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MISSION STATEMENT PRAYER

Lord, God, in your infinite wisdom and love, you are inviting us to be a welcoming Catholic community, grounded in Eucharistic prayer, celebrating our diversity, and sharing your love through ministries of serving and being present, in our urban neighborhoods, while focusing on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Help us to accept your invitation to be church, and to generously live together this mission statement. Teach us your works of mercy and unite us as your people, who serve our urban neighborhoods with your presence and grace. Let your works of mercy be common, holy ways for celebrating our diversity, and for leaving the Eucharistic table, heeding your command to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, may we see you when you are hungry and thirsty, and recognize you when you are naked or a stranger, or sick or in prison, and then welcome you, feed you, clothe you and visit you. With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, bless us with your works of comforting, consoling, forgiving and patiently forbearing. We ask this always through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish: 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Thursday Mass: 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION: First Thursday of the month
following 7:00 PM Mass until 9:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM,

or by appointment

BAPTISMS: Call three weeks in advance

WEDDINGS: Call six months in advance

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 3 – 6:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Readings: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 4 – 10:30am

Mass Intention for St. Leo Class of 1950, Living and Deceased

Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23;

Mark 1:29-39

Monday, February 5 – No Service

Readings: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6 – No Service.

Readings: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7 – No Service.

Readings: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8 – 7:00pm Mass,

Mass Intentions of Vivian Tillman;

Readings: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 9 – No Service

Readings: 1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10 – 6:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Readings: 1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 11 – 10:30am

Mass Intention for Paul Zloba

Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1;

Mark 1:40-45

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 4

Lectors – John H., Fredence

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ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY

Serving Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1:00-3:30pm

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SEWING CLASSES Fridays, 9am – noon, at the rectory.

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Thursdays, 9:30am – 12:30pm.

Saturdays, 10:00, 10:00 - Noon



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PRAY FOR OUR PARISH PARTNERS

In deepest gratitude for their most generous contributions of time, talent and treasure to St. Leo's, this week please keep in prayer St. Bernard's, Taylor Creek.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please keep in your prayers all those listed in our Parish Petition/Special Prayer Books. Please call the Parish Office if you are hospitalized and wish to be visited. Hospitals no longer share that information.

VOCATION VIEW

We are called to be light in the world. Let your light shine before all so that they may see the goodness in your acts and give praise to God. Consider the priesthood or religious life.

LET US PRAY

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 4** Religious Education
Youth Group
Catholic Ministries Appeal
- February 11** Youth Group
- February 14** Ash Wednesday
- February 18** Religious Education
Server's Club

Bulletin information is always welcome! Articles must be in the office by 10am the Monday prior to publication, provided there is still room. Please call Casey at 921-1044X30 or email to cbetzstleo@aol.com

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 4, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .

Please consider this: There is a true story about former Prime Minister Menachem Begin’s visit during the Carter administration. Seated in the Oval Office of the White House, Prime Minister Begin asked President Carter about the three telephones on the president’s desk. President Carter responded: one goes to Plains Georgia, so I can keep track of my brother, Billy; one is a hot line to Moscow, which gives me instant communication with the Russians and one is a direct line to God!” “How much does that cost?” asked Begin. “Ten thousand dollars a month but it is worth every cent,” replied the president.

Sometime later, Carter visited Israel and sat with Begin in his office. Seeing three telephones on his desk Carter asked, “Why do you have three phones?” “Well, one is a hot line to Cairo, Egypt, one is my direct line to Parliament, and one is my direct line to God!” Carter asked, “What does your direct line to God cost?” “Ten cents,” Begin responded. “It’s a local call!”

Would you consider your relationship with God a long distant one or a local one? Is God more of a higher power watching over you from a distance or very near to you, one with you and within your reach and grasp? When we pray, is our praying more like making a long distance call or talking to our neighbor from across the back yard fence?

We can’t ever forget that our God is transcendent-always greater than ourselves and more than we can imagine, truly a God of heaven but our God is also incarnate – one with us in our very flesh, a God also of earth. God is as near to us as our very heartbeat and is as real to us as our love for our neighbor and as the Church is the Body of Christ, living its faith into action. Let us call upon the Lord always and often, especially while he is near.



Today’s Gospel suggests that God is as near to us as Jesus was when he healed Peter’s mother-in-law or he is as close to us as someone who ministers to us and serves us in Jesus’s name like Peter’s mother-in-law when she waited on Jesus after she was healed. Today’s gospel reports that Jesus needed to find a deserted place to pray. God is as close to us in any of our deserted, private places that we call sanctuaries. These places are local calls for us where God is ever

so present and ever so real. In work, ministry, discipleship, play and prayer God is close to us. Let us make these calls often and frequently and may God bless us with an awareness of his presence in all that we say and do and in every encounter with others.



Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 14. Our service is at 7pm. Please remember to bring your old palm to church next weekend and we will burn this palm and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.



Pope Francis condemned power struggles in daily life, stressed that appearance is not as important as God and urged Catholics not to be obsessed by possessions on Ash Wednesday.

The pope said that Lent, when the faithful are called to fast, pray and give alms to the needy, is meant to wake up Christians and help them see that God can give them the strength to change their lives and their surroundings.

Religious Education: The sessions are in English, on the first and third Sundays of the month from Noon – 1:00pm in our Parish Office Building. **Feb. 18, March 4, 18**



YOUTH PROGRAM for students 10-12 years and 13-18 years
Sunday: Feb. 4, 11



Servers’ Club/Grupo de Alcolitos

February 18/se reúne 18 febrero
Immediately following mass. For students 3rd grade and up. You do not have to be a server to join.



Congratulations to Nick Schaffield who received First Honors at St. Xavier High School for the 1st semester of the 2017-18 school year.

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St. Leo Food Pantry will be CLOSED for inclement weather when Cincinnati Public Schools are closed and via media: TV, Facebook and website.

February 4, 2018: Catholic Ministries Appeal. The CMA supports dozens of outreach programs under 6 key ministries, all right here in the Archdiocese: Catholic Charities, Seminary and Vocations, St. Rita School for the Deaf, Retired Archdiocesan Priests, Chaplains for Colleges, Hospitals, and Prisons and New Evangelization.

2nd Annual Celebration and Mass Commemorating Black History Month at Holy Name Catholic Church, **Feb. 4, 2018 at 2:00pm.** Featuring Gospel music, Liturgical Dance, Presentations of Honorees and a reception following.

Experience Jesus’ love at the **HEALING SERVICE with MASS on Wed, February 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm** in Hilvert Center behind St. Ignatius Church, 5222 North Bend Rd., Cinti, OH. You can receive prayer for yourself or your loved ones. Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For info call **513-471-LITE (5483)** or visit www.LRC1.org



St. Leo’s Volunteer Drivers Needed
Hospitality is the welcome we give to someone’s presence. Parish volunteers are needed to provide rides to and from church so that fellow parish members in need can be present for Sunday mass. Would you be willing to assist a family that lives on your way? Please call the office if you can help: 513-921-1044.



Romans 12:9-13 teaches us to show hospitality. Hospitality is measured by the degree of kindness we show others, including strangers. **Volunteers are needed to help us show kindness to persons in need at the St.**

Leo Food Pantry: Coordinator for Fridays, noon-4/4:30, to act as point person for other volunteers. **Assistant Administrator** about 9-12 hours a week, to tend to ordering, organizing the inventory, and conveying to coordinators/volunteers what’s up. If you feel called to either of these volunteer settings, or to participate in any of our other volunteer opportunities, please call at 513-921-1044!

“Listening to religious teaching or learning a doctrine is not enough. What we want is to live as Jesus lived.” --Pope Francis



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