

St. Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 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



“Jesus said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter said in reply, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”

Matthew 16: 15-16

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22, 2026 + The Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

8:30 am Sally Stanisch (Margie Buck)

Saturday, August 22, 2026 + Vigil for the Twenty-first Sunday in

Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Sophie Ferrari (Fr. Mark Groeger)

Sunday, August 23, 2026 + Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Josephine J. Mick, 17th anniv. (Fr. Justin Pino)

10:00 am Jean Fioramonti (Jim & Theresa McLaughlin)

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 + Weekday

6:00 pm Allison Caimi (Family)

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am Dale Nearing, 10th anniv. (Peg Nearing)

Thursday, August 27, 2026 + Saint Monica

8:30 am Leon Piurkoski, Jr., 3rd anniv. (Chris Piurkoski)

Friday, August 28, 2026 + Saint Augustine

8:30 am The People of Saint Leo Parish

Saturday, August 29, 2026 + The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:30 am Geraldine Raubenstrauch (George & Nancy Peterson)

Saturday, August 29, 2026 + Vigil for the Twenty-second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Phil Mitchell (Peggy Mitchell)

Sunday, August 30, 2026 + Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Sally Tate & Sue Spiher (Pat Fleming)

10:00 am Michael Caggiano (The Frank Armanini Family)

2:00 pm Wedding Anniversary Celebration

READINGS: Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time #913

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

Mario and Doris Mascioni
by Marcia and Don Wildnauer

Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for August

FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE CITY

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and
loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering
creative paths to build community.

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

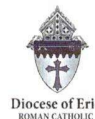
O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness 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



Spiritual Opportunities this Week

Tuesday, August 18

9:00am - 6:00pm

Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, August 19

4:00pm - 6:00pm

6:00pm

Confession
Millions of Monicas

Thursday, August 20

9:00am - 6:00pm

Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, August 21

8:00 am

Rosary

9:00 am

Confession

Sick and Homebound

Please call the parish office if a member of your family
is sick and would like to have someone deliver Holy
Communion to them. We'd be blessed to add them to
our list.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

August 16, 2026

This Week

Offering \$6,439
Weekly Goal \$9,153

CSA, 2026

Pledges \$31,505
Goal \$61,135

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.

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

Oct. 10, 2026 10:00 am Sacred Heart, St. Marys

814.781.1019

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

Submit by Aug. 25 for the Aug. 30 bulletin

St. Leo Magnus Church

Parish Office Hours

9 am - noon & 1-4 pm

Monday - Thursday

Ph: 814-772-3135

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CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS

WEEKLY WISDOM FROM OUR HOLY FATHER

"If we truly wish to discover and nurture the divine beauty that surrounds us and for which we were made, and to share it with those around us, we must learn to see it in the wrinkles of an elderly person as in the tender face of a child as well, in the maturity of an adult as in the liveliness of a young person as well, in work clothes and tools as well as in festive decorations. We must listen to the unique love stories that each of these realities tells us, recognizing in them small glimpses of heaven. Love is humanity's most beautiful adornment. Love transfigures, transforms, ennobles and lifts us up, making us light, free and close to God, even amid life's ups and downs."

Leo XIV

Homily – Solemnity of the Assumption

15 August 2026



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Reminder

**Religious Education for grades 1, 4, 5, 6, 6 and 8 will begin
August 30th at 10:30 am at
Holy Rosary Church, Johnsonburg**

Liturgical Ministries August 29/30, 2026

	Saturday 5:15	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
Altar Servers	H & T Bish	S Tettis E Regulski	H Bowen O Buck
Eucharistic Ministers	M Facchine	D Richards	J Williams S Anderson D Williams
Lectors	J Challingsworth	N Hoffman	S Gresco

**Money Counters - Aug. 31 - Team #3
Altar Guild - Aug. 28 - Group 8, Pew 2**

SACRED HEART PARISH CENTER BINGO
 Friday, Sept. 7. Doors open at 4 pm. Free Lunch at 5:30. For more information, call Kathy @ 814-781-1019.

GIVE THE GIFT OF ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

What better way to show your support of an upcoming marriage than with a gift that lasts a lifetime: Engagement Encounter. The next EE will be held at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie February 5-7, 2027. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or visit <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/> for more details and to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

PA MARCH FOR LIFE – SEPTEMBER 21

Join Catholics from across Pennsylvania on Sunday, Sept. 21 for the Pennsylvania March for Life as we stand together in support of the dignity of every human life. Visit our website at <https://www.eriecd.org/pamarch.html> for event details and bus information.

Cancel the Cold

†We Remember in our prayers†

August 22

Deceased member of Facchine Family

August 23

Arthur Cianca, Jr.
 Dominic & Elvira Judice
 Jane Judice
 Souls in Purgatory
 Jeff Penfield

Support Wreaths Across America

This holiday season, help us honor the brave men and women who served our country by supporting Wreaths Across America which takes place December 19th. Our goal is to place a remembrance wreath on the grave of each of the 325+ veterans in our St. Leo Cemetery as a symbol of gratitude and respect for their service and sacrifice.

Each sponsored wreath is \$17 and helps ensure that no veteran is forgotten. To sponsor one or more wreaths, please contact the St. Leo Parish Office or place your donation in the offering marked "Wreaths Across America." Please submit donations by September 20. Thank you for helping us **Remember the Fallen, Honor Those Who Serve, and teach the Next Generation the Value of Freedom.** If you are interested in participating in the placement of the wreaths on December 19, please reach out to the Parish Office.

Come for a burger at the K of C!
Saturday, Aug. 22nd from 5 - 9 pm
Everyone Welcome



WORD MADE FLESH
Altar Server Retreat

SATURDAY, OCT. 17
St. Tobias, Brockway - FREE

Come closer to God by serving at *His* altar. Altar servers in grades 6 – 12 are invited to experience a day of faith, friendship and formation at the Word Made Flesh Altar Server Retreat on Saturday, October 17. Grow in your love for the Mass, meet other altar servers from across the diocese and deepen your relationship with Christ. Free to attend—registration required.

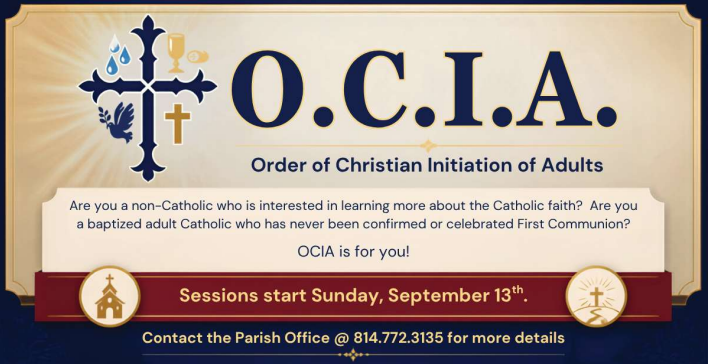
 **REGISTER HERE** 

Help form the next generation of disciples. Make your gift today. Scan the QR code or visit ErieRCD.org.



MILLIONS OF MONICAS
*One Hour
 One Purpose
 Our Children*

We will meet Wednesday August 26th from 6-7 pm.
 Come. Pray for our children



O.C.I.A.
 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you a non-Catholic who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you a baptized adult Catholic who has never been confirmed or celebrated First Communion?
 OCIA is for you!

 **Sessions start Sunday, September 13th.** 

Contact the Parish Office @ 814.772.3135 for more details

St. Leo Year Long 50/50 is worth

\$5,050

Drawing - December 27, 2026

Tickets available in the gathering space or call the Parish Office

BLESSED IN AMERICA:
Summer Reflection Series on those Beatified from the United States

Week 6 of 10: **Blessed Stanley Francis Rother** (1935 – 1981)
*Beatified on 23 September 2017

My dear parish family:

He was martyred – killed for his love of Jesus Christ that he would not deny – just over six months after I was born in July 1981.

Whenever Holy mother Church declares someone blessed, and often later, a saint, it is always a celebration. To literally shine a divine light on an individual for his or her holiness and service encourages all of us as the People of God. This has been true for the Church in the United States as we have been encountering such men and women in this series of reflections. May the dedication, faith, and service of these blessed, and we pray soon to be saints, be a source of strength for all of us in the United States. Let's meet one of those sources of such sacrifice and strength this week.



Stanley Francis Rother was born March 27, 1935, in Okarche, Oklahoma. He grew up on a farm and worked hard doing his required chores, attending school, playing sports, was an altar server, and enjoyed the activities associated with growing up in a small town. Sounds like our own community, which proves sanctity and the roads toward an ever-deepening holiness is not far away or centuries ago, but right here and right now!

Stanley was accepted as a seminarian and was sent to Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas. He “flunked” Latin as is common parlance in seminary’s then and now – chose to “discern out.” Well, thankfully, he did not try something else or run away from his vocation to priesthood. He completed his studies at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and was ordained a priest on May 25, 1963.

Stanley would not stay in safety and security of his home, but he sought and received permission to join the staff at the Oklahoma diocese's mission in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. He served the native Mayans of the region. Although he struggled with Latin in the seminary, Father Rother learned Spanish and the Tz’utujil language in Guatemala. He celebrated Mass in their language and helped translate the New Testament. Yes, he was following the footsteps of many of the blessed and saints who went out into the world’s mission territory to spread the message and teachings of Jesus Christ. Pope Leo XIV was also one of those missionaries.

Father Rother was surrounded by extreme poverty and ministered to his parishioners in their homes; eating with them, visiting the sick and aiding them with medical issues. He even put his farming skills to use by helping them in the fields, bringing in different crops, and building an irrigation system. Again, our Holy Father did the same, including overseeing flood relief during his time in Peru. Perhaps, without even knowing, he was imitating the zeal and service of Blessed Stanley.

While he served in Guatemala, a civil war raged between the militarist government forces and the guerrillas. The Catholic Church was caught in the middle. Eventually, Father Rother’s name appeared on a death list, like Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was assassinated shortly after Stanley was murdered. For his safety and that of his associate, Father Rother returned home to Oklahoma. He didn’t stay long, though, as he was determined to give his life completely to his people, stating that “the shepherd cannot run!” He returned to Central America.

Within a few months, three men entered the rectory around 1 a.m. on July 28, 1981, fought with Father Rother and then executed him. No one was ever held responsible. In 2007, his Cause for canonization was opened. The Rite of Beatification was held in 2017, in downtown Oklahoma City – an event attended by more than 20,000 people from around the world. He is the first martyr from the United States and the first U.S.-born priest to be beatified.

Blessed Stanley was a good shepherd – one of God’s servants who did not run! Ask him to pray for us, so that when confronted by the evils of this world, we may stay with Christ and not run either! Let’s reflect on that this week and put it into practice!

As Fulton Sheen would say at the end of his broadcasts, "God Love You!"

Father Justin