

**September 26, 2021**

**From Fr. Jim. . .**

**About the Gospel:** Does God really want a dismembered Body of Christ? The church has always taught and believed that the examples in today's Gospel to cut off the sinful part of the body is hyperbole or exaggeration to make a point. The point that Jesus wants to make is that no sin is too big to dissuade us in our search for God. Christ calls us not to allow prestige, wealth, or instant gratification to desensitize us to God's presence in our lives or diminish God's love we cherish in family and friends. Faith demands that we "let go" or detach ourselves from anything that keeps us from doing God's will and living fully a life of grace, from anything that makes us less than what God has created us to be. Especially this includes selfishness, self-centeredness, prejudices, and vengeance, attitudes, bad habits, wrongful actions, gossip that divide our families and destroy our relationships. After all, Jesus came to establish God's kingdom and reign on earth, to free us from sin, and to give us the freedom of the children of God to live with grace and to choose life, to attach ourselves to God's will and God's ways.

**Prayer for Immigrants:** The following prayer was written by Fr, Dan Hartnett S.J.

God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit in the refugee family seeking safety from violence; in the immigrant worker, bringing food to our tables; in the asylum-seekers, seeking asylum for their families; in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world. Give us hearts that no longer turn deaf to their voices in times of need; give us eyes to recognize a moment of grace instead of threat. Give us hands that reach out in welcome but also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure. Bless us Lord.

**2021 National Migration Prayer:**

Loving Father,

We thank you for the gift of children and for the joy and love that they bring into our lives. Protect with your fatherly care all children who face hardship.

In particular, we pray for unaccompanied migrant children who are alone. For migrant children separated from parents who have been placed in detention. For those who have lost loved ones due to violence, and for those who are trapped in situations of exploitation.

Open all of our hearts to immigrant and refugee children in need. Show us how we can protect and comfort them. Give us the wisdom to know how we can help.

Give us courage to defend them against those who would harm them. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen

**Collection Envelopes-** If you are new to the parish or would like to receive collection envelopes please call the parish office at 513.921.1044 or sign up at the back of church on the sign-up sheet. If you already receive collection envelopes yours are automatically renewed.

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone or abandoned." ~Pope Francis



**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**

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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)

**We are looking for one table that can fit 8 chairs each. The Food Pantry is looking for rolling luggage if you have any to donate!**

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](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.**

**COMMENT ON DRAFT "FAMILIES OF PARISHES"** – Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org). Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

**Mass and Healing Service-** Celebrate mass followed by a healing service on **Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius Parish** located at 5222 North Bend Road in Monfort Heights. For more information call 513.471.LITE.

**The seventh annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession is Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>!** It will begin with an 8:00 a.m. mass at the Cathedral, with the Eucharistic Procession at 9:00 a.m. moving through downtown Cincinnati with a spirit of reverence and prayer. This two mile procession will conclude at Old St. Mary's Church at 11:00 a.m. to participate or to learn more call Dave at 513.305.6719.

**We invite you to join our new parish Social Action Team!** If you want to work together to educate, advocate, and pray for justice, this group is for you. There will be many ways to get involved, and the time commitment is flexible. Please contact Sr. Tracy at [srtracystleo@gmail.com](mailto:srtracystleo@gmail.com) if you're at all interested.