

**January 30, 2022**  
**From Fr. Jim. . .**

**Catholic Education:** National Catholic Schools Week is this week, January 30 – February 5. Let us always keep our catholic schools in prayer but especially this week. We pray in gratitude for the continued opportunities we receive for a Catholic education and for all the teachers, students, faculty, parents, and benefactors that make this possible. May God continue to bless our Catholic Schools abundantly with peace, love, grace, knowledge, and faith. We strongly encourage parents to consider sending their children to a Catholic School. If you are interested and want help, please call our Pastoral Associate, Angela Anno, at our parish office and she can direct you to a school that can best benefit your child. One important benefit of having children in the Catholic school system is, if they are baptized catholic, they will be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

**CMA** - It is time once again for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. This is an annual appeal, on part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. There are six specific areas of ministry in the Archdiocese that this fund supports: Campus, Hospital and Prison Ministries; Retirement for Archdiocesan Priests; St. Rita School for the Deaf; Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio; Seminary and Vocations; New Evangelization. Many of you will be receiving information about this in the mail from the Archdiocese. I ask for your prayerful consideration of your support and offer you our deepest gratitude for whatever you can do. Many, many thanks.

**A Good Spiritual Exercise** is to take St. Paul's "Love passage" (today's second reading: 1Corinthian 13:4-13) and insert your own name or "I" whenever you see the word "love" (or "it"). "I am patient, I am kind, I am not jealous, pompous, inflated or rude." I do not seek my own interests; I am not quick-tempered." "I do not brood over injury nor rejoice over wrongdoing." I bear all things, I believe all things, I hope all things, I endure all things." This practice can make for a good examination of conscience. It can also help us reflect on how we are living the faith that day, week, or month. It can offer us guidance for embracing and accepting change that is especially difficult or when planning for the future, attending challenging meetings or struggling to understand and get along with one another.

#### **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.

**POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!** - The Holy Father is asking that as many of the baptized as possible participate in the archdiocese-wide meetings to be held in January and February 2022, to discuss how we can best collectively advance the message of salvation. **St. Boniface Church, 1750 Chase Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45223 is hosting one of these meetings especially for Spanish speakers on Saturday, February 12, from 10 am to 12 noon.** The meeting will be in the school gym. Please park in the school parking lot. Samuel from the Archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry will facilitate this local meeting of the Synod on Hispanic-based Synodality. **For more information and to register, visit [www.catholicaoc.org/synod](http://www.catholicaoc.org/synod).**

#### **2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal**

**(CMA)** - Next weekend will be Commitment Weekend for the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please prayerfully consider supporting this vital appeal that helps to fund local ministries here in our archdiocese.



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

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

[www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim](http://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](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.**

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 26<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.e6cmc.com).

**Support Refugee Resettlement-** Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio has been very busy resettling refugees over the past few months. We have many needs as we serve them: **Affordable housing for refugees** resettling in the Greater Cincinnati area. For more information contact Annie Scheid at 513.672.3784.

**Volunteers to serve as movers, transporters and vehicle providers** to pick up donations and transport them per assignment throughout Greater Cincinnati contact Cathy Boston at 513.672.3836.