



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

News & Views

8th graders are champs



St. Leo's eighth grade girls volleyball team finished its 2020-21 season in first place in the CYO Blue Division, followed by similar records for fifth, sixth and seventh grade girls. Find out how CYO sports coped with pandemic restrictions on Page three.

School enrollment close to 300

By Jeanne Sabol

St. Leo the Great School welcomed 262 children when classes began in August for the 2020-2021 school year. Since then, enrollment has increased to 291 pupils in grades K through 8.

Mrs. Denise Burns, school principal, said that in the four years since she has been at St. Leo's, enrollment has increased by 50 children, resulting in two kindergartens and two second-grade classrooms with

good possibilities of adding additional classrooms for other grade levels as needed.

Current tuition is \$4650/year, and Cleveland residents can apply for the state-funded Cleveland Scholarship Program to pay tuition. This is not an income-based program.

For residents outside of the city, the Ed Choice Scholarship and Ed Choice Expansion programs are available.

During the summer of 2020 several improvements were made to the school building, including the remodeling of the boys lavatory with new fixtures and flooring and the addition of a handicap stall. Likewise, the staff bathroom underwent a total remodel.

All inner doors in the school (cafeteria, office, hallway) have now been replaced with steel doors.

Continued on page four

St. Leo's Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand Program has become a Lenten tradition, but the process has changed because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Gone from the church are the baskets containing the paper hearts. Instead we're asking you to select items from the list of organizations below and their needs.

Your donations will be gathered and delivered to the respective social service agency or shelter at the beginning of Holy Week (Palm Sunday weekend). You can drop off donations at the church or rectory by Wednesday, March 24. Remember to label the bag or container with the organization's name.

♥ **Birthright**

Gift Cards for Target, Walmart, Marc's, Kohls

♥ **Broadview Multi-Care**

Adult Coloring Books
Word-Search Books
Colored Pencils, Crayons, Markers
Large-Piece Jigsaw Puzzles
Stuffed Animals
Playing Cards
Nail Polish
Body Wash

♥ **Catholic Charities Refugee Families**

Toilet Paper
Light Bulbs
Batteries
Alarm Clocks
Sponges
Toilet Brushes and Cleaner
Twin/Full Size Sheets
Tall Kitchen Wastebaskets
13-Gal. Garbage Bags

♥ **Holy Family Hospice**

Paper Towels
Napkins
Toilet Paper
Kleenex
Bleach
Lestoil
Disinfectant Wipes
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes

♥ **Joseph House of Cleveland**

Bath Towels
Washcloths
New Men's Underwear/Socks
Children's Socks (age 4-12)
Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper



Rectory hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; Saturday, Noon–5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

If you have any questions about the program, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216/351-6247, and thank you for your generosity.

♥ **Malachi BackDoor Ministry**

Canned Tuna/Chicken
Ground Coffee
Green Beans
Corn
Sweet Peas
Chicken Noodle Soup
Beef/Chicken Gravy
Grits

♥ **Malachi House**

Gift Cards: Walmart, Target, Giant Eagle, Save-a-Lot, Home Depot, GFS, Dave's, Amazon

♥ **Parma Care Center**

Diet or Regular Cans of Pop
Large-Print Word Search Books
Markers/Colored Pencils
White Card Stock
Men's Aftershave
Men's/Women's Body Wash/
Shampoo
Large-Piece Jigsaw Puzzles
Women's Hair Accessories
Medium-Size Handheld Mirrors

♥ **Providence House**

Applesauce
Canned fruits: Peaches, Pears,
Fruit Cocktail
Cookies, Graham Crackers
Diapers, Sizes 5, 6
Unscented Baby Wipes
Paper Towels
Liquid Hand Soap
Baby Lotion/Shampoo
Pudding Snack Pack Cups
Gift Cards: Target, Walmart

♥ **St. Colman Parish**

Shampoo
Deodorant
Bar Soap
Razors
Toilet Paper
Laundry/Dish Detergent
Sturdy Reuseable Shopping Bags

♥ **St. Leo/St. Vincent dePaul Outreach**

Bar Soap
Boxed Scalloped Potatoes/
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Fruit
Canned Tuna
Dish Detergent
Pancake Mix/Syrup
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Cereal
Baked Beans
Spaghetti Sauce
Rice and Noodle Side Dishes

♥ **West Side Catholic Center**

Deodorant
Bar Soap
Shampoo
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes
Cereal
Ground Coffee
Pots/Pans
New Children's Shoes
New Socks and Underwear—
Men, Women, Children

Pandemic slows few CYO teams

By Alex Pavlick

As with many other activities, CYO sports at St. Leo School has been challenged by the pandemic in 2020-2021, but parish Athletic Director Mike Robinson, the coaches and players were determined to compete.

Girls volleyball, boys basketball, and cross-country participants played, but cheerleading fell victim to pandemic restrictions as did cross country, which had a less-active season than past years. In addition, fourth and fifth-grade volleyball and seventh grade boys' basketball teams played intramural games, involving St. Leo students only.

But the restrictive season didn't stop girls volleyball teams from taking first place in several divisions, with the eighth-grade girls taking first place in the CYO Blue Division, followed by first place finishes for fifth, sixth and seventh grade girls and a CYO Sportsmanship Award for fourth graders, who were nominated by other teams.

The eighth grade girls have been competing together since the third grade, and their participation includes a community service project making cards for sick parishioners, which were distributed by Father Jim when he visits and prays for the sick.

Because of restrictions, everyone in the gym had to wear a mask at all times and be socially distanced, except those actually on the court playing. Only two people per athlete's uniform number were allowed in the gym during games, and they sat socially

distanced in the stands. After each game, the gym was closed for a half-hour while it was disinfected. Practices were generally unchanged, but players' temperatures were taken before they could enter the school. COVID-19 also presented a risk factor for coaches, whose families, jobs and their personal health were at risk.

CYO organizers reduced the number of schools competing by clustering them into groups that would play each other. Only sixth, seventh, and eighth grade teams are playing this year to reduce risk. The girls volleyball teams finished in October, after it decided to forego Tournament games. The eighth-grade boys basketball team started January 23, six weeks later than usual.

CYO is also avoiding fundraisers this year, and this has also hampered the athletic program, which must pay about \$850 for each CYO team to participate (\$85 per student).

St. Leo the Great Parish
4940 Broadview Road
Cleveland OH 44109
216/661-1006
Website: www.leothegreat.org

Rev. James P. Schmitz, Pastor
 Rev. James Vesely, Retired
Mass Schedule
 Sundays—4 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)
 8 and 11 a.m.
 Weekday Masses—Monday, Tuesday,
 Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m.
 Communion Service—Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
 Holy Days of Obligation—8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.



St. Leo Fish Dinners

TAKE OUT ONLY

Fridays - February 19th to March 26th

Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - \$8.00 choice of:

- Baked Tilapia Almondine
- Baked Seasoned Cod
- Battered Fried Fish
- Breaded Shrimp
- Pierogies

Includes:

Choice of baked potato or fries, coleslaw or applesauce, roll and butter

\$10.00 Combo Meal-add 3 pierogies

Weekly Specials - Fish Tacos, Seafood Empanadas, Salmon Patty Dinner

Fish Sandwich - \$6.00
 fried fish with cheese on a hoagie roll served with fries and coleslaw

Kids Meal - \$4.00
 choice of: fried fish/pizza/mac & cheese/pierogi with fries and drink (age 10 & under please)

A la carte menu

Baked potato	\$2.00	French fries	\$2.00
Cheese pizza	\$2.00	Pierogies (3)	\$3.50
Mac & cheese	\$2.50	Cabbage & noodles	\$3.00
Side of fish	\$5.00	Soup of the day	\$2.00
(2 fried or 1 baked)		Dessert Available	

St. Leo the Great Church - Lux Hall
4900 Broadview Road - Cleveland

St. Leo News & Views

The St. Leo News & Views is published three times a year. Articles and article ideas are always welcome.

STAFF

Editor—John Sabol
 Reporters—Nina Capone
 Alex Pavlick
 Christine Rath
 Jeanne Sabol
 Nancy Zola

St. Leo milestones

February 2020–January 2021

Baptisms

Theodore Patrick Cooley
Dakota Riley Fender
Liam Joseph Hunter
Robert Arthur Kappler IV
Savannah Lou Lahiff
Aliyah Sankey
Casey Jones Tackett
Emma Grace Zabiegala

Funerals

Myron Akuszewski
Walter Alfien
Thomas Bauhof
Riley Brandt
Patricia Chopka
Ralph Cosiano
T.J. Cusick
Kenneth Delewski
Dora DiFranco
Dorothy Forister
Agnes Franko
Phillip Gagliardi
William Gleason
Ed Gorczyca
John Gorencic
Joseph Gorney
Zofia Gorski
Judith Gruntkowski
Richard Grzelecki
Rita Gurgol
Charles Hakaim
William Hinton
Josephine Hoffman
Roy Kaminski
Maureen Kelly
David Kucharski
Michael Litteria
Mildred Mack
William Megesi
Margaret Menge

Lucille Mills
Ralph Mlady, Sr.
Stephen Nagy
Christine Neilson-Aigner
Genevieve Novak
Alberta Opalka
Richard Osborne
Maria Pawloski
Alexandra Plech
James Roush
Leonor Sauza
Alice Schulz
Carmella Shrader
Stephen Simonik
Paul Skunsk
Mary Slepceky
Jeanne Slezak
Sandra Sparenga
Barbara Stawicki
Marilyn Summers
James Tanner
Dolores Tucky
Richard Tucky
William Wamser
Harriet Watson
Bobbie Whittaker
Frank Zupancic

Weddings

Dr. Andy Grubic & Sara Schirripa
Salvatore Capone & Alexandra Dighero
Amanda Pasela & Anthony Zingale
Danielle Zappitelli & Nickolas Woody
Jason Jogan & Kayla Johnson

Confirmation

Linda Anderson
Michael Tierney

First Communion

Grace Stanek

New Parishioners

Rachel Abraham
Karl & Kristi Burkhart
James Cusick
Corey & Natalie Fabricius
Geraldine Gage
Christopher Goebel
Megan Haldi
Katherine Halladay
Kristen Heidenreich
Linda Hill
Thomas Frank Kline
Mary Ann Kowalski
Laura Kroon
Patricia Lynch
Courtney Nenadal
Allison Nenadal
Jeff Nenadal, Jr.
Joe Pavlick
Justin & Madeline Shepherd
Jim & Georgia Shores
Michelle Shue
Thomas & Eileen Squires
William Stuczynski
Tricia Valentine
Barbara Walsh
Michael & Kathleen White
Raymond Zeleny

School nears 300 pupils

Continued from page one

Mrs. Burns has applied for a Diocesan “Rooted in Faith” grant to remodel the girls lavatory this summer.

Both teachers and children adapted very well to the many changes brought on by COVID-19. Social distancing, mask-wearing and constant sanitizing became the new norm, and teachers recorded their lessons and used Google Classrooms for the 35 percent of children who attend virtually.

Events that would bring many visitors into the school, such as Catholic Schools Week in January, were adapted to focus on special activities for the children.

Plans are in motion for a new school website featuring a virtual tour of the school. If you would like additional information about St. Leo School, Mrs. Burns can provide you with answers and an in-person tour, and you can reach her at 216/661-2120.

Blessed events

February 13—Confirmation, 4 p.m. Mass
February 13–14—St. Vincent de Paul food collection at all the Masses
February 14—Valentine’s Day
February 15—Presidents Day
February 17—Ash Wednesday
February 17–March 24—Have-A-Heart
February 19—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.
February 26—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.
March 5—Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
March 5—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.
March 12—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.
March 13,14—St. Vincent de Paul food collection at all the Masses
March 14—Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 16—Bloodmobile, 4–8 p.m. (by appointment)

March 17—St. Patrick’s Day
March 19—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.
March 26—Fish Dinners, 4:30–7 p.m.
Holy Week Activities—please check bulletin/website for details
March 28—Pancake Breakfast
April 1—Holy Thursday Morning Prayer
April 1—Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper
April 2—Good Friday Morning Prayer
April 2—Good Friday, Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
April 3—Holy Saturday Morning Prayer
April 3—Blessing of the Food
April 3—Easter Vigil
April 4—Easter Sunday