

**July 31, 2022**  
**From Father Rudy,**

**My Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord,** it is the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and today we must ask ourselves a few important questions.

One, are we interested in gathering earthly wealth and treasures more than we are relying on God and securing our future with Him? Two, in our quest to pursue a better life by acquiring more "things," are we concentrating solely on our own goals and ambitions and not considering what another person may need? And finally, are we saving or craving material possessions?

It seems in today's world, we establish our self-identity and are judged by others by what we own, not by what we do or who we are as a person. We seem consumed with acquiring possessions and look to earth for happiness and confidence. We falsely believe the more we have, the better our lives will be. In today's Gospel, Jesus relates the parable of the wealthy landowner who hoards his harvest gains to guarantee his ability to "relax, eat, drink and be merry." God calls him a "fool" not because he is saving for his future; rather, he is foolish in his greed and ignorance of what others might need. This man lives only for himself and gives no thought about how God will ultimately determine the course of his life. He thinks he is secure in his earthly riches, but really, he has no idea how God's plan will define his destiny.

St. Paul, in Colossians 3:2-5, also speaks about relying too much on earthly pursuits. He says, "Seek what is above, not of what is on the earth... Put to death the parts of you that are entirely earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry."

When we reflect on our Scripture readings today, we are now given a wonderful opportunity to move out of our comfort zones, as we come together in our new family of parishes. Meeting new people and offering our hand to one another are ways in which we are enhanced as human beings. Perhaps new friendships are forming as I write this today, and we more fully understand this concept: "People who love each other, fully and truly, are the happiest people in the world. They may have little, they may have nothing, but they are happy people. Everything depends on how we love one another." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

**Golden Anniversary Mass-** Married couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend the Golden Anniversary Mass on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> 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>.

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: [www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)  
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**If you are having items shipped to Saint Leo's please have them shipped to Saint Boniface. We are having a lot of issues at Saint Leo's with deliveries. Please send any deliveries to:**  
**St. Boniface - Attn: Saint Leo -1750 Chase Avenue-Cincinnati, OH 45223**



**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.

**Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 **Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>**. The parking lot will be open at some point on Friday evening. If things change we will let you know.

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**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](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref=wl_share) 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. Also on the wish list is our back to school items.**

**Mass and Healing Service-** You are invited to a mass and healing service on Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>** - Day of Hope at Roll Hill Elementary School, back packs, food boxes, books, hygiene kits, and much more.  
**August 14<sup>th</sup>** – Back Pack Give Away- after Sunday mass at St. Leo's  
**August 28<sup>th</sup>** – Eucharist Minister Training at 2 p.m. Archdiocese of Cincinnati will lead this in Spanish and English.