

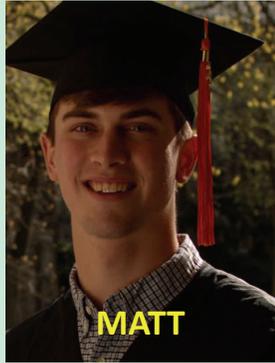


ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH

SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER



SR. TRACY



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MARTIN



RACHEL



2021 graduate

Congratulations Graduates!!!

St. Leo's is proud of all its graduates, the hard work they have done, what they will achieve and the faith they carry with them. And so we salute our graduates.

Graduating from College

Sr. Tracy Kemme, SC received a Master of Divinity with a Certificate in Biblical Spirituality from the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago. She was selected by her fellow classmates to share a graduation reflection. She will continue to serve in vocation ministry with the Sisters of Charity and as a pastoral associate at St. Leo's.

Matt Rieger graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in computer science engineering. He will start as systems engineer for Capital One in Richmond, VA in August.

Graduating from High School

Adonete Cimpaye graduated from Withrow University High School and will be attending Cincinnati State to study surgical technology.

Adonette Uwineza graduated from Withrow University High School. She was third in her class and a member of the National Honor Society. She will be attending Cincinnati State to study surgical technology.

Bieveni Hamenyimana graduated from DePaul Cristo Rey and will be attending Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania studying business administration.

Davon Elliott graduated from Western Hills High School and plans to continue working as he plans for the future.

Hassan Cimamalamungu graduated from Aiken High School and plans to begin studying business at the University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash.

Lexie Peppers completed Project Search where she gave the graduation speech. She will be working at the court house.

Martin Igaba graduated from DePaul Cristo Rey and received a scholarship to Penn State University where he will study marketing. He also received a Straight A Scholarship from the Anthony Munoz Foundation and other academic and leadership awards.

Rachel Kuhlman graduated from Bishop Fenwick High School and will be attending Texas A & M studying animal science in the pre-veterinarian program.

CHECK INSIDE FOR THOSE GRADUATING FROM GRADE SCHOOL

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS . . .

What I appreciate the most about Pope Francis is that he seems to put much importance on pastoral ministry and on creating a ministry of presence within the church. I am reminded of something that my priest/pastor/supervisor/ said to me in my diaconate assignment in 1978 which was a year before I was ordained a priest in 1979. When he and I sat down to discuss what my ministries, duties, and responsibilities would be, he said, "Jim, the only thing I want you to do is to create a ministry of presence. Whatever you do just be present to the people."

A ministry of presence begs an important question: what does it mean to be present to someone or what is a ministry of presence all about? I confess to you that it took all my time as a deacon to explore this, and it is taking all my 42 years as a priest to try to answer this question.

Any answer that I attempt to give, I have learned by trial and error. I am still learning what a ministry of presence is about, but I understand more what a ministry of presence is not about. A ministry of presence cannot just be about trying to be at every parish event, service, meeting, and function. A ministry of presence cannot always be about trying to please everyone and make them happy. A ministry of presence is not about always being in control or needing to be the center of attention all the time. In fact, a ministry of presence has little to do with my presence and it has more, if not everything to do, with the presence of God.

At any given time and any given place, no matter where we are or who we are with, God is present with us always in our midst. A ministry of presence always involves being aware of God's presence, calling upon God's presence, deferring to this presence, living with this presence, and giving thanks and praising God for this presence. When we are present to one another, we are in the presence of God, and we bring God's presence to each other and help one another discover and appreciate the presence of God in every one of us. When we are pastorally present to another, we love that person as we know God loves us. What would it take to wash their feet symbolically and figuratively? The ministry of presence must be the ministry of parish leadership and of every baptized Christian.

The theme for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's bicentennial celebration is Radiate Christ. Our Archbishop is calling all of us to become people who radiate Christ. He says, "if each of us is called to radiate Christ, we must be rooted in a strong, vital parish that forms us as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ at every stage of life and faith." This sounds very much to me like our Archbishop is inviting our parishes to create a ministry of presence.

There are many factors which, when taken together, diminish parish life and a ministry of presence forcing our parishes to be more about maintenance than mission. For example, religious practice is declining nationwide. Fewer people are actively engaged in their faith. In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the average Sunday Mass attendance is about one-third full. Demographics in the Midwest are changing. Live births are declining, and the population is moving south. In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, our resources are spread too thin. Our current infrastructure and schedules were built for a different era. Out of necessity, priests are appointed as pastors sooner than is optimal. As a result, most of our church buildings are grossly underutilized, our priests are stretched to the limit, and many of our parishes are not the vibrant communities of faith Catholics need them to be.



To address these factors positively, Beacons of Light is the name given to a multi-year process of pastoral planning for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Groupings of parishes will come together as one faith community. These new "Families of parishes" will be stronger, with the resources to focus more on mission than maintenance.

Through Beacons of Light, 50 -60 parish groupings will become Families of Parishes throughout the cities and towns, suburbs, and rural communities of the 19 counties in western and southwestern Ohio. Pastors and parish leaders will then plan for the future of their Family of Parishes.

Six principles (Eucharist, Church, Leadership, Stewardship, Evangelization, Love in Action) guide the planning in every Family of Parishes. In Family of Parishes, we will grow closer to God, follow Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit and radiate Christ throughout our lives.

This is a major undertaking, and it must be rooted in prayer. Please keep the vision and purpose of Beacons of Light in your daily prayer. Just imagine people united on a journey of missionary discipleship. Full churches. Joyous liturgies. Priests who have time to be present and attend to the needs of the people. Parishes that are alive in faith, filled with vitality, ready to form people to radiate Christ and ministering with his presence always.

~~Father Jim



St. Leo's Prayer Wall is a place where all, regardless of age, race or creed, are invited to sing God's praises, give Him thanks, and/or call upon His presence for help in times of need. The wall, a place of prayer for all peoples (much like the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem), captures the faces of the community, as well as peacemakers and saints who have inspired us through the ages.

The Wall is a place for staff and volunteers, youth groups, community meetings, and for individuals who pass through our parking lot on the way to work, school, etc., to pray, reflect and pause. We invite you to share in this special way of prayer, joy, and thanksgiving. Praise God! God cares about every need in your life and knows what you need even before you ask Him for help. Our St. Leo the Great parish community promises to remember you in our private prayer, as well as in our communal prayer, which is to say that we are praying for you all the time.



All prayer requests are held in strictest confidence. **Send your prayer request to:** Saint Leo the Great Church, 2573 Saint Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225.

CELEBRATING SPRING SACRAMENTS

We are overjoyed to share that nineteen St. Leo parishioners received sacraments of First Confirmation and Confirmation during the Easter season! Our candidates and catechists adapted to doing most of the preparation virtually. Thank you to our friends at Our Lady of the Visitation parish and school who purchased the books we needed for these classes. After months of meeting on Zoom, we were thrilled to gather on Sunday, April 25, to celebrate the sacraments at a beautiful, special Mass. Please enjoy the photos, and continue to pray for these cherished parishioners on their faith journeys:

First Communion

Deufi Cimalamungu
Maggie Doyle
Ximena del Rosario Guzmán
Blessing Igaba
Stella Singirankabo



Confirmation

Adela Irumva
Dina Pérez Ramos



First Communion and Confirmation

Yeymi Bernardo Méndez
Ezequiel Domingo Laynes
Edilma González Morales
Eliyah Hakizimana
Edgar Marroquín Pérez
Rony Marroquín Pérez
María Laura Morales Vásquez
Neftalí Ramírez Morales
Rodrigo Reynoso Gonzále
Maydalina Vásquez Pérez



Join in the fun with the St. Leo's Youth Group

JULY

JULY 1st—Kings Island—\$15, ages 13-17 years old

JULY 2nd— St. Leo Service Day of Clean Up—9 a.m.—Noon

JULY 9th— Volunteers Needed to Unload Su Casa trucks—8 a.m.—noon

JULY 11— Su Casa Event Volunteers Needed— 2 p.m.

JULY 12th, 19th, 26th—FC Cincinnati Soccer FUN 10 a.m.—noon

JULY 23rd— St. Leo Youth Day—9 a.m.—noon

JULY 29th—Bowling Field Trip with Roll Hill



AUGUST

AUGUST 2nd— FC Cincinnati Soccer FUN 10 a.m. —noon

AUGUST 4th—St. Leo End of Summer PARTY— 9 a.m.—noon (mass)

AUGUST 14th—Day of HOPE— noon—4 p.m.

AUGUST 15th—St. Leo backpack drive



For more information on the Youth Group Events please contact Judie Kuhlman at judiekuhlman@gmail.com

You Are Invited to Join Us for St. Leo's

CULTURE FEST



Saturday, July 3, 2021

1:00 - 9:00 pm

6:00 pm Mass

Featuring Music, Munchies, Merriment,
and Much More!

Music Provided By Musicians from St. Leo and others.

Featuring a variety of Guatemalan, Mexican and Salvadorian cuisines.

Be daring and try the Fruta with the special seasoning!
It's delicious and refreshing.

OUR FESTIVAL ISN'T ABOUT MAKING MONEY FOR THE PARISH. IT IS MAINLY ABOUT BRINGING OUR FAITH AND A SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD INTO OUR PARKING LOT AND THEN ONTO THE STREETS AND NEIGHBORHOOD. IT IS ABOUT INVITING OTHERS TO COME AND GIVE THANKS WITH US AS WE SHARE OUR CULTURES WITH THEM.



ADELA



AIMAIBLE



ANAEL



ESTRELLA



JASON



LANEICE



PATRICIA

Graduating from Grade School

Adela Irumva graduated from St. Boniface and will be attending Purcell Marian High School.

Aimaible Niyongabo graduated from St. Boniface and will be attending DePaul Cristo Rey.

Anael Valasquez-Solis graduated from St. Lawrence and will be attending Elder High School.

Estrella Campos graduated from St. Martin and will be attending Western Hills High School.

Jason Bernardo graduated from Roberts Academy and will be attending Western Hills High School.

Laneice Peppers graduated from St. Boniface and will be attending Mercy McAuley High School.

Patricia Perez Morales graduated from Roberts Academy and will be attending Gilbert A. Dater High School.

To Everything There is a Season

As a young adult in the 1960's I was a big fan of folk music especially the Byrds' version of the Pete Seeger classic: *"To Everything, turn, turn turn, there is a season, turn, turn turn, and a time for every purpose under heaven."* I didn't recognize it as coming from the Bible (Catholics didn't study the Bible in my growing up years) but something about it rang true at a deep level.

Somehow we seem to believe that life should turn out according to the script we write for ourselves—and we often leave out the parts that involve suffering, loss, and pain and are angry and shocked when they do occur. My dad often told us that "everyone has his own sack of rocks to carry" that lead us to roads we would not have chosen. Surprisingly these paths often lead to richer lives as we are stretched to enter more deeply into the range of human experience.

COVID has been a great teacher. For a while, at least, we had a sense of being "in this together." We learned to adjust to wearing masks, click list shopping for groceries, visiting and working and Mass on zoom, and considering the health and safety of others as well as our own. And in the midst of this we grieved for friends we couldn't visit who died too young and things we had taken for granted—human touch, lingering meals with friends, being able to travel and praying in person with our church family. Suddenly these every-day things became ever more precious.

Like many others I haven't been with distant family in over a year. My son and his family live in Maryland and I had been accustomed to spending time with them every few months. That hasn't happened during COVID. My oldest grandson, now a sophomore in high school is over six feet tall (He was just a little over five feet tall the last time I saw him). Phone calls have been replaced by texts to him—but not too long or too often—after all, he's a teenager. When we finally get together again I know my hugs will be tighter and it will be hard to let go.

When things return to some sense of "normal" I hope we come to a season of gratitude for small acts of kindness, the selflessness of those who put themselves in danger to see that we were fed and stayed healthy, for the deepening sense of family and neighborliness we discovered, and even the constant hum of cicadas. May the gifts of silence, the melody of birds, the vibrancy of the bright blue sky, the kiss of wind on our faces and the realization that we are responsible to and for each other bring us thankfulness and hope for the future.

And as we enter into whatever season that lies before us may we remember that Jesus who promised always to be with us will walk with us and bring grace into every season.

By: Angela Anno



Jake's Jabbers



There's no place like home...
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During Covid, home was our safe place, our bubble. Family bubbles. Work bubbles. Doggie bubbles. Bubble bubbles! So many bubbles in our lives brought focus to the communities of which we are part. Belonging to a pack (that's dog-speak for group) where our roles differ in so many ways, each of our unique characteristics is essential and useful to the greater good of the community. Whatever the heart, form or identity of the group, our individual presence is indispensable.

Like a performer at the keyboard, the hands work together to form the masterpiece, each having their own pronouncement of the melody. The dynamic (loud, soft), tempo (speed), and touch (connected, jumpy like me, whatever) all work together to create an intricate web of beauty. Be yourself. Stand tall. Shine your light. The bubble depends on it.



Jake's Jokes

What do you call an American drawing?

A Yankee Doodle!



What dance was very popular in 1776?

Independence!

What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party?

Tea-shirts!

What did one flag say to the other flag?

Nothing. It just waved!



ST. LEO PARISH AND COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION



Pastor: Rev. James R. Schutte

Address: 2573 Saint Leo Place,
Cincinnati, OH 45225

Phone: 513-921-1044

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E-Mail: stleocinti@aol.com **Website:** www.saint-leo.org

Facebook: St. Leo The Great Catholic Church

St. Leo's YouTube Channel: StLeoTheGreatParish

Worship Schedule: Saturday 6:00pm Mass in Spanish;

Sunday Mass: 10:30am; Weekday Mass: Wednesday 11:30 a.m.

Thursday 7:00pm

FOOD PANTRY: At the corner of Carll & Baltimore

Serving Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri., 1:00pm to 3:30pm

Pantry Requirements: Serving North Fairmount, English Woods, Roll Hill Apts., and Millvale once every 30 days. See website: www.saint-leo.org or call (513-921-1044) to see if your street is covered. To meet St. Leo's Acts of Mercy pantry donor guidelines, current proof of residence (Duke or telephone bill), photo ID & Social Security Cards for all members of household must be presented at each visit. **Plan ahead: Children must be supervised while at our Food Pantry.**

To volunteer, or for more info, call 513-921-1044x30.



FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
JULY 2ND
JULY 5TH

Have a Great 4TH of JULY CELEBRATION!

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES



Cancelled during COVID until further notice.

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS

North Fairmount Community Center/

Referral Services: Linda Klems: 513-921-5889

Housing: 513-921-5889; Hopple Street Neighborhood Health and

Community Center: 513-517-2700; Literacy Network: 513-621-

7323, GED online class referral: CPS: 513-363-6100



ANGELS' ARMS STORE, 1882 Baltimore Ave. Accepting donations of clothing, kitchen, bath and bedding. Open Mon-Wed-Fri 9-3:00 and Tues-Thurs 10-3:00. **All Items Free!** Call for hours: 513-407-7902.

Visit Us!

St. Leo's website: www.Saint-Leo.org

Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

St. Leo's YouTube Channel: StLeoTheGreatParish



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Save the www.saint-leo.org site in your "favorites" list to visit often. Feel free to send corrections, updates, news and/or info to be included on the website to Amy Kleeman, Development Director, at akleemanstleo@aol.com. If you'd like to receive St. Leo's Newsletter, call 921-1044 and we'll add you (or anyone else you know) to the mailing list.

HOW YOU CAN HELP . . .



Treasure Chest

Treasure Chest Tickets are sold on a monthly basis at \$5.00 each.

- Winner based on Pick 3 played straight every day.
- Each \$100.00 prize will be sent in the mail.
- Get In On the Fun! To purchase Treasure Chest tickets, send \$5.00 per ticket by the first of the month to: St. Leo Treasure Chest, 2573 Saint Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225
- Volunteers Needed to help sell tickets!

February Winners: Myra Lauber, Jason Gerst, Anita Eckes

March Winners: Larry Babel, Connie Widmer, Kathy Labmeier, Lou Ann Beiderbeck, Elaine Janis, Dolores Ritchie

April Winners: Bob Hoppus, Mary Menetrey

THANK YOU AGAIN!!!!

WISH LIST



Gas Cards for our 3 vans

Uber Gift Cards to assist St. Leo's parishioners who have no means of transportation to get to appointments.

Gift Cards for the continuing work and maintenance of the parish, and our Youth Group functions: Home Depot, Staples, Hobby Lobby, Kroger, Amazon Priceless!

Cash to Cover Operating Expenses is Essential!



Easy Online Giving

Make a one-time donation, or set up a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual gift to be deducted from your banking account, or to charge your gift to your credit card:

Go to <http://saint-leo.org/DonateNow.aspx> And click on the Donate Now Button.

SHOP AMAZON SMILE, SUPPORT ST. LEO: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0538556>

SHOP KROGER'S AND SUPPORT ST. LEO: <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> Enter St. Leo's #KC265 or search for St. Leo the Great Church.

iGive: Shop the sites you love and support St. Leo! Sounds easy? It is! Sign up at <http://www.igive.com/>



Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor for June In Memory of Ann and Jack Ellis

In May the Food Pantry served 364 individuals, in 78 households, including 185 children and 15 seniors.

NEEDS FOR JUNE

Bar Soap, Body Lotion, Shave Cream, Dish Soap, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Razors, Deodorant, Diapers, Gallon Size Storage Bags, Quart Size Storage Bags, Reusable Tote Bags, Rolling Luggage, Pull Carts,



FOOD PANTRY IS CLOSED: July 2ND and 5TH for the Holiday

Food Pantry Purchase



Did you hear????

On Friday April 30th St. Leo's Church became the official owners of the St. Leo Food Pantry. We couldn't be more excited and grateful to everyone who played a part in this huge milestone.

Thank you so much to all the donors who were able to help us raise the funds needed to purchase the building, the volunteers who give so much time to help serve our guest, and to everyone who has kept us in their prayers. We appreciate all the effort and can't wait to see what the future holds.

ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY OVERHEAD SPONSORSHIPS STILL NEEDED

We are seeking individuals and organizations that would be willing to "Sponsor" one month of our operating costs of \$2,300.00.

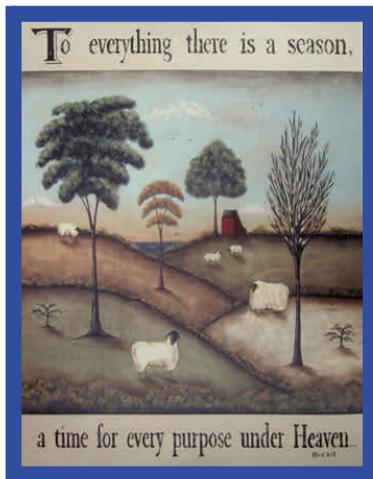
Sponsor's name will be recognized in the food pantry foyer, on St. Leo's website, in St. Leo's monthly newsletter and in St. Leo's weekly Sunday bulletin during their month; and if interested, the organization's members would be welcome to volunteer by working in the pantry serving our clients.

If interested, please contact Amy Kleeman at 513-921-1044 x 30, akleemanstleo@aol.com, or mail to: Amy Kleeman, St. Leo the Great Church, 2573 Saint Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Mass: 10:30am https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati FOURTH OF JULY	5 Food Pantry CLOSED	6 	7 Food Pantry Open	8 7:00pm MASS https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati	9 Food Pantry Open Unload SuCasa trucks 8a.m. - 11a.m.- NEED Volunteers	10 Mass in Spanish 6pm; https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati
11 Mass: 10:30am https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati SU CASA EVENT 2pm	12 Food Pantry Open FC Cincinnati Soccer 10a.m. -noon	13 	14 Food Pantry Open	15 7:00pm MASS https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati	16 Food Pantry Open	17 Mass in Spanish 6pm; https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati
18 Mass: 10:30am https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati	19 Food Pantry Open FC Cincinnati Soccer 10a.m. -noon	20 	21 Food Pantry Open	22 7:00pm MASS https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati	23 Food Pantry Open St. Leo Youth Day 9a.m.-noon	24 Mass in Spanish 6pm; https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati Special Collection
25 Mass: 10:30am https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati Special Collection	26 Food Pantry Open FC Cincinnati Soccer 10a.m. -noon	27 	28 Food Pantry Open	29 7:00pm MASS https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati Bowling with Roll Hill	30 Food Pantry Open	31 Mass in Spanish 6pm; https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati