

St. Leo Magnus

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8, 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

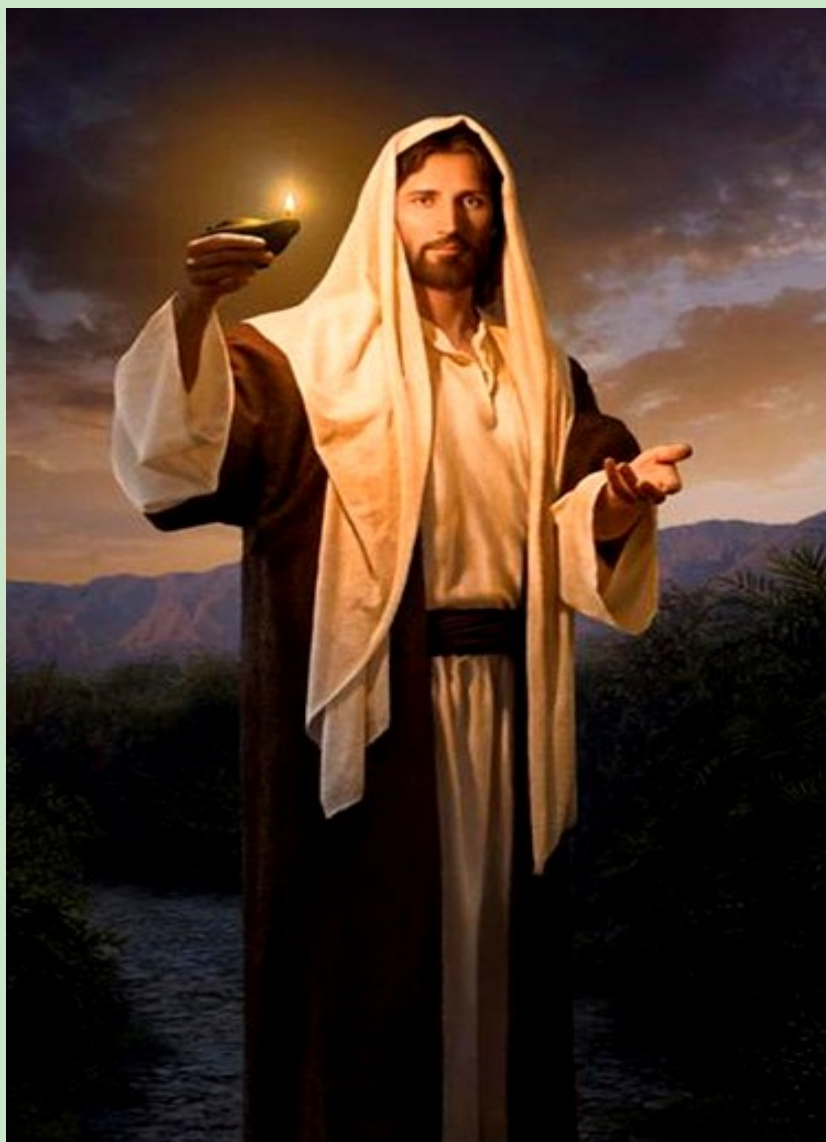
On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays + Thursdays 9 am - 6 pm



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Mass Intentions

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 **CONFESSION**

Saturday, February 7, 2026 + Vigil for the Fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 + Saint Scholastic

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

6:00 pm **Monica Martin** (The Martin Family)



Wednesday, February 11, 2026 + Preservation of Peace and

Justice

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

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm **CONFESSION**

Thursday, February 12, 2026 + Weekday

8:30am **Bob Connacher** (Flora Geneviro)

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

Friday, February 13, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am **Dolores Manno** (Dave & Joey Kepple)

Saturday, February 14, 2026 + Saints Cyril and Methodius

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Arlene Regulski** (B.J. 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)

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



Bishop Persico calls the Diocese of Erie to dedicate time during the week of February 8 for prayers for peace and unity in our country. St. Leo Magnus will offer Mass Wednesday, February 11 at 8:30 am. All are invited to come together to ask Christ to grant peace to our nation, comfort to those who suffer, and wisdom to all who lead.

Liturgical Ministries February 14 & 15

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Sat, 2/14 5:15 pm	J Tettis J Nicklas	JP MacDonald	A Anderson
Sun, 2/15 8:00 am	S & S Tettis	J Allenbaugh	J Allenbaugh
Sun, 2/15 10:00 am	H & T Bish	N Hoffman	C Tutton
Money Counters	Team # 3	Altar Guild (2/13)	Group 4 Pew 4

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**

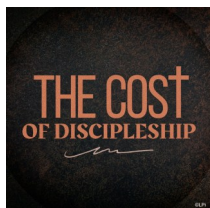


Parish Stewardship

February 1, 2026

Offering \$10,948 Weekly Goal \$9,168

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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

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 Monday - Thursday
Ph: 814-772-3135 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

"The current challenges demand a renewed fidelity to the Gospel, which must be proclaimed in its entirety, trusting in its transforming power. That same fidelity calls us today to a clear, courageous and joyful proclamation, capable of dialogue with culture without losing our Christian identity. Our witness, even facing dangers and sufferings, is for one reason alone: to bring the love of Christ to the most inaccessible places."

Pope Leo XIV

**Address to Peruvian Bishops at the Vatican
30 January 2026**



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The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

**Dolores Manno
and
Doreen Marzella**

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

Marriage Preparation Schedule

Sunday, Feb 8

St. Walburga School, Titusville
9am-5:15pm
No Mass included
RSVP 814-827-4636

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

St. Leo Chili/Soup Cook-Off

The 4th Annual St. Leo Chili and Soup Cookoff was held on Friday, January 30th in the Social Hall. It was a great success, with many venturing out in the cold to realize record attendance. The taste and variety of the ten entries were enjoyed by all. Six judges were invited to use their food tasting expertise to choose winners in both categories. The crowd was entertained by Chet Kucenski and Fr. Paul Siebert, who set the tone and temp with lively music during the event. Our Kitchen crew served up tasty hot dogs, fries, and nachos. Several women of the CD of A filled a cookie table to everyone's delight. Children's activities were offered by several young St. Leo confirmation candidates, and provided much fun for the little ones.

The winners were as follows:

1st Place Chili: Joe Gier

1st Place Soup: Christine Lynn, Pizza Soup

50/50 Winner: Brian Hinton

A very special thank you to all those who entered: Jeannie Allenbaugh, Nancy Hoffman, Kris Ostrander, Christine Lynn, St. Leo School 8th Grade Class, Joe Gier, Sara Anderson, Chelsea Kucenski, Lucy Bobby, and Billy MacDonald. Thank you to the talented cookie bakers of the CD of A and to Julie Bomba for making cornbread and donating the bread.

The judges who tasted and graded each entry so expertly were: John Paul MacDonald, Matt Byer, EJ Muriceak, Gary Gerber, Rena Urmann, and Ken Hinton.

We would like to thank all those who attended for making our night of fellowship, food, music, and fun a success!



Chet K. & Fr. Paul Siebert



Winners with Fr. Justin



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SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL



WE HAD A WONDERFUL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, FILLED WITH FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, AND FUN!! WE ALSO ANNOUNCED OUR 2026 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE - JACOB LEITHNER, SLS CLASS OF 2003. CONGRATULATIONS, JAKE!



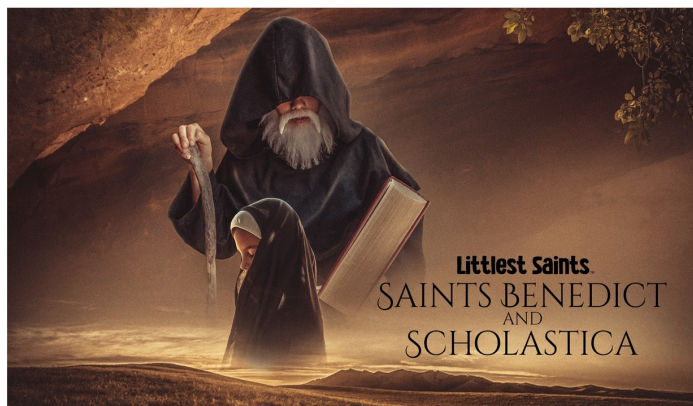
The 2026 Catholic Services Appeal *In Christ, We Are One* Commitment Sunday will be held next weekend in our parish. Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church.

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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From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

When I go over to St. Mary's for penance services during Advent and Lent, the confessors often gather for dinner beforehand. I am always impressed by the beautiful dining room at the priory, where Father Tom Curry and Father Ignatius Camello live together. There are two large and magnificent oil paintings on the wall near the kitchen. I always sit at the table so I can admire them. One portrait is Saint Benedict – the founder of the religious order Fathers Tom and Ignatius belong. The other portrait is of one of my favorite saints – Benedict's twin sister, Saint Scholastica. The Church remembers her in a special way this Tuesday on her feast day. Therefore, let's walk with this significant saint in our tradition.



Saint Scholastica, as aforementioned was the twin sister of Saint Benedict, and she is a shining example of a heart set aflame by divine love. Her life of devotion echoes the passion described in the Old Testament book, Song of Song, specifically chapter 8, verses 6-7, where love is likened to an *unquenchable* fire—a flame of Jesus Christ (the light of lights as we say in the Creed and the same light He calls us to be to the world in this weekend's Gospel). Scholastica's holy life reminds us that true love, rooted in God not in ourselves, is beyond earthly possessions or some sort of false wealth that our culture tempts us to hoard in our pockets or bank accounts. This divinely inspired love cannot be snuffed out by the problems we may encounter in life, nor can it be owned like some sort of property. Love, for Scholastica, is a gift, freely given and fiercely protected by God. She gave this love time and time again.

In the Gospel set aside for Scholastica's feast this week (*Luke 10:38-42*), we encounter the two sisters, Martha and Mary, offering hospitality to Jesus. We know the plot: Martha is busy with preparations, ensuring that everything is perfect for her special guest, who we can assume was invited to her home. Meanwhile, Mary sits at the Lord's feet, listening intently to His words. When Martha, feeling overwhelmed, asks Jesus to make Mary help her, He gently reminds her that she worries about so many things, yet it is her sister Mary who has chosen the better part – closeness to Himself – listening to Him – absorbing His love, so she can offer it to others. This passage of the Gospel narrative does not diminish Martha's hard work but highlights the importance of prioritizing God above all else. Scholastica did this effectively every day of her religious life, as did her brother Benedict. But all of us, living in a world that constantly demands our attention—through work, school, responsibilities, family, and yes, temptations and distractions—Jesus invites us to pause and sit at His feet often! Not just for an hour on Sunday or a few minutes a day, but consistently and constantly coming to Him. Like Mary, we are called to listen, to be present, and to choose the “better part”, which is a deepening relationship with God. That relationship can only become as rich and on fire as St. Scholastica if we make the time – every day.

According to tradition, Saint Scholastica once met with her brother, Saint Benedict, for a deep spiritual conversation. When it was time for him to leave, she prayed for him to stay a little longer, like the two disciples encouraged Jesus after their encounter on the Road to Emmaus at the first Easter. A sudden storm prevented Benedict from leaving his sister's presence, and they continued their discussion about God's love throughout the night. Three days later, Saint Scholastica died, her soul ascended into eternity – soaring to Heaven with joy.

The life of Saint Scholastica (and the scriptural moments chosen by the Church for her fest day this Tuesday) encourages us to reflect on our own priorities. Are we caught up in the busyness of life like Martha, or do we make time to sit with Jesus like Mary? Do we allow God's love to burn within us, guiding our actions and relationships?

On Tuesday, the Feast of Saint Scholastica, may I suggest that we bring these four points to our prayer, reflection, but most importantly, put them into actual practice in our lives: (1) Set God's love as a seal upon our hearts, allowing it to transform us. (2) Remember that love is a divine flame, not something we can buy or control. (3) Choose the better part—seeking God's presence over worldly distractions. (4) Praise God in all circumstances, recognizing His strength in our lives.

Like Saint Scholastica, may we find joy in meditation, strength in prayer, and peace in God's love.

Father Justin