



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

August 14, 2022

Father James P. Schmitz

Pastor

Father James J. Vesely

Retired

4940 Broadview Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44109



PARISH STAFF:

216.661.1006

Father James Schmitz, Pastor

jschmitz@leothegreat.org

Deacon Patrick & Joan Berigan

pberigan@leothegreat.org

jberigan@leothegreat.org

Brenda Basalla, Business Manager

bbasalla@leothegreat.org

Mickey Stitt, Music Director

mstitt@leothegreat.org

Mary Piechowski, Associate Musician

mpiechowski@leothegreat.org

Maureen Frydl, Social Media Manager

mfrydl@leothegreat.org

Miss Nadia, Parish Center Coordinator

missnadia@leothegreat.org

Judy Strodtbeck, Facilities Manager

jstrodtbeck@leothegreat.org

RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM

Sunday ~ 9:00AM—12:30PM

SCHOOL STAFF:

216.661.2120

Denise Burns Principal & Preschool Director

dburns@leothegreat.org

Eileen Breitmeyer, School Secretary

ebreitmeyer@leothegreat.org

Joann Deranek, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

jderanek@leothegreat.org

SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday through Friday 8:00AM—3:00PM

www.leothegreat.org

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ~ 8:30AM

Thursday - Communion Service ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, 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.

BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish 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 curious about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP!

Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other useful information on your mobile device.

Instagram [@leothegreatorg](https://www.instagram.com/leothegreatorg)



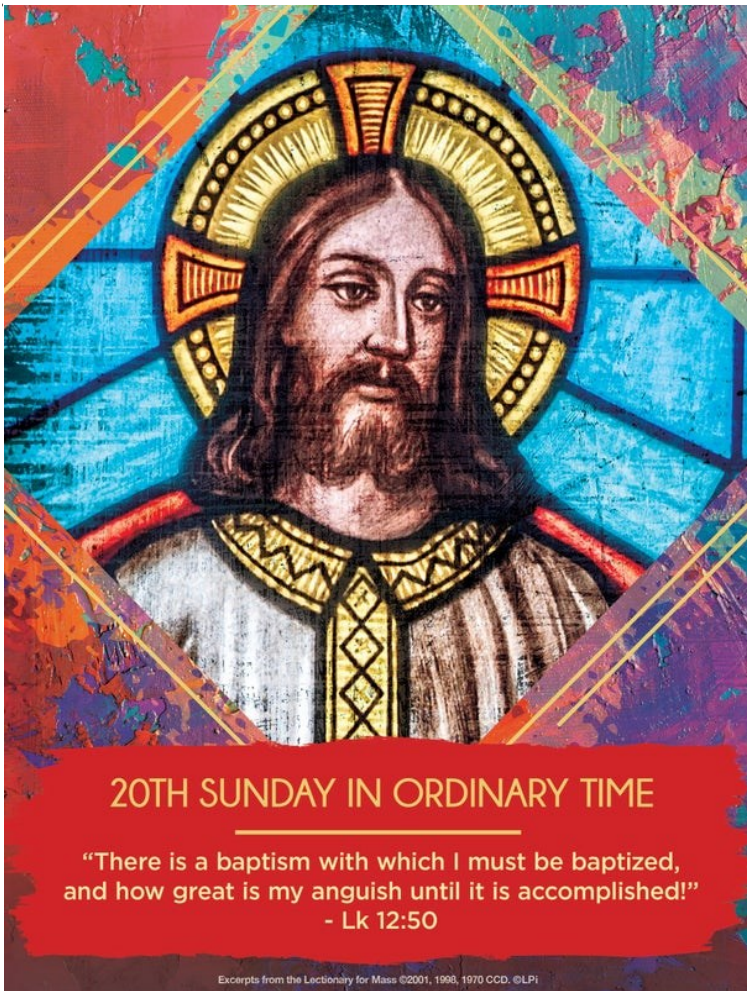
Facebook—[leothegreatorg](https://www.facebook.com/leothegreatorg)



Twitter [@leothegreatorg](https://twitter.com/leothegreatorg)



AUGUST 14, 2022 – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"
- Lk 12:50**

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD, ©LPI

BUS TRIPS

ANNUAL TRIP TO AMISH COUNTRY—

Monday, September 26

\$80 per person

Lunch at Berlin Farmstead—included

Shop/Browse: Ashery Country Store

Hershberger Bakery & Farm Market

Miller Bakery

Hillcrest Orchard

Kauffman Bakery

Heini's Cheese

Reservation deadline: Friday, August 12

Three days, two nights—Tuesday –Thursday, October 4-6

SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT—

Overnight stay - October 4

Casino Bonus—\$30 premium play & \$40 dining gift card

FRANKENMUTH—Overnight stay—October 5

Complimentary evening snacks and drinks reception and morning breakfast at the hotel. Zehender's famous chicken dinner included in the package.

Visit—Silent night Chapel and Bronner's Christmas light display

Shop/Browse: Bronner's and River Place Shop

Reservation deadline: Thursday, August 18

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN AMISH COUNTRY

Monday, November 14

\$80 per person



Contact Sandy Diaddario -
216-926-3123



St. Vincent De Paul

"BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE"... It is hard to believe but school will be starting very soon and this year we are again asking for **CASH ONLY CONTRIBUTIONS** to our Back to School Drive.

If you are able and would like to make a cash donation, just put your cash or check in an envelope and mark the envelope "BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory. We thank you very much for your continued generosity to help us with supporting our families as their children return to school.

©LPI

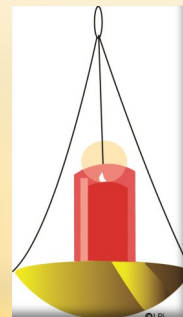
SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

August 14 to August 28

IN LOVING MEMORY

**Happy 70th Birthday
Rick and Vickie Rock**

You are deeply loved, Sharon Rock



©LPI

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life.



Dr. Francisco Ogonna
Diocese of Youngstown
V Theology, Saint Mary

Pray that he may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.



**THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

©LPI

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



- Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Glenn “Joe” Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim & Gerry Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Fr. Vesely, Kathy Svoboda, Fr. Thomas C. Gilles, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, & Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski

Monday, August 15th—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am +Pam Harmon (Takacs Family)

Tuesday, August 16th —Weekday

8:30am + Nick & Betty Chiappetta and Family (Marie Stankiewicz)

Wednesday, August 17th—Weekday

8:30am +Eugene Zola (Family)

Thursday, August 18th— Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, August 19th—Weekday

8:30am +William LaGodney Sr. (Mary LaGodney, Bill Jr. and Family)

Saturday, August 20th– St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, August 21th— 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +David Day Sr. (The Day Family)

11:00am +Edward Stupic (Sara Stupic)

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Each parish family is asked to participate in the Festival raffle. The Festival raffle tickets are in the main vestibule of the church. **Due to space constraints, raffle tickets for zip codes 44109, 44131, 44134 and 44144 are in the vestibule. Parishioners living outside those zip codes can pick up their tickets in the rectory.** Please pick up your packet of tickets before or after Mass. The first early bird drawing has been moved from August 1st to August 8th. If you turn your sold tickets in by August 8th, you will be eligible for the seller \$100 drawing. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 22nd).



First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6

In 597 B.C., Babylon (located in modern-day Iraq) defeated Jerusalem, and thousands of Jewish leaders and citizens were taken into exile. The prophet Jeremiah was among those left behind. When he preached trust in God rather than armed revolution, the people considered him a traitor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Commonly referred to as a letter, Hebrews is really a lengthy sermon that encourages people to remain faithful in difficult times. In the previous section of this book, the author cited Old Testament witnesses who had done just that. Now, the author points out the greatest example of fidelity.

Readings for the week August 14, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12



SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

Sunday Collection.....	\$4,481.00
WeShare.....	\$1,350.00
Total.....	\$5,831.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

*Gospel
Meditation*

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 14, 2022 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

Pro-Life Group

The Pro-life group is planning its next meeting on Wednesday, August 17 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please note the date is now the THIRD Wednesday of the month, beginning in July. We will start at 1:00 pm. All are welcome! We are discussing various life issues, including end-of-life issues such as euthanasia. In addition to discussion, we also pray, and last month we were praying about the respect for life our culture is sorely needing. If you have any questions about the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.

PRO+LIFE

- SACRAMENTS -



©LPi

COME ONE -- COME ALL!

to the

**ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH PICNIC**

SUNDAY

AUGUST 21st

12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.

(rain or shine!)



Serving Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Please bring a side dish/dessert to share
Pop and water available

ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO



Dear Parishioners,

On August 3rd, we celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Alan Ballauer, who was married to his wife Marge for 58 years. We express our sympathy to her and to their two children, Wendy & Edward. Like the Benedictine monks, Al was a man of prayer and work, but also balanced these with the enjoyment of God's blessings in his life. Though he was a member of Parma Lutheran Church, he often attended Mass with his wife Marge. Al was a Cleveland sports fan and enjoyed classic cars, the holidays with his family, and traveling. We trust that he may now travel home to God where he will rejoice in God's presence forever.

I enjoyed two clergy picnics in the last few days, one that takes place every year at St. Albert the Great in North Royalton and the other at the seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio, where I spent 6 years. Both times I enjoyed the presence of Bishop Malesic at my table (or he enjoyed mine?) and I continue to find him to be such a likable and pastoral man. I am reminded that his birthday is just a week after mine and we were born in the same year so I am just a few days older than he (but none the wiser, I'm sure). The seminary is in the midst of being remodeled for our modern-day seminarians and like all parishes in the Diocese, we have contributed to this worthy cause. The Bishop told us that he just met with the 10 incoming seminarians and again mentioned how the bishops who were here in Cleveland for the ordination of Bishop Woost (a Mass I also participated in on August 4th), continue to be amazed at the number of priests we have here in our Diocese, due in large part to the success of our own seminaries. So please continue to pray for these new men who are discerning a call to the priesthood and pray for Bishop Malesic, newly-ordained Bishop Woost and all the priests and deacons who serve the People of God in Cleveland.

There are now brochures and registration forms on the tables in the church which describe in more detail the trip to Italy that I will be taking next March. I'm really happy with the interest shown so far but wanted to let you know that since COVID protocols have been lifted, there is no limitation on the number of those able to join us. Please feel free to take a brochure as we have many more available in the rectory office. I am happy to answer whatever questions you may have and hope many of you will be able to join us in this pilgrimage and vacation.

Next Sunday, August 21st, we will be having our Parish Picnic in the shrine area of the property, weather-permitting, but will be able to go indoors if necessary. So please plan on joining us after the 11am Mass for some good food & for the opportunity to talk with fellow parishioners. It's always a great time to catch up on what's happening in the lives of those whom you may not always see since we have 3 weekend Masses. Do stop by to eat & enjoy some time with others in our parish.

I'm sorry I kept forgetting to do this (even though I have nothing else to do), but I have finally put some pictures from our pilgrimage to the Holy Land online so you can see some of what we saw and experienced there this past May. You can just click the link on our parish website (leothegreat.org) to see the pictures. I do hope to travel there again and Eddie Abufarha (who was here last weekend selling wood carvings made in the Holy Land) and I are already talking about future trips to the Holy Land and elsewhere. It's great to live in a day & age where we can travel throughout the world, as most who came before us in human history did not have the luxury of this opportunity as we do today.

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 the first Wednesday 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. **The next meeting dates will be September 7, October 5, and November 2, 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

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



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 email her at 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 have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)
- 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT



A Steward's Growing Pains

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us.

That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST
PARISH PICNIC

FESTIVAL NEWS

Early Bird Drawing! And the winner of the first \$100 Early Bird Drawing is . . . **Edward Hoban**. Don't worry -- there are still two more chances to enter the Early Bird Drawing. The next drawing will be September 4th. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 22nd). If you haven't picked up your tickets from the main vestibule of the church, now is the time to do so. Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.



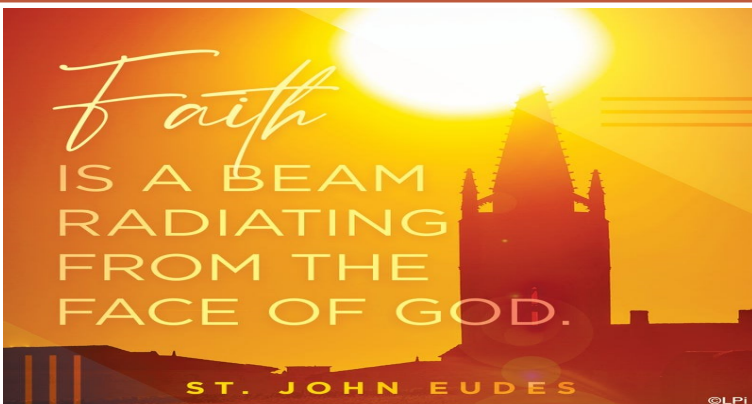
CYO

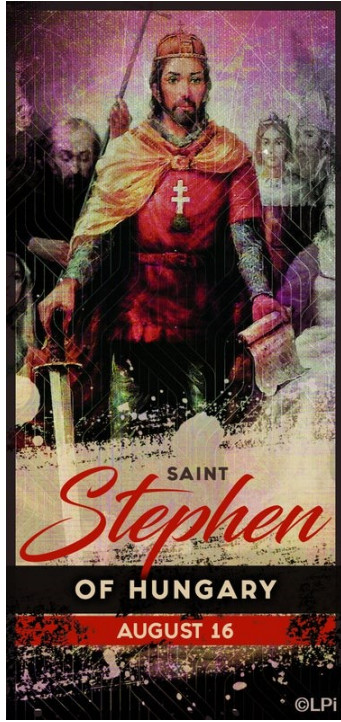
The Diocese of Cleveland CYO is looking for part time commissioners for fall sports. Applicants must work weekends and be able to travel. If you are interested please visit Catholic Charities web site to apply: <https://recruiting.ultipro.com/CAT1012CACSC/JobBoard/41d1a852-e913-429a-93ff-1d024bc3206d/>

ROSARY



Please join us in honoring Mary with the recitation of the rosary in the Marian shrine at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15th. Please bring a lawn chair as limited seating is available. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be said in the church.





St. Stephen of Hungary | August 16

Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.

RAFFLE WINNER



August 8, 2022

Tom and Mary Ann Thornton

**St. Leo the Great School
Now Enrolling
For the 2022-2023 School Year**



Cleveland Scholarships Available!
Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leotheadgreat.org
or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at
dburns@leotheadgreat.org for more information.

