

**March 20, 2022**  
**From Fr. Jim. . .**

**The Scrutinies:** This Sunday and the next two Sundays of Lent – Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the Church celebrates the Rite of Scrutiny with those who were elected to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We should be conscious of the reality that they will be celebrated in parishes with those who are elected to receive them. I offer the following explanation for reflection as they prepare to be received into the church and as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at the Easter liturgy.

The Scrutinies are based on the Gospels of the Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind and the Raising of Lazarus from the Dead. This week, The Elect examine or scrutinize their lives under the Gospel and Good News of the story of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus met at Jacob's well. As a crucial part of her conversion, Jesus helped the woman see the truth about herself and her need for living water as well as her need for the physical water that she was drawing from the well for herself and her family. She realized her internal thirst and her need to believe in Jesus and she leaves him and goes forth to tell others about him.

What light does this Gospel shed upon our own lives? Can we see the truth about our sinful selves? Do we need to ask Jesus to lovingly show us this side to ourselves? Can we ask for his help in accepting the truth about ourselves and then drink from the fountain of his unconditional love, grace, and abundant mercy? What changes can we make to show that we are drinking more of Living Water? Who can we tell and encourage to be drinking from the cup of Living Water? How can we share and live our faith more at home, in our parish, in the greater Church and in the world? How will drinking living water help us and encourage us to accept the challenges of Beacons of Light and become families of parishes?

Let us continue to pray for each other as we journey together with the Lord through the desert, up the mountain of transfiguration, down the mountain, to the cross, into the tomb and lifted up to eternal glory.

**One way to help with Lenten Almsgiving is to Donate!! Our youth is looking for plastic Easter eggs , candy to fill them, and any small trinkets!** 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](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref=wl_share). **Our office is also in need of a new vacuum cleaner. We also have a request for an electric stove. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

## **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR- March 23- April 20, 2022-**

Do you want to experience God's love, power and presence? The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a life-transforming experience where you will discover Christ's personal and unconditional love for YOU. Listen to dynamic teachings where you can encounter Christ personally and also experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This seminar will take place on 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. at Saint Ignatius Parish in Loyola Hall, located at 5222 North Bend Road. [For more information or to register call Mary Ann at 513.378.4431](tel:513.378.4431) or visit [www.LRC1.org](http://www.LRC1.org)



**Cincinnati Right to Life** is hosting the annual [Hearbeats for Life 5K to support life in Greater Cincinnati will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Lunken Field.](#) This provides an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and support the incredible work of Cincinnati Right to Life. Please visit [CincinnatiRightToLife.org](http://CincinnatiRightToLife.org) to purchase tickets and find out more!

**GARDEN RENOVATION** – We are welcoming native plants if anyone has some to divide or donate, as well as shrubs for along the back fence. This spring/summer we are looking to renovate our community garden to a Mary/Mediation Garden to allow the vegetable beds to rest for a year. We are looking for volunteers to help prep the garden, weed, 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](mailto:akleemanstleo@aol.com)

**Overcoming Disaster-** In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing-destroying farms, homes and more-making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

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)

### **Congratulations to our parishioners:**

Idris Mawo – First Honors at Purcell Marian High School  
Special Mugisha- Blaze Spirit Award- St. Boniface