

February 27, 2022
From Fr. Jim. . .

Lent is coming. This Wednesday, March 3rd is Ash Wednesday. With the markings of an ash cross on our foreheads and the words, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel," the holy season of Lent begins. Please join us for the celebration of the Eucharist with reception of ashes at 7:00 pm.

Lent is a time for renewal and conversion. The Scripture for Ash Wednesday reminds us that traditionally it is through prayer, fasting and almsgiving or acts of charity that renewal and conversion can happen. With this in mind, Catholic Christians usually ask themselves this question, "What will I do for Lent this year specifically through acts of charity, prayer and fasting that will allow me to live my faith more fully and closer in union with God's life, love and grace? This happens individually and communally.

Lent is also a time to journey with the Elect – those who have not been baptized (catechumens) and who are seeking baptism at the Easter Vigil. It is a time to journey with those who have been baptized in other Christian faiths (candidates) and who want full communion with the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. At St. Leo, there is one candidate for full communion and St. Boniface, there is a group of catechumens and candidates. Also, in both parishes, there are groups of baptized Catholics who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of first Eucharist and/or Confirmation sometime during the Easter Season. Lent is a time for all of us to grow in the faith and prepare to commit to a life of faith or prepare to renew our commitment. Please check the bulletin for additional prayer times during Lent and suggestions for fasting and almsgiving. Whatever we choose to do during this holy season, may we grow closer to the Lord and to each other and learn to live more fully in his image and likeness.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR- March 23- April 20, 2022- Do you want to experience God's love, power and presence? The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a life-transforming experience where you will discover Christ's personal and unconditional love for YOU. Listen to dynamic teachings where you can encounter Christ personally and also experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This seminar will take place on 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Saint Ignatius Parish in Loyola Hall, located at 5222 North Bend Road. For more information or to register call Mary Ann at 513.378.4431 or visit www.LRC1.org

"Fraternal love is a gymnasium of the spirit, where day by day we measure ourselves and test our spiritual life. ~ Pope Francis

Cincinnati Right to Life is hosting the annual Hearbeats for Life 5K to support life in Greater Cincinnati. This provides an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and support the incredible work of Cincinnati Right to Life. Please visit CincinnatiRightToLife.org to purchase tickets and find out more!

What's Next: Exploring Prayerful Decision Making for Young Adults; whether you are discerning your vocation, a career change, or a big move, this afternoon for young adults will offer opportunities for prayer, fellowship, Q&A and practical tips for discernment. Members of religious communities will offer stories, examples, and practical exercises to aid you in any discernment. The next event is Today Sunday February 27th, in Kettering at Ascension Parish from noon-5:00 p.m. For more information to register, go to tinyURL.com/cincyWhatsNext.

GARDEN RENOVATION – This spring/summer we are looking to renovate our community garden to a Mary/Mediation Garden to allow the vegetable beds to rest for a year. We are looking for volunteers to help prep the garden, weed, plant flowers, clean, re-structure as well as maintain the area. If this is something that interest you please send an email to akleemanstleo@aol.com



2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) – Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone who has supported this year's CMA. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information or to donate please visit, CATHOLICAOC.org/CMA

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin
You can **read Fr. Jim's letter** at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

We would love to receive gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Staples, Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. You can see our latest needs on our Amazon Wish List Link
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

CINCINNATI CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB- Invites single catholic men and women to a WINE TASTING on SUNDAY February 27th from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Purcell K of C Banquet Center located at 3617 Glenmore Ave, Contact Larry 513-520-1323, or Don 513-574-8573.