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## OCTOBER 22, 2023 THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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## SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday-Friday | 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

### WEEKDAYS

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

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a , or anytime by request or appointment.

## NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses are asked to contact the Rectory Office or use our website.

## BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to contact the Rectory Office to make arrangements.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparations and arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with a priest. Only then can a wedding date be confirmed.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.

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

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## October 22, 2023 | The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John Paul II Feast Day, October 22

"It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices. the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal." —St. John Paul II

## **75th Anniversary Mass & Dinner**

The 75th parish anniversary celebration will conclude on Sunday, November 12th, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please plan to join us at this special Mass. A closing dinner will follow at Noon in Lux Hall. The dinner will include salad, choice of entrees, and dessert. Tickets for the dinner are \$10.00 and will be available at the rectory beginning the week of October 23rd. Don't miss out – the final date for purchasing dinner tickets is Sunday, November 5th.

### **PARISHIONER PHOTOS**

If you had your photo taken in August and September, your pictures can be picked up in the rectory during the week or in the main vestibule of the church after the weekend Masses. If you had your photo taken in October, your pictures will be available in the next week or two.





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

Gather Us In-1948-2023

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

**Photos** | Photos taken in August and September can be picked up in the rectory during the week or in the main vestibule of the church after the weekend Masses. Photos taken in October will be available in the next week or two. **Prayer Service for Right to Life** | Nov. 3rd @ 5:00 p.m. **Closing Mass** | Sunday, November 12th, at 11:00 a.m. **Closing Dinner** | Sunday, November 12th - details in the coming weeks

#### MEMORIES

I remember with fondness my 5 years as associate pastor at St. Leo's from 1978 – 1983. I especially remember the kindness of Fr. Bill Eylar who was not only a gentleman but a gentle man. He taught me well how to be a pastor. Names like George and Bernice Kilcoyne, Armand and Mary Lou Vendetti, Deacon Tom and Jeanine Waken, Millie Beebe and so many others easily come to mind. They have enriched my life. Congratulations to you as a parish for the 75 years that you have been a Catholic presence in Old Brooklyn. – Fr. Bob Cole

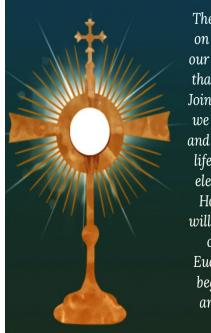
Share *YOUR* memories with us! Submit them to nzola@leothegreat.org or write it down on a piece of paper and turn it in to the Rectory Office. We also welcome PHOTOS throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Send *YOURS* to photos@leothegreat.org.

There are 3 drawings left in our 2023 Great Sweepstakes Raffle! The October 23rd, October 30th and November 6th drawing could win you \$100.00! The drawing for the Feast Day of St. Leo the Great on November 10th could win you \$1,000.00!

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Please return this stub with your payment of \$30.00. Checks are to be made out to St. Leo the Great.

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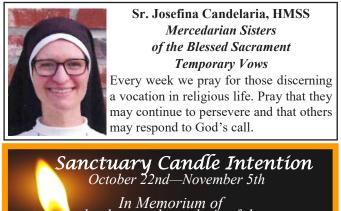
There is so much going on in the world and in our own state right now that needs our prayers! Join us November 3rd as we pray for the respect and dignity of all human life. This will be a Preelection/Pro-life Holy Hour. The Holy Hour will be at the conclusion of the First Friday Eucharistic Adoration; beginning at 5:00 PM and concluding with

Benediction.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR



Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Larry Kuznik, Irma Zappitelli, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virgina Soflkancs, 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, 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, Betty Popow, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Claudia Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett, Shawn Calvey, Gloria Madonia, Sharon Rock, Anthony Bozek, Joe Brodzinski Suzanne Brown, Joyce Stevens, Victoria Fischer, John Gierlach, Dylan Greve, Ken Perry, Dayna Hansen, Leo Hansen, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson, Judy Towalski and Susan Manske.



In Memorium of the deceased members of the Mlady and Jares Families

From the Mlday Family

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 23rd—St. John of Capistrano, Priest 8:30am +Marge Habrat (Dan and Arlene Sevic) Tuesday, October 24th—St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop 8:30am +Peter Reindfleisch (Roseann Cifani) Wednesday, October 25th—Weekday 8:30am +Margret Menge (Donald Menge) First Friday, October 27th—Weekday 8:30am In Thanksgiving of St. Jude (Judy Mackey) Saturday, October 28th—St. Simon and Jude, Apostles 4:00pm +Nancy Montali (Family) Sunday, October 29th— The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am People of the Parish 11:00am +Andrew Sikut (Roben Sikut)

Notes: The + before a person's name indicates that they are deceased. There is no Mass here at St. Leo's on <u>Thursdays</u>. You can visit another nearby parish for weekday Mass including St. Charles Borromeo (7:00a & 7:00p), Mary Queen of Peace (8:00a), St. Columbkille (8:15a) or St. Francis de Sales (8:45a).

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

#### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6

When today's passage from the book of Isaiah was written, the Jewish people had been held in exile by Babylon for more than 40 years. Cyrus, the king of neighboring Persia, was preparing to invade Babylon. The prophet sees Cyrus, a pagan king, as an instrument of God. Through this military victory, God will free his people and allow them to return home.

#### SECOND READING: THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians is the earliest of all New Testament writings, coming only about 20 years after the Resurrection of Jesus. Today's reading gives us the letter's opening words. In just 5 verses, we hear reference to God the Father, the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and also to faith, hope and love. It indicates how quickly these essentials of our faith became part of our Christian tradition.

SUNDAY IS 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

- Monday Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
- **TUESDAY** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
- WEDNESDAY Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
- **THURSDAY** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

**FRIDAY** Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

#### SATURDAY Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

WELCOME! Have you moved into the area recently or joined us for Mass and would like to register with our Parish family? Please stop by the rectory office or give us a call at 216-661-1006. You can visit our website leothegreat.org for more information. We look so forward to meeting you!

## **PRACTICING CATHOLIC** "The Tax of Caesar"

Too often, I confuse this world with the next. Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte aren't solutions. Heaven forfend! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. This world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. For when I have time, I tell myself. For when I am ready. But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

*"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4* 



### A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In my line of work, I have met many people who describe experiences of counseling that were not productive or helpful and that left the person thinking that counseling was a waste of time. Whether it is an individual, couple, or a parent bringing a child, some people leave with a bad experience that makes them want to write off the entire counseling field as unhelpful. I am not writing this to criticize those experiences or to place blame on people who were seeking help and found none. Counseling is a field full of diverse counselors that do not always hit the mark when people come to them seeking healing and guidance. We as counselors can have very different approaches to helping people and some are not the right fit for the person seeking help. It is worth mentioning as well that we are human and can have bad days where we feel burnt out, tired, or overwhelmed, which inevitably impacts our ability to be working at 100%. When people have had this experience, I often encourage them to give counseling another try. Finding the right counselor can be difficult, but it is possible. If you have a bad experience with a counselor, you have several options. You can give them a little bit more time, ask the counselor for a referral, or keep looking on your own for a different counselor. Websites like

#### psychologytoday.com or <u>catholictherapists.com</u>

can give you an idea of the counselor's approach to see if they are the right fit for you. Counseling can open many doors to healing and greater wellbeing. It is important to not let one bad experience prevent you from gaining all that counseling has to offer. —Luke Brown, LPCC



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

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Thank YOU! The spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, the apostle of Charity, is alive and well at St. Leo the Great parish because of YOU! Thank you from those who you help to feed, those who are served by the SVDP Outreach Organization.

## **THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION**

This year the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will be giving to our clients a gift card to purchase their Thanksgiving Turkey and additional items to make their Thanksgiving dinner complete. If you are able, please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVDP Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory Office. We appreciate you helping us to make their Thanksgiving dinner plentiful.

## **BLANKET SUNDAY**

Another great "Cover Up" for a successful blanket Sunday!

Thank you to all who contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday Appeal. Your donation will help many needy families and individuals receive warm blankets and other necessities for the winter months through the St. Vincent DePaul Society Ozanam hunger centers. SVDP parish groups, Catholic Charities agencies and other organizations serving the homeless in our own metropolitan area. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, there is still time! Visit svdpcle.org or place your cash or check in one of the Blanket Sunday envelopes provided on the tables at the entrances of the church or in an blank envelope marked "SVDP Blanket Sunday and turn it in to the Rectory Office. Please give someone a blanket for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

I am preparing this column a few days before the Parish Festival but once again I want to thank everyone who was involved in the planning, execution, set up & clean up of those two days, as well as those of you who were able to attend. I always enjoy seeing so many of our parishioners in one place as I often forget that most of you come to the same Mass every weekend & so really only see one third or so of your fellow parishioners. I do hope that you too enjoy meeting & getting to know other members of the parish community through opportunities like the festival. I am very mindful of how much time and effort is involved in a community event like this so again, a big thank you to all who were present & offered yourself for the sake of others.

Many of you have commented on the beautiful statue we now have of St. Lucy which can be seen to the right of St. Francis as you enter the doors of the church by the rectory parking lot. We still need to get a pedestal for the statue but we had to put it in place when it arrived as it weighs about 1200 pounds, being made out of marble. I thought we could bless it on the feast of St. Lucy which is December 13<sup>th</sup>. May she pray for all those who have difficulty with their vision and for all of us that we may see more clearly through the eyes of faith.

I heard that Trapper Jack did a great job in sharing his thoughts and experiences of the Eucharist. I had to miss it as I was asked to visit a friend at the Cleveland Clinic at their main campus in downtown Cleveland which is quite an ordeal. But gratefully we had it live-streamed so I plan on watching that and invite you to do the same so look for that video on our website.

Congratulations to Christopher (CJ) Calvey and Lincoln Heidenreich, who are being baptized this Sunday. Lincoln is a second grader at our parish school and is currently preparing for his First Holy Communion in our Faith Formation Program. We are happy to have them and their parents with us here at St. Leo's and we ask God's blessing on them all as they become members of the Church and of our parish community.

This is 3 weeks into the future but on November 12<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the closing of our 75<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary year at the 11am Mass. Following Mass we invite you to join us for a catered meal over in Lux Hall, named of course after our founding Pastor, Father Sylvester Lux. If you use a walker or wheelchair, you can park in the new handicapped spaces available by the doors of Lux Hall and use the newly built ramp to enter the building. The meal will be catered through Stancatos and I was asked to choose a variety of foods that you might enjoy, with only one or two vegetable choices so as not to spoil a delicious meal. There will be plenty of food and again, quite a variety so we hope you come hungry. In order for us to know how many people to plan for, we are asking for reservations in advance at a low cost of \$10 per person. So please let us know if you are able to join us. Further details will be available in the bulletin. But please mark your calendars now so you can be present for this closing event of our anniversary year.

We are in the process of advertising for a new Music Director so as we thank Mickey Stitt for her years of service here, I also thank those musicians and cantors who will be filling in, especially John Sabol who led our liturgical music a cappella last Saturday. Mary Piechowski will continue on as Associate Musician and we continue to be grateful to her & to the cantors & choir members who share their talents with us. As one musician told me, "St. Leo has joined the long list of parishes in the diocese searching for a music director." So it may take a while before we have someone in place, but I'm confident we'll find the right fit soon.

## BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us on the **first MONDAY of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center**. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones.

Feel free to join us—no reservations needed! Upcoming Meetings: November 6th and December 4th

If you have any questions, contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.



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.

Jr. James / Ochmitz

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Sun. Envelope Thank you for \$ 7,090.00 \$ WeShare 2,813.50 you continued \$ 9,903.50 Total generosity and **Cap. Improv** \$ 325.00 \$ WeShare 475.00 support of Total \$ 800.00 **SVDP** St. Leo the Great \$ 135.00 WeShare \$ 395.00 Parish ! Total S 530.00



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

October 16, 2023 Congrats, Dianne Treska!!!

## CURRENT GIFT CARD DEALS Buy a \$25 Cinemark Gift Card and get a FREE \$10 Gift Card to Wendy's!

With the Holidays almost upon us, be sure to stop by the rectory to purchase gift cards—a great way to check off your holidays shopping list while supporting the parish. Note: Newly added gifts cards include *McDonald's, AMC Theatre, Meijers, HomeGoods and Sierra* (an extension of T.J. Maxx)

## **UPCOMING BUS TRIPS**



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

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AMISH COUNTRY

Monday, November 13, 2023

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

## **Deadline: Monday, October 23rd!!!**

## JACK CASINO | Christmas Lights Display

Thursday, December 7, 2023 Cost: \$34 per person Casino Bonus: \$10 |\$5.55 Senior Lunch Public Square & Christmas Story House Deadline : November 17, 2023

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

## **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Congratulations to our Girls Volleyball Team who ended their season with a 6-2 record putting them in the top spot for their bracket! They made playoffs, however, they lost to the undefeated St. Anthony of Padua putting up a good fight and even winning their first set and only lost the final set by 5. Coach Kinzel could not be more proud of these girls this year, who truly played their hearts out and showed great character, win or lose! Thank you ,Coach Kinzel, for your dedication!





If you are looking to donate some of your time, St. Leo's is in need of coaches for the upcoming Basketball season! Please reach out to Athletic Director, Dan Trainer, at dtrainer@leothegreat.org or contact Nina at the Rectory Office with any interest or questions you might have ! Go LIONS!

# VERANOVA

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

> veranovahealth.org/learning-to-chart/ info@veranovahealth.org or 440-732-2173.



## Early Voting - Misleading Facts About Issue 1

The Catholic Church supports and defends women, children, and vulnerable Ohioans through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance. A misleading amendment on the ballot this November suggests that a "right to an abortion" is needed to protect women and children, while the amendment would actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children.

Catholics must Vote NO on Issue 1 to reject this misleading amendment because...

 Miscarriage care and ectopic pregnancy treatments are already protected by state law; generations of women's healthcare in Catholic hospitals prove that our society can protect women without enshrining a "right to abortion" in our constitution.

As Catholics, we follow a Savior who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Catholics, therefore, must reject Issue 1 because it is NOT the way to protect women and children, it does NOT represent the truth about miscarriage care and ectopic pregnancy treatment, and it does NOT respect the dignity of human life.

Your vote is needed to save Ohio from this extreme amendment. Find your early voting location at <u>www.voteohio.gov</u> and protect women and children in Ohio by Voting NO on Issue 1.



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

## 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 Father through your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

There was wonderful attendance for the LIFT meeting back on Tuesday, October 18th. Ladies, all ages, no matter where you are in your journey, please, join us next month on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 7:15p.m. in the Parish Center.** (Note: Voting will be going on in the Great Room, so we will meet in the Conference Room off to the right). We are meeting to connect and *LIFT* each other up as we grow our relationship with God and learn to live more intentionally in our Journeys as women of the faith. For more information contact Pat at 216-403 -1523 or Barb at 216-302-5454 or email Nina at ncapone@leothegreat.org