



St. Leo the Great Parish

August 2019 Newsletter



Culture Fest 2019
We Are All One In Christ

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 thanks to our Monthly Overhead Sponsor
for August
Kind Anonymous Donor



Many, many thanks
to the donor who provided a generous supply of frozen French fries, onion rings and pickle chips for the Food Pantry. YUM!



Many, many thanks to the donor who provided a couple of Nifty Nabber Trash Picker Grabbers. We can't tell you how useful they for keeping things tidy at the Food Pantry.



Many, many thanks
to all of you who keep all of us at St. Leo's in your prayer. We are sincerely, deeply grateful.



Many, many thanks
to the thoughtful dentist who donated 6 dozen tooth brushes to the food pantry. Our guests are sincerely grateful.

Many, many thanks to St. Leo's Guatemalan community for organizing the 2019 Culture Fest. It was a wonderful celebration of food, fun, music and prayer.
iGracias!



iGracias! 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 . . .

The idea for a St. Leo Cultural Fest was born a number of years ago when the Guatemalan Community at St. Leo the Great wanted to invite the entire parish to an outdoor concert of spiritual music in order to thank the parish for welcoming and accepting them to St. Leo. Different Latino groups from various parishes shared their music in praise of God and the crowd feasted on fruit and tacos.

It was great for our parish because it was a party for everyone hosted by the Guatemalan Community. The diversity of St. Leo Parish was well represented – Burundians, Guatemalans, African Americans and Americans – dancing, singing, sharing Mexican/Guatemalan cuisine and thanking God for bringing us all together.

This year the festival was July 5. It is mostly a festival of prayer: singing, dancing, preaching, praying and sharing good food. We take our faith to our parking lot and the sound of our praise and worship echoes throughout the neighborhood.

The theme of the Fest was: "We are all one in Christ."

Like the Good Samaritan and the victim in the gospel story, St. Leo Parish depends so much on the help of Good Samaritans. We must beg a lot for others to share their time, talent and treasure with us and we pray that people won't pass us by. Our Cultural Fest is an indication that people do not pass us by, parishioners and non-parishioners alike, and we give thanks for their generosity and for the healing, and growth that we receive.

It is also clear that St. Leo Parish is being called to be Good Samaritans to others. Certainly, some of our Burundian and Guatemalan parishioners have been treated horribly in the past. Some bear the beatings of an oppressive government and some have witnessed killings of their family members. St. Leo is a new home for them where they can have some of the freedoms that they have been denied and rightly deserve. They can share their faith and minister to others and care for others with the same care from God that they have received. They pray for us and they love us, and they love this country. They want so much to become law-

abiding citizens and contribute to the common good. The culture fest is a way for them to share their goodness with us and to pray for growth in being with God and each other. They show us that they are Good Samaritans and good neighborhoods.



St. Leo has always been a beacon of light and hope in the North Fairmount neighborhood that has suffered from economic depression for years. As a Good Samaritan, we aid with rent and utility bills when we are able. We are actively involved with planning and development of our neighborhoods for affordable and diversity housing. Our food pantry serves between 700 to 800 people a month and over half of them are children or seniors, about 300 families. Our parish has come to new life by focusing on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy to which the Good Samaritan is a great example. We want to bless and love others as we have been blessed and loved. This year's culture Fest was a prayerful celebration of God's love for all of us and our love for God and neighbor.

It doesn't matter where someone is from, or what they look like or the color of their skin; we are all one in Christ Jesus. We are all one family. We are brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ. We find our home in Him here at St. Leo with each other and for all others, serving the needs of all with the love of God. We are all one in Christ.

This is our blessing. This is our salvation. This is our joy and thanksgiving. This is our continual prayer for the church and the world.

— 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>.

Summer Fun Continues . . .



Remembering Dad....

There's a picture on the desk in my living room of my dad holding me up as an infant. I'm smiling and he has a look of pride on his face.

As his first born he and I shared a special relationship. He loved to whistle and as a toddler I tried—often comically—to imitate him. He was in the Navy when I was a preschooler and I ran into his arms as he scooped me up when he came home on leave.

Dad loved books and education. Once I was in school, he encouraged me to do well—college was always a given in my future. He'd look over my homework and give me feedback. One time when I wrote a Christmas essay, he suggested that I write that Jesus was born in a "stinking" stable because that would have been the reality. The good sisters were horrified. If I were writing that essay today, I would still include that phrase.

As a teenager I got involved in civil rights and when we would talk about justice issues he would play the devil's advocate and take the opposing position. I later learned he shared my views when he talked with others.

Men of his generation had a difficult time sharing feelings. I remember one time being at his house and talking to one of my children on the phone. "Love you," I said as I ended the call. "What's with all this "Love you'?" dad asked. "They should know that you love them." Then he turned to me. "I love you," he said. After that each time we parted he would turn to me, grin and say, "Like you."

In the final years of his life, he and I would walk the treadmill together and talk, often on deep subjects. I remember a few weeks before he died he asked me, "What do you think happens after you die?" "Why don't you talk to God about it?" I suggested. "God doesn't talk to me," he replied. "I think God is very pleased with how you lived your life and how you loved your family and others,"



I told him. "He's never told me that," Dad said. "Maybe he's telling you now through me," I said softly. "Love you," Dad said. It was the last real conversation we had. He died a few days later.

These memories come to mind and are especially poignant as my dad died 10 years ago this month. Fathers have a huge impact on how we interpret the world and especially how we see God. I know my father did.

My spirit smiles when I see my son and son-in-law interact with their children. I remember once when my oldest grandson was a toddler. His dad was out of town and I was helping his mom. I was putting him to bed and hoping to get him asleep before Joe got home from an evening flight. Sam was drifting off when he heard a door open downstairs. He perked up. "That's my Daddy," he shouted. Bed time was late that night. Simon, who is a person with autism, also has a close relationship with Joe and feels safe and enjoys spending time with his dad. My twin grandsons Josh and Zack love being with Mike who plays with, reads to, snuggles with, and delights in them. Seeing God as a loving father will not be a problem for any of my grandsons.

St. Leo's has been blessed over the years with priests who have mirrored God's love. Our many children line up to get a blessing from Father Jim as their parents receive Holy Communion. And despite their sometimes noisy and mischievous behavior, the children feel welcome and comfortable in church and

see themselves as part of the community. I imagine that Jesus who showed us God as a loving father and welcomed children himself feels right at home here.

— Angela Anno

DAY OF HOPE

Saturday August 17th Noon – 4:00pm

Theme for the Day: Challenges for Youth: Bullying, Suicide, Peer Pressure

- At **Wayne Playfield** by Mr. Gene's Doghouse on Beekman St. in South Cumminsville.
- 20+ social service agencies will be on hand to provide information.
- St. Leo joins with other churches and faiths and District Three of the Cincinnati Police Department in sponsoring this day.
- Free food and school supplies and agencies that provide services to our neighborhoods in a friendly atmosphere of faith and music.
- Children's activities.
- Bus Service from the Community Center at the Villages of Roll Hill to the playground and back periodically throughout the day.

Clancy's Clichés

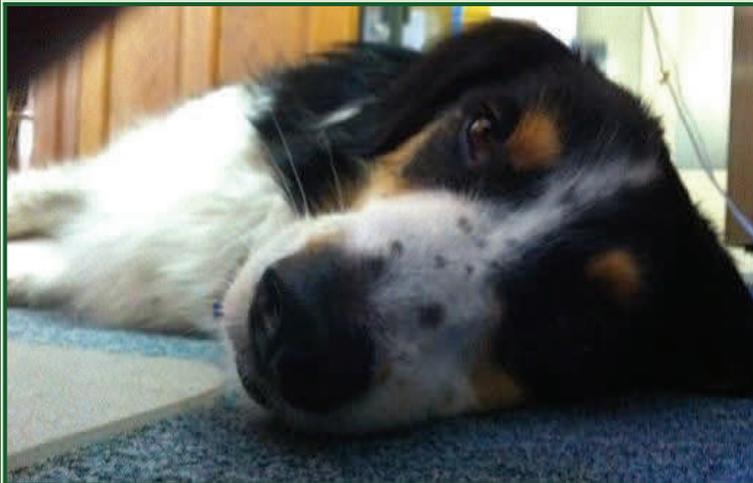
Really? School starts later this month? For students it's a time of going back into the classroom, but, really, the whole world is a classroom for every one of us. We can all learn to be experts in various subjects and do good unto others even if only by osmosis!

Look around and see what "classroom" is calling you. Me? Sleep studies was my "major" at the Institute of Muttsachusetts which led to dog therapy school acquired in the hallways at St. Leo. King Arthur attended Knight School. Putz's employees go to Sundae School every week. Lulu, my surfing buddy, continues to this day at Boarding School. Even M&M's are sent away to be Smarties! Always a place for each of us!

The journey can be a ruff one, though. Talking about a place for each of us and as students return to school, some will be the "newbie". People sometimes judge whites, some judge blacks and some judge browns. Well, I'm all three and I'm judged, too. In my case, some have had a bad experience with other dogs and think I'm as ferocious but, well, have you ever met me? One day, a substitute mail carrier didn't deliver our mail while I was napping in the yard because I was a dog.

So whether we're in our school classrooms or world classrooms, be welcoming and treat each other with an open heart and mind. Remember Susan Boyle from that talent show? Or someone like Gomer Pyle whom everyone made fun of and then quickly shut their traps when they heard him sing? (OK you young pups homework assignment time: Google these folks!) Shazam!

Off to my higher calling: nap time on the floor!



Clancy's Cackles

Knock, knock. Who's there? Cows go.
Cows go who? No, silly, cows go MOO!

I love Cow Jokes! They're udderly mood lifters!

What do you call a cow on a trampoline? A milk shake!

How do you stop a bull from charging? Take away his credit card!

What do you call a sleeping cow? A Bull-Dozer!

Moouuuuuuu!



St. Leo Parish and Community Contact Information



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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 Carl & 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.**

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED:
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon—4:00pm

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 & Babies: 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.

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St. Leo's YouTube Channel:

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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!

June Winners: Jack Sams, Mark Schinaman, Rosemary French, Sherry Baker, Bobbie Brockman, Kim Smith, Bill Duchemin, Jane Lanzarotta

Thank You Again!

WISH LIST

Our Youth Minister is requesting gift cards from Kroger, Michaels, Oriental Trading Company and Dominos to purchase materials and food for our summer program.

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

Apollo Extendible Pocket-Size Presentation Pointer (18001), \$7.99, Item #: 723635 | Model #: 18001
https://www.staples.com/apollo-extendible-pocket-size-presentation-pointer-18001/product_723635

Ryobi 40V 4.0 Ah Lithium-Ion Battery OP4040 \$104.99 on Amazon

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!

Thank you for your support!

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.



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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 August
A Kind Anonymous Donor

In June the Food Pantry served 867 individuals, in 303 households, including 355 children and 95 seniors.

Needs for August:

Cereal: ANY basic types - oats, corn flakes, Chex, Rice Krispies (we already have Cheerios for now)

Canned: salmon, chicken, vegetarian vegetable soup, cream of mushroom soup, pineapple, applesauce

Vinegar, salad dressing, ketchup

Deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo, baby-wipes (adults use them too!), Clorox Wipes, paper towels

Summer Volunteers Needed!

12:00 Noon—4:00 pm

August 9, 16, & 30

Looking for something worthy to do?

Need a little excitement in your life?

Looking for a new challenge?

Part-time Volunteer Opportunity at St. Leo Food Pantry

St. Leo Food Pantry is seeking a VOLUNTEER assistant administrator, 9-12 hours/week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, to manage inventory control and onsite volunteer communications. Now that our procedures are well established and skillfully run, we need someone to help oversee and maintain operations. If you (and a teammate) are interested, please contact Stephanie Sepate, Pantry Administrator, at 513-921-1044 ext. 20

ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY

MONTHLY OVERHEAD SPONSORSHIP

Beginning February 2019, St. Leo Food Pantry will be responsible to cover all of the costs of the food pantry building. We are seeking 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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 <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">August</h1>				1 Office Closed No Mass	2 Food Pantry Open AA Meeting 7:30pm	3 Mass in Spanish 6pm; English as 2 nd lang. class 10-noon
4 Mass: 10:30am	5 Food Pantry Open	6 	7 Food Pantry Open	8 7:00pm MASS	9 Food Pantry Open; AA Meeting 7:30pm	10 Mass in Spanish 6pm; English as 2 nd lang. class 10-noon
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