

August 7, 2022

To Our Parishioners,

The Feast of the Assumption is Monday, August 15. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates the belief that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. The following is a quote from Catechism of the Catholic Church 966, pg.252: "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dominion, you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death."

I learned in the seminary that Dogmas of the Church are often influenced by or respond to situations and circumstances at the time the dogma is promulgated. The Dogma on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary came some years after the end of World War II. Considering the many casualties from this war and the destruction of life, the Dogma on the Assumption shows life as holy and whole and that death does not get the final say over it. Sharing in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior is the final say for us. All life and our bodies are to be treated with the utmost dignity and respect with our eyes always fixed on the finished line. What God wants for Mary; God wants for all of us. God has conquered sin, evil and death for all of us.

I think a good way to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption is to do something you like to do for yourself. Take care of yourself. Eat well and healthy. Exercise and give thanks to God for our bodies and the ways our bodies become homes for the presence of the Lord with the promise that our bodies too will be more fully conformed to the Lord's one day. In our bodies, our souls magnify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior, now and forever!

Day of Hope: Day of Hope is Saturday, August 13, Noon to 3:00 p.m. at Roll Hill Elementary School. St. Leo is one of the sponsors of this Day with other churches and ministers from our neighborhoods in cooperation with District Three of the Cincinnati Police Department and a grant from the Dater Foundation. Free back to school supplies, door prizes, food, hygiene kits and more. Please come and join us.

Golden Anniversary Mass- Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend the Golden Anniversary Mass on Sunday August 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Please register to attend by completing the online form at:

<https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request>.

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at:

[www.saint-](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)

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You can **read Fr. Rudy's letter** at:

[www.saint-](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk)

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If you are having items shipped to Saint Leo's please have them shipped to Saint Boniface. We are having a lot of issues at Saint Leo's with deliveries. Please send any deliveries to:

St. Boniface - Attn: Saint Leo -1750 Chase Avenue-Cincinnati, OH 45223

SafeParish Update- With Summer activities in full swing, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed The Archdiocese of Cincinnati SafeParish™: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse - Arch. of Cincinnati Edition training or child protection training under the prior child protection platform (VIRTUS). Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins.

We are in Need of school supplies and the Food Pantry is in dire need of items we hope you can help! You can see our latest request on our Amazon Wish List

Link:https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ef_wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items. Also on the wish list is our back to school items.**

Upcoming Dates to mark on your Calendar:

August 13th - Day of Hope at Roll Hill Elementary School, back packs, food boxes, books, hygiene kits, and much more.

August 14th – Back Pack Give Away- after Sunday mass at St. Leo's

August 28th – Eucharist Minister Training at 2 p.m. Archdiocese of Cincinnati will lead this in Spanish and English.

Important closings- Our Parish office will be closed on Tuesday August 9th for a maintenance repair, and on Monday August 15th for the Feast of the Assumption. The food Pantry is still OPEN.

"The message of unity that Heaven sends to earth does not fear differences, but invites us to communion, to start afresh together, because we are all pilgrims on a journey."~~~ Pope Francis