



June 21, 2026

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SO DO NOT BE  
AFRAID; YOU ARE  
WORTH MORE THAN  
MANY SPARROWS.**

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# SAINT LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS AND RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY VIGIL** 4:30 pm-Church

**SUNDAY** 7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am-Church

**HOLY DAYS** Variable (see inside bulletin)-Church

**DAILY MASS** Mon/Sat 9:00 am, Tues/Thurs 6:30 am & 9:00 am, Wed 6:30 am & 7:00 pm and Friday 6:30 am & 9:00 am

**ADORATION** Wednesdays from 7:00 am - 6:30 pm with recitation of the holy rosary at 6:20 in the Chapel followed by Benediction.

**CONFESSIONS** are Saturdays from 7:30—8:45 am and 3:00-4:15 pm in the Chapel. Also by appointment. Call Parish Office.

**REGISTRATION/PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Printable forms are available at [www.stleos.org](http://www.stleos.org) under "Downloads." New parishioners may also register by emailing or calling the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parishioners who would like to have their child baptized at St. Leo's are requested to call Monsignor Hahn at the Parish Office to personally schedule an appointment to meet with him to discuss this great Sacrament. Normally Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of each month, after our 11:00 am Mass, or approximately at 12:00 Noon. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, age 16 or older, Confirmed, and must present a sponsor certificate if from another parish. Parents must be registered members of St. Leo's parish.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating marriage must contact Monsignor Hahn at the Parish Office at least one year before the date of the intended marriage. Church date and arrangements should precede all other wedding plans.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

## HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office and arrangements will be made to bring Holy Communion to the person.

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Adults interested in learning more about their faith or in becoming Catholic may join the program of formation and instruction which begins in September. Call the Religious Education Office.

## SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active registered members of the parish and who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis.

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## Mass Schedule

### 06/21-12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10,17,33-35; Rom 5:12-15;  
Mt 10:26-33*

7:30 AM-Saint Leo Parishioners

9:15 AM-Anne Schober-(Greg & Danielle  
Scheuchenzuber)

11:00 AM-Robert Schwotzer-(Family)

### 06/22-Monday-Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

*2 Kgs 17:5-8,13-15,18; Ps 60:3-5,12-13; Mt 7:1-5*

9:00 AM-Ints. Jean Polansky-(Fatima Prayer Group)

### 06/23-Tuesday

*2 Kgs 19:9-11,14-21,31-35,36; Ps 48:2-4,10-11;*

*Mt 7:6,12-14*

9:00 AM-Kathryn Elia-(Linda McDermott)

### 06/24-Wednesday-The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

*Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3,13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80*

6:30 AM-Ints. Joe & Erica Sahd-(Acker Family)

7:00 AM-6:30 PM-Adoration for Vocations

7:00 PM-Diane Cristy-(SBW)

### 06/25-Thursday

*2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1-5,8-9; Mt 7:21-29*

9:00 AM-Ralph Weik-(Jennifer Weik)

### 06/26-Friday

*2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4*

9:00 AM-Mary Jane Harr-(Charlie & Dorothy Uhland)

### 06/27-Saturday-Saints Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

*Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19; Ps 74:1-7,20-21; Mt 8:5-17*

9:00 AM-Cindy Sahd-(Denise & Jeff Graham)

4:30 PM-George Schwert-(Mike and Ginny Babic)

### 06/28-13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16; Ps 89:2-3,16-19; Rom 6:3-4,8-11;*

*Mt 10:37-42*

7:30 AM-Rob Trainer-(Kris Trainer)

9:15 AM-Saint Leo Parishioners

11:00 AM-Jack Hohman-(Richard & Carole Jones)

## Gospel Message

June 28, 2026

We have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him. He invites us to take up our cross and follow him, and to respond to those who are in need, as did the woman who extended hospitality to Elisha the prophet. Blessed is she who walked in the countenance of the Lord.

## Weekly Collections

6/14/2026

Collection totals not available at time of publishing.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Sunday at 10:30 AM (Church)

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri at 9:30 AM (Chapel)

Wednesday at 6:20 PM (Chapel)

Saturday at 4:00 PM (Church)

(First Saturdays: 8:00 AM in the Church)

## Got 15 Minutes?

### Help Our Garden Ministry!

Looking for a way to volunteer that fits your busy schedule? Our Garden Ministry needs a few hands to help with watering throughout the week. You can choose your own hours! Any time you can spare—whether it's 15 minutes or an hour—makes a huge difference in how our church campus looks. Sign up for our email list by contacting Lisa Doseff ([lisadoseff@gmail.com](mailto:lisadoseff@gmail.com) or 703-727-9203).

**THANK YOU!**

## LAMBS Luncheon

(Let us All Meet as Brothers & Sisters)

The next LAMBS gathering will be on **Tuesday, June 23rd and 12 Noon** at the Pancake Farm Restaurant  
608 Richmond Drive  
Lancaster, PA 17601

Please RSVP by *Sunday, June 21st* to Chris Williams at [lancasterin2007@yahoo.com](mailto:lancasterin2007@yahoo.com) or call/text 717-203-0759.

**“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father”**  
(Matthew 10:32-33)

We come together on Father’s Day and as we think of our fathers, as we thank them and pray for them, we are called to see how their role points us to God, our heavenly Father. Today’s Gospel has three consecutive themes or exhortations. First Jesus tells us “not to fear”. He assures us that God, who is our Father, knows us and cares for us always. He then wants us to distinguish between those that can “kill the body but cannot kill the soul” with those that can destroy both, urging us to always keep our spiritual well-being paramount and primary in our lives. And then lastly, He calls us to “acknowledge” Him, Jesus who is our Savior and Lord, in all that we do.

And so we are reminded, as we mark this Father’s Day, that the reality of “fatherhood” is something sacred, representing the “fatherhood” of God. Indeed, this is what we do every time we come to Mass as we give glory to God the Father, seeking to join ourselves to the Sacrifice of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord on His cross, made present for us in our celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Today is the first day of Summer. In our Liturgical Calendar, we have completed our glorious Season of Easter and then those special Solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, then resuming, last Sunday, our “Ordinary Time”. This title can remind us that most of our lives are spent in “the ordinary”, that routine of the day to day living of school, work, family life, recreation and rest. But, of course, we know in faith that nothing can be “ordinary” now that the Son of God has entered our human history and made all things holy.

For our Parish, we mark a change in those we call our “Fathers”. Last weekend, we bade farewell to Father Kappes as he has now begun his first Pastorate at St. Pius X in Selinsgrove. Please pray for him in this most exciting time of his life, that God will bless him with everything He needs to be a good and caring “Father” for his new Parish family.

And we welcome back this weekend, Father Tom Meinert. He first came to us in June of 2022 and served for two years. He returned to Lancaster last year as Chaplain of Catholic High and Campus Minister at Millersville. He has been relieved of that college responsibility but will continue at Catholic High and serve here. We welcome him back with great joy and look forward to his kind and gentle manner and I look forward again to his gracious and joyful presence in our Rectory.

And so today, in a special way, we pray for all our Fathers; those whom all of us have in the “natural order” and those called by God to serve us as Priests. May our Heavenly Father bless all of them and sustain them always. Happy Father’s Day.

*Monsignor Hahn*

# THE LION'S PRIDE NEWSLETTER

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*

June

Saint Leo the Great Catholic School

2025-2026

## Greetings from Mrs. Miller

As we close the 2025-2026 school year, we reflect with gratitude on the many blessings God has given our St. Leo the Great Catholic School community. We ended the year with a beautiful Mass on Friday, June 5th, celebrating our students, families, faculty, and staff, and giving thanks for another wonderful year together. It has been a joy to watch your children grow academically, spiritually, and socially throughout the year. They are truly gifts from God, and we are so thankful that you share them with us each day. We cherish the opportunity to help guide them as they continue becoming the best version of themselves.

As summer begins, we pray that your family enjoys a restful, joyful, and safe vacation filled with special moments together. May this season provide time for renewal, laughter, and continued faith-filled experiences. Thank you for your partnership, support in, and commitment to Catholic education throughout the year.

I will truly miss seeing the children's smiling faces each morning, hearing their laughter in the hallways, and witnessing the joy they bring to our school each day. While they will certainly be missed over the summer months, I look forward with excitement to welcoming everyone back in August for another wonderful year at St. Leo the Great Catholic School!

*Mrs. Jennifer L. Miller*



## Staff Spotlight

### Happy Retirement - Dr. Joan Withum

During her tenure at St. Leo, Dr. Joan Withum, said the school has taught her something. "I have learned more about my faith by teaching at St. Leo than I ever have before," Dr. Withum said. "It's such a faithful school."



Now, after seven years as a Language Arts and Religion middle school teacher at St. Leo, Dr. Withum is closing out her 38-year career as an educator. While she will no longer be in the classroom, Dr. Withum said she will carry students close to her heart. "It's been all about loving them and getting them to love themselves," Dr. Withum said. "One of my goals was to always have my students know how important they are." Before joining St. Leo, Dr. Withum served as an assistant principal at Landis Run Middle School and has taught at Manheim Township High School.

She started her career at Queen of Peace Catholic School in Flushing, New York where she taught a multitude of subjects including English, science, and social studies. Dr. Withum then taught at Holy Cross, an all-boys school, also located in Flushing. As she grew in her career, Dr. Withum has worked with students on all academic levels and has made student accountability a large part of her teaching style.

When students have told her that they can't complete difficult assignments, Dr. Withum provided them with a challenge. "I hope I have helped students become more confident," Dr. Withum said. "I've always told them they can do the work; they just must work hard. I've taught them to ask questions when they don't understand."

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### News Around Campus

#### Dr. Joan Withum

Dr. Withum's impact on St. Leo has been enormous, in terms of helping students thrive in their studies and in aiding in their social and emotional growth. So much so, that the graduating eighth-grade class dedicated the 2025-2026 yearbook to Dr. Withum where students thanked her for her patience, love, and kindness.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Withum has also served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion during School Mass every week.

In retirement, Dr. Withum plans to catch on her reading and travel with her husband, Larry. "I'm ready to not be so busy and am looking forward to doing things I haven't been able to do yet," she said.

#### Happy Retirement - Michele Tappany

As our amazing IU13 school counselor, Michele Tappany retires at the end of this school year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for her years of dedicated service to our school students, and many others.

For the past five years, Michele has served the students of Saint Leo the Great School as our IU13 school counselor, following her work with students at Our Lady of Angels School in Columbia. Her compassion, guidance, and unwavering support have made a lasting impact on countless children and families. We thank Michele for her commitment to nurturing the whole child and wish her abundant blessings, joy, and fulfillment in her well-earned retirement!



### Employee of the Month

We are proud to recognize Joanna Spicer as our April Employee of the Month: Builder of Community. Joanna consistently fosters a sense of unity, collaboration, and inclusivity within our school family.



In her art room, every student is seen, valued, and encouraged. She approaches each child with a calm, caring, and loving demeanor, creating an environment where students feel safe to express themselves and take creative risks. Joanna truly believes in every student and their ability to create something meaningful, and that belief shines through in her daily interactions and instruction.

Beyond her classroom, Joanna builds strong connections with students and contributes to a welcoming school culture that is fair, firm, and rooted in respect. She celebrates individuality while also bringing students together through shared experiences in art. Her patience, consistency, and positive presence make a lasting impact on both students and colleagues. Joanna exemplifies what it means to be a Builder of Community, and we are grateful for the warmth, creativity, and connection she brings to our school each day.



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### May Crowning



On May 8<sup>th</sup> St. Leo School participated in a special May Crowning where 29 second graders in Miss Emily Fix's and Mrs. Katie O'Dell's class, who recently received their First Communion, recited The Rosary with the help of eighth graders in front of fellow students, teachers, and parents.

Each spring as the warmer gets warmer the Catholic Church turns with love to the Blessed Virgin Mary – our Mother and Queen. One of the most cherished devotions of this season is the May Crowning, a centuries-old tradition that lifts our hearts toward heaven through Mary, who always guides us to her Son. The blossoming earth mirrors the spiritual flourishing that Mary inspires in the hearts of believers.

For decades, parishes and Catholic schools have marked the month of May with processions, hymns, and flower offerings in honor of Mary. At the heart of these celebrations is the crowning of a statue of the Blessed Virgin—a poignant sign of our love for the one who is both Mother of God and Queen of Heaven.

At the end of the Crowning, second graders sang "Thank You God." We crown Mary because she is, in every way, a queen – not in the worldly sense, but in the kingdom of God. As the Mother of Jesus, Mary holds a unique and exalted place. Her perfect discipleship, her faithful yes to God's will, and her enduring presence with the Church make her the crown of all creation.

Before the Crowning, St. Leo Principal Jennifer Miller, asked students, teachers and parents to reflect on the special women in our lives. "Let's pray for all the strong intelligent women around us," she said.

### Fruit of the Spirit of Self-Control

For May, we focused on the virtue of Self-Control, inspired by the example of St. Teresa of Avila. Self-control helps us to pause before we act, to make thoughtful choices, and to respond with patience and wisdom even when situations are difficult. It reminds us to manage our words, actions, and emotions in ways that reflect kindness, responsibility, and respect for others.

We are so proud of our Virtue Recipients, who consistently demonstrate self-control in their daily lives. They showed perseverance when tasks were challenging, used calm and respectful words with classmates, and made positive choices even when faced with frustration or temptation. Like St. Teresa of Avila, they are learning to grow in faith through discipline, prayer, humility, and trust in God's guidance.

Our May Virtue Recipients have truly lived like St. Teresa through their thoughtful actions, positive attitudes, and ability to lead by example. Their self-control helps create a peaceful, respectful, and Christ-centered school community.



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### We're Not in Kansas Anymore



Hushed anticipation fell over St. Leo School as the curtain opened for the spring musical *Wizard of Oz Youth Edition* on May 15th.

During the hour and a half school show, students were moved by the charismatic portrayals of Dorothy, played by eighth-grader Eliza Gemmill; the Scarecrow, portrayed by Thomas Richards, sixth grade; and The Wicked Witch of the West, played by Becca Nigon; eighth grade.

The audience was spellbound by brightly colored bedazzled costumes of the munchkins and jitterbugs as they danced across the stage in Parish Hall.

The performance garnered chuckles from the audience as the Lion, played by eighth-grader Jude Kerr and sixth-grader Noah Costello, who portrayed the Tin Man, finally found courage and a heart.

St. Leo music teacher, Mrs. Emily Paterson, said the show came together nicely. "It was awesome," Mrs. Paterson said. "Casting was really strong and students were super confident." More than 70 students participated in this year's school musical.

Congratulations to the talented actors and stage and lighting crew for making this year's musical so memorable!

Before both weekend public performances, family and friends of St. Leo students walked the school halls and admired the many pieces made by the students in the school's annual art show.

Artwork varied according to grade level and included paper masks, paintings and various drawings.

### Imagine

Having faith and being able to forgive are essential in our journey to become closer to God. Sixth graders reflected on this as they watched *I Can Only Imagine 2*, a movie that shows how God helps us work through very painful parts of our lives to bring healing and hope.

The movie tells the story of Bart Millar, lead vocalist of contemporary Christian music band MercyMe, and his teenage son, Sam as they grapple with Sam's poor management of his Type 1 Diabetes.

Sam's constant neglect of his own health puts enormous strain on Bart and Sam's relationship, until band newcomer, Tim Timmons, shows them the power of love, hope, and faith.

The movie explores family struggles, hurt, disappointment, and questions about life – but also depicts how painful experiences can be overcome with faith in God and that life's challenges can lead to growth, healing and purpose.

After the movie, students reflected quietly wrote and wrote about moments in their own lives where they felt gratitude and grief. Later in the day, students made colorful gratitude posters together where they depicted some of their favorite things and why they are grateful for them.



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Sunday June 28, 2026  
1:30 pm

## News from the Parish School of Religion

### Religious Education Registration

Re-Registration forms for the 2026-27 PSR School Year have been mailed to all families whose children have attended the past year. If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, please contact Sister Dorothy at [dre@stleos.org](mailto:dre@stleos.org) or 717-394-1742x222.

### Sacramental Policy for the Reception of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist:

Preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist is a two-year program as prescribed by the Diocese of Harrisburg. To be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, your child must have completed the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade years of instruction and to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist your child must have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade years of instruction at either our Parish Elementary School or our Parish School of Religion. Questions! Contact Sister Dorothy.



### Pray for Vocations



*"Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows."*  
(Matthew 10:31)

Holy matrimony calls spouses to place Christ at the center of their lives and to reflect His love by cherishing and serving one another. Could God be inviting you to this vocation of faithful love and self-sacrifice? If so, seek guidance from a married couple you admire and ask how they live out their commitment to each other and to Christ.

### Employment Opportunity

Sacred Heart Church is seeking a part-time Director of Religious Education (DRE). Applicants should be Catholics in good standing with a working knowledge of Church teaching. The DRE is responsible for overseeing faith formation for children and adults. Cover letters and resumes can be sent to Fr. Stephen Logue at 558 W. Walnut St., Lancaster PA 17603 or

[frslogue@sacredheartlanc.org](mailto:frslogue@sacredheartlanc.org)

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### Please Pray for All Quo Vadis Retreatants

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, St. Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to St. Junipero Serra  
for Vocations

## Parish Events

### **SUNDAY-06-21-26**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

### **MONDAY-06-22-26**

9:45AM-GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION-RM 2  
7:00 PM-LANC. YOUNG ADULTS TOT-WEBER CTR.

### **TUESDAY-06-23-26**

NO EVENTS

### **WEDNESDAY-06-24-26**

7:00 AM-6:45 PM-ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS-  
CHAPEL

### **THURSDAY-06-25-26**

9:45 AM-CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP-WEBER CTR

### **FRIDAY-06-26-26**

NO EVENTS


### **SATURDAY-06-27-26**

7:00 AM-TMIY-RMS 3-4  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-BINGO SET UP-GYM/PARISH  
HALL

### **SUNDAY-06-28-26**

12:00 PM-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-BINGO-GYM AND  
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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

## June 24th - The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Reflections by St. Augustine

“The Church observes the birth of John as a hallowed event. We have no such commemoration for any other fathers but, it is significant, that we celebrate the birthdays of John and of Jesus. This day cannot be passed by.”

“As a representative of the past, he is born of aged parents; as herald of the new, he is declared to be a prophet while still in his mother’s womb.”

“The release of Zachariah’s voice at the birth of John, is a parallel to the rending of the veil, at Christ’s Crucifixion. If John were announcing his own coming, Zechariah’s lips would not have been opened. The tongue is loosened because a voice is born.”



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## Vacation Bible School July 13 - 17, 2026 (9 am - Noon)

Where: St. Leo the Great  
Who: Children currently in Grades Prek 4 through 6th  
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