



January 29, 2023
Fourth 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



Almsgiving is a private thing. You share what you have with a neighbor you do not know and who does not know you, but it is an act of service to those in need. Let us share with others especially during these trying times. Any donation you are able to make to the SVDP Outreach Organization will be very much appreciated. You can put your

donation in the Poor Boxes, or put it in an envelope marked "SVDP" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory Office. Your help is very much appreciated.

MEETING REMINDER

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

For those of you who are going on the Trip to Italy in March, please note that there will be a meeting with Fr. Jim at the **Parish Center on Sunday, January 29th @ Noon**. Donuts and refreshments will be available for you to enjoy while getting to know fellow travelers and going over practical information in preparation for the big excursion.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The Feast Day of St. Blaise is Friday, February 3rd. **Blessing of the Throats** will be offered on Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5th after every Mass.



DONUT SUNDAY

Join us for donuts and coffee after the 8:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. Masses on Sunday, January 29th.

ORNAMENTS

If you placed an ornament with the name of a loved one on one of the Christmas trees, the ornaments were removed and placed in containers in the main vestibule of the church. If a loved one passed away during the year, an ornament was made and placed on the tree closest to the tabernacle. Please pick up before January 31st.

RECORD OF 2022 CONTRIBUTIONS

To receive a copy of your 2022 contribution statement, please email your request to info@leothegreat.org. You can also call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.

Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement — *pick up in the office, pick up in the back of church, email or mail.*

You can also include your name on this slip and return it to the office or drop it in the offertory basket and we will mail your statement back to you.

Name: _____



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



Donut Sunday

January 29th after the 8a & 11a Masses



Fish Dinners

Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday)
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. | Dine-In or Carry Out !

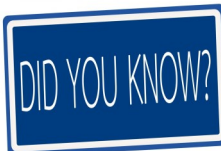
Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the events and activities throughout the year!

MEMORIES

"Confirmation was every other year, and the fourth and fifth graders were usually the Confirmandi. Because I missed out in fifth grade, I was in sixth before I was confirmed. For that ceremony, we wore white robes and red beanies (!) and the boys wore white shirts and red ties. It was in the fall, and so the procession was inside the school. Bishop Krol (who later was named Cardinal of Philadelphia) confirmed us, and one of the girls was chosen to give him a bouquet of flowers during the ceremony. A special throne-like chair was set up in the sanctuary for the Bishop." — Chris Rath

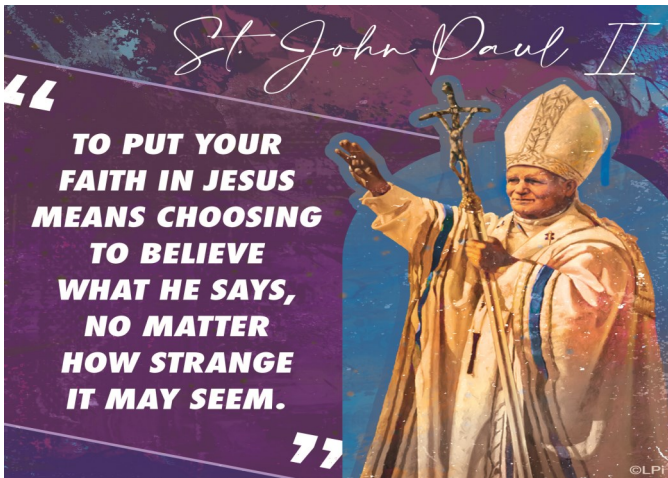
Do you have a favorite memory from the past 75 years? If so, please submit it to nzola@leothegreat.org.

We welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Please forward your photos to photos@leothegreat.org.



The current church underwent a major renovation in the early 1990s. Some of the renovations were cosmetic, and some were based on liturgical changes since the church was built. The renovations took months to complete and included a handicap ramp for access to the sanctuary, replacing the emerald green carpeting with a softer green to match the bricks in the back wall of the sanctuary, replacing pews with chairs in the areas used for the choir and the weekday chapel, moving the tabernacle to the weekday chapel, and replacing the metal cross behind the image of Jesus with a wooden cross.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

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, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublav, 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 Bublav, John O'Malley, Kenneth Lees, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Claudia Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Teresa Bozek, Joe Deranek, and Ben Wheelock.



DOMINIC GIDEON
COMMUNION OF SAINTS, CLEVELAND HTS.
IV 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.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

January 29, 2023 — February 12, 2023

In beautiful memory of
+ELEANORE AND +MATTHEW
STUCZYNSKI

"SUNSHINE FOREVER",

YOUR STU FAM

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 30th— Weekday

8:30am +Millie Ancin (Marge Ballauer)

Tuesday, January 31st—Saint John Bosco, Priest

8:30am +Matthew Stuczynski (Colleen Stuczynski)

Wednesday, February 1st—Weekday

8:30am +Loius John Kazimer III (Dorothy Duta)

Friday, February 3rd—Weekday

8:30am +Patrick O'Malley (Family)

Saturday, February 4th—Weekday

4:00pm +Charles Bowling, Jr. (Hooven Family)

Sunday, February 5th—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Shirley Lazar (Rita Santana)

11:00am People of the Parish

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: ZEPHANIAH 2:3, 3:12-13

Zephaniah was a prophet who lived 700 years before Christ. These were bad times for Israel, marked by idolatry and unfaithfulness to the law. In today's passage, we will hear the prophet call the people to become part of a remnant, that is, a select few who could carry their holy tradition into future generations.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

The majority of early Christians were of the lower class. When Paul left the Greek city of Corinth (a major seaport of the ancient world), he was succeeded by Apollos, who was apparently a more polished preacher. Paul grew concerned that the Corinthian Christians were becoming more captivated with oratory than with the heart of the gospel message.

SUNDAY Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

MONDAY Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

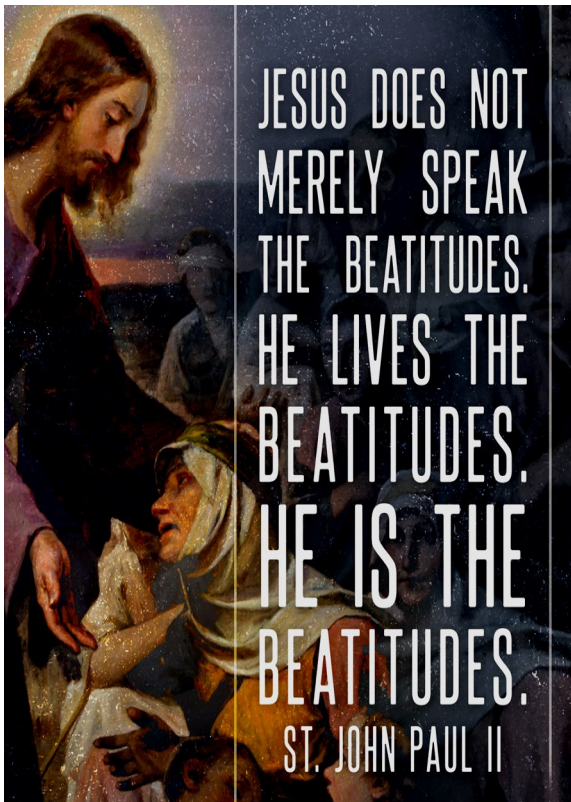
TUESDAY Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

FRIDAY Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34



ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

*Gospel
Meditation*

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— Father John Muir

SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Humble of the Earth

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words Blessed are the peacemakers, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.

— 1 Corinthians 1:27

SAINT VS. BLESSED

QUESTION

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

ANSWER

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,



Just a quick reminder that the people traveling to Italy in March will be having an (optional) meeting this Sunday at Noon over in the Parish Community Center. Save room for donuts which will supply the necessary energy for you to enjoy the gathering.

Another quick update on my Dad & Mildred...Dad was moved back to Vitalia in Strongsville this past week & is now in a nice studio apartment (as is Mildred) instead of the two bedroom apartment he had before. He will also be under the care of Hospice (as is Mildred). Both are doing fair but dad is still very confused. We're glad they will be in the same place again & hope & pray for their comfort & peace. So far, God has granted that to them. Thank you for your concern & prayers.

Also a reminder that our Information Desk is open after all weekend Masses in the vestibule of the church. Our friendly receptionist there can help you with things such as: picking up your contribution statement (if you notified us that you'd like a copy of that), parish registration form, scheduling a Mass intention, buying a sweepstakes raffle ticket (credit cards accepted for this) or buying popular gift cards or just asking for general information. Let us know if there is something in particular you would find helpful for us to have available to you in this way.

I know I'm throwing a lot of reminders at you today but in the absence of other important information, it's always good to remember what is available to you. If you'd like to make an appointment with myself, Deacon Pat or Joan Berigan, you can do that quickly & easily by going to our parish website, leothegreat.org and clicking the link with my or their name. You will see what days & times we are available & can make the appointment accordingly. You can even do it with your mobile phone. If you need assistance, feel free to call the rectory office or see the receptionist at the Information Desk in the back of the church. And of course you can ask me before or after Mass as well. We are always happy to meet with you and to be honest, talking with people is what I enjoy most outside of celebrating Mass & the sacraments, so don't ever hesitate to reach out if we can help you in some way. And please don't think that you don't want to bother us because we are "busy." We want to be busy helping people so that should never stop you from asking for our assistance.

Today begins Catholic Schools Week in the Diocese of Cleveland. We are so blessed to still have a parish school so that we can provide not only an excellent education to our students but an environment of faith where people of all backgrounds can come together and learn about the love of God in the Catholic community. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers and staff of our school for the great job they do. As a product of a Catholic elementary school myself, I know how much it has meant to me to have received a great education, surrounded by people of love and faith. I am especially proud of our Principal, Mrs. Burns, who has done an excellent job in her role as leader of our school. We have such a good working relationship and I have come to see how well she uses her gifts for the growth of our student body. We continue to have a very healthy enrollment in both our preschool and elementary levels and it's a great gift to the local neighborhood to have our parish school as an option for the education of students. You are welcome to walk over to the school during the open house today from 10:30am-12:30pm. Pray that we may continue to educate in wisdom & faith.

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 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: February 1, 2023, March 1, 2023 and May 3, 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.**

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.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS



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

THE SANCTUARY MUSEUM

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Cost: \$80 per person

Deadline: 2/13/2023

9:00am-9:30am	Report	St. Leo's Church 4940 Broadview Rd. Cleveland, OH
9:30am	Departure	
10:00am	Arrival	The Sanctuary Museum Lakewood, OH
10:00am-10:30am		Guided tour by Museum Curator and restoration artist, Lou McClung
11:15am	Departure	
11:45am	Arrival	Macaroni Grill (Lunch included) North Olmsted, OH
1:45pm	Depart	
2:05pm	Arrive	St. Leo's Church



Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Cost: \$48 per person

Deadline: 3/20/2023

8:00am-8:30am	Report	St. Leo's Church 4940 Broadview Rd. Cleveland, OH
8:30am	Departure	Rest Stop en Route—on own
11:30am	Arrival	Rivers Casino—Pittsburgh, PA Casino Bonus: \$20 Slot Play, \$5 Food Credit
6:00pm	Departure	Rest Stop en Route—on own
8:45pm	Arrival	St. Leo's Church 4940 Broadview Rd. Cleveland, OH



January 15, 2023



**Thank
YOU—for
your
continued
generosity
and support.**



Sun. Envelope	\$	4,726.00
WeShare	\$	3,173.50
Total	\$	7,899.50
Cap. Improv	\$	205.00
WeShare	\$	130.00
Total	\$	335.00
SVDP	\$	90.00
WeShare	\$	270.00
Total	\$	360.00

THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES



NEW YEAR'S DAY—SPECIAL DRAWING
FRED & LINDA FISHER

JANUARY 23, 2023

ANN MARIE & GERARD GARVEY

\$30.00 gets you a chance to win, *more than once*, from now thru November 10, 2023. Stop by the rectory office to fill out a form or visit our website's *Online Commerce* column to enter our Sweepstakes online!

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!

The evening will center around a practical exploration and understanding of the Catholic faith, and all the ways it's meant to impact our lives, including prayer and spirituality, work, and dating, marriage, parenting, health and more.

God did not create us just to "get by" in this world; He created us to *live* life and live it to the fullest.

Come learn more about the beauty of our faith, the love that Jesus has for YOU, and how we are meant to live out this JOY in our daily lives.

REBOOT! is suitable for ages 12 and up, so bring the whole family, and bring a friend.

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!

Visit stambrose.us/event/reboot-series/ to purchase tickets online



ST. LEO THE GREAT—SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday, January 29, 2023
10:30a.m.—12:30p.m.
All are welcome!!!
Refer a new student and receive
\$50.00 off the 2023-2024
Family Fee!

Pre-K (3&4) Grades K-8 Scholarships available:

- Cleveland
- Ed Choice
- Ed Choice Expansion
- Jon Peterson

*Each Student will receive a
T-Shirt to represent during
Catholic Schools Week!*

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 24

Who: 6th-12th Graders
When: Tuesday Nights at 7:30pm
Where: St. Leo's Parish Center
Contact: Mike Robinson at
216-409-3733 or email him at
mrobinson@leothegreat.org

Whether you are looking to make
new friends, learn new skills or
just want to go camping—there is
something for everyone!



Students in grades
4-8 will compete
in a Spelling Bee.



**Donuts and a
"Thank You"** will
be delivered to our
**Police and Fire
Department.**

PTC will provide
donuts for all
students.



**Teacher
Appreciation**
Thank You!
St. Leo Teachers!

Lunch provided by
Mrs. Burns

**Music is
Colorblind**
*Drumming Series
performed by Arts
Reaching Kids
9a & 10a*

Food Drive:
Bring a can of
food in
during the
week.



**Jungle Terry &
Friends**
(Provided by PTC)



12:30pm
Preschool thru
Grade 3

1:30pm
Grades 4-8

**Special
Visitor**

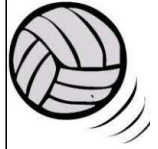
Each Student
may bring a
special person
to breakfast
from 7:30am-
8:30am



**Super U
Challenge**

1pm K-3
2pm 4-8

**Student
Appreciation
Day**



**8th Graders &
Staff Volley-
Ball Game!**

Parents are
welcome to
attend!

Super Bowl Sub Sale SUPPORT Troop 24

When: Sunday, February 12, 2023
Where: Pick-Up at St. Leo Cafeteria
What: Sub Sandwiches, Chips,
Cookies and Brownies



Order Forms will be available soon!

Want to support the troop but don't like sub
sandwiches? No problem! We have
sponsorships available too! Please email
stleotroop24@gmail.com for more details.

PARENT TEACHER COMMITTEE

PTC brings Parents and Teachers
together to create and host fun
activities throughout the school year
for the students of St. Leo the Great!
If you are a parent of a child at St.
Leo school (Preschool thru 8th
grade) please consider joining our
efforts and attend a meeting to listen
in We welcome you all and all the
ideas you have to make it GREAT!

Email PTC@leothegreat.org

**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.**