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## February 12, 2023 Sixth 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.



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#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food and collection to assist those in need is next weekend, January 18th and 19th. Items that we are most in need of are:

Canned Corn	Canned Green Beans	Scalloped Potatoes	
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Canned Mixed Vegetables	Canned Baked Beans	
Canned Pasta	Pasta Sauce	Canned Diced Tomatoes	
Assorted Soups	Ramen Noodles	Tuna Fish	
Rice & Noodle Sides	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Cereal	
Canned Fruit	Pancake Syrup	Dishwashing Soap & Bar Soap	

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



## St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent February 24th to March 31st Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Includes:

Dinners - choice of: Baked Filet Almondine Baked Seasoned Cod

Choice of baked potato or fries, coleslaw or applesauce, roll and butter

Battered Fried Fish Breaded Shrimp Pierogies

Combo Meal-add 3 pierogies

Weekly Specials - Fish Tacos, Seafood Empanadas, Salmon Patty Dinner

Fish Sandwich fried fish with cheese on a roll served with fries and coleslaw

Kids Meal choice of: fried fish/pizza/ mac & cheese/pierogi with fries and drink (age 10 & under please)

A la carte menu

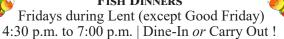
Baked potato French fries Cheese pizza Pierogies (3) Mac & cheese Cabbage & noodles Side of fish Soup of the day (2 fried or 1 baked) Dessert Available

St. Leo the Great Church - Lux Hall 4900 Broadview Road - Cleveland



Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the events and activities throughout the year!

FISH DINNERS



#### **Memories**

In the days when the nuns filled most of the teaching positions at the school, the priests were invited to come to the school to distribute the report cards. At the time, Fr. Lux was pastor and there were two associates so you didn't know which priest you would get. When the priest entered the room, everyone sat in complete silence. When the priest called your name to come forward to get your report card, you felt as though you were being called to take your place before the firing squad. You held your breath as the priest looked at your report card. If it was a good report card, the priest might tell you that you get a piece of pie for your hard work. Before one set of report cards came out, one of the nuns asked the parents of her students to bake pies. When the priest got done distributing the report cards and dispensing the imaginary pieces of pie, the tables were turned as he was presented with several pies to take back to the rectory.

Do you have a favorite memory from the past 75 years? If so, please submit it to nzola@leothegreat.org. We also welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Please forward your photos to photos@leothegreat.org.

ment regarding that event.



Ordinations are normally held at the Cathedral. In a rare instance, St. Leo's hosted an ordination.

-John Sabol



WE ARE INDEED HONORED to have the Sacred Order of the Deaconate conferred on 17 young men, who will be ordained priests in May, here at St. Leo

On February 4 1973, one of the major events that marked the

25th anniversary of St. Leo the Great Parish was the ordination of 17 seminarians as deacons. This was the Bulletin announce-

this afternoon at a special Ordination Mass at 3 P.M. It is an honor to have the Bishop bless our parish with this rare ceremony.

And this was the announcement the next week, February 11,

"OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION.". is expressed to all by the 17 young men who were ordained last Sunday in our church of St. Leo. As the Bishop said in thanks to all the parish, "I am certain God's special blessings will come to you through this ordination." We thank all who responded to the call for baked goods who gave their time as hostesses/hosts, who worked and cleaned to make it a milestone in our parish. Our pity to those who did not participate in any way.

Take a look!

# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Gary Skelley, Virgina Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Anna Mendoza. Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, 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, MaryKay Simonek, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Kenneth Lees, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Claudia Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Matt Sansavera, and Joe Jares.

## PRO-LIFE GROUP will be meeting on Wednesday

on Wednesday,

February 15, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. This month we will focus on end of life issues, the Church's teachings on euthanasia and part of the encyclical Evangelium Vitae, by Pope St. John Paul II, which covers myriad life issues. 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 216-741-1536.

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.



#### **CAMERON FERRELL** SS. PETER AND PAUL, DOYLESTOWN I THEOLOGY, SAINT MARY

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.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 13th— Weekday

8:30am +Bill Kordick (Wife)

Tuesday, February 14th—St. Cyril and St. Methodius

8:30am +Ralph Rath (Chris Rath)

Wednesday, February 15th—Weekday

8:30am +Michael Ciereszewski (Mother)

Friday, February 17th—Weekday

8:30am +Rose & Stan Pellev (The Pellev Family)

Saturday, February 18th—Weekday

4:00pm +Margret Menge (Donald Menge)

Sunday, February 19th—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Rudy Dejelo

Since there is no Mass here at St. Leo's on Thursdays you can attend Mass at one of our other local parishes; St. Charles (7am), St. Barbara (7:30am), St. Francis de Sales (8:45am) or Mary Queen of Peace (8am).



#### Rosary

Please join us for the recitation of the rosary in church on:

Thursday, February 16th @ 7:00p.m.

Make this part of your hourly prayer for the day. Please enter through the doors closest to the rectory.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: SIRACH 15:15-20

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's passage, he urges his students to make the right choices in life.

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10** 

Paul continues to address the Corinthian community who criticized him because, according to Greek standards, he lacked wisdom. To the Greeks, wisdom meant a certain pattern of logical reasoning that followed fixed forms. In this reading, Paul speaks of wisdom that is far greater than this.

**SUNDAY** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

MONDAY Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

**TUESDAY** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/ Mk 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-

**THURSDAY** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-

FRIDAY Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

SATURDAY Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

#### ENCOURAGING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. *Love demands extraordinary things*. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic. — Father John Muir

#### SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Don't Live a Lie By:** Tracy Earl Welliver

One day, my son was explaining to his mother that he felt she had lied to him. It was nothing very important, but he wanted to take this opportunity to share how important telling the truth is to him. He explained that he simply tells it like it is in all aspects of his life. But an hour later, we caught him in a lie! Again, it was not about a matter of life and death, but it was a lie. When confronted with his own previous words on how important telling the truth was to him, he just smiled.

Yes, the guilty often have no words of defense. Jesus said it best in Matthew 5: "Let your 'yes' mean 'yes' and your 'no' mean 'no." He was warning his disciples about false oaths and then instructing them on the fullness of the Hebrew laws. We may try to do what we say and say what we mean, but it can be all too easy to fall short. We call ourselves disciples yet provide evidence to the contrary by our actions (or lack of them). Even if we feel that we have lied to no one, we may have lied to ourselves. We portray ourselves as generous, thankful, and loving people, yet fail to answer God's call in a situation because we perceive the cost to be too great.

Jesus did not simply mean for his message to be about two words. He also meant that when you say you are a disciple, make sure you are a disciple as well.

#### **PRACTICING CATHOLIC**

Feelings and Shiny Things
By:Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items — a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary — are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass...well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest. They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse.

These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is an acceptable way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt primarily with actions. Do this. Do not do this. All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness.

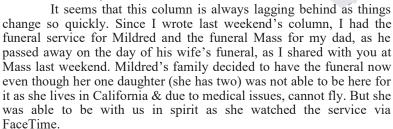
Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison.

"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away."

— *Matthew 5:30* 

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,



I want to thank all of you who offered me "assurances of faith" as we say at the end of our funeral Mass, and to all who were present at the funeral Mass for Dad. My siblings, nieces & nephews and I are all deeply grateful for your prayers & support during this time. I believe my dad would have been proud of us and I know that we are so proud and grateful to have had such wonderful parents. How important family is for both our personal growth as well as for the good of society. As Pope St. John Paul II said, "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." Such words reveal their truth today. May Dad and Mom & Mildred all rest in God's perfect peace (until we get there!).

I'm glad that some were able to join us for the funeral Mass virtually through our live-streaming technology. So I want to let you know that if the funeral Mass of a loved one takes place here at St. Leo's, we are happy to have it live-streamed for the sake of those unable to be physically present for it. In fact, you are able to view any past live-streamed Mass or event for up to a year after it has been broadcast live (that is how long the company keeps the video available on their server). To view any past broadcast, just click the "Watch on Demand Video" link on the homepage of our parish website (leothegreat.org). Then just click in the search box and look up the name of the broadcast (such as the name of your deceased loved one in the case of a funeral Mass). We are also able to offer you the ability to have a copy of the video itself in MP4 format, which you can store & view on your phone, tablet or computer. However we need to provide the link for you to that from our rectory office so just reach out to me or to the Office Manager & I will be happy to help with that.

Today (if you're reading this on Sunday) is Super Bowl Sunday. I have to confess that I'm not a fan of watching these games anymore but I do participate in eating the food that generally accompanies such festivities so I ordered some subs that the Boy Scouts were providing for this occasion. Remember to pick them up in the school cafeteria between 9am and 1pm today. We were happy to have the Boy Scouts at the 11am Mass last Sunday and welcome Troop 24 to our parish! Please let us know if you have a son who would like to join this troop. I was a Cub Scout when I was younger & really enjoyed the friendships made and all that I learned. It's an admirable organization and I'm grateful to Mike Robinson & Marty Criscuolo for taking on this responsibility and for being adults that these young men can look up to.

One of my greatest joys in ministry is being able to share the truths of our Catholic faith with those who are seeking (or who actually are being sought!). Over my life, I continue to find such joy in the always-growing knowledge of God's love for me and for the world. As a Catholic Community, we seek to know Truth, Goodness & Beauty, which is God Himself. So if you yourself are not Catholic, or a fully initiated Catholic (which means you haven't yet been confirmed or received Holy Communion), and are interested in learning more, please reach out to me. I'm always anxious to share with others the joy of faith and the good news of God's love.

James / Johnsty

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 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: March 1, May 3, and June 7, 2023 THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN APRIL DUE TO HOLY WEEK.

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 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.



The Knights of Columbus will cover the cost if signed up as a group. Contact Deacon Pat Berigan for more information at <a href="mailto:pberigan@leothegreat.org">pberigan@leothegreat.org</a> or at the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.

#### UPCOMING BUS TRIPS



For reservations or questions please contact: Ms. Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123



Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Cost: \$48 per person Deadline: March 20, 2023

Thursday, June 8, 2023 Cost: \$56 per person Deadline: Tuesday, May 16, 2023





Thursday, July 13, 2023

Cost: \$78 per person Deadline: Monday, June 26, 2023



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023 FROM 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Internationally acclaimed speaker, author, and TV host, **Chris Stefanick**, will be bringing his Reboot! series to Saint Ambrose!

**TICKETS:** \$39 per ticket. \$30 when purchasing 4 or more. Contact Gayle Oboy at GOboy@stambrose.us or reach her at 330.460.7300 for more info!



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 | A TIME TO HEAL, A TIME TO HELP

The 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin, which includes our parish's goal and an overview of the importance of Catholic Charities in our communities. This year's appeal theme is "A time to heal, A time to help." Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable.

As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 18-19. All who have not received the mailing form Bishop Malesic, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it and we ask you to also complete the in-pew envelope and indicate by checking the box that you have responded by mail.

We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2023Appeal.





#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saint Augustine health ministries is seeking volunteers to assist our nursing home residence to attend daily mass in our chapel. Many of our residents cherish the opportunity to spend time in prayer and fellowship, hearing, or reciting the familiar words and singing the familiar hymns. Attending mass and receiving the Eucharist have been an important part of their lives for many years, and it is comforting to continue the practice of their faith.

Volunteers are crucial to making sure that as many residents who wish to, can attend. "Holy rollers" transport residents from their rooms to the facilities chapel. Lectors, alter servers, and Eucharist Ministers assist the priest during the mass. Musicians who sing or play an instrument add so much richness to the services.

Individuals or small groups who are interested in any of these roles are welcome. We ask volunteers to commit to a couple hours weekly or monthly. We are located at 7801 Detroit Ave, in Cleveland, 44102. Masses are held Monday through Saturday at 4 PM, and Sunday at 10 AM. We especially need volunteer assistance on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Mullen, volunteer and community, outreach manager, at (216) 939–7601 or you can email her at <a href="Mmullen@st-aug.org">Mmullen@st-aug.org</a>.

# THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER FEBRUARY 5, 2023 EILEEN KOVACIK

Sun. Envelope	WeShare	Total
\$5,850.00	\$1,265.00	\$7,115.00
Cap. Improv	We Share	Total
\$163.00	\$15.00	\$178.00
SVDP	We Share	Total
\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
	\$5,850.00 Cap. Improv \$163.00 SVDP	\$5,850.00 \$1,265.00 Cap. Improv We Share    \$163.00 \$15.00 SVDP We Share

#### Honor Roll



9th Grade Araceli Ortiz

9th Grade Alexandra Tehoke

10th Grade Timothy Pickett

11th Grade Frederick Borkey, III

11th Grade James Gallo



12th Grade Zachary Jerson

9th Grade Adam Noga

10th Grade Joshua Novak

12th Grade Justin Ortega

9th Grade Colin Robinson

9th Grade William Rosby

12th Grade Christopher Tipton

10th Grade Grady Wilson



**Boy Scouts Troop 24** would like express their gratitude to all those who placed food orders and/or sponsored their Super Bowl Sub Sale! Your support helps cover the costs of their summer camps and other troop expenses. Your generosity and consideration for this, and *all* of our parish's youth organizations, is tremendously appreciated. Remember to pick-up your order on 2/12 from 9a-1p in the cafeteria.



Apply now for Fall Enrollment! Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leothegreat.org or please contact our Principal, Mrs. Denise Burns at dburns@leothegreat.org for more details.