

January 31, 2021

From Fr. Jim . . .

**Catholic Education:** 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. January 31 begins national Catholic Schools Week. Let us always keep our catholic schools in prayer. 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. Let us continue to hold all teachers and students in prayer during this time of pandemic. To say that this has been a most challenging and demanding school year is an incredible understatement. Our teachers, along with doctors and nurses, are our heroes. Thank you so much for the personal sacrifices that you are making to teach our children. We appreciate you very much.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS**, to our parishioners who made honors at St. Xavier High School during second semester:

Erik Bernardo Deleon, Hatungimana Jacques, Henry Velasquez-Solis

Job Opportunity at McAuley Convent: McAuley Convent is looking for a part-time cook for two days/week and as needed for 40-50 people. Shifts are from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. MUST be willing to work weekends. Cook prepares and cooks meals according to planned menus; monitors and replenishes serving line; restocks and rotates food supplies. If interested please contact Sister Judy Gradel at 513.681.2100 or email [jgradel@sistersofmercy.org](mailto:jgradel@sistersofmercy.org).

“Let us not ignore God’s word! It is a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best. In reading it, we again hear his voice, see his face and receive his Spirit.” ~Pope Francis

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:

[https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rcc%20st%20leo%20church%20cincinnati&epa=SEARCH\\_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rcc%20st%20leo%20church%20cincinnati&epa=SEARCH_BOX)

You can read the Sunday bulletin at:

[www.saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin](http://www.saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)

You can read Fr. Jim’s letter at:

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

St. Leo's is in need of toddler size (1 year, 2T, and 3T) bibs for the Sacrament of Baptism. The church also needs to purchase three new mats for the entrance

[https://www.amazon.com/WaterHog-Commercial-Grade-Entrance-Outdoor-Matting/dp/B00BTMWW86/ref=sr\\_1\\_139?dchild=1&keywords=5x6%2Brug%2Bblack&qid=1611329681&sr=8-139&th=1](https://www.amazon.com/WaterHog-Commercial-Grade-Entrance-Outdoor-Matting/dp/B00BTMWW86/ref=sr_1_139?dchild=1&keywords=5x6%2Brug%2Bblack&qid=1611329681&sr=8-139&th=1). We also are in need of gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Staples, Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.

Next weekend February 6th and 7th is Commitment Weekend for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries serving people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! For more information about the CMA or to donate online visit, [www.AOCstewardship.org](http://www.AOCstewardship.org). Thank You!

**Snow NEWS!**

Check out the following stations for St. Leo cancellations: WCPO-Channel 9, WKRC-Channel 12, WXIX-Channel 19

