

Church of St. Leo the Great

4940 Broadview Rd. Cleveland, OH 44109

January 28, 2024 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday | 9:00am— 4:00pm
Saturday | 12:00pm—5:00pm
Sunday | 9:00am—12:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm
Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Mass will be at 8:30am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a , or anytime by request or appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses are asked to contact the Rectory Office or use our website.

BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to contact the Rectory Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparations and arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with a priest. Only then can a wedding date be confirmed.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.



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WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

God of all goodness, you have called people to follow you faithfully. Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives. Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters.

FEBRUARY 2ND

Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world. We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

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2024 GUIDE BOOKS

By now you've probably received your 2024 Guide Book in the mail. Please note, we are working to update our records as best we can to ensure the most accurate information is provided to our parishioners. That being said, you will have probably noticed the change in how many parishioners are included. We decided to submit the information for only *those of you who completed your request to be included in this year's edition*. Books in the recent past have included many individuals that have not been an active part of the parish for quite some time, are deceased or have not reported moving from our area. Though it's a drastic change we are confident this will generate a more accurate source of information to you all. A form will be made available at a later date to submit your request for 2025. Thanks for your understanding!

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To receive a copy of your 2023 contribution statement, please email your request to info@leothegreat.org. You can also call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement. You can also include your name on this slip and return it to the office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Name: _____

Call me at (____) _____ - _____ and I will pick up during office hours

I will pick up in the back of church

Send it to the eMail address listed on the line below:

Send it via the United States Postal Service

We thank you for your patience as we work to fulfill your request!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, February 2, 2024

After the 8:30am Mass you are invited and encouraged to spend some quiet time in front of the Eucharist. There are books available in the back of the chapel for you to read while present, and you are welcome to bring your own prayer book, rosary, or inspired article to help guide your thoughts.

"Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God."
—Blessed Carlo Acutis



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Almsgiving is a private thing. You share what you have with a neighbor you do not know and who does not know you, but it is an act of service to those in need. Let us share with others especially during these trying times. Any donation you are able to make to the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will be very much appreciated. You can put your donation in the Poor Boxes, or put it in an envelope marked "SVDP" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory Office.



DONUT SUNDAY

Please stop in the main vestibule after the 8:00 and 11:00 Masses on **Sunday, January 28th**, for donuts and coffee.

FISH DINNERS

Fish dinners will be served every Friday during Lent (not Good Friday) from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m. Dine in or take out. See you there!

THE DAVIS FOUNDATION is again offering scholarship opportunities for graduates of St. Leo the Great School.

If you are interested, please contact Ms. Dodson at: mdodson@leothegreat.org for specific information.

Thanks, and God bless!

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Ladies, all ages, no matter where you are in your faith journey, please, join us next month on **Tuesday, February 20, 2023 at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Center**. We are meeting to connect and *LIFT* each other up as we grow our relationship with God and learn to live more intentionally and prayerfully in our Journeys as women of the faith. For more information contact Pat (216-403-1523) or Barb (216-302-5454) or email Nina at the rectory office at ncapone@leothegreat.org.

Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, etc. of students at St. Leo School, please consider joining us one evening and witness the powerful, prayerful support of friends in faith.



Have you moved into the area recently or joined us for Mass and would like to register with our Parish family? Please stop by the rectory office or give us a call at 216-661-1006. You can also visit our website leothegreat.org for more information.

We look so forward to meeting you!

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR **PRAYERS**

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Larry Kuznik, Irma Zappitelli, John Sofcheck, Gary Skelley, Virginia Sofkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Megan Arena, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, Betty Popow, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Jesse Kazimer, William Woolard, Claudia Woolard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett, Shawn Calvey, Gloria Madonia, Anthony Bozek, Joe Brodzinski, Suzanne Brown, Joyce Stevens, Victoria Fischer, John Gierlach, Dylan Greve, Ken Perry, Dayna Hansen, Leo Hansen, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson, Judy Towalski, Susan Mante, Vicki Przybylski, Kristi Burkhardt, Maria Giangrande, Amanda Pacanovsky, Leslie Hahn, Karen Horvath, Chris Geiger, Scott, Jesse Wilson, Kathy Patterson, Jack Gibas, Christine Slaughter, Gloria Ashworth, and Maryann Kosakowski .

MASS INTENTIONS AND LITURGICAL EVENTS

SAT: Jan 27th	Weekday
4:00p.m.	+Veronica Nagle (Jeannie Zola)
SUN: Jan 28th	The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00a.m.	+Nancy Montali (Dan & Arlene Sevic)
11:00a.m	People of the Parish
MON: Jan 29th	Weekday
8:30a.m.	+Elaine Hocevar (Eva Bunosky)
TUES: Jan 30th	Weekday
8:30a.m.	GianLuca (Love, Mama)
WED: Jan 31st	Saint John Bosco, Priest
8:30a.m.	Beverly Caraballo (Neida Ramos)
FRI: Feb 2nd	The Presentation of the Lord World Day for Consecrated Life
8:30a.m.	+Ireneo Santiago (Lily Santiago)
9:00a-5:00p	Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel
SAT: Feb 3rd	Weekday
4:00p.m.	+William Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)
SUN: Feb 4th	The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00a.m.	+Michael Ciereszewski (Mom, April, & Dawn)
11:00a.m	People of the Parish

Notes: The + before a person's name indicates that they are deceased. There is no Mass here at St. Leo's on Thursdays. You can visit another nearby parish for weekday Mass including St. Charles Borromeo (7:00a & 7:00p), Mary Queen of Peace (8:00a), St. Columbkille (8:15a) or St. Francis de Sales (8:45a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/ Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/ 1 Cor 9:16- 19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 | The events in today's reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses is near death and is giving final instructions. He promises that after his death, God will still be with them through another prophet. Both Jewish and Christian readers have seen this as referring to the future Messiah.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 | In this section of the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul is responding to their question about whether it is better to remain single or become married. Paul's belief was that when you became Christian, you shouldn't take on a new state in life since he expected Jesus would return in glory very soon.

ROSARY

**Thursday, February 8th
at 7:00 p.m.**



Please join us in praying the rosary in the church (please enter through the doors closest to the rectory). If you are unfamiliar with praying the rosary, we will provide you with everything you need.

"Where the Rosary is recited there will be days of Peace & Tranquility." —St. John Bosco



Charles Bulger
Society of Jesus
Novice

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that they may continue to persevere and that others may

Sanctuary Candle Intention

January 28th—February 11th

**In Loving Memory of
Bill Kordick**

Happy Birthday from your Wife & Children



REFLECTIONS | SACRED HEART COUNSELING

In Northeast Ohio, this time of year can be really difficult. No, I am not referencing the Browns. I am talking about the cold and general lack of sunlight. When I moved here from South Dakota, I thought winters would be the same, if not milder and easier. I learned quickly that, while the temperature might have been colder, we at least had the sun in South Dakota. Here in Cleveland, it seems like we can go weeks without seeing the sun sometimes. From what I have observed as a counselor, January and February are generally two of the most difficult months of the year, and self-care becomes even more important. When it comes to self-care, I think it is best to think of it in terms of recreation. The root word of recreation is re-create, which means to re-create. So, with self-care, what are we trying to recreate? Hopefully, we are trying to recreate our energy, motivation, and love of God and neighbor. When we think of it in these terms, it helps us to evaluate what the best forms of self-care are for us. For me, I know there is a very different feeling after watching Netflix for two hours versus watching Netflix for eight hours. If I stop at two, I feel much more rested and ready to tackle the next thing. If I stop after eight, I feel lethargic and lazy. So the question is this- what recreates in you what you want to be recreated? When it comes to self-care, we often think first of things like relaxing, treating ourselves, or entertainment. However, difficult things can be very recreational such as cleaning, exercising, or charitable actions for others. It all depends on the person! This week, consider reflecting on self-care and ways that you can potentially improve your recreation during this difficult time of year. —Luke Brown

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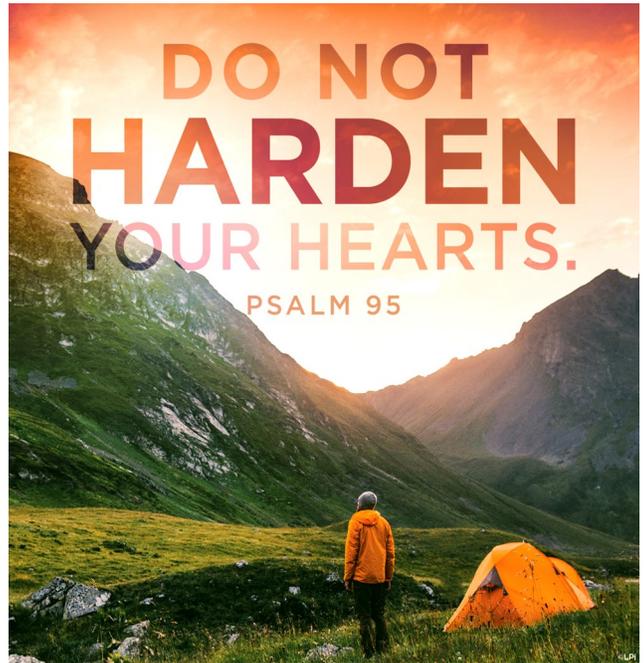
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COMMUNION & MORTAL SIN

Question: *I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?*

Answer: While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment (“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another’s faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person’s mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God’s grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another’s persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.



REFLECTIONS FOR EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

“LEADING OTHERS TO CHRIST”

By: Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. They pushed me to become better than I was at the time and helped me to see what I could eventually become. Without them giving of themselves to me I am unsure where I would be today.

Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. Yes, I spend much of my time on the road speaking in churches about stewardship and I write books and articles about this way of life, but my real desire is to impact the most those around me. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want me and my wife to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming.

I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

While being on vacation is still fresh on my mind, I thought I'd let those interested know that the website for our trip to Italy next year (March 17-28, 2025) is now updated with the final price which is \$4800. You can reserve your spot now with a \$300 deposit. Please note that 1 out of the 5 available single rooms is already reserved so if you prefer to room by yourself, be aware that there is limited availability (and there is an additional charge as the \$4800 is for double occupancy). The link to that website is on our parish website (leothegreat.org). This is also a 12 day trip vs. the 10 day one we took last year. Viva la Roma.

We were able to celebrate my sister's gentle entry into her 6th decade of life with fun and memories. My other two sisters decorated her cabin with balloons, signs, a gift basket & lots of pictures detailing the blessings of her life. I also learned that I could have saved myself that \$14.16 I spent on a glass of wine that I needed for Mass by just taking the almost emptied bottle of wine that my two brother-in-laws shared at dinner (which I did for the Mass I celebrated a week later). But the money spent on a glass of wine is literally a few drops in the ocean of money that one spends on a vacation these days. But it was such a good time that we're planning on spending New Year's Eve next year on another cruise. Never too early to plan ahead. I also made a trip up the stairs to see the little chapel that was on the highest floor of the ship (closest to God perhaps?). It was a nice little space that was non-denominational but also prepared for the celebration of Mass as I noticed a Roman Missal available there (the book Catholic priests use during Mass). As I was wondering to myself how many come into that space out of a few thousand people on board, a couple came up to offer some prayers. My sister also told me that she was in there as well. Glad to see that people still remember God when on vacation.

We welcome Caleb Friebe into our Catholic Family this weekend as he is baptized into the Faith on Saturday. May God who has begun the good work in him and his family carry it through to completion.

This Sunday evening I will be having a Mass at the home of a couple who were good friends of mine at St. Ladislaus in Lorain. I believe I mentioned that they both passed away last year. Two of their grandchildren and some of their cousins asked me at the grandmother's funeral luncheon if I would help them receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I was thrilled that they would be so moved by their grandparent's faith that they would ask for this sacrament for themselves. So please say a little prayer for these 5 young adults that they may practice the faith that was so important to their family members.

I wanted to remind you that it's very easy to make an appointment with myself, Deacon Pat or Joan Berigan through our website. We are always here to serve you and want to make ourselves available to you. In that same vein, we will be working with Luke Brown from Sacred Heart Counseling (which we advertise in our bulletin & on our website) to help offset some of the expense involved in counseling. They provide therapy through a faith-based background so we are glad to be partnering with them to make this available to you. More information about this will be forthcoming next month.

As we enter into the month of February this week, I hope and pray that you are safe in your travels, especially when we have icy and/or snowy roads. Please stay home if the weather presents the possibility of unsafe travel for you. But as always, I look forward to seeing you.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us on the **first MONDAY of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center**. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones.

Feel free to join us—no reservations needed!

**Upcoming Meetings in 2024:
February 5th, March 4th, and May 6th**

**If you have any questions,
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by
email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.**

PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you continue to contribute. Here are a few ways to make contributions when unable to place directly in the offertory basket at Mass on the weekends:

- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109)
- 2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.
- 3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website www.leothegreat.org to sign up. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

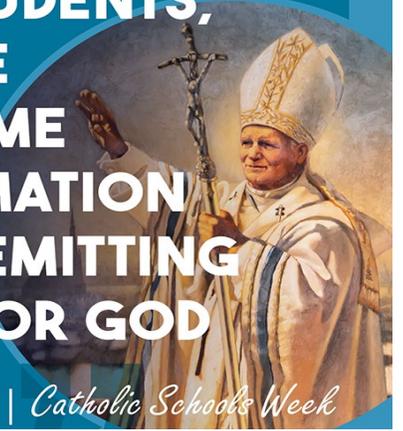
WE  OUR SCHOOL

“A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help ALL its students become saints”. —Pope Francis



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024
“UNITED IN FAITH AND COMMUNITY”

**I ENCOURAGE YOU,
 DEAR STUDENTS,
 TO MAKE
 YOUR TIME
 OF FORMATION
 AN UNREMITTING
 QUEST FOR GOD**



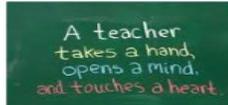
St. John Paul II | Catholic Schools Week

CATHOLIC  SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

 **St. Leo
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 School**

STUDENTS MAY WEAR
 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
 WEEK T-SHIRT ALL
 WEEK

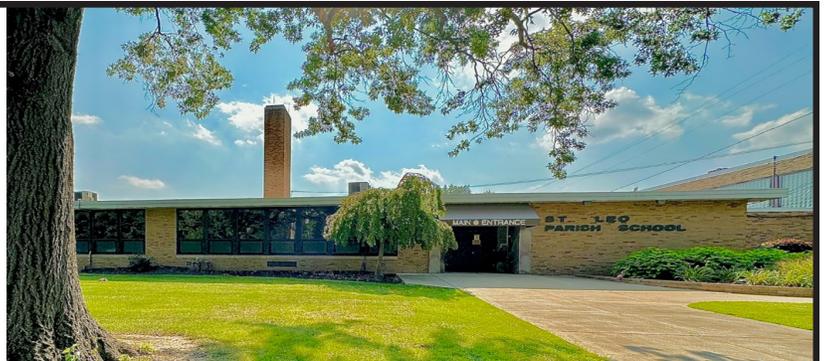


<p>SUNDAY 1/28/24</p>  <p>WELCOME</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 10:30-12:30 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION</p>	<p>MONDAY 1/29/24</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation</p>  <p><i>A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart.</i></p> <p>CRAZY HAT DAY</p>	<p>TUESDAY 1/30/24</p> <p>REALM OF THE REPTILES SHOW</p> 
<p>WEDNESDAY 1/31/24</p>  <p>THANK YOU!</p> <p>PARENT/FAMILY APPRECIATION DINNER 4:30-6:30 IN THE GYM ALL ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>THURSDAY 2/1/24</p> <p>ARTS REACHING KIDS PRESENTATION</p> 	<p>FRIDAY 2/2/24</p>  <p>STUDENT APPRECIATION 8TH GRADE VS. STAFF GAME 1:30 PARENTS WELCOME DRESS DOWN FOR STUDENTS</p>



Sunday, January 28, 2024
 10:30a.m.—12:30p.m. All are welcome!!!
 Pre-K (3&4) Grades K-8
 Scholarships available:

- Cleveland
- Ed Choice
- Ed Choice Expansion
- Jon Peterson



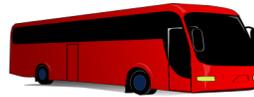
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Sun. Envelope	\$	8,304.00	4,538.00
WeShare	\$	2,740.00	1,843.50
Total	\$	11,044.00	6,381.50
Cap. Improv	\$	463.00	115.00
WeShare	\$	315.00	25.00
Total	\$	778.00	140.00
SVDP	\$	150.00	30.00
WeShare	\$	320.00	250.00
Total	\$	470.00	280.00

*We thank you
for your
continued
generosity
and support of
St. Leo the
Great Parish !*



2024 BUS TRIPS

The Sanctuary Museum | Lakewood, Ohio
(formerly the Museum of the Divine Statues)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Lunch at My Friends Deli

\$65.00/person

(Admission Fee and Lunch included)

River's Casino | Pittsburgh, PA

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Casino Bonus: \$20 slot play, \$5 Food Credit

\$46/person

Hartville

Monday, May 13, 2024

Lunch at Hartville Kitchen (included)

\$78/person

*For reservations or questions contact
Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123*



THE 2024 GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

January 22nd \$100 Drawing Greg Slepko



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

2024 THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES 2024

Please Print

Name _____

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Please return this stub with your payment of \$30.00. Checks are to be made out to St. Leo the Great.

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