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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.

EUCCHARIST

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 24** – 6:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, February 25 – 10:30am Mass, **2nd Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Sue and Bob Strobel; Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

Monday, February 26 – No Service

Readings: Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27 – No Service.

Readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28 – No Service.

Readings: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 1 – 7:00pm Mass, **Adoration of the Blessed****Sacrament** after Mass until 9:00pm Mass Intentions for Vivian Tillman; Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31**Friday, March 2** – 7:00pm **Way of the Cross**

Readings: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

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

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 4 – 10:30am Mass, **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Jerry Wissel;

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 25*Lectors* – Shirley, Albert*Distributors* – Kate, Claudette, Pedro B., Alejandra P., Becky*Servers* – Patience, Vanessa**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 4***Lectors* – Diane, Sheba*Distributors* – Michael, Pierre, Hilda L., Juan B., Shirley*Servers* – Beata, Yendy M.**ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY****Serving Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1:00-3:30pm**
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Thursdays, 9:30am – 12:30pm.

Saturdays, 10:00, 10:00 - Noon

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Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500

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Collection for February 18: \$1,800.78

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

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

The Lord called Abraham to be the progenitor of the mighty nation of God's people. This kind of spiritual parenthood is a fulfilling calling. Encourage those you know who have the gifts to be holy, healthy, celibate lovers of God's people.

LET US PRAY

Lord, help us keep our focus on your grace and whatever leads us to share in superabundant life you wish us to enjoy. May we learn to judge all situations in the light of your Gospels.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 27	The Light Is On For You, 7-9:00pm
March 1	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass until 9:00pm
March 2	Way of the Cross 7:00pm
March 4	Religious Education Youth Group
March 9	Way of the Cross 7:00pm
March 11	Youth Group
March 18	Lenten Soup Lunch and Music Program

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.comTo receive the parish weekly bulletin by e-mail, go to www.DiscoverMass.com and search St. Leo in Cincinnati, OH. Under bulletin, click on sign-up for e-mail notification. Enter your user name and e-mail address.**Sign up to receive St. Leo's Monthly Newsletter:** call the office at 513-921-1044, email your name and address to: cbetzstleo@aol.com or sign up online at: <http://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

Second Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .

Traditionally, Lent calls us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In these ways we align ourselves more according to God’s ways and we depend more on God’s grace and we can become less dependent on the ways of the world and secular attitudes. Also, we become strengthened to say no to sin and temptation. As Ash Wednesday reminds us and the Gospel from last Sunday: “Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

I want to highlight some opportunities for almsgiving or works of charity during Lent that we are being asked to consider doing with all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. One opportunity is the Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA). You have received in the mail an invitation from Archbishop Schnurr to participate in this appeal and to pray about what level of response you want to participate.

Today we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord. As the Lord was transfigured before the eyes of the Apostles, so shall we be transfigured and share in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Paschal Mystery of the Lord is definitely about transforming our lives into sharing the glory of the Lord. The church, in the image of Christ, is likewise about transforming lives and helping all God’s people move in the direction of the kingdom of heaven.

The CMA is about transforming lives. Our pledges to the CMA put food on the table for hungry families through Catholic Charities and social services. We help others hear the call to priesthood through vocational outreach and support the education of seminarians, deacons, and lay ministers at the Athenaeum/Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary. We assure that chaplains will bring God’s presence on college campuses, in hospitals, and in prisons. We bring hope to children with communication difficulties, and their families, at St. Rita School for the Deaf, and we provide continuing support for our retired archdiocesan priests who generously serve us all their lives. Our pledges will help fund new initiatives to encourage young Catholics to more fully engage themselves in the life of the Church, and to reach out to those who have drifted away from the Church.

Also, this is a good time to continue your pledge to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s One Faith, One Hope, One Love capital campaign. Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Retired Fund for Priests and Catholic Social Services are included as beneficiaries in this campaign as they are in the CMA but the majority of the funds in this campaign will be for Catholic education and Catholic Schools, specifically to create affordable tuition rates for anyone who is seeking a Catholic education. There are many good causes that this fund supports.

St. Leo, for many years has participated in Operation Rice Bowl. We are again this year. Information and donation boxes are at the doors of church. This is an almsgiving exercise that the whole family can do together.

I encourage everyone to participate in some forms of prayer, fasting and works of charity. Let’s celebrate the power of God’s love over sin and death and grow deeper in our relationship with the Lord and each other. What transforming love we have been given and such transforming love we can share!

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program. Join our faith community, and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl Pick you family’s CRS Rice Bowl from the back of church.

Welcome! If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are. Thank you for praying with us and please feel free to join us as often as you can!

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. **March 4, 18**

YOUTH PROGRAM for students 10-12 years and 13-18 years
Sunday: March 4

Servers’ Club/Grupo de Alcolitos
March 11/se reune 11 marzo
Immediately following mass. For students 3rd grade and up. You do not have to be a server to join.

SNOW NEWS! Check out the following stations for St. Leo cancellations: WCPO-Channel 9, WXIX-Channel 19
St. Leo Food Pantry will be CLOSED when Cincinnati Public Schools are closed for bad weather: snow, ice, bitter cold. Check media: TV, Facebook and website.

Volunteer Drivers Needed Volunteers are needed to provide rides to and from church so that folks 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.

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. Please call at 513-921-1044.

On Tuesday, February 27, 2018 St. Leo will participate with all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and also with Archbishop Schnurr and Bishop Binzer by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our respective parishes from 7PM until 9PM. This night of “hearing confessions” in the Reconciliation Room and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation according to The Rite for Reconciliation of Individual Penitents is entitled: “The Light Is On For You.”

Join us for a Lenten musical celebration of God’s mercy, goodness, forgiveness, and love **Sunday afternoon, March 18. A simple soup lunch after the 10:30 am Mass will be followed by a time of reflection through music** provided by parishioner Roni Nolasco, the Burundi women’s choir, Bill Tonnis of our partner parish Our Lady of Visitation, and other musicians and groups from St. Leo’s. The event is not a performance but an opportunity to spend time with God reflecting on God’s presence with us and great love for us. Though the music may be in different languages, and we may not understand the words, we can all enter into its spirit and be blessed by the variety of ways God speaks to us. The event will be coordinated by our newly formed youth group and provide an opportunity for youth to share their gifts with St. Leo’s and the community. The youth will be working on making a sawdust carpet—called alfombras de aserrín—a traditional Lenten practice in Guatemala.





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