills diocesan marriage preparation requirements and offers couples - Catholic and interfaith alike - a chance to deepen their connection before the big day. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email: familylife@erieRCD.org. Details and registration: <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice>.

RESPECT LIFE MOMENT

While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin. Here are a few ways that Catholics of different backgrounds can assist friends, family members, fellow parishioners, clients - or perhaps even themselves. Learn how you can become an instrument of God's mercy at usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

We are still accepting funds for wreaths at St. Leo Cemetery. \$17/wreath. St. Leo has more than 350 veterans.

Childrens Liturgy

Meets weekly on Sundays during 10:00 am mass. Children ages 3 through 1st grade are welcome to join us for a message about the gospel reading for the week! We typically watch a video about the gospel, discuss what it means, and create a project to go along with the lesson for the week! Children are returned back to their families in the pews prior to communion.

Year Long 50/50 is over \$5,500

Drawing December 27th
Get your tickets in the gathering space or call the parish office

COME CELEBRATE OUR CLERGY

We will have a breakfast of thanksgiving on Saturday, October 31 following the 8:30 AM morning mass in the social hall.
All are welcome to attend!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR QUEENS!

Saint Leo Parishioners crowned at Homecoming

We are proud that during the recent athletic season, two of our young ladies from Saint Leo were voted by their peers as Homecoming Queen at two of our local schools. Neve Washburn (left), the daughter of Dave and Carrie Washburn; and Ava Corl (right), the daughter of Stew and Molly Corl were chosen as local royalty. Neve is a senior at Ridgway Area High School. Ava, also a senior, attends Elk County Catholic High School.



From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

On June 10, 1874, Father Michael Meagher, whom I am proud to call my beloved predecessor, arrived in Elk County and for the next half a century labored as a servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ among God's holy people. October 17, 2026, marks the centennial (100th anniversary) of his passage into eternal life. His labors at Saint Leo are still bearing fruit today!

When Father Meagher arrived in Ridgway in 1874, the Catholics had already formed a small parish community of about 100 persons. Five years prior, in 1869 (the construction began in 1867), the Benedictine Fathers from nearby St. Mary's began to visit Ridgway's Catholics who had formed Sacred Heart of Mary Church on East Main Street going upwards to Bootjack Hill. (Earlier masses were held in private homes.) By the time Father Meagher took over, he and the families (predominately of Irish descent) chose to build a new church in downtown Ridgway. The small wooden church had been sufficient for the smaller congregation, but with the influx of immigration that would soon converge on Ridgway and the entire nation, a new church was needed.

On August 12, 1883, Bishop Mullen laid the cornerstone and returned two years later to formally dedicate the new Saint Leo Magnus Catholic Church on September 6, 1885 (the day after the pastor's 33rd birthday!) The brick church had cost \$15,000 to construct, which in today's money would be \$438,000. With a new church complete, Father Meagher set his sights on the future with the founding of Saint Leo Parochial School. With about 60 pupils at their desks and four Sisters of Saint Joseph to helm the chalkboards, the school opened in the fall of 1892. The old church property served as the school and the old rectory (built by Father Meagher in 1876) as a convent for the sisters. The expansion projects did not stop. The same year (1892) Father Meagher completed the present Victorian style rectory and by 1900 Saint Leo High School was ready to be opened, just in time for the opening of the 20th Century! The present school building and convent were next built in 1904. Monsignor Meagher later wrote in a letter dated July 21, 1923: *"By the friendship of the non-Catholics and especially of Doctor C.R. Earley, Sr. and the Messrs Hyde and Hall I obtained all the ground on which the present church, school, convent, and parochial residence stand gratuitously. The value of property which I procured in Emporium, Ridgway, and Johnsonburg competitively speaking is very great."* The monetary value was great – but the spiritual value was and is far greater!

For nearly three generations the only priest the people of Saint Leo knew was Monsignor Meagher. His wonderful handwriting covers hundreds of pages of our sacramental records, chronicles the outpouring of God's abundant grace through the sacraments here. In 1919, Bishop Fitzmaurice inquired on whether Monsignor Meagher would take a new assignment – the pastor of Saint Ann Church in Erie! He replied to the bishop with an affirmative, "No, thank you, Your Excellency! He said in his letter on June 15, 1919: *"It would be more a humiliation than a promotion!"* The bishop understood. His reply was very paternal: *"It is not easy to break away from old associations and from the labor of love of a lifetime. In doing what you are satisfied is the Will of God and you have made a safe choice, and you are in the Hands of a Master who will not forget."*

The final earthly moment came on Sunday, October 17, 1926, when The Right Reverend Monsignor Michael Meagher, age 76, died in the early morning hours in the beautiful rectory he built (that I had the privilege to restore and live in today). As high masses were being sung through the county, the diocese and the Catholic world – a giant of the priesthood and our parish slipped into eternity. The official cause of death was cancer of the stomach, but really, it was his heart. Yes, he truly gave his heart to Saint Leo Parish, and after 52 years it finally needed rest.

In his obituary in *The Ridgway Advocate* demonstrated not only the breadth of Monsignor Meagher's great accomplishments here in Ridgway, but his humble demeanor: *"During all these years of his rectorship he was a busy man. He heard all the troubles and sorrows of his congregation. During this time he labored early and late among his communicants, visiting the sick and dying and performing the rites of his office. He took considerable interest in civic affairs and helped the people of Ridgway to maintain its place as the county seat when efforts were made to have it moved to another location in the county. Monsignor Meagher knew every family in his flock intimately. Quietly he went about his work and never had offense. His sincerity made him loved by all."*

When Michael Meagher arrived in Ridgway in 1874 there were but 100 Catholic families to start Saint Leo Parish. When he died 52 years later, there were nearly 1700 families! How much more can we chronicle about the first pastor of our parish? As we mark the 100th anniversary of our founder's death, let us raise our voices and hearts in prayerful thanksgiving for this holy man of God – who without him, we would not be here today. Monsignor Meagher – thank you – God bless you – and pray for us! Yes, offer a prayer for him today, tomorrow, and often.

Father Justin