



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

March 6, 2022

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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.

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St. Leo Fish Dinners 2022

Lobster Dinner - Friday, March 11th
Lobster Tail - Baked Potato or Fries -
Coleslaw or Apple Sauce - Roll with Butter
Advance Ticket Sale Only - \$25.00

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

Advance Ticket Sales Only
Rectory Office
Tickets Available Until
Monday, March 7th

Regular Fish Dinner
Selections Available



In Loving Memory of
Irene Frances Venesky
May 6, 1928 - February 11, 2022

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make His face shine upon
you and be gracious to you; the
Lord turn His face toward you and
give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26*

YURCH
Funeral Home



In Loving Memory of

DENNIS DINA

July 11, 1950—Feb. 19, 2022

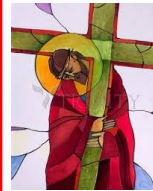
— FUNERAL SERVICE —

Monday, February 28, 2022
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
10:00 A.M.

— INTERMENT —
Ohio Western Reserve
National Cemetery

Thy sea, O God, so great,
my boat so small. It cannot be that any
happy fate will me befall save as Thy
goodness opens paths for me
through the consuming vastness of the
sea. Thy winds, O God, so strong,
so slight my sail. How could I curb and
bit them on the long and saltry trail,
unless Thy love were mightier than the
wrath of all the tempests that beset my
path? Thy world, O God, so fierce, and I
so frail. Yet, though its arrows threaten
oft to pierce my fragile mail, cities of
refuge rise where dangers cease, sweet
silences abound, and all is peace.

KOLODIY-LAZUTA FUNERAL HOME



SCRIPTURAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCRIPTURE STUDY

We will be offering a Scripture Study based on St. Pope John Paul II Scriptural Stations of the Cross. We will discuss the Scriptural text of each on the Fourteen Stations. The study will take place in the Parish Center on March 29, 30 and 31 at 2:00 PM each day. We hope to see you there. We will then pray the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 3:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please plan on joining us for Stations of the Cross every **Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church**. Fr. Jim or Deacon Pat will be leading the Stations of the Cross. Music will be included as we want more people to take advantage of this wonderful prayer opportunity which helps us to unite our sufferings to those of Christ. Please consider experiencing this unique prayer that has such a long tradition in our church.

Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us the First Friday of every month from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. St. Leo the Great has had a long history of Eucharistic Adoration of First Fridays. Part of our Commitment as a parish is that when we have Adoration, Jesus in the Eucharist should not be left alone. We realize we are still in the midst of the pandemic, but we need your presence for as much or as little amount of time as you are able to spend in the presence of Jesus. The Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 5:00 PM. Can you spend just one hour, once a month with Jesus?

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Prayer REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Sofkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Ken Proctor, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavay, Harriet Franko, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze & Joe Barr.

PRO-LIFE GROUP—Beginning Again!

Please join others interested in learning about life issues. We will have our first meeting on Wednesday, March 9, at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center conference room.

Our object is to learn about all levels of respect for life, although our first priority right now is to focus on the *Dobbs vs Jackson Women's Health Organization* case before the Supreme Court.

This case is expected to be decided in June of 2022, after years of discussions focusing on the Mississippi legislature's passage of the 15 week law. More information on this case can be found at www.prayfordobbs.com. If you have any questions about the Pro-life meeting on March 9, please contact either Chris Rath at 216-741-1536, or Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830. Hope to see you there!



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Sunday Collection.....\$5,197.00
WeShare.....\$2,790.00
Total.....\$7,987.00

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Sunday Collection.....\$5,961.50
WeShare.....\$1,395.00
Total.....\$7,356.50

FEBRUARY TOTALS

SVDP.....\$310.00
Capital improvements\$2,181.00
Latin America\$55.00
Catholic Relief\$45.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Monday, March 7th—Lenten Weekday

8:30am +Julia Korchofska (Daughter Maria)

Tuesday, March 8th—Lenten Weekday

8:30am +Fred Badar (Eva)

Wednesday, March 9th—Lenten Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Thursday March 10th—Lenten Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday March 11th—Lenten Weekday

8:30am +Jeff Weisheit (Family)

Saturday, March 12th — Lenten Weekday

4:00 +Frances Szymanski (Daniel Szymanski)

Sunday, March 13th— Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Virginia Rescina (Family)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The events in this reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses bids them to remember all that God has done for them. When they are settled in this new land he tells them that every year they should offer the first fruits of their harvest to the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Paul was proud of his Jewish heritage and wanted all his people to be saved. The question of what will happen to Jews who do not believe in Jesus caused Paul a great deal of grief and anxiety. In this section of the letter to the Romans, he addresses this issue.

Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

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

Matthew Constantini
St. Barnabas, Northfield
First Year, Borromeo



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

ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

Just last week I extended our best wishes & prayers to Rose Pelley on the occasion of her 100th birthday. But I learned that she passed away on February 23rd, just a few days after her centenarian birthday which was February 19th. While it is sad to know that she is no longer with us, we rejoice that she is with the Lord whom she served so well. The family is planning on having a Mass of Christian Burial for her on June 23rd here at St. Leo the Great. We extend our sympathies to her family and continue to offer our prayers for her.

We celebrated a funeral Mass for Dennis Dina on Monday, February 28th. Dennis was married to his wife Mary for 46 years. Mary was by his side throughout these last years of his long illness and cared for him according to her promise to love him in sickness and in health. I am inspired by her example of faith and patience and loving kindness to him. Dennis was a gentle and kind man who was very devoted to his Catholic faith, attending Mass even when enjoying his camping trips. I was able to anoint him the day before he died and his wife Mary and I prayed the last rites as we called upon the saints to intercede for him in his last hours. Dennis served as an usher here at St. Leo's and enjoyed time spent with his wife and brothers. May we all await the day when we are together again in the Lord's kingdom.

We received word from the Bishop this past week that the "data indicates that the rates of infection of the COVID-19 virus are rapidly dropping in our area and will continue to drop. As a result, local health care systems are lessening operational restrictions." Therefore the Bishop is revising the guidelines we have been following. Signs are being removed from the church regarding the request to wear masks (of course you are still welcomed to do so if you wish) and the mandate requiring masks to be worn during the distribution of Holy Communion is lifted. The distribution of the Precious Blood to the congregation remains prohibited until further notice. But once again, "Those parishioners who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged to attend Mass." Along with the Bishop, I am very grateful for your patience, understanding, and support throughout the pandemic, which we all pray is coming to an end.

This will be the final call for anyone wishing to attend the Holy Land pilgrimage which is taking place from May 17th through the 25th. Many who have been there have made the comment to me that the price is very reasonable and keep assuring me that I and those with me will really benefit from the experience. We recently learned that Israel has also lifted the COVID-19 restrictions regarding testing, etc. so it appears the timing is working out great for us. More detailed information will be coming our way from the travel agency in terms of what we need to know, to pack, etc. Please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested in joining us. But do it quickly as the time is running out.

We hoped to have our "Little Purple Books" available for you to take home with you for the Lenten season but unfortunately they ran into publishing problems and will not be available this year. However, you can go to their website which is <https://littlebooks.org/seasonal-books/lent> and order one in Spanish, or click the link where you can download an app for your iPhone or Android phone with a yearly subscription of \$9.99 (which I felt was well worth the nice meditations that are available for each day during the Advent/Christmas, Lent & Easter seasons, so really, 3 books for that price).

I look forward to seeing you at our Fish Fry's (again, we are once again offering a dine-in option!) and to our Stations of the Cross (Fridays at 7pm).

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 April 6, May 4, and June 1, 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.**

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 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.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



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, March 2, 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, April 8 or to the St. Leo School cafeteria on Saturday, April 9, 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.-3 p.m.; Saturday, noon-5:30; or Sunday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

▼ Birthright

Gift Cards for Target, Walmart, Marc's, Kohls
Diapers—Size 4,5,6

▼ Broadview Multi-Care

Adult Coloring Books
Large-Print Word-Search Books
Colored Pencils, Markers
Playing Cards
Nail Polish
Body Wash
Men's Crew Socks
Men's Extra Large Undershirts
Chess/Checkers Set

▼ Catholic Charities Refugee Families

Twin-Size Sheets/Blankets
Full-Size Sheets/Blankets
Bed Pillows
Pillow Cases

▼ Holy Family Hospice

Paper Towels
Napkins
Kleenex
Bleach
Lestoil
Disinfectant Wipes
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes
Body Wash

▼ Joseph House of Cleveland

Bath Towels
Washcloths
Diapers—4T/5T
Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper

▼ Malachi House

Postage Stamps
Gift Cards: Walmart, Target,
Giant Eagle, Save-a-Lot, Home
Depot, GFS, Dave's, Amazon

▼ Mt. Alverna

Large Pop-It Fidget Toys
Cake/Cookie/Muffin Mixes
Frosting, Sprinkles
Sugar-Free Candy
Cars Diet Pop
New Small Stuffed Animals
Big-Piece Puzzles 25 Pieces or Less
Nail Polish/Remover
Cotton Balls, Emery Boards

▼ Parma Care Center

Diet Cans of Coke/Pepsi
Large-Print Word Search Books
Washable Markers/Colored Pencils
Men's Aftershave, Razors
Men's/Women's Body Wash
Women's Hair Accessories
Watercolor/Acrylic Paints, Brushes

▼ Providence House

Applesauce
Canned fruits: Peaches, Pears,
Fruit Cocktail
Cookies, Graham Crackers
Diapers, Sizes 5, 6
Clorox Wipes
Paper Towels
Liquid Hand Soap
Baby Wash/Shampoo
Gift Cards: Target, Walmart
Paper Cups/Plates

▼ St. Colman Parish

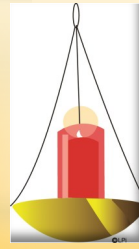
Shampoo
Deodorant
Bar Soap
Razors
Toilet Paper—4-8 Roll Pkg.
Laundry/Dish Detergent
Sturdy Reuseable Shopping Bags
(from Marc's)
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

▼ St. Leo/St. Vincent dePaul Outreach

Bar Soap
Boxed Scalloped Potatoes/
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
Canned Tuna
Dish Detergent
Pancake Mix/Syrup
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Canned Pasta
Skillet Dinners
Cereal
Baked Beans
Spaghetti Sauce
Rice and Noodle Side Dishes

▼ West Side Catholic Center

Deodorant
Bar Soap
Shampoo
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes
New Men's Shoes
New Children's Shoes
New Socks—Men, Women, Children



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

February 27 to March 13

IN LOVING MEMORY
Mlady Family



St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent

March 4th to April 8th

Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - \$9.00 choice of:

Baked Tilapia Almondine
Baked Seasoned Cod
Battered Fried Fish
Breaded Shrimp
Pierogies

Includes:

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

\$11.00 Combo Meal-add 3 pierogies

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

Fish Sandwich - \$7.00

fried fish with cheese on
a hoagie roll served with
fries and coleslaw

Kids Meal - \$4.50

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
Side of fish	\$5.50	Soup of the day	\$2.50
(2 fried or 1 baked)		Dessert Available	

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

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

BUS TRIPS

RIVERS CASINO - Monday, April 25 -
\$48.00 per person

Bonus: \$20 free slot play & \$5 food credit

Deadline for reservations and payment - March 25.

HARTVILLE - Friday, May 27 - \$75.00 per person

Lunch at Hartville Kitchen - Included

Shop/browse - Hartville Flea Market

Downtown Hartville

Harry London Chocolates

NAUTICA QUEEN - \$70.00 per person

Lunch Cruise - included

Shop/browse - West Side Market

**SAVE THE DATE: SENECA NIAGARA
AND SENECA ALLEGANY**

Monday, July 11 (overnight stay)

and Tuesday, July 12

Contract Sandy Diaddario - 216-926-3123

St. Vincent de Paul

Please pray for peace in our world, but remember "peace" also means not being hungry. Help your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization with a donation to our monthly food and staple collection next weekend March 12th and 13th. We are especially in need of: ELBOW MACARONI, RICE AND NOODLE SIDES, SKILLET DINNERS, MACARONI AND CHEESE, SPAGHETTI NOODLES, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED POTATOES, ASSORTED SOUPS, RAMEN NOODLES, TUNA FISH, STUFFING MIX, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED TOMATOES, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, CANNED FRUIT, PANCAKE SYRUP, BAR SOAP AND DISHWASHING SOAP. Thank you for helping us fill our cupboard!



EASTER DISTRIBUTION... This year the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will 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 these expenses. 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. We thank you very much for helping us make their Easter dinner more complete. Thank you!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

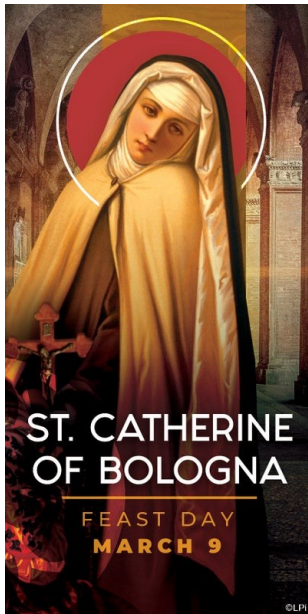
March 6, 2022 1st Sunday of Lent

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a “pet” one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

St. Catherine of Bologna | March 9



St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God.

She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.

RAFFLE
WINNER



February 27, 2022

Ben
Bykowski

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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or “giving something up” for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, “and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you’re struggling with ideas for how to “fill your basket,” it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you’ll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

Confirmation

Congratulations to the young men and women and adults who were Confirmed by Bishop Amos this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey in faith!

CONFIRMANDI

Jaliyana Acosta
Evan Antonios
Emily Ayala
Jason Byrge
Jack Damas
Kevin Delaney
Patrick Ehrley
Colin Farago
Ashley Graves
Avyana Hamilton
Nathan Jerson
Julia Johnson
Kameron Karpa
Thomas Meisterics
Adam Noga
Aubrey Phillips
Cameron Ramsey
Colin Robinson
William Rosby
Janae Smith
Maya Velez
Adalae Wilamosky

Adults

Maria Heinz
Andrew McDonald



The Confirmation class extends a sincere Thank You to Bishop Amos, Fr. Schmitz, Deacon Berigan and Mrs. Berigan, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Deranek, Mrs. Nowak, Ms. Dodson, their Parents and Sponsors, Teachers, School and Parish Staff, Mrs. Stitt and Cantors, Parishioners, Mrs. Judy, Miss Zola and the Reception Team! May God bless all of you for helping us in our Sacramental journey!



