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ST. LEO CHURCH

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Leo Parish in Versailles, KY are a Roman Catholic faith community of diverse and caring people. We come together to worship and to be nourished by the Eucharist and the Scriptures to strengthen us in order to fulfill the present and future spiritual needs of our members. We strive to provide religious education for all members and to serve the community at large.

Parish Staff	**Office Hours:** 9 AM - 3 PM Mon. - Fri.
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Event Coordinator	VACANT

Liturgy Schedule

Weekday:

Tuesday	8:30 AM
Wednesday	6:30 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM
Friday	9:00 AM
Saturday	8:30 AM

Weekend:

Saturday 5:00 PM – Vigil Mass
Sunday 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM – Mass
6:00 PM - Spanish Mass

St. Leo Emergency phone number, 859-873-4573, for someone dying, hospitalized and requesting the Sacraments of Anointing & Holy Communion.

Reconciliation:
Sunday, 7:30-7:50 AM, 5:00-5:45 PM
Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 PM
Friday, 8:30-8:50 AM
Saturday, 8:00-8:20 AM, 4:00-4:45 PM

Baptism:
Call Office to register for required class.

Marriage:
Notify Parish Priest six months in advance.

RCIA Administrative Coordinator:
Sr. Grace Sheffler
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The Story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

Reflection
In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" or "highly favored". In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life.

The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

STEWARDSHIP

"We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
December 11, 2022

Heartfelt thanks to you and your parishioners for your continued support of the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. We are humbled by these donations, especially when we reflect on the financial struggles many US Catholics are facing. Still, we rely on this on going generosity as it allows our office to distribute critical funding to hundreds of religious orders.

The US bishops established the collection in 1988 to help address the profound shortage in retirement savings among US religious communities. Despite sustained generosity to the annual appeal, numerous communities struggle to provide for aging members. Eldercare costs continue to rise while the percentage of religious who need care grows. We are, in the end, pursuing a moving target.

We see God's love manifest in the prayers, generosity, and advocacy of all who share our mission to ensure elderly religious enjoy a safe, modest retirement. Joining with nearly 25,00 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priest who benefit fro the Retirement Fund for Religious, I pray that God will bless you and your parishioners abundantly.

2nd Collection
December 11, 2022
Retirement Fund for Religious

FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

Weekly Collections 11/20/2022

Offertory Collection	12,647
Capital Campaign Collection	2,052
Total Collection	14,699
Needed per Week Operation	11,442
Needed per Week Mortgage	7,841
Total Needed per Week	19,283
Over (short) this week	(4,584)
Offertory and Capital Campaign	
Budget Year to Date	404,943
Received Year to Date	350,943
Year to Date Over (short)	(54,341)
Second Collection	
Campaign for HumanDevelopment	1,379

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FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

Weekly Collection 11/27/2022

Offertory Collection	12,970
Capital Campaign Collection	2,290
Total Collection	15,260
Needed per Week Operation	11,442
Needed per Week Mortgage	7,841
Total Needed per Week	19,283
Over (short) this week	(4,023)
Offertory and Capital Campaign	
Budget Year to Date	424,2260
Received Year to Date	365,8620
Year to Date Over (short)	(58,364)

Calvary Cemetery News

December 11th: Worldwide Candle Lighting at South Elkhorn Christian Church
4343 Harrodsburg Rd 6PM; meet
6:30 PM Program begins
Hosted by Compassionate Friends. Please join all bereaved parents around the globe as we remember our children who have died, at any age and from any cause. You may bring a picture for the memory table. All family and friends are welcome. If you can't join physically, please light your own candle at 7 PM and imagine the wave of light circling the earth.

Dec 20th One year anniversary of first Columbarium installation in the new St. Gertrude the Great Section: "Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family." Amen.

*Calvary is the Cemetery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington at 874 West Main St.

Birthright of Lexington

Seeks **Executive Director**
This is a part time, salaried position.

Position Objective: The Executive Director is responsible for the overall administration and management of the Birthright of Lexington Chapter, including services and business operations.

Reports to: Board of Directors

Qualifications: Strong commitment and dedication to pro-life position. Agree with and be willing to uphold the Birthright Mission Statement and policies.
Bachelor's Degree. Some leadership experience
Management/administrative experience
Problem solving, program development ability and computer knowledge. Self starter with good judgement and integrity, with the ability to carry out responsibilities with little or no supervision. Can provide leadership, encouragement, and direction to volunteers as well as working with clients to provide guidance and referrals.

Please submit resume to ary.baez0122@gmail.com
or contact Ary Baez at the Birthright office at 859-277-2635 for additional information.

MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SATURDAY, DEC 3, 2022
(St. Francis Xavier)
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
8:30 AM Joe, Michael Doll†, Chris Doll**(L)**
5:00 PM Gordon Myhre†

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT, DEC 4, 2022
Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
8:00 AM Michael and Marie Barry†
11:00 AM Eric Peterson†
6:00 PM For the People of St. Leo,
Misa en Español/Spanish Mass

MONDAY, DEC 5, 2022
Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY, DEC 6, 2022 ,
Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 (St. Nicholas)
8:30 AM Josephine Abercrombie†

WEDNESDAY DEC 7, 2022 (St. Ambrose)
Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
10:00 AM—ADORATION
6**:30 PM BILINGUAL VIGIL MASS**
Maureen Thomas†

THURSDAY, DEC 8, 2022 (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1;3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
8:30 AM NO MASS
9:00 AM SCHOOL MASS Mary Ansman†

FRIDAY, DEC 9, 2022 (St. Juan Diego)
Is 48: 17-19/Mt 11: 16-19
9:00 AM Brian Wells

SATURDAY, DEC 10, 2022
Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM Bill Fortenberry

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT, DEC 11, 2022
Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
8:00 AM Betsy Karl†
11:00 AM John D. Crawford†
6:00 PM For the People of St. Leo,
Misa en Español/Spanish Mass

PRAYER LIST

A TIME TO *Heal*… Please pray for all who are ill especially:

Nancy Bendis
Wayne Brandenburg
Harold Clem, (brother of Donna Spalding)
Laura Beth Crance, (parents Luke & Elizabeth Crance)
Betty Jean Dawkins, (mother of Fritz Lower)
Katherine DeBold
Jimmy Elder, (brother of Lisa Venn)
Marilyn Fleener, (wife of Tony Fleener)
Jonelle Fisher, (wife of Norman Fisher)
Brian Franklin, (husband of Julia Franklin)
Ed Geilear, (Rob & Julie Geilear)
Janet Graviss, (mother of Bob Graviss)
Mike Granberg, (brother of Coralyn Peters)
Jim Grayson**, (**husband of Barbara Grayson**)**
Sam Greenwell, (husband of Mary Ann Greenwell)
Bradley Hammonds, (son of Karen & Jerry Hammonds)
Julie Henehan, (wife of Steve Henehan)
Marianne Lopez, (wife of Luis Lopez)
Helen Luckett, (sister of Dan & Nolan Luckett)
Brock Martin, (grandson of Butch & Maria Martin)
Robert McClellan, (husband of Barbara McClellan)
Barry McFadden, (nephew of Karen Hammonds & Steve McFadden)
Ron Meyer, (husband of Melissa Meyer)
Frankie Miles, (father of Venita Clements)
Joe Newton, (brother-in-law of Steve Clements)
Mike Oerther, (husband Mary Pat Oerther)
Coralyn Peters, (wife of Ron Peters)
Ron Peters, (husband of Coralyn Peters)
Lana Peterson**,** (granddaughter of Marilyn & Greg Peterson)
Jerry Riley
Guy Reynolds, (husband of Gini Reynolds)
Doris Scheef
John Sedlacek, (husband of Jeannine Sedlacek)
Lisa Smith, (wife of Thomas Smith)
Lane Stopher, (grandson of Bob & Marian Stopher)
Arnold Strohl, (cousin of Fritz Lower)
Christa Stoudt
Duke Stoudt, (husband of Betty Stoudt)
Sugar Willey, (wife of Frank Willey)
Doug & Diane Vogelsang, (parents of Steve Vogelsang)

Note: The parish office will be revising our Prayer List quarterly. If your loved one needs to remain or be removed from the Prayer List. Please notify the parish office ASAP.

Children's Christmas Choir

There will be a Children's Choir for the

4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Children in Grades 1-8 are invited to join. Students should be able to and willing to sing loud and strong and sit for a long period of time.

Rehearsal is MANDATORY and will take place on

Saturday, DECEMBER 17th

From 10:00-11:30 in the church.

Children will need to arrive at 3:20 on Christmas Eve.

Students should dress in Christmas attire that is modest.
(Nothing low cut or too short, no shoulders showing, tights under dresses since kids will sit on the floor)

Instrumentalists are welcome and may be added as needed by Mrs. Pam Dale.
Hope you can join in sharing the JOY of the season!

School Kids- email Rosie Fedorchuk to sign up- rfedorchuk@saintleoky.org
Prep Kids- email Pam Dale to sign up- pdale0318@gmail.com

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