

**September 18, 2022**

**My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,**

It is the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and on Thursday of this week, our beautiful fall season begins. While we gaze at the magnificent foliage, we also must say good-bye to the warmth of summer and ultimately welcome the chill of winter months ahead. It is important for us to realize we are always, in one form or another, in a season of change. We seem to recognize, as we blow out more and more candles on that proverbial birthday cake, that nothing of this world ever remains the same. As years pass, we seem to better tolerate change, and perhaps not fight so hard against it, because with the wisdom of years, we learn that change can be an impetus for growth.

This year there have been many changes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati with the implementation of the Beacons of Light program that will alter some ways we gather together to celebrate our faith. To some, these are exciting times, as they look forward to new friendships and new perspectives and opportunities; others may have apprehension about these new arrangements because they feel they are moving toward unknown territory and are parting with a familiar, beloved environment. We must, however, try to embrace these changes as we have embraced other changes in our lives, because, in many instances, moving just one step forward, inch by inch, creates positive momentum. This effort may begin to feel effortless and soon we are gliding toward a new understanding of ourselves and our Christianity. Strive to reboot your mind, heart, and spirit to appreciate the positive connections of our new parish family and "let us love, since that is what our hearts were made for." — Saint Therese of Lisieux

(On October 9, at 1: 00 PM, St Therese Little Flower is hosting a fall event for our new parish family. Please plan to attend with your own family and meet some wonderful new friends. Details are in the bulletin.)

Yours in Christ, Father Rudy

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: [www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)

You can **read Fr. Rudy's letter** at:

[www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk](http://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:**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** – Sacrament sign-ups for all sacraments.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** – After mass join St. Johns West Chester Knights of Columbus with their tool box project.

**September 25<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting after mass for the youth (12-18 years)

"One who loves is concerned about the one who is missing, longs for who is absent, seeks who is lost, await who has gone astray. For he wants no-one to be lost." ~~ Pope Francis



**ITEMS NEEDED: We are beginning to prepare for the Toy and Clothing drive by needing clothing/coat racks and storage bins. We have a family in need of a twin mattress.**

**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](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.**

**PARISH FAMILY NEWS:** Mark your calendars now for Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR – Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> to Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**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 and experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This seminar will take place on 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings at St. Ignatius Parish in Loyola Hall, 5222 North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45247. **For more info or to register call Mary Ann at 513-378-4431, Lighthouse Renewal Center at 513-471-5483, or visit our website at [www.LRC1.org](http://www.LRC1.org).**

**The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Blue Mass Celebration is Sunday September 25, 2022!** All Greater Cincinnati Police, fire, and public safety personnel are welcome to join at The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains. The blessing and procession begin at 10:45 a.m. with mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception. For more information please call 513.421.5354.

**Congratulations!!!** Here are the winners for the Four Grand:  
**Week1:** 180- Herman Mollmann, 258-Mary Ray, 262-Richard Sander ; **Week2:** 12-Eileen Durban, 52-Richard Holzer, 280-Laura Caldwell; **Week3:** 140-Rolf Obrecht, 289-Nancy Ransbottom, 419-Donald Kathmann

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** All parishioners are invited to a special celebration event where a banner will be awarded for the Archdiocesan Laudato Si' Recognition Award. This will take place at Earth Connection located at 370Neeb Road Cincinnati, Oh 45233 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.