



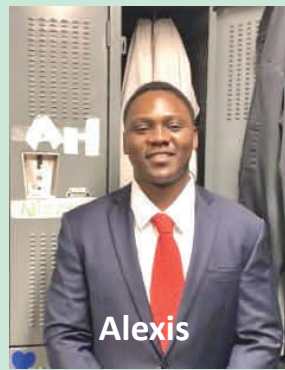
ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER



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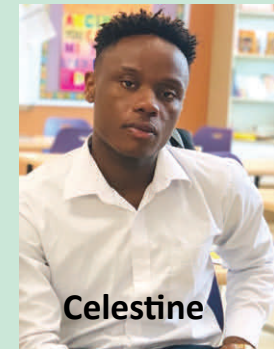
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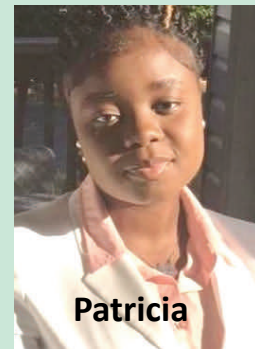
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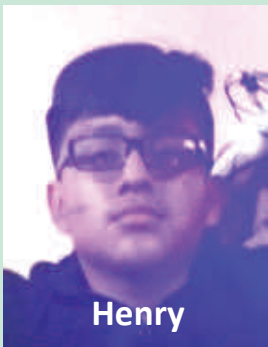
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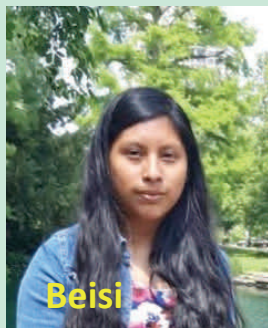
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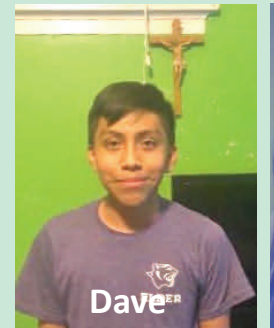
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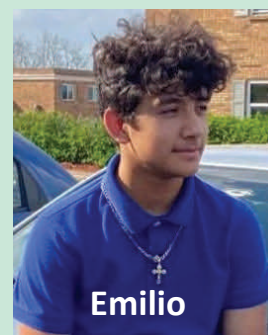
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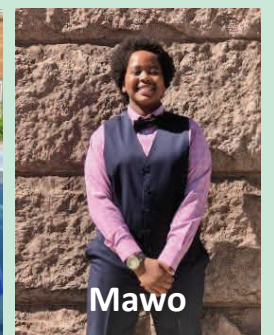
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Congratulations Graduates!!!

The St. Leo family is so proud of all of our graduates, what they have accomplished, and the difference they will make in the future.

Graduating from College

Sarah Hill Arnett—Ohio University, Masters in Science with a focus in nutrition. She has accepted a job at Dietary Solutions in Athens, Ohio

Charlotte Niyonkuru—University of Cincinnati, Bachelors in International Studies. She is taking a gap year working as a coach for incoming freshman at UC and then plans to attend law school.

Alexis Nizigiyimana—University of Cincinnati with a Bachelors in Human Rights and Organizational Leadership. He plans to work in a company HR department and return to UC later to get his master's degree.

Graduating from High School

Liliane Nshirurimana—School of Creative and Performing Arts. She plans to attend the University of Cincinnati and study creative writing.

Celestine Cimalamungu—Aiken High School. He plans to attend Cincinnati State to study mechanical engineering.

Patricia Cimalamungu—Aiken High School. She plans to attend Cincinnati State to study biochemistry.

Graduating from Grade School

Henry Valasques Soli—graduating from St. Lawrence and going to St. Xavier High School.

Mileybi yoana de Leon Reynoso—graduating from St. Lawrence and going to Seton High School.

Joshua Alonzo—graduating from Lakota Ridge junior high and going to Lakota West High School

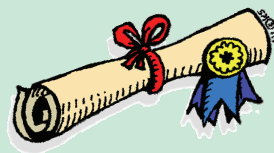
Beisi Marroquin—graduating from St. Lawrence and going to Seton High School.

Dave Bernardo—graduating from Holy Family and going to Elder High School.

Yanet Perez—graduating from Princeton middle school and going to Princeton High School.

Emilio Moises Campos—graduating from St. Martin and going to De Paul Cristo Rey High School.

Mawo Idris—graduating from St. Boniface and going to La Salle High School.



BECAUSE OF YOU . . .

St. Leo's struggle and its gift is its poverty. In order to continue and expand its mission and ministry to the community and our immigrant and refugee parishioners we need to reach out to others to help us through prayer, finances, and service. Through God's grace it becomes mutual blessing.

AND SO WE THANK YOU ...



Many, many thanks to the donor who provided funding to purchase new, much needed, storm doors for the front and back doors at the rectory. They are a nice face lift for the building and will help keep the drafts under control.



Many, many thanks to our courageous, dedicated volunteers who continued to help out at the food pantry throughout the Covid-19 virus restrictions. Thank you again and again for caring for our brothers and sisters in need during this stressful time.

Many thanks to our Monthly Overhead Sponsor for June Sunrise Treatment Center

Charitable Giving Ideas to obtain your greatest tax benefit:

Bunching: The standard deduction has been greatly increased, making it more difficult to itemize deductions. Consider bunching your contributions (and other itemized deductions) into one tax year.

Securities: Gift Securities that have increased in value instead of selling and incurring a capital gain. Sell securities that have decreased in value, take a tax loss and donate the cash.

IRA Distribution: If you are over age 70 ½ use your IRA to gift directly to charity. The distribution is then not taxed to you and you need not itemize deductions.

Donor Advised Fund: Set up a charitable fund. It can be funded with appreciated securities or cash. Use to accelerate or bunch donations, then contributions may be made over several years.

Above Line Deduction: New for 2020. Individuals, who do not itemize deductions may now deduct up to \$300 for charitable contributions.

As always, taxes can be complex. Be sure to consult your tax advisor for your individual situation.

¡GRACIAS! MURAKOZE! THANK YOU!

We are deeply grateful for your continued and generous support. Our St. Leo the Great parish community promises to remember you and your loved ones in our private prayer, as well as in our communal prayer, which is to say that we are praying for you all the time. May our gracious God fill you with every blessing!

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS . . .



On the night before Jesus will be crucified, he tells his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Instead, he urges his disciples to have faith in him and faith in God. It appears as if Jesus wants to prepare his disciples for what is to come and the physical separation that will occur between them which he knows will trouble their hearts. Jesus assures them that he is preparing a place for them and that he will come back again and take them to himself so that where he is, they also will be. They will be one with the Father, Son and Spirit.

I believe that after the Lord's crucifixion disciples' hearts were truly troubled and when they saw the risen Lord and realized that they shared in the Lord's victory over sin and death, they began to understand better why Jesus said what he said to them on the night before he died. I believe that their faith soothed the trouble in their hearts. Knowing that they were to be one with God and not separated from God, that there were many rooms in God's kingdom and that Jesus was their way, truth and life, removed their fears, comforted their souls and gave them hope and strength, courage and newness of life to live the Gospel.

Whenever, I hear Jesus say, "Do not let your hearts be troubled," my first reaction is, "It is too late, Lord. I am already troubled!" Especially when we hear this Gospel proclaimed at a funeral and especially when people are demonstrating sometimes violently to go back to work and to go shopping with little regard and respect for what is healthy and safe. But whether we are already troubled or when trouble is wanting to overcome us, the Lord's response is always the same: "Remember, I am always with you. You are always with me. I am your way, truth and life." So, do not be afraid, be comforted, have faith and keep believing."

One of the greatest challenges of the earliest disciples of Jesus was the fact of the Lord's departure from their midst and their uncertainty as to when they would know the joy of his presence again. Thomas expresses his concern when he says, "Where are you going? How can we know the way?" and Phillip shows his concern when he asks, "Show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

To understand the support, comfort, faith, and presence that Jesus was offering them, the disciples had to learn the deeper meaning of Jesus' answer and their deeper call to faith.

The Father's dwelling is not so much a place as it is an experience of Jesus' presence and a relationship with Jesus, the Father and the Spirit, the Holy Trinity, that does not end. In this relationship of unending love, there is room for everyone and everything. All creation is one – one family, God's family. The way to this unity is Jesus. The Lord's followers were not alone or without direction, they were privileged to know the way, the truth, and the life. But the way that leads to union through, in and with God is not a path but a person. It is Jesus, himself, who communicates this to the disciples by revealing the truth and offering a share of his life.

We get to where Jesus is and we return to the Father by following the way, not along a road, or a map but by living as Jesus did, in loving relationship with God and with all God's people. We know Jesus, the way, the person: who he is, what he does, how he acts and loves, and we discover the truth, the divine, grace, the Trinity, eternal virtues, qualities, attitudes and life.

My friends, Jesus is with us today, just as he promised. Especially as we live through this time of pandemic, we are to know his presence and his person and live in union with him, his ways, and values. We are to feed one another, care for one another, work for mercy and justice, make sacrifices so others can live. We are to love others as God loves us. So, do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God. Jesus is our way, truth, and life. Now and forever.

~~ Fr. Jim



St. Leo's Prayer Wall is a place where all, regardless of age, race or creed, are invited to sing God's praises, give Him thanks, and/or call upon His presence for help in times of need. The wall, a place of prayer for all peoples (much like the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem), captures the faces of the community, as well as peacemakers and saints who have inspired us through the ages.

The Wall is a place for staff and volunteers, youth groups, community meetings, and for individuals who pass through our parking lot on the way to work, school, etc., to pray, reflect and pause. We invite you to share in this special way of prayer, joy, and thanksgiving. Praise God! God cares about every need in your life and knows what you need even before you ask Him for help. Our St. Leo the Great parish community promises to remember you in our private prayer, as well as in our communal prayer, which is to say that we are praying for you all the time.



All prayer requests are held in strictest confidence. **Send your prayer request to:** Saint Leo the Great Church, 2573 Saint Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225. You can also submit your prayer request online at: <http://saint-leo/WorksofMercy/PrayerWallMinistry.aspx>.



Jesus is Lord, I am blessed negative test. my doctor just give you the good news. I could stop thanking God on the phone with my doctor. I thank God and my family in my church. thank you Jesus .



I have decided that I should make masks. I first sent them out to friends and family but now I am starting to make them for the church. Making masks is the only thing I feel like I can really do to help people out. It is also one of the only things that gives me joy.

In this time i was still going to my regular work cause the Company is among these which are helping the population to survive in this bad situation. Sundays, only i followed the St Leo mass two times, other Sundays i followed the Rwanda and Burundi masses. I even did some novena for this pandemic time. It is very horrible to hear all the people who is getting problems or sick. No physical assistance...But i really hope that we shall be secured by the Jesus Christ resurrection and we shall be again together in our St Leo Church. Thanks all. May God continue to protect us and blessings.

I am so grateful to people who have been working in essential jobs, like healthcare workers and those helping us fill our grocery carts. I am more appreciative of the little things that others do, especially the simple things that keep things chugging along.

When they looked in they could see the red light of Jesus in the Sacrament.



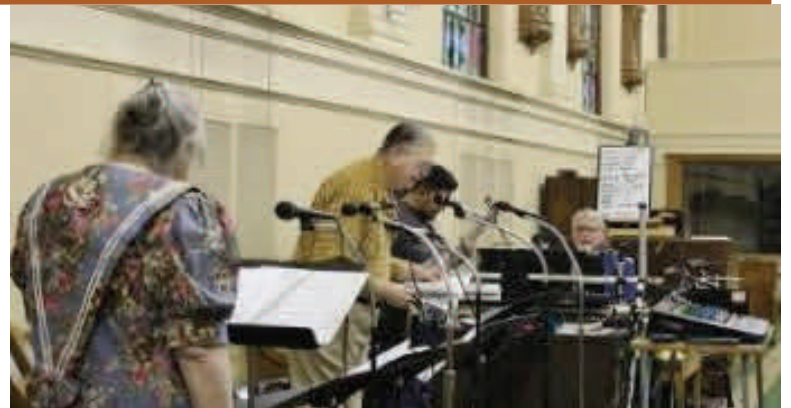
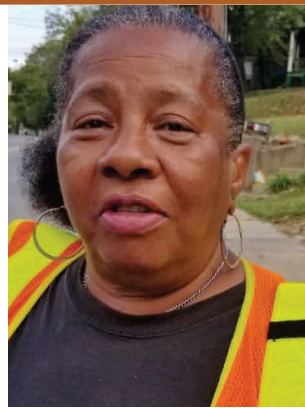
I have been praying, eating and getting a little bit of air. Waiting to hear from unemployment. Back hurt some-time. I came across a good book. God bless.

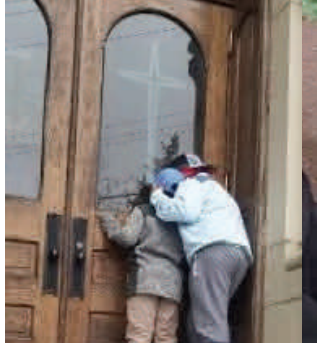
I am so grateful that I have my family with me. It would be really hard if I was alone or didn't have other people that I could talk to. I am also extremely grateful that I can attend mass online at St. Leo's virtually. It is such a tremendous comfort to see MY Priest and a few of MY parishioners on the screen and know that I am praying with MY community of people.

Kids are happier than adults because they trust their parents. We must be like this and trust fully in our Father God because he owns our lives and is with us. You may be having a bad time but I tell you with all my heart, God is with you to cheer you. Don't give up.

I miss my St Leo family TERRIBLY. Every Saturday morning 10-12 I tutored ESL at St Leo's, and every Sunday I drove parishioners to and from 10:30 Mass. Being unable to do these wonderful things is nearly devastating. At least watching and praying Mass at St Leo's via Facebook is a great consolation.

- 1) I am an Italian opera-lover. Almost every night I watch an opera from the Met opera in New York streamed from its website.
- 2) I wear a mask when going to the grocery store.





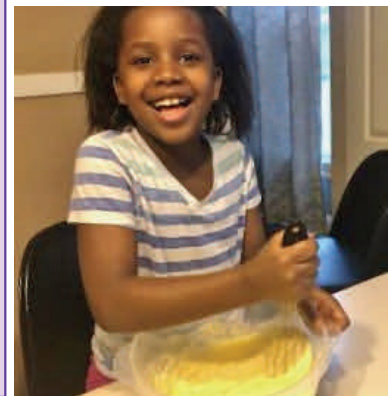
I miss all Friends and family. I miss church too and I pray everyone stays safe. We need to pray so hard that God can continue to protect us from coronavirus and it can be done as soon as possible because we are losing so many people

I got a call from the doctor and he said he had bad news for the family. My husband was positive for COVID-19. When I told my husband tears came down his face. I told him that I knew we will be ok We have God and he will walk us through every step and tell us what to do I took off work and sat all my kids down and let them know the plan They were scared but I told them not to worry. God is good. I woke up praying asking God to heal my family and keep the virus from my babies so they could be safe At night I said the blessed rosary to for my family and the world to be healed and back to normal again I went nights with no sleep but I know that God was with me all the time because I would have not made it through this without out God and the Community prayers for our family. My husband is now back to himself. My kids can be with their father again. The only thing that pulled us through this crazy virus is our Lord and prayers with the rosary



In this hardship we are all going through in the entire whole world, I've been praying to God for this virus to go away, praying for the life's of people families and the nurses and doctor fighting and making sure to protect the people at all cost that's fighting for their lives. Also praying for the world to become at peace again, As well for families and individuals that have lost their jobs, houses, and even their own life because of hunger. I remain with the same positive spirit the lord divine gave to me. Remaining calm in a situation like this, because god is always our source of protection, strength, and peace at unknown times. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." - Psalm 23:4

What has helped us to overcome this moment of crisis that we are experiencing, first of all our trust in God through the prayer of Living the Eucharist on Sundays, the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays, our virtual prayer on Saturdays from our homes has given us of a way to be in union with our brothers in the community and in the parish
Even though the church is closed our domestic church has been closer to God in these times, praying prayers like the Holy Rosary, prayer to the Holy Spirit and The crown of Divine Mercy. It has also helped us to think positively that everything will be fine and not let ourselves be carried away by fear. This crisis has helped us to be more united as a family, helping others in our household chores, being able to pray together and spend more time together.



Jake's Jabbers



June 6th is National Yo-Yo Day. Not even sure if the young 'uns nowadays know what a yo-yo is, let alone know how to master it. It's all in the flick of the wrist and the twist of the arm, all with a steady and balanced movement. There are tutorials explaining the step-by-step process. As with any lessons, it's the connection between each step that is challenging to make for a seamless, successful, yo-yo trick. And patience. Yo-yo's can do many things, even "sleep" and provide stress relief! My fave is "Walk the Dog" since it's exactly how I look on the end of my leash just like the yo-yo trick.



As in life, once the basic concept is understood, a whole new world is opened to dealing with or creating a variety of options and tricks. Emerging from the last several months in our shelter-in-place environments, we may need to refine our step-by-step processes and learn a new way to create seamless and balanced connections in our lives.

Here are some snippets from Facebook, friend's emails, and other pop-ups from the internet world I've gathered in the hopes that they provide some touchstones as we bounce back like a yo-yo to our new normal:

- *View obstacles as opportunities
- *Color outside the lines
- *The only way out is through
- *When you can't feel the sunshine, be the sunshine
- *Confidence is silent; Insecurities are loud
- *Better an oops than a What If
- *Be part of the solution rather than the problem
- *As soap is for the body, laughter is for the soul
- *The world - look at it without borders - we are all in this together
- *There will always be rocks in the road ahead of us. They will be stumbling blocks or stepping stones; it all depends on how you use them. ~ Friedrich Nietzsche

May you enjoy being the master of your own yo-yo's in life! And, remember....Patience!

Jake's Jokes

What goes Buzzzzz, Zzzzzub, Buzzzzz, Zzzzzub?

A bee stuck to a yo-yo.



Why did the yo-yo cross the road?

Because it was Walking The Dog.



What is Why Oh, Why Oh? yo-yo.

Tie a string to your finger.



ST. LEO PARISH AND COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION



Pastor: Rev. James R. Schutte

Address: 2573 Saint Leo Place,
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Phone: 513-921-1044

Fax: 513-921-8048

E-Mail: stleocinti@aol.com **Website:** www.saint-leo.org

Facebook: St. Leo The Great Catholic Church

St. Leo's YouTube Channel: StLeoTheGreatParish

Worship Schedule: Saturday 6:00pm Mass in Spanish;

Sunday Mass: 10:30am; Weekday Mass: Thursday 7:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: First Thursday following 7:00pm Mass.

FOOD PANTRY: At the corner of Carll & Baltimore

Serving Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri., 1:00pm to 3:30pm

Pantry Requirements: Serving North Fairmount, English Woods, Roll Hill Apts., and Millvale once every 30 days. See website: www.saint-leo.org or call (513-921-1044) to see if your street is covered. To meet St. Leo's Acts of Mercy pantry donor guidelines, current proof of residence (Duke or telephone bill), photo ID & Social Security Cards for all members of household must be presented at each visit. **Plan ahead: Children must be supervised while at our Food Pantry.**

To volunteer, or for more info, call 513-921-1044x30.

New Rules at the Food Pantry

Due to the corona virus special considerations have been implemented at the Food Pantry.

- Call 921-1044 each day to be certain the pantry is open.
- You will be expected to wait outside.
- NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN THE PANTRY, unless they are in a carrier.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

We welcome all wishing to learn English. **FREE!**

 Saturday 10:00-Noon.

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS

North Fairmount Community Center/

 Referral Services: Linda Klems: 513-921-5842

Housing: 513-921-5889,

Healthy Moms & Babes: 513-591-5600

Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500

Literacy Network: 513-621-7323

ANGELS' ARMS STORE, 1882 Baltimore Ave. Accepting donations of clothing, kitchen, bath and bedding. Open Mon-Wed-Fri 9-3:00 and Tues-Thurs 10-3:00. **All Items Free!** Call Linda Klems at 513-623-9897.

Visit Us!

St. Leo's website: www.Saint-Leo.org

Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

St. Leo's YouTube Channel:

StLeoTheGreatParish



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Save the **www.saint-leo.org** site in your "favorites" list to visit often. Feel free to send corrections, updates, news and/or info to be included on the website to Casey Betz, Development Director, at cbetzstleo@aol.com. If you'd like to receive St. Leo's Newsletter, call 921-1044 and we'll add you (or anyone else you know) to the mailing list.

HOW YOU CAN HELP . . .



Treasure Chest

Treasure Chest Tickets are sold on a monthly basis at \$5.00 each.

- Winner based on Pick 3 played straight every day.
- Each \$100.00 prize will be sent in the mail.
- Get In On the Fun! To purchase Treasure Chest tickets, send \$5.00 per ticket by the first of the month to: St. Leo Treasure Chest, 2573 Saint Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225
- Volunteers Needed to help sell tickets!

April Winners: Bobbie Brockman, Bill Duchemin, M. Manning, Joyce Babel, Cheryl Roy, Joyce Babel (different number), Rose Ruark, Sherry Baker, May A. Dyson, Dawn Pennekamp

WISH LIST

Interactive SmartBoard (\$?????) & Projector (\$1,900) for Religious Formation Classes (we're still researching what's best so if you're knowledgeable, please call 513-921-1044)

Gas Cards for our 3 vans

Uber Gift Cards to assist St. Leo's parishioners who have no means of transportation to get to appointments.

Gift Cards for the continuing work and maintenance of the parish, and our Youth Group functions: Home Depot, Staples, Hobby Lobby, Kroger, Oriental Trading Company Priceless!

**Cash
to Cover Operating Expenses
is Essential!**

**iGRACIAS!
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THANK YOU!**

Easy Online Giving

Make a one-time donation, or set up a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual gift to be deducted from your banking account, or to charge your gift to your credit card:

Go to <http://saint-leo.org/DonateNow.aspx> And click on the Donate Now Button.

SHOP AMAZON SMILE, SUPPORT ST. LEO: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0538556>

SHOP KROGER'S AND SUPPORT ST. LEO: <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> Enter St. Leo's #KC265 or search for St. Leo the Great Church.

iGive: Shop the sites you love and support St. Leo! Sounds easy? It is! Sign up at <http://www.igive.com/>



**Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry
Monthly Overhead Sponsor for June
Sunrise Treatment Center**

In April the Food Pantry served 599 individuals, in 204 households, including 243 children and 65 seniors.

NEEDS FOR JUNE

Cereal

Canned: salmon, tuna, chicken, hams, pineapple, carrots, spinach
Vinegar, salad dressing, mustard, small cooking oil, salsa, Jiffy corn muffin mix, quick-cake mixes, sugar (boxed rather than bagged), spices (small-sized salt, pepper, cinnamon, garlic powder)

Shampoo, dish soap, razors, deodorant, paper towels

Diapers: size 4

Brown paper grocery bags

**It's not too late
to support the 2020 Virtual Hunger Walk!**

Donations will be accepted until June 30, 2020.

Your support of the Hunger Walk on our behalf is
VERY important to our continued operation.

To make your virtual registration or virtual donation go to:
http://fsfb.convio.net/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=1430&team_id=11540
or, cincinnatihungerwalk.org.

Be sure to look for St. Leo Church Pantry

or, make your check payable to:
Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk

Be sure to designate St. Leo Church Pantry as your recipient.

Mail to: Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk
1141 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202

ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY OVERHEAD SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

We are seek-ing individuals and organizations that would be willing to "Sponsor" one month of our operating costs of \$2,323.53.

Sponsor's name will be recognized in the food pantry foyer, on St. Leo's website, in St. Leo's monthly newsletter and in St. Leo's weekly Sunday bulletin during their month; and if interested, the organization's members would be welcome to volunteer by working in the pantry serving our clients.








If interested, please contact Casey Betz at 513-921-1044 x 30, cbetzstleo@aol.com, or mail to: Casey Betz, St. Leo the Great Church, 2573 Saint Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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