## St. Leo Social Justice Page

## St Leo Supportive Social Service Program – December 2024 Budget Report

Rental Assistance:	\$ 1,613.00
Utility Assistance:	\$ 250.00
Transit:	\$ 385.00
Auto:	\$ 710.00
Furniture Assist:	\$ 700.00
Home (Storage):	\$ 325.00
Bus Tickets:	\$ 500.00
Dept. of Lic.:	\$ 104.49
Birth Certs	\$ 57.50
Dec. Total Expense:	\$ 4,644.99

December Program Income for Soc Support: \$ 31,003.41\* December Monthly Balance for Social Support: \$ 26,358.42 <u>Account balance for the Social Supportive Services program as of January 1, 2025, was:</u> <u>\$94,838.25</u>. (\*A good portion of December's income was a grant we received from the H.R.H. Foundation.)

We set a budget for January at: \$6,000.00. We will continue to budget outlay for Social Supportive Services based on the program's monthly income and overall account balance.

St. Staff and our dedicated Volunteers will continue to assist individuals and families in need to the best of our abilities, mindful of good stewardship of your generous and gracious support. THANK YOU

## Paschal Candle – 2025

This past Advent, we poured the Paschal Candle for Easter 2025. Advent is the time of waiting and preparing for coming of the Lord God Incarnate. <u>The emphasis is on Incarnate</u>. *God became one with us. God became one with all living creatures*. *All becomes sacred when we put the emphasis of our faith in the incarnation of the Deity*. The light of the Paschal Candle illuminates our world with that reality. Fact - All is sacred. Fact - All is interconnected. Fact – Our relationships are unfettered by time and space. Love and life in Christ, God Incarnate is Eternal. In the pouring of the Paschal Candle there is included a remnant of a Paschal Candle from the past. Our Paschal Candle represents the eternal Light of Christ, our intertwined and interconnectedness with Creation, and a faith that transcends time and space.

As we move into the year 2025, let not our hubris blind us to all that is Sacred, let not our fear hold us back in the work of Justice.

Rick Keeper of Bees