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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.

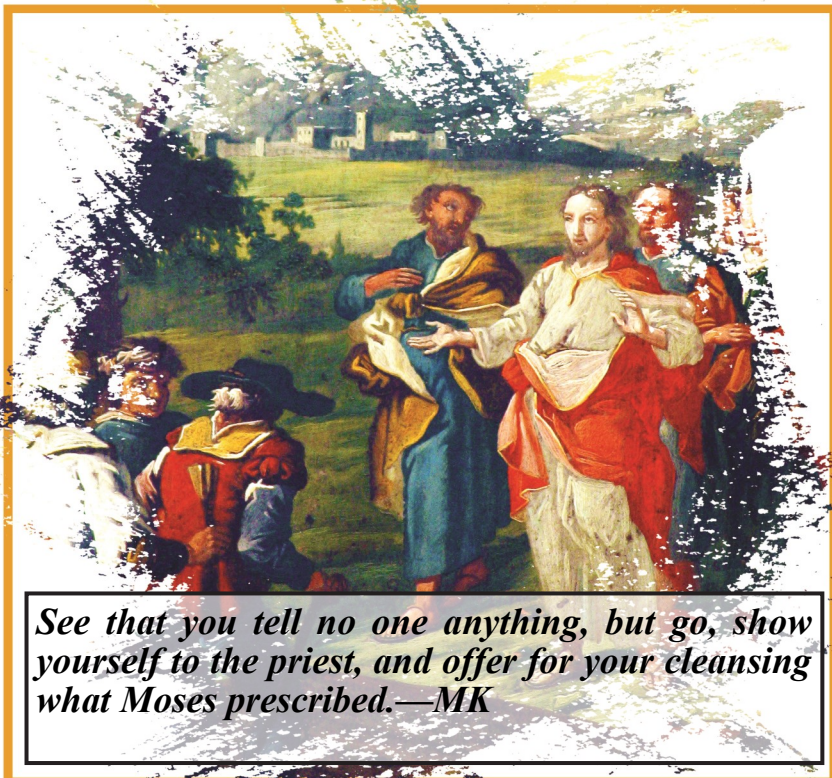
If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.



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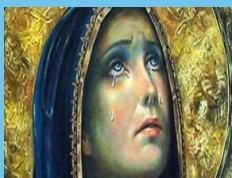
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See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed.—MK

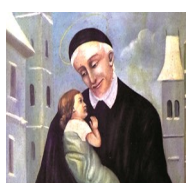
LENTEN SERIES | SORROWFUL MYSTERIES



Join us Tuesday Feb. 27th, March 5th, and March 12th at 10:00a.m. in the Chapel for a Lenten study on the Sorrowful Mysteries as we pray, meditate and share. Please bring your Rosaries.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Praying the Stations of the Cross reminds us that we are not alone in our suffering: Jesus suffers with us. He chose to embrace every aspect of human life, including suffering and death. Spend 20 to 30 minutes reflecting on these reminders of his Passion *every Friday during Lent at 7:00p in the church.*



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food and staple collection to assist those in need is next weekend February 17th and 18th. Items that we are most in need of are:

Canned Corn	Spaghetti Sauce	Scalloped Potatoes
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Canned Mixed Vegetables	Canned Baked Beans
Assorted Soups	Ramen Noodles	Tuna Fish
Rice & Noodle Sides	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Cereal
Canned Fruit	White Rice	Dishwashing Soap & Bar Soap

Because of you we are able to ensure others do not go without. Thank you very much!

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!



Catholic Charities
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

2024 APPEAL

Please Give Generously

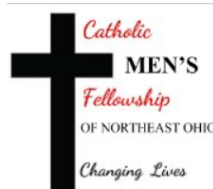
www.catholiccommunity.org/donate



The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the “least among us”. Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic, requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

Transformed
by your **LOVE**

Your support of the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: ‘I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’. Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.



EXPERIENCE CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Bishop Michael Woost
Speaking at 3:00pm
Mass at 4:00pm

Registration is covered by *The Knights of Columbus*. Men, if you are interested in attending please be sure to contact

Deacon Pat Berigan
pbegiagan@leothegreat.org



Visit www.cmfneo.com/#conference to view the a full agenda for the event.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 14TH

This day marks the beginning of Lent. Masses with distribution of ashes will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. There also will be a prayer service with distribution of ashes at 12:00 Noon on Ash Wednesday.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 29) are days of abstinence from meat and days of fast -- ONLY one full meatless meal and two light meatless meals (which together would not equal the main meal) may be eaten. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. (Abstinence applies to all Catholics over the age of 14. Fasting applies to anyone 18-60.)

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 Bublavay, 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 Bublavay, 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, Leo Hansen, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson, Judy Towalski, Susan Mante, Vicki Przybylski, Kristi Burkhart, Maria Giangrande, Amanda Pacanavsky, Leslie Hahn, Karen Horvath, Chris Geiger, Scott, Jesse Wilson, Kathy Patterson, Jack Gibas, Christine Slaughter, Gloria Ashworth, and Maryann Kosakowski, and Ranae Walters.



Br. Gregory Coyne
Benedictine Order of Cleveland
Temporary Professed

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

Sanctuary Candle Intention February 11th—February 24th

+Rudy T. Dejelo

MASS INTENTIONS AND LITURGICAL EVENTS

SAT: Feb 10th	Saint Scholastica, Virgin
Mass at 4:00p.m.	+Grace Thornton (Tom & Mary Thornton)
SUN: Feb 11th	The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass at 8:00a.m.	The Baptism & Transfer of Vows of Sr. Patricia Raelene Peters (John Peters)
Mass at 11:00a.m.	People of the Parish
MON: Feb 12th	Weekday
Mass at 8:30a.m.	+May Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)
TUES: Feb 13th	Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday
Mass at 8:30a.m.	+Theresa & +Paul Kowal's Wedding Anniversary: February 16th (Kowal Family)
WED: Feb 14th	Ash Wednesday St. Valentine's Day
Mass at 8:30a.m.	+Ralph Rath (Chris Rath)
12 Noon	Prayer Service Distribution of Ashes
Mass at 7:00p.m.	Ranae Walters (Stu Family)
FRI: Feb 16th	Friday After Ash Wednesday
Mass at 8:30a.m.	+Harry & +Louse Wheeler's Anniversary (Family)
7:00p.m.	Stations of the Cross (in the church)
SAT: Feb 17th	Saturday After Ash Wednesday
Mass at 4:00p.m.	People of the Parish
SUN: Feb 18th	The 1st Sunday of Lent
Mass at 8:00a.m.	+Elaine Hocevar (Jennie Shantery)
Mass at 11:00a.m.	+Harold Esterwood (Your Wife, Della)

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: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

FIRST READING: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The third book of the Bible, Leviticus, is a collection of Jewish laws. Old Testament people believed that being clean or unclean (that is, kosher or non-kosher) was based on what was considered to be normal or abnormal. For example, because a snake slithered on the ground rather than walked, it was considered abnormal, and therefore unclean. By the same standards, people with disabilities or deformities were seen as unclean. We see a particular case addressed in this reading.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Today's passage concludes a long section of First Corinthians in which Paul has been addressing disputes between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians about what foods are kosher. **Paul now makes a general observation that while we may in principle be free to do this or that, we should avoid those things that disrupt harmony and peace.**

REFLECTIONS | SACRED HEART COUNSELING

Lent is almost here! This is that time of year where we are reflecting on what we want to give up during Lent and we have just three more days to figure it out! This Lenten practice can be frustrating, but it is ultimately for us to grow closer to Christ. Too frequently I hear people say that they are dreading giving something up for Lent and then are ultimately relieved to resume whatever it is when Easter comes. It is easy to miss the deeper meaning behind the sacrifice when we get in the routine of giving something up and not examining it further. The point is not to “white-knuckle” our way through Lent with whatever we have given up only to binge on Easter morning. If this is our attitude, we have missed the point. Our goal should be to change our relationship with what we have given up instead of simply returning to it on Easter morning. This is why we are called to give up things that we enjoy in a sacrificial way. If we give up ice cream, the goal is that we will learn to turn to God in prayer instead of ice cream when we have had a difficult day and need relief. The hope is that we will take this lesson out of Lent and use it in our spiritual growth and journey to union with Christ. This week, consider reflecting on the deeper meaning of God’s call to sacrifice and how your sacrifice can be used as a way to grow closer to Christ. —Luke Brown

Holistic Catholic Counseling sacredheartcleveland.com 440-305-6192



You may bring your donations to the church (bins by doors) or rectory by Friday, March 22 or to the St. Leo School cafeteria on Saturday, March 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. Please remember to attach the heart or a tag with the organization name to your donated items.

Rectory hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; Saturday, noon–5; or Sunday, 9 a.m.–Noon

- ▼ **Birthright**
Baby Bottles (not disposable), Baby Lotion, Crib Sheets, Diapers Size 4 or 5, Rattles/Pacifiers, Receiving Blankets, Sleepers, Newborn–12 Months
- ▼ **Broadview Multi-Care**
Adult Coloring Books, Board Games, Colored Pencils, Markers, Large-Piece Jigsaw Puzzles, Large-Print Word Searches, Men’s/Women’s Body Wash, Nail Polish—Neutral Colors, Pencil Sharpener, Pens, Pencils, Playing Cards, Seasonal Craft Kits from Dollar Tree
- ▼ **Holy Family Hospice**
Bleach, Body Wash, Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Large-Print Word Search Books, Lestoil, Nail Polish, Paper Towels, Napkins, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
- ▼ **Joseph House of Cleveland**
New Bath Towels, Laundry Detergent, Men’s White T-Shirts (med, lrg), Toilet Tissue
- ▼ **Malachi House**
30-Gallon Trash Bags, Gift Cards (Amazon, Gordon Food Service, Giant Eagle, Hobby Lobby, Walmart), Cans of Coke/Pepsi/Ginger Ale/Sprite, Paper Towels, Postage Stamps

- ▼ **MetroHealth Friends of Mothers and Infants**
Baby Board Books, Baby Wipes, Diapers—Size 1 to 5, Sleepers—Sizes 3–12 Months
- ▼ **Mt. Alverna**
Cans of Diet Pop, Chocolate Candy, Individual Snack Bags, e.g., Chips, Cookies, Pretzels, Large-Print Word Searches, Nail Polish, Remover, Cotton Balls, New Small Stuffed Animals, Spring Room Decorations, Sugar-Free Candy
- ▼ **Parma Care Center**
Adult Coloring Books, Body Wash—Men’s/Women’s, Cans of Diet Pepsi/Coke/Root Beer, Construction Paper, Ladies Hair Brushes, Wide-Tooth Combs, Large-Print Word Search Books, Men’s After-shave, Cologne, Washable Markers and Colored Pencils
- ▼ **Providence House**
13-Gallon Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags, Aquaphor Baby Healing Ointment, Children’s Benadryl, Zyrtec, Motrin, Canned fruits—peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, Children’s New Shoes, Children’s Summer Clothing—All Sizes, Gift Cards—Target, Walmart, Giant Eagle, Gas Cards, Girls Undershirts—Size 2T–7, Girls/Boys Underwear—All Sizes, Graham Crackers, Saltines, cheese crackers, Pull-Ups—All Sizes, Toys, Activities—Newborn–12 Years

During Lent St. Leo’s is sponsoring our annual Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand program. Twelve area organizations will be recipients of your generosity.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14, and during Lent, baskets of hearts will be at all church entrances. Please take a heart or two and purchase the items requested for the organization listed. Or you can purchase items from the list below.

- ▼ **St. Colman Refugee Center**
Any Size Diapers, Bar Soap, Cleaning Products, Dish Detergent, Feminine Napkins, Laundry Detergent—Half-Gallon Size, Men’s Deodorant/Shaving Lotion/Razors, Toilet Tissue—4–8-Roll Pkg., Women’s Deodorant/Shampoo/Shower Gel
- ▼ **St. Leo/St. Vincent dePaul Outreach**
Baked Beans, Dry Beans, Canned Corn, Green Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Pasta, Diced Tomatoes, Canned Soup, Tuna, Cereal, Oatmeal, Dish Detergent, Bar Soap, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Rice/Noodle Side Dishes, Skillet Dinners, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta
- ▼ **West Side Catholic Center**
Bar Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes



If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216/351-6247.

Hallow

Join Jonathan Roumie, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Mark Wahlberg, Sr. Miriam, Sr. Bernice, M.C., and many more as we surrender ourselves to God this Lenten season. We’ll be guided by the 20th-century spiritual classic "He Leadeth Me," by Fr. Walter Ciszek, SJ, an extraordinary account of a Catholic priest who endured solitary confinement and labor camps for 20+ years. His incredible spiritual reflections will help us give God total sovereignty of our lives and help us experience true freedom in Christ. Learn more about the book here: hallow.com/pray40/

Pray Every Day This Lent



A POWERFUL MESSAGE FROM AUTHOR UNKNOWN

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you.

And you need the church.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

It was 5 years ago today that I had cancer surgery. I will have blood work done this week to make sure it has not returned but I'm very grateful that it was caught in time as it was aggressive. I'm actually grateful for the whole experience as it reminds me of how frightening such a revelation is to those of us who get a diagnosis. It also makes me fervently pray for all those who are going through treatments or living with cancer in some way. I pray that healing may come to them all. Please say a prayer now for those in this situation. Let us be mindful of all those who are sick and reach out to them to see what we can do to help. Even letting them know that we are thinking of them and praying for them is a great support. I remember being given a brown blanket with an image of St. Francis of Assisi on it which "covered" me with the prayers of those who gave it to me (an idea of the students at Padua Franciscan High School). May we cover each other with compassion and prayer and support.

We have two more baptisms taking place this weekend for Lucas Winland & Olivia Sharp. It is always a joy to baptized children into our faith and how important this sacrament is for the rest of our lives. God's blessings on Lucas & Olivia and their family.

On February 2nd, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we celebrated a funeral Mass for Sonia Caraballo, the sister of Eneida Ramos who is a member of our parish. Sonia suffered from Parkinsons for about 25 years yet remained a "gentle soul" who was deeply committed to her faith. She had two sons, Marcos & Miquel and 10 siblings. It was symbolic that we would have her Mass of Christian Burial on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord as she was a light to others as Jesus was the light in her life. We reflected on the prayer of Simeon in the gospel who said, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation." May Sonia rest in peace now that she has seen the salvation of the Lord.

This week we begin the holy season of Lent. Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 8:30am (with the school children but all are welcome to attend) and at 7pm. We will also have a Word Service with the distribution of ashes at Noon especially intended for those who are working. Wednesday is also a day of fast and abstinence which means no meat and smaller meals and no eating between meals. It is always wonderful to see so many people come to church on this day to acknowledge their sinfulness and to receive the gift of God's mercy.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday of Lent as well as on Good Friday at 7pm. And of course our delicious Fish Fry's begin this Friday. The menu and prices are in the bulletin and on our website. We always get great comments on the food and the reasonable prices so plan on joining us and spend time with fellow parishioners and neighbors.

We will also have booklets available to take home with you this weekend which have short reflections for each day of Lent so be sure to take one on your way home today.

I am being called to perform a civic duty next week...jury duty. I did it a few years ago while here at St. Leo's but while I needed to be present there one or two days, I was never actually called to sit on a jury as the cases were resolved out of court. I keep thinking of bible passages that may help me to be relieved of such a responsibility but ultimately I know I need to do it. So if you try to make an appointment with me and can't, that may be the reason but I have to call each day to see if I'm expected to be there the following day. Should be interesting...

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:
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.



St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent
February 16th to March 22nd
Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - \$10.00 choice of: Includes:
Parmesan Crusted Tilapia
Baked Seasoned Cod
Battered Fried Fish
Breaded Shrimp
Pierogis
Choice of baked potato or fries,
coleslaw or applesauce,
roll and butter
\$12.00 Combo Meal-add 3 pierogis

Weekly Specials - Seafood Empanadas, Salmon Patty Dinner

Fish Sandwich or
Fish Tacos (2) - \$8.00
sandwich or tacos
served with fries
and coleslaw
Kids Meal - \$5.00
choice of: fried fish/pizza/
mac & cheese/pierogi
with fries and drink
(age 10 & under please)

A la carte menu

Baked potato	\$2.50	French fries	\$2.50
Cheese pizza	\$2.00	Pierogies (3)	\$4.00
Mac & cheese	\$3.00	Cabbage & noodles	\$3.50
Soup of the day	\$3.00	Dessert Available	

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4900 Broadview Road - Cleveland

St. Leo Lobster Dinners 2024

Lobster Dinner - Friday, February 23rd
Lobster Tail - Baked Potato or Fries -
Coleslaw or Apple Sauce - Roll with Butter
Advance Ticket Sale Only - \$25.00

Additional Lobster Tail
with purchase of Lobster Dinner - \$20.00

Advance Ticket Sales Only
Rectory Office
Tickets Available Until
Monday, February 19th

Regular Fish Dinner Selections Available

PRO-LIFE MEETING

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday February 21, 2024** at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center. Since last month's topic was capital punishment, please pray the following prayer for our country:

Prayer to End Use of the Death Penalty

Merciful Father, we ask your blessing on all we do to build a culture of life. Hear our prayers for those impacted by the death penalty. We pray for all people, that their lives and dignity as children of a loving God may be respected and protected in all stages and circumstances. We pray for victims of violence and their families, that they may experience our love and support and find comfort in your compassion and in the promise of eternal life. We pray for those on death row, that their lives may be spared, that the innocent may be freed and that the guilty may come to acknowledge their faults and seek reconciliation with you. We pray for the families of those who are facing execution, that they may be comforted by your love and compassion.

We pray for civic leaders, that they may commit themselves to respecting every human life and ending the use of the death penalty in our land. Compassionate Father, give us wisdom and hearts filled with your love. Guide us as we work to end the use of the death penalty and to build a society that truly chooses life in all situations. We ask this through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke them, we humbly pray, and cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

If you have any questions about the group, the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-394-5803.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Sin and Loneliness

When I was in high school, we read "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka. It's a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

"Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch," our teacher told us. **"Without each other, we curl up and die."**

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. "I feel like a leper," we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. **The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.**

"If you wish, you can make me clean," begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn't begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. **He was begging for deliverance from isolation.**

"If you wish, you can make me clean," we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

***Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'* Mark 1:41**

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		February 4, 2024
Sun. Envelope	\$	7,958.00
WeShare	\$	2,465.00
Total	\$	10,423.00
Cap. Improv	\$	680.00
WeShare	\$	170.00
Total	\$	850.00
SVDP	\$	171.00
WeShare	\$	45.00
Total	\$	216.00

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(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*

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We have a few lingering \$25 gift cards for Ruby Tuesday & Rite Aid that are available and For Sale for \$20 each!

