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THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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.

Read the latest bulletin
and find other useful
information by visiting our
website today.

www.leothegreat.org



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FESTIVAL NEWS

Raffle Tickets: There is still time to get your Festival raffle tickets in before the Festival. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 21st.)

Sign Up Sheets: The Festival cannot happen without all of our dedicated volunteers. Sign up sheets are in the main vestibule of the Church. Please consider volunteering a few hours at the Festival on Friday, October 20th, or Saturday, October 21st.

Lawn Signs: Festival lawn signs are available in the main vestibule of the church. Please feel free to take one home to put on your lawn.

Bakery: Attention all you fabulous bakers! We welcome donations of your delicious baked goods for the bakery table at the Festival. Donations can be dropped off on Friday, October 20th, and Saturday, October 21st, prior to or during the Festival.

St. Leo the Great Parish Festival

Friday, October 20 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 Saturday, October 21 - 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Food

Honey Hut Ice Cream
 cotton candy
 Italian sausage sandwiches
 with onions & peppers
 empanadas*popcorn
 pierogies*nachos
 cabbage & noodles
 and much more!

Games & More

Kiddie Games
 \$5,000 Raffle
 Games of Skill
 Instant Bingo
 Wheels
 Gift Basket Raffle

Dining Specials

****Friday****
 Corned Beef/Reuben
 platter or sandwich

****Saturday****
 Roast Pork
 with dumplings
 and gravy

Entertainment

****Friday****
 6:00-10:00
 Dawn to Dusk
****Saturday****
 5:00-6:00 - DJ Pat Daley
 (polkas)
 6:00-10:00
 Backtrax

Specials

****Friday****

Corned Beef Sandwich	\$10.00
Corned Beef Platter (with fries & pickle)	\$12.00
Reuben Sandwich	\$10.50
Reuben Platter (with fries & pickle)	\$12.50
Roast Pork Dinner with Dumplings & Gravy	\$12.00

****Both Nights****

Italian Sausage Sandwiches (peppers & onions)	\$5.50
Empanadas	\$3.00
French Fries	\$2.50
Cabbage & Noodles	\$3.50
Pierogies (3 potato/cheese)	\$4.00
Pizza - Cheese or Pepperoni	\$2.00



Mark your calendars to join us for Mass, events & activities throughout the year!

Are you a former student of St. Leo School?
 Is your child a former student of St. Leo School?
 Please, let us know by completing a form on the parish website leothegreat.org. Under "Organizations" tab select *Alumni Association*. We hope to hear from you!

Parishioner Photos | LAST OPPORTUNITY | October 14th & 15th (TODAY) following all of the Masses. A photographer will be available in the vestibule of the church to take pictures of each parish family to mark the parish's 75th anniversary.

Presentation on the Eucharist | Oct. 15th @ 6p (in church)
Prayer Service for Right to Life | Nov. 3rd @ 5:00 p.m.
Closing Mass | Sunday, November 12th, at 11:00 a.m.
Closing Dinner | Sunday, November 12th - details in the coming weeks

MEMORIES

The first St Leo's "Oktoberfest" was the idea of Fr. Dan Schlegel. He borrowed some German music tapes from my husband, George Schleimer, to play at the Oktoberfest. We had Warsteiner beer at this gathering. The Seniors Group helped at the Oktoberfest. My dad, Ed Wolff, along with Christy Pukiewicz, made the coffee and manned the large-crowd coffee pot. Meanwhile, my mom, Helen Wolff, helped Helene Pukiewicz and others display and sell pastries. Being German, my dad sported his green Bavarian hat while my mom wore the traditional Black Forest red bollenhut with traditional red pom poms in top. Prost! -- Mary Ann Thornton

Share YOUR memories with us! Submit them to nzola@leothegreat.org or write it down on a piece of paper and turn it in to the Rectory Office. We also welcome PHOTOS throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Send YOURS to photos@leothegreat.org.

PARISHIONER PHOTOS

ONE LAST OPPORTUNITY to get your photo taken *THIS* weekend, October 14th & 15th after all of the Masses. This is an opportunity for you and your family to be part of the memories for this 75th anniversary year and future years. No advance registration required. Refreshments will be available, and participants will get a free 5" x 7" photo. Photos taken in August and September can be picked up in the rectory or in the church after the weekend Masses.



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

In Loving Memory of
Sara Ann Stupic

March 13, 1931 – September 28, 2023

Mass of Christian Burial
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

Burial: St. Patrick's Cemetery
Old Section – Lot 0 – Plot 4-D

God's Garden

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Tomon & Sons Funeral Homes

**"The Rosary is
the weapon for
these times."**
—St. Padre Pio

**October is the
month of the
Rosary**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Larry Kuznik, Irma Zappitelli, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virginia Soflakans, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavý, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdasic, 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 Bublavý, John O'Malley, Jesse Kazimer, William Wppard, Claudia Wppard, 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, Sharon Rock, Anthony Bozek, Joe Brodzinski Suzanne Brown, Joyce Stevens, Victoria Fischer, John Gierlach, Dylan Greve, Ken Perry, Danya Hansen, Leo Hansen, Michael Saul, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson and Judy Towalski.



**Sr. Catarina Pia
of the Holy Name of Jesus
Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus
Temporary Vows**

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

October 8th—October 22nd

+Carol Sladewski

"You will always be remembered with love"

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 14th—St. Calistus, Pope & Martyr

4:00pm +Helen Hrach (Fr. James Schmitz)

Sunday, October 15th— The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Ronald Vance (Bernadine & Family)

Monday, October 16th—St. Hedwig St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:30am +Mary Kay (The Zappitelli)

Tuesday, October 17th—St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

8:30am Joseph Krakora (Joan Krakora)

Wednesday, October 18th—St. Luke, Evangelist

8:30am +Carol Sladewski (Lou Sladewski)

First Friday, October 20th—St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:30am +Anthony Muraco (Fr. James Schmitz)

Saturday, October 21st—Weekday

4:00pm +Marilyn Summers (Donald Summers)

Sunday, October 22nd— The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Bill Skora (Family)

*Notes: The + before a person's name indicates that they are deceased.
There is no Mass here at St. Leo's on Thursdays.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-10

The mountain dearest to the people of Israel was Mount Zion, the place upon which Jerusalem's temple was built. The prophet Isaiah, preaching during a time of political upheaval, foresees a day when God will gather on Mount Zion all the people of the world for a great banquet.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20

On his missionary journeys, Paul took pride in supporting himself as a leatherworker. Now it's different. Paul is in prison and dependent upon his beloved Philippians. They generously sent him help, the only Christian community known to do so. As he now concludes his letter to them, Paul thanks them for their support and encouragement.

SUNDAY Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-2/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

MONDAY Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

THURSDAY Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

FRIDAY Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

SATURDAY Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Ladies (18 and up), no matter where you are in your journey, please, join us **Tuesday, October 17, 2023 from 6:15p.m.-7:30p.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 in our Journeys as women of the faith. For more information contact Pat at 216-403-1523 or Barb at 216-302-5454 or email Nina at ncapone@leothegreat.org

**We are not asked
merely to call
ourselves Christians;
we are asked
to be Christians
through our deeds.**



St. Ignatius of Antioch

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH ORGANIZATION

Jesus identifies himself with the needy person whom you assist. As you approach the Poor Boxes, remember His words: "I was hungry and you fed me." The Poor Boxes can be seen as the "Bread boxes" of the poor.

TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY - THANK YOU!

Thank you for your financial donations to our Blanket Sunday Collection. The Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society will make your money go further with bulk purchases for use in our own metropolitan area. Just put your money in an envelope marked "SVDP Blanket Sunday" or pick up a blanket Sunday envelope that are on the tables at the entrances of the Church and deposit it in the collection basket or take it to the rectory office. Please "blanket" someone for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul BLANKET SUNDAY DRIVE

Your donation allows the Society to make bulk purchases of blankets and other necessities for the poor, needy, homeless and disadvantaged in the Diocese of Cleveland. Thank you for your generosity!

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Parish _____

Donation Amount \$ _____



Place your **tax deductible** donation into the collection basket or mail it to:
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Diocese of Cleveland
1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, OH 44114

Donate online at svdpCLE.org

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Serving Others (Part 3 of 3)

In the last two weeks, we have discussed the importance of serving others as a way to focus less on ourselves, as well as ways to maintain the delicate balance of serving others and taking care of ourselves at the same time. This week, I thought it might be useful to discuss serving and loving God. How do we love and serve God? When I reflect on serving God, it reminds me of how frequently we can forget the one-on-one intimacy that God is calling us to with Him. It is useful to imagine God like we would any relationship in our life. Imagine a friendship or spousal relationship in your life. Would it be loving to serve them by cleaning their home, washing their car, and serving them food, but then never sitting down to talk to them and spend time with them? On the other hand, would it be loving to spend time with them getting to know them, but then be unwilling to do anything for them? The same is true in our relationship with God. We love and serve God by praying AND serving our fellow brothers and sisters. If we try to do one without the other, we have missed the point of the Gospel. Praying and pursuing good boundaries helps us to maintain our spiritual life and mental health, while serving others helps us to get outside of ourselves and find compassion, peace, and joy in our service. Just like any loving relationship, God wants to know us and for us to know Him, and that only happens by taking the time to sit with Him. This week, consider reflecting on the call to love and serve God, as well as the call to one-on-one intimacy with Him like we do in our current daily loving relationships. —Luke Brown, LPCC

Holistic Catholic Counseling
www.sacredheartcleveland.com
440-305-6192

Everyday Stewardship

"God Will Provide" Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Art Buchwald, the longtime humorist for the Washington Post who died in 2007 is credited with saying, "The best things in life aren't things." As Christians, we know this statement to be true. Certainly the best things in our lives are not those items that money can buy or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true.

Paul wrote in the fourth chapter of his Letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but he does give us what we need.

The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free, though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

I received an email from a reputable religious goods store which showed pictures of various statues they had obtained & were selling. They are all marble statues which means they would be suitable for display either inside or outside. We have received many donations in recent years, including from people who thoughtfully remembered St. Leo in their will, but I have not been able to come up with anything to use those donations for, until now. One of the statues on display which "caught my eye" (you'll get that in a minute) was one of St. Lucy (also referred to as St. Lucia). I saw the actual body of St. Lucy which is in a glass casket behind the high altar of a church in Venice. She is clothed in a red dress as she had died as a martyr. All we really know about her is that she was very young (probably about 21). She was born in 283 and died in 304 during the Diocletianic Persecution of the Church. Also known as Lucia of Syracuse, St. Lucy is also one of 8 women (including the Blessed Virgin Mary) who is mentioned in the first Eucharistic Prayer (also known as the "Roman Canon"), which I tend to use mainly at Christmas and Easter time. Her feast day is December 13th. What we do know about her is that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian, and so she was executed in Sicily. In medieval accounts about her, Lucy's eyes were gouged out prior to her execution. In this statue, you can see therefore a pair of eyes on a dish which Lucy is holding in her left hand, and palm branches in her right hand, which is an ancient biblical symbol of martyrdom. Since St. Lucy is patron of those with no or poor eyesight, I thought she would be a good patron for us as many in our parish struggle with their vision, especially as they get older (I myself had a detached retina & almost lost vision in my left eye). You will be able to see this beautiful marble statue which stands 5 feet, 7 inches, if you look to the right of where our statue of St. Francis of Assisi is at by the side doors of the church, which is where most people enter our church from the rectory parking lot. St. Lucy will be placed on the old base of our marble pulpit and will be against the wall of the sacristy. So if you have made a donation in recent years with no expressed purpose in mind, please know we are grateful that we were able to purchase this statue due to your generosity. St. Lucy, pray for us!

On October 6th, I celebrated the funeral Mass for Sara Stupic, and I was so happy to see several parishioners there to pray for her. She was known especially by those in the Senior group and by many whom she would see & talk to at Mass. Sara was a very devout Catholic and a gentle and kind person who has been living in another state for about a year where she could be close to relatives. But they assured me that she joined us via livestream for Mass here at St. Leo's. Sara was married to her husband Edward for 32 years and had many nieces & nephews. Sara served as a Eucharistic Minister here and really enjoyed distributing the Body & Blood of Christ to others. May she now enjoy the presence of Christ forever in the kingdom promised to those who are faithful to him.

I'd like to remind you that this Sunday evening (October 15th), Trapper Jack will speak to us about the Eucharist at 6pm in the church. Jack has spoken to us before and all who have heard him were really grateful for his insights into our Catholic Faith. In fact, his visit is very timely as Trapper is legally blind and so we will especially ask for St. Lucy's intercession on his behalf. So please join us as we hear him speak of his own experience of the Eucharist and how important that has been in his life of faith.

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:
November 6th and December 4th

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 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 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.



Sunday, October 8, 2023

Sun. Envelope	\$	5,814.75
WeShare	\$	1,535.00
Total	\$	7,349.75
Cap. Improv	\$	669.00
WeShare	\$	175.00
Total	\$	844.00
SVDP	\$	70.00
WeShare	\$	5.00
Total	\$	75.00

September Totals

Catholic Communications: \$320.00



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

October 9, 2023

Congrats, Ben Bykowski!!!

CURRENT GIFT CARD DEALS

Buy a \$25 Cinemark Gift Card
and get a FREE \$10 Gift Card to Wendy's!
Stop by the Rectory Office and ask us about our deals!



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

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AMISH COUNTRY

Monday, November 13, 2023

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Shopping at: Sol's in Berlin, Schrock Heritage Village, Tis The Season, Coblenz Chocolates, Walnut Creek Cheese, and Breitenbach Winery, Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant (included)

Deadline: Monday, October 23rd!!!

JACK CASINO | Christmas Lights Display

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Cost: \$34 per person

Casino Bonus: \$10 | \$5.55 Senior Lunch
Public Square & Christmas Story House

Deadline : November 17, 2023

Reminder: Please park your vehicles closest to W.25th (back entrance) on the day of the event to keep access to our church and rectory office easy for daily visitors.

*Thank you for
you continued
generosity and
support of
St. Leo the Great
Parish !*

8th Grade Retreat | Camp Christopher

The 8th graders spent time on retreat down in Stow, OH back on October 4th, where they learned and practiced the different ways of praying.



Please remember this keep this class in your own prayers. Lift up ALL of our students at St. Leo the Great. Pray that they let the good Lord into their hearts and minds so they may find and keep confidence in who they are in their relationship with our Creator—who made us all unique but also in His own image and likeness and longs for us to be with Him with one another in Communion. May they have reverence for a Father—who truly loves and forgives. May they find compassion and comfort with a Brother—who walks with us in our suffering. Pray they find Peace from a Prophet—who teaches us “Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life!” (John 5:24).

In a world where there is increasing pressure and reliance upon a society that so easily influences and manipulates the young by telling them who they should be, we must never stop praying that our students spend time in the Word and learn the ways of the Apostles so that they may be awakened to who they truly ARE in Christ and remember that we are all called to be saints.



Online registration is now open for cycle education programs at Veranova Health in Middleburg Hts. Programs are offered for girls, teens, single women and couples - all with a focus on understanding and appreciating how the fertility cycle works in a woman's body. For girls and teens, to help them realize how they can be proactive with their health through nutrition and the factors that influence hormone function. For women with cycle issues like PCOS, to learn strategies for these, for couples struggling with infertility, to identify causes and address them, or for those who want NFP for family planning, there are several options. Please visit

veranovahealth.org/learning-to-chart/

You can also contact Veranova clinic at
info@veranovahealth.org or 440-732-2173.



Issue 1 Puts Women at Risk - Vote NO by November 7

The Catholic Church honors Mary, the Mother of God, as the perfect model of the love that God wants to share with every person. When Catholics look to Mary, her cousin Elizabeth, or her ancestor Ruth, we see that God's plan for the world's salvation was entrusted to women. In Ohio, an amendment on this November's ballot puts women at risk and the Catholic Church cannot stand by as women are threatened in our state. The Catholic bishops of Ohio urge the faithful to Vote NO on Issue 1, which puts women at risk by...

- **Endangering health and safety standards for women** – Ohio laws that require that a woman has guaranteed access to a hospital during an abortion in case of an emergency or the 24-hour waiting period before having an abortion could be struck down.

Issue 1 claims to help women, but this policy would put women at risk. Our faith teaches us that pregnant women deserve a community of support, so Catholics cannot be silent when an extreme amendment threatens to remove protections for women's health and safety.

Learn more at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect.

Your vote is needed to save Ohio from this extreme amendment. Look up your early voting location at www.voteohio.gov and protect women in Ohio by **Voting NO on Issue 1**.



The Catholic Conference of Ohio is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education. www.ohiocathconf.org

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

Pro-Life Group Meeting

Wednesday October 18, 2023 at 1:00 pm
in the Parish Center. This month we will be studying and discussing the upcoming November election, especially issue 1 on the ballot that will PERMANENTLY remove the bans on abortion in Ohio at all stages. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Because our country remains under constant attack from evil, we ask all to continue praying to St. Michael the Archangel, as often as you can. He can help us defeat the enemy.

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

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.