

July 24, 2022
From the Pastor ...

A Day of Rest: Last Sunday's Gospel reminded us that Jesus and the disciples needed to get away to a deserted place to reflect on their ministry and to rest for a while. Every minister and disciple of the Lord needs to do this.

Sunday is still considered a day of rest from our labors for Christians. This follows the creation account in the Book of Genesis when on the 7th day the Lord rested from all that he had done. In the Church's long tradition and history, the Sabbath was always considered a day of rest although the strict legalities and restrictions on what was work have lessened for some people of faith. Resting on Sunday and using it for the most part as a day of prayer, relaxation and enjoyment is still a way to "keep holy the Lord's Day." Treating Sunday in this way, prepares one for the rigors of work and ministry for the upcoming week and can help one regain focus and balance in life. It also helps to build relationships and promotes quality time with friends and family as well as with God and the church family.

This too gives good cause for taking vacations as long as they are a time for rest and relaxation. I am sure that many of us have taken vacations whereupon when we return home, we feel that we need to take a vacation from our vacation! It is so important to take time to smell the roses and to do things that we enjoy doing and to have fun with family, friends, and others. May God not only bless the work of our hands but also our time to rest, reflect and relax.

Golden Anniversary Mass- Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend the Golden Anniversary Mass on Sunday August 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Please register to attend by completing the online form at:
<https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request>.

SafeParish Update- With Summer activities in full swing, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed The Archdiocese of Cincinnati SafeParish™: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse - Arch. of Cincinnati Edition training or child protection training under the prior child protection platform (VIRTUS). Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins.

Tuesday July 26th - weather depending the church parking lot is scheduled to be sealed and will be unable to park on for 48 hours. Please be sure to not park in the church parking lot on Tuesday July 26th and Wednesday July 27th. The parking lot will be open at some point on Thursday. If things change we will let you know.



GARDEN RENOVATION HELP- We still have a few garden beds left that need a little tender care. We are still welcoming native plants if anyone has some to divide or donate, as well as shrubs for along the back fence. We are still looking for volunteers to help 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

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

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

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk

Please HELP, the Food Pantry is in dire need of items we hope you can help! You can see our latest request 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.**

EMBER DAYS- The seminarians of the Archdiocese invite young men entering their sophomore year of high school through outgoing seniors to a day of fun, prayer, sports, and food. Ember Days will be 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday July 28th at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology in Cincinnati. To register and for more information, please go to <https://catholicaoc.org/vocations>

Mass and Healing Service- You are invited to a mass and healing service on Wednesday August 3rd at 7: 30 p.m. at St. Ignatius Church located at 5222 North Bend Road. Receive Jesus in Eucharist, adore Him in Eucharistic Exposition, and experience the Lord's love through individual personal prayer ministry for healing of any concerns you may have.

Upcoming Dates to mark on your Calendar:

August 13th - Day of Hope at Roll Hill Elementary School, back packs, food boxes, books, hygiene kits, and much more.

August 14th – Back Pack Give Away- after Sunday mass at St. Leo's

August 28th – Eucharist Minister Training at 2 p.m. Archdiocese of Cincinnati will lead this in Spanish and English.