

October 9, 2022

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

You may recall an occasion as a small child when an older adult publicly urged you to utter a term of gratitude after receiving a gift or compliment of some kind. *What do you say, Bobbie, for that nice gift from Grandma?* Instinctively, you knew what to say to Grandma, because it was drummed into your brain so many times, but at that age, you could not fully grasp why it was so important to be grateful to another person. Later, as you matured, grew in empathy, and lost some self-centeredness, you began to see why indeed it is important to appreciate the gifts you receive.

Taking this thought a step further, we sometimes fail to remember every gift we receive in life is from our Lord, and often we take for granted his love, mercy, and benevolence. Yes, we always send that thank-you note or email out for the flowers or birthday gift, but do we raise our eyes to heaven to thank God for our wonderful life and all the many gifts we have been given? Not only should we be overwhelmed with the beauty of the earth—the blue sky and deep seas, but also with our own treasures, talents, and life experiences that are as unique as we all are.

It is the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary time, and in Luke's Gospel today, Jesus, who is travelling between Samaria and Galilee on his way to Jerusalem, heals ten lepers who are at a distance from him. The lepers depart, and only one of them, a Samaritan, returns to give glory and thanks to Jesus. He recovers from his leprosy, yet it is "his faith that [makes] him whole." (Lk. 17:19) With new eyes, this man transcends his illness, and in perfect praise, thanks God for His mercy and blessing.

I urge you to start, end, and review each day with gratitude and be aware of God's presence in your life. He is not there just to hear your prayer in trying times, but *in all times*—good days, bad days, or insignificant ones; he walks with you and can transform you in the most glorious way.

Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence. --St. Pope John Paul II

Yours in Christ, Father Rudy

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

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

Upcoming Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

October 9th – Parish Family Potluck and games

October 23rd - Youth Group Meeting

October 29th - Saturday Service: Rock the Block Habitat for Humanity in Lower Price Hill

Fall Dance FUN! – Save the date for Sunday October 23rd at St. James in White Oak for a Special Needs Adult wanting to dance, play games, and enjoy the afternoon out. More details to follow!

ITEMS NEEDED: The food Pantry has an urgent need for plastic bags. We are beginning to prepare for the Toy and Clothing drive by needing clothing/coat racks and storage bins. Don't forget 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.**



DON'T FORGET THIS WEEKEND: Sunday, October 9th, for a get-acquainted party with other members of our parish family. Little Flower will be hosting us beginning at 1:00 p.m. We are asking people to bring a dish to share. Bring your own beverage. If the weather is nice, we will be outside on their beautiful grounds. There will be soccer and volleyball for the kids and adults. Or we can enjoy the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other. If the weather isn't nice, we will be in the parish undercroft.

Comboni Missionaries 13th Annual Taste of Mission- Join on Saturday October 8th from 3:00 -7:00 pm. Fr this one day festival which includes international food booths, wine, and beer tastings from Country Fresh Farm Market, Children's area, Mission Museum Tour live entertainment, and More! This event is held at the Cincinnati Mission Center located at 1318 Nagel road, Cincinnati, OH 45255.

St. Gerard Morning of Reflection – The second annual St. Gerard Morning of Reflection is a free event featuring a morning of prayer, reflection and community for married couples experiencing a season of infertility. The event will include Holy Mass with opportunity to venerate a first class relic of St. Gerard, the patron saint of mothers, followed by presentations and fellowship; RSVP online by October 10 at <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/event/st-gerard-morning-of-reflection>.

Congratulations to the 4 Grand Winners for Week 6:

71- Joanne Hubert

464- Catherine Farley

527-Christine Keller

Join Santa Maria Community Services Health Fair on Saturday October 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Price Hill Recreation Center. Services offered will be mammograms, COVID vaccines, Health exams, LIVE music from LaMega, Food Distribution and much more! This event is FREE, please call 513.557.7266 to schedule your mammogram appointment.

“Sometimes we human beings believe that we are the masters of everything, or on the contrary, we lose all self-esteem. Prayer helps us to find the right dimension in our relationship with God, Our Father, and with all creation. “ ~ Pope Francis