

Church of St. Leo the Great

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March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Lent



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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself." - Jn 12:32

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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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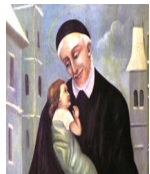
HAVE-A-HEART LEND-A-HAND



This is the last week for Have a Heart donations. Please bring donations to the rectory by Friday, March 22nd, or to the school cafeteria on Saturday, March 23rd from 2 to 4 pm. May God bless you for your generosity!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

After enjoying a delicious fish dinner, please join your fellow parishioners in the church at 7:00 p.m. each Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. Make a prayerful journey to Calvary with Jesus and form a better understanding of what He endured.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

It's not what we GIVE but what we SHARE that gives us life. A gift enriches the receiver, but something shared enriches everyone. Share what you have during this Lenten Season through your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization. You will be richer for it.

EASTER DISTRIBUTION

The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program will also be giving our families a gift card to purchase their Easter ham and additional items to help make their Easter dinner more complete. Please consider a donation to help us with this expense. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVDP Easter" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory Office.

CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are an Online Giver and would no longer like to be receiving envelopes, or, if you contribute with envelopes but would like to switch to online giving, please call us at the rectory office 216-661-1006 to request.

HELP NEEDED

Looking for a mature woman from the parish to take care of 94 year old man starting with one day/week and possibly expanding to more days in the future. Please respond with any questions or interest to katieg4570@hotmail.com.

OUTDOOR PRAYER WALK

All those in the community are welcome, on Holy Saturday March 30, 2024 at 10:00 am, to join an outdoor prayer walk/ Stations of the Cross at the Jesuit Retreat Center 5629 State Road, Parma OH 44134. This experience began in 1994 by a Women's Renewal Group through St. Leo the Great Church. Join us for our 30th year! No registration is needed; just meet in the main parking lot behind the Retreat House. For additional information, contact Lori at 216-970-0100

The Parent Teacher Committee and Athletics invites you to the

50th Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

March 24, 2024
9:00am-12:30pm in Lux Hall

Our Regular Breakfast is
\$12 for Adults | \$10 for children.
This includes pancakes, eggs, home fries, sausage or bacon, juice and coffee.
The pancakes are all you can eat!

Our Feature Item is
Banana Bread French Toast (\$12.00).

Continue the tradition or start a new one!
Bring your family after Mass.

We'll be selling tickets for the 50/50 Raffle!

All proceeds help support the activities we provide for our St. Leo Lions! All support is great support! Thank You :)

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Ladies, all ages, no matter where you are in your faith journey, please, join us on:

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:30p.m. (until about 8p)

in the Parish Center (voting will be going on in the Great Room so we will be in Conference Room across the hall). 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.



Please stop in the main vestibule to see the banner of parishioner photos above the display case.

Thank you to everyone who participated, and a special thank you to John Sabol for re-creating the image of the church building used in the banner. You may recall that the image was used as part of the 50th anniversary logo. While a church is a building, it is the people who make up the Church.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



ROSARY

Looking for a way to add more prayerfulness to your Lenten observances? Please join us on **Thursday, March 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the church** to pray the rosary. If you are not familiar with the rosary, we

will provide you with everything you need. Please enter through the doors closest to the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are plenty of weekdays available for Mass Intentions for the first half of the year. The stipend is \$10.00. Stop by the Rectory Office during the week or in the back vestibule after weekend Masses to see what dates we have open.

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 Softkancs, 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, Leo Hansen, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson, Judy Towalski, Susan Mante, Vicki Przybylski, Kristi Burkhart, Maria Giangrande, Amanda Pacanavsky, Karen Horvath, Chris Geiger, Scott, Jesse Wilson, Kathy Patterson, Jack Gibas, Christine Slaghter, Gloria Ashworth, Dan & Teri Divincenzo, Maryann Kosakowski, Ranae Walters, Cady Williams, Dave Collins, Tom Cramer, Joan Lowry, and Gloria Hiendlmayr.



Sr. Catarina Pia of the Heart of Jesus
Handmaids of the
Heart of Jesus

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
March 10th—March 23rd
+Carol Sladewski
Always remembered with love

MASS INTENTIONS AND LITURGICAL EVENTS

SAT: Mar 16th	Lenten Weekday
Mass at 4:00p.m.	Sladewski & Straus Families (Louis Sladewski)
SUN: Mar 17th	The 5th Sunday of Lent
Mass at 8:00a.m.	Sr. Patricia Raelene Peters (John Peters)
Mass at 11:00a.m.	People of the Parish

MON: Mar 18th Lenten Weekday

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Sonia Caraballo

TUES: Mar 19th St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 8:30a.m. Deceased members of the Shadd & Hromada Families (Mary Ellen & Narlin Shadd)

WED: Mar 20th Lenten Weekday

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Audra Snow (Dennis & Nancy Badar)

FRI: Mar 22nd Lenten Weekday

Mass at 8:30a.m. Thanksgiving (Joseph Krakora)

2:00p.m. Shadow Stations

7:00p.m. Stations of the Cross

SAT: Mar 23rd Lenten Weekday

Mass at 4:00p.m. +Marie & +Ralph Alltop (Jessica & Lora Pepera)

SUN: Mar 24th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00a.m. People of the Parish

9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Pancake Breakfast (in Lux Hall)

Mass at 11:00a.m. +Billy Strodtbeck Jr. (The Hamilton Family)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45*

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The prophet Jeremiah ministered at a difficult time in Jewish history. Jerusalem, their beloved capitol, had been destroyed, and most of the people taken captive to far-off Babylon. In this gloomy setting, Jeremiah expresses the conviction that the Lord will raise up a new leader from the line of David to restore and rebuild their homeland.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7-9

The Letter to the Hebrews was written to a Christian community that had become dispirited and whose faith was faltering. Jesus is presented in today's passage as a model of suffering and a source of strength in time of need. (This passage is also part of the second reading on Good Friday.)

REFLECTIONS BY LUKE BROWN | SACRED HEART COUNSELING

"Marriage is the call to give oneself to one's spouse as fully as Christ gave himself to the Church." (USCCB: Love & Life in the Divine Plan) We are nearing Christ's passion and Christ makes clear the purpose of the cross. He will soon experience torture, ridicule, humiliation, and betrayal. Despite his grave suffering, he chooses the way of the cross for us. Christ calls us to love others as he loves us. One significant way he does this is through the sacrament of marriage. What crosses must we endure in our vocation to marriage, and how do we respond to them? Love is self-sacrificing and as St. Thomas Aquinas so poignantly says, "love is to will the good of another." In marriage, there will be many crosses, and this is the sacrament at work. As a couple, we are to share in the cross together, grow in virtue, and suffer with Christ. This is the purpose of the sacrament to bring us closer in union with him. To turn to Christ in our vocation as a married couple, we must give ourselves completely to our spouse. In this, we give up our autonomy, that which is uniquely ours, and choose to do so freely. "Unless the wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest." In marriage, we must die to ourselves as well as to this world. Our human brokenness is found in this life and world, neither of which we were made for. To die to self is to live for Christ, with Christ, and through Christ. Marriage is one of the many ways Christ calls us to serve him. It is easy to get caught up in focusing on our spouse which is not other-oriented. What "we" find frustrating about our spouse, what "we" think about how they live, and what "we" need or want often can become our focal point. This is our human nature, however, Christ wants us to look to him, even in these little moments in marriage. Many times, it is the littlest of things where he calls us most often to practice our virtues in marriage. Accept his invitation to turn to him at such times. The opportunity to imitate Christ is present in the many struggles and difficulties that we find in marriage. Christ draws us closer when we share our gratitude for the graces that he will bestow upon us when we surrender to his will through accepting our crosses. This is where we find Christ and where a husband and wife are purified. It is here that we

learn humility, patience, and the opportunity to choose love. Self-forgetful and self-sacrificing love reveals itself when we embrace our crosses in marriage. Here we lay down our worldly lives, in faith, that we will one day be unified with him in eternal life. — LUKE BROWN

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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.

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 Bena-dryl, 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

▼ **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.



3 Things You Should Know About the Real St. Patrick!

1. HE WAS NOT IRISH!

St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain then kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland when he was 16.

2. His birth name was Maewyn Succat.

He changed his name to **PATRICIUS** after becoming a priest.

3. After escaping slavery in Ireland and becoming a priest, he willingly returned to the country to promote Catholicism.

He is now the **PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND**.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I recently had a great corned beef sandwich from Joe's Deli in Rocky River just to make sure I satisfied my Irish itch in case some tragedy prevents me from indulging in more corned beef this week. In fact I saw parishioners there along with a man I knew from a former parish who plays a great Santa Claus (even here at our school). The wait was long but it was worth it. I always have matzo ball soup (with the vegetables strained from the broth of course) as this just seems to be a good fit for an Irish meal. I think sometimes about changing my name to O'Schmitz but something about that just doesn't seem right. I look forward to our second Lobster Tail dinner (already consumed by the time you read this), especially since I couldn't make the last Fish Fry due to really bad allergies that day.

It's hard to believe that next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. I'll list our Holy Week services in next week's bulletin but wanted to remind you of the importance of entering into the mysteries of that week so that your Easter can be one of real joy. You are welcome to bring your old palms to the church but honestly it's best that you just discard them at home (which is perfectly permissible) as we have so many ashes from burning palms in the past that we would have enough for 200 Ash Wednesdays. Of course you'll receive fresh palms next weekend when you come to Mass so be sure to take a few and hold them during the opening procession as a reminder that they express our praise of Jesus who entered the city of Jerusalem to great shouts of joy and acclamation. You can also be mindful of wearing red clothing if you wish as that is the color of that day which we also call "Passion" Sunday because of the passionate love of God for us (which brought him much sacrificial suffering).

Here's something I read recently which put a different perspective on what it means to help someone. I'm hoping it may give you pause, as it did me, to think about our Lenten efforts differently:

Just as fasting means more than just eating less food, so almsgiving covers more than just the rattle of coins in a collecting-box. Let me share some unsettling thoughts about it. In the old days we used to light fires. We would rake out surplus ash, crumple newspaper, put thin sticks on it, one or two thicker ones, get some coal ready. We would strike a match, light the paper, and finally, after a longer or shorter struggle with flames and fuels, we would have a good fire burning and warming us. Nowadays we turn a dial or press a button.

In the old days we were told to feed the hungry, give a home to the homeless, clothe the naked and visit prisoners and the sick. Nowadays we make a donation. We give coins to the collection or click a button on a screen.

The new way of warming our rooms is cleaner than the old. The new way of doing works of mercy is cleaner too. We never have to look at someone hungry, or a ragged stranger, or someone sick or in prison. The advantages are many. Let me list them. I am safe. I don't have to worry that I might be helping the wrong person, or the right person in the wrong way.

Clean, safe and hygienic it all may be. But the Gospel does not say 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you paid someone else to do this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you paid someone else to do it for me.' People are people, not units of neediness. People need people, not machines.

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:
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:

Parmesan Crusted Tilapia
Baked Seasoned Cod
Battered Fried Fish
Breaded Shrimp
Pierogis

Includes:

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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PRO LIFE MEETING — ALL ARE WELCOME

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center

We will be having a discussion on the March election results as well as other life issues. We encourage everyone to pray the following as often as possible:

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:

Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-394-5803

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2024 Charity Campaign

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May 18, 2024
Northern Kentucky Convention Center
Covington, KY

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8th to 9th Prizes \$1,500 10th to 13th Prizes \$1,250

14th to 17th Prizes \$1,000 18th to 21st Prizes \$750

22nd to 25th Prizes \$500

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

By: Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

During the Lenten season we observe certain practices of sacrifice and self-denial as an offering to God and as good spiritual training for this race we are engaged in called life. These things are good for us but they should not remain only in Lent. In fact, we should always be about working towards a complete surrender of ourselves to the will of God. Jesus taught that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it cannot bear fruit. It will remain the same always and will not lead to any type of growth. We are the grains of wheat that need to die to ourselves in order to be born again.

However, many of us are the same today as last Lent and the many Lents before that. We have not moved forward to a more mature faith that makes it possible for us to be transformed. Surrender is not easy. But we need to see our observance of Lent as a way to move forward. No athlete lifts the same weight forever. No dieter finds satisfaction in losing the same 5 pounds year after year. We must work to always be moving toward holiness.

This is the commitment of an everyday steward. We are called to pray today than yesterday. We are called to love more today than yesterday. Standing still is not an option. Our God is calling us to grow in our discipleship and stewardship for the benefit of our souls and the health of the Body of Christ.

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River's Casino | Pittsburgh, PA

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Casino Bonus: \$20 slot play, \$5 Food Credit
\$46/person

Deadline: Tuesday, March 26th

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Monday, May 13, 2024

Lunch at Hartville Kitchen (included)
\$78/person

Deadline: Tuesday, April 23rd

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Thursday, June 27th

Casino Bonus: \$50 slot play, \$20 food credit
Buffet Open

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Friday, June 28th

Casino Bonus: \$25 slot play, \$5 food credit
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