

**July 18, 2021**  
**From Fr. Jim . . .**

**Insights and wisdom from Dewitt Jones, professional photographer for National Geographic Magazine:** This man is a great photographer and many of his pictures for the magazine are award winning. Through the years, he has learned good principles for taking great pictures that he also has discovered can be applied to real life situations for planning, change and better living. The following are some of his thoughts: If we cannot change lenses on how we look at things, we are trapped. Reframe the problem into an opportunity. There is always more than one right answer. Find the right angle. Turn a win/lose into a win/learn situation. Do not be afraid of making mistakes. If patterns go too long without questions, they become prisons. Life presents us with windows of opportunities. Put yourself in the place of the most potential. Train your technique to see the extraordinary. Vision springs from really caring, really caring.

Can we apply his principles to the real-life situations that we face today as we wait for herd immunity from the coronavirus, enter the planning process “Beacons of Light” for the future of parish vitality with a shortage of priest leadership, and as we struggle with racism, violence, abuse, inequality, injustice and the losses of finances, jobs, and life? Where is the extraordinary (God) present to us? What questions do we need to ask? Are there windows of opportunities? Can we find our potential? Do we care enough to clearly see God’s vision and will for us right now? “Vision springs from really caring.”

Stay up to date on the latest information about **Beacons of Light** by visiting our website: <https://www.saint-leo.org/Works-of-Mercy-/Beacons-of-Light> or sign up for the FREE newsletter at [CatholicAOC.org/Beacons](https://www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons).

**On Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** bring your children to read stories, participate in activities, and learn in an event brought to you by the Mexican Consulate. You and your family can participate at The Price Hill Public Library located at 970 Purcell Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205. There will be FREE books for all children, to reserve your spot text Jessica at 513.235.3426, activities and stories will be in Spanish.

“Like Jesus’s fellow villagers, we risk not recognizing him. An abstract and distant god who doesn't get himself involved in situations is more comfortable. God incarnated Himself: humble, tender, hidden, drawing near to us, living the normality of our daily life.” ~ 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.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)



There are a few items that have been added to our Parish Wish List! **We are looking for a kitchen table with 8 chairs, and a bedframe that can fit a full size mattress.** 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.**

#### **Youth Program Summer Events**

Monday, **July 19**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm  
Friday, **July 23**, St. Leo Youth Day 9:00am – 12:00pm  
Monday, **July 26**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm  
Monday, **August 2**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm  
Wednesday, **August 4**, End of Summer Party 9:00am-12:00pm  
Saturday, **August 14**, Day of Hope 12:00pm-4:00pm  
Sunday, **August 15**, St. Leo Backpacks

**Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is Hiring!**- There are full – time and part-time positions open in Mental Health Services, Immigration Legal Services, Language Services, Refugee Resettlement, and Mission Advancement. For a complete list of openings, please visit [www.ccswoh.org/careers](http://www.ccswoh.org/careers) or reach out to Human Resources at [hrd@ccswoh.org](mailto:hrd@ccswoh.org) or call 513.672.3713.

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