

Because of You . . .

St. Leo's struggle and its gift is its poverty. In order to continue and expand its mission and ministry to the community and our immigrant and refugee parishioners we need to reach out to others to help us through prayer, finances, and service. Through God's grace it becomes mutual blessing. And so we thank...



... The generous parishioners at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Anderson Township who donated and organized an abundance of school supplies so that our children were equipped with what they needed to be ready to go back to school. A total of 120 backpacks and bags of supplies were handed out and two carloads of remaining supplies were taken to St. Boniface, our parish school to be shared with students in need.



Just a small portion of the abundance of school supplies.

... St. Ignatius parish Montfort Heights which had its annual "Christmas in July" collection for the food pantry. The last two weeks in July are the most difficult times of the year for food insecure families. As a result there is a greater demand at the pantry and shelves empty quickly. This collection is a life-saver.

... All those who saw photos of empty pantry shelves on our Facebook post and sent money or bought canned goods to help us restock. The shelves are full—for now. With more and more people coming to the pantry our shelves need frequent restocking.



Volunteer Paul Tengler bringing in fresh produce so shoppers can have a healthy diet.

... Our covenant partner parish Our Lady of Visitation which included St. Leo parishioners in its annual parish picnic. As we ate and played together we developed relationships that bridged geographical and parish boundaries and saw the Body of Christ in each other.

Even pastors get to play at the picnic!



... Kerry Finley who organizes and recruits volunteers for the Tuesday evening tutoring program that provides one-on-one tutoring for children, teens, and adults. In addition to the learning that occurs, there is also mentoring and greater understanding of each others' lives and experiences.

... The faithful men who pick up and unpack food from the Free Store Food Bank and other stores who share their abundance with the food pantry. Their hard work, sweat, and muscle enable the pantry to provide a greater variety of food for its patrons

Volunteer Bill Jackson loading the many boxes of donated pizzas, a favorite of our guests.



Gracias! Murakoze! Thanks you!

We are deeply grateful for your continued and generous support. Our St. Leo the Great parish community promises to remember you and your loved ones in our private prayer, as well as in our communal prayer, which is to say that we are praying for you all the time. May our gracious God fill you with every blessing!