

June 6, 2021
From Fr. Jim . . .

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ: At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and broke it and then took a cup of wine and passed it around. "This is my body and this is my blood," he said. This is the Eucharist of the church and just as the Eucharist is blessed, broken and passed around so, too, when our very lives are broken open, passed around and shared with others, we are living as the Body of Christ in the world, today. The Eucharist is our nourishment for living our faith and the way we can nourish others with living bread. As we feast on the Eucharist; live our faith; love others as God loves us and lay down our lives so that others may have life then we feed others with the living bread come down from heaven. We make real the presence of Christ.

Today we give thanks for the real presence of Christ in word and sacrament and in the people of God who feast on this heavenly food and who are formed and shaped into the Body of Christ in the world today. It is so very important that we become what we eat. In the Eucharist, we celebrate how much the Lord loves us, cares for us, lays down his life for us, offers us eternal life and glory and strengthens us so that we can truly live as if we are heaven bound. The Eucharist is our way of life to love others as we ourselves are loved.

Thanks to all who have lived Eucharist for us and who still live Eucharist for us today. Thanks to all who have sacrificed to pass the faith on to us. Thanks to all who lay down their lives that we might live; who pour out their lives that we might have life. Thanks to all who are Eucharistic ministers and who bring the Lord to the sick. Thanks to all who celebrate the Sunday Eucharist; who partake of this heavenly food and who dare become and live as the Body of Christ. Thanks, and praise to God for loving us so deeply and for remaining present to us in this Sacrament and in the lives of all who believe.

Soul of Christ, Sanctify me. Body of Christ, heal me. Blood of Christ, drench me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ strengthen me. Good Jesus, hear me. In your wounds, shelter me. From turning away, keep me. From the evil one, protect me. At the hour of death, call me. Into your presence lead me, to praise you with all of your saints forever and ever. Amen. (Anima Christi or Soul of Christ found in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.)

Welcome Back, Everyone! After, just over a little more than a year, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been reinstated. This is such a great way to celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ – to have all God's people to gather again, God's Church in full, the Body of Christ, nourished by the Body of Christ so to live as the Body of Christ. Remember that those who are not fully vaccinated need to wear a mask and they should try to social distance, 3ft. apart. Sanitizer will remain available for everyone to encourage good hygiene and a safer environment.

Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage is under way! The 33-day pilgrimage is a great opportunity for the entire archdiocese to share in commemorating 200 years of Catholic faith in this region and prepare for Archbishop Schnurr's reconsecration of the archdiocese to Jesus through Mary on Saturday, June 19. All are invited to follow the pilgrimage progress live at Mary2021.org and join in whenever possible. The entire route and activities at every parish on the route are shown on the site.

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

Our youth group would really enjoy basketballs, or any outdoor activities to be used during the summer months. We also are in need of 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.**

ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS and EMPLOYEES: NEW CHILD PROTECTION PLATFORM - In July 2021 the Archdiocese will be moving to SafeParish as the new platform for Child Protection training and compliance. SafeParish is an organization that specializes in training and education solutions for organizations world-wide. SafeParish will continue to work with our current background check provider – Selection.com. All training and background information in your current VIRTUS account will be transferred to SafeParish. No new live training through SafeParish will be required if you have completed live child protection training through VIRTUS. Ongoing child protection training will still be required for all volunteers and employees and will consist of quarterly interactive video-based training instead of monthly bulletins. As the Archdiocese moves closer to the conversion date additional information regarding your new SafeParish account will be provided. If you have questions, please contact your parish's Safe Environment Coordinator.

SAVE THE DATE- World Refugee Day is Sunday June 20th and we are celebrating early on Tuesday June 15th from 7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. on zoom! To gain access go to; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86241075272>