

June 20, 2021 From Fr. Jim . . .

It is officially summer! The season of summer officially begins this week. Typically this is the time for vacations. May your vacations from school and work be renewing, refreshing, rewarding, safe and fun. May God bless you with the rest and relaxation for which you have worked and studied so hard. May this also be a time for recreation and re-creation for all.

Happy Father's Day: Thanks to all our dads for your great love and for bringing God's love to us by the many ways you selflessly care for your children.

There is a Scripture that says, "Let no one on earth call you Father. There is only one Father – your Father in heaven." Other religions use this line when they want to make a negative point about priests having the title of "father". I always thought the title was given and could be given to anyone trying to imitate the love and care of the one true Father or parent. This is the only way that anyone can truly be a father or a parent. It cannot be of one's accord but can only be of God and under God's name. So, again thanks to all of our Dads for reflecting the love of God to everyone you serve. May you be blessed as you bless so many. The following blessing is taken from Book of Blessings, pg. 648:

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless all fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

World Refugee Day: Today is World Refugee Day. Thanks to Sister Tracy, our Pastoral Associate for Adult Formation, and our good friends from our Lady of Visitation's Peace and Justice Committee for the virtual prayer service they planned and conducted for all of us last Tuesday to honor this day. It is always good to pray together and celebrate our unity in diversity.

I want to take this opportunity to tell all refugees and immigrants how important your presence is to all of us. Your faith has brought you to us and you bring to us the God of our salvation, protection, healing, mercy, faithfulness, forgiveness, and everlasting love. We are grateful for the opportunity to be God's church together and for the privilege to celebrate our kinship in the Lord's family. As members of God's family, may we always learn to welcome each other and all others with the radical hospitality of Jesus himself who gave his life so that others can live. May the peace, consolation, goodness, kindness, acceptance, welcome and love of our saving God be always with us.

Perpetual Adoration on the West Side -St. Antoninus Parish is working towards providing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the entire West Side of Cincinnati! St. Antoninus already has Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 8:30am until 10:00pm. They are extending this by adding Adoration on: Wednesdays from 9 am to 10 pm; Thursdays from 9 am to 7 pm; A Holy Hour from 7pm to 8pm with Benediction in the main church will conclude the Thursday Adoration. This begins on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021. We need YOUR help to make

Perpetual Adoration available on the West Side! To sign up for a weekly hour time slot, go to adorationpro.org/saintantoninus. If you cannot make your scheduled weekly time, you can easily go to adorationpro.org/saintantoninus and then click "Find A Sub" and an email or text can be sent out to the substitute adorers to take your place.



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

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

You can **read Fr. Jim's letter** at:
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. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

Join us for summer fun activities- June 22nd - Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens field trip \$5 for a child or \$10 a family. On June 24th -learn about safety and health (CPR, babysitting, bullying, etc...) from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. For more information or to sign up contact Judie at judiekuhlman@gmail.com.

You Are Invited to Join Us for St. Leo's Culture Fest- SAVE THE DATE: Saturday July 3rd from 1:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. with Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. featuring a variety of Guatemalan, Mexican, and Salvadorian cuisines. We hope to see you there!

CONGRATULATIONS!!- To our parishioners who received honors for the second semester at St. Xavier High School:
Erik Bernardo De Leo; Hatungimana Jacques; Henry Velasquez-Solis

"May the Holy Spirit teach us to view the world with God's eyes and to treat our brothers and sisters with the gentleness of His heart." ~~Pope Francis