

January 23, 2022
From Fr. Jim. . .

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This past week we enjoyed a day off of work in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As we enjoyed a day from our labors, we can't forget Dr. King's labor and hard work, the laying down of his life, to eradicate prejudice and racism in our country. Indeed, we take time out from our normal routine to celebrate our country's growth in racial equality due to the conscious awareness of Martin Luther King Jr. We remember his dream. What can we and are we doing to keep his dream alive? Although we have made a lot of growth in this area, prejudice still exists because of the color of one's skin, looks, ability, gender etc. Sometimes it is not as obvious to us as it once was but it still exists. The child who is ignored or not accepted in a group just because he/she doesn't seem to fit in nor meets the standards of being "cool" or is just simply labeled as a target for rejection is but one example. Are there equal opportunities for all ethnic groups and for both genders in our country? These are questions that we continually need to raise. The work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. didn't just happen once and for all. It is ongoing work to keep raising the awareness of everyone about this issue of justice. This was also the work of Jesus in building the kingdom of God, in breaking down barriers that keep people apart, in treating everyone as brothers and sisters. We pray for the Spirit that frees us to love everyone without conditions.

Christian Unity: January 18 to 25th is the Week of Prayer for Church Unity. O God, holy and eternal Trinity, we pray for your church in the world. Sanctify its life; renew its worship; empower its witness; heal its divisions; make visible its unity. Lead us, with all of our brothers and sisters, towards communion in faith, life and witness. So that united in one body, by one Spirit, we may together witness to the perfect unity of your love. Amen.

Roe v. Wade: January 22 is the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade, United States Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion in this country. We keep praying that this decision will be overturned and once again our country will protect the lives of unborn human beings. We pray, too, for the millions of unborn children who have lost their lives and the women who experience the loss of their child through abortion, who lose a part of themselves, along with others involved in making that decision. We also want to pray for health care reform that promotes and fosters the growth of life on all levels.

Prayer for vocations: The following is Archbishop Schnurr's prayer for vocations. He asks us to pray this often: Almighty Father, you have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our Archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for his church. We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

FOR 2021

If you are itemizing on your tax return and need a contribution statement for your weekly envelope donations, please call the Parish Office at 921-1044.



2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) Families will be receiving a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming week or so. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card and envelope to Mass. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

Sunday Mass: 10:30am, limited seating available, or join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at: RCC St. Leo Church Cincinnati

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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

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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.**

Mass with Healing Service- Jesus still heals today! Come and Celebrate Mass and receive personal prayer for healing at our Healing Service on Wednesday February 2nd at 7: 30 p.m. at Saint Ignatius Church located at 5222 North Bend Road in Monfort Heights. This event is sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center, for more information please call 513.471.LITE.

The tri-state's largest Catholic Men's Conference of 2022 is coming, featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd! Please join us for the 2022 E6 Catholic Men's Conference, which will be taking place on Saturday, February 26rd 2022, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). We cordially invite every man to attend this 7th annual event. Please join us for inspiring talks, confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. We pride ourselves on presenting a quality, substance-driven, inspirational and faith-filled event that will change men's lives and help equip them to be the man Christ calls them to be. **Do not miss this!** Tickets are on sale now at www.e6cmc.com.