

St. Leo Parish

June 2017 Newsletter



An Abundance of Blessings ...

It's been raining blessings at St. Leo's recently. Attendance at Sunday Mass has been increasing. More refugees from the Republic of Congo have been attending and we have developed a Swahili missalette for them. Music at Sunday Mass has reflected our English, Spanish, and African heritage and the congregation is joining in either by singing or humming or clapping. It truly is Pentecost every Sunday at St. Leo's. The first of our stained glass windows have been repaired thanks to generous benefactors. And this is only the beginning. We are so grateful!

We recently completed Confirmation classes and more than 35 teens and adults were confirmed at the Cathedral by Archbishop Schnurr on April 23rd. Several younger parishioners will receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation on Pentecost, June 4. Jeanne Hunt, DRE, and a team of catechists from Our Lady of Visitation are presenting an RCIA program.

AND...Ben Lotangi'a, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who is originally from Kenya will be doing an internship at St. Leo's for an entire year beginning in August. Judie Kuhlman will be joining as a volunteer part-time youth minister to develop junior high and high school youth groups for our growing number of young parishioners. (See more about them inside.)

Great opportunities are opening up for our youth.

Alexandre Marengo, the first in his family to go to college, will complete his degree at UC's College Conservatory of Music's media program in 3 years and has been accepted and was awarded a scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design—quite a coup.

Gabbi Montevan who has led our Children's Liturgy of the Word for 4 years and has been an amazing blessing to our children, graduated from Xavier University with a degree in theology, has been hired as youth minister at St. Susanna Parish and looks forward to collaborating with St. Leo's in that role.

Megan Luneke, who has been a social work intern at St. Leo's for the past year graduated from the University of Cincinnati and has been accepted into the advanced placement social work program at UC. Former social work interns Natasha Lovely and Jocelin Morrow Culbreath both graduated with masters degrees in social work; Natasha from the University of Michigan; and Jocelin from Boston College.

Matt Rieger graduated from Moeller High School and will be attending the University of Michigan studying chemical engineering. Chantal Nibigira graduated from Withrow and has been accepted into the pharmacy program at UC. Graduating from St. Boniface are Jacques Hatungimana, who will attend St. Xavier High School; and Martin Igaba and Bieveni Hamenyimana who will be attending Cristo Rey High School.



Alexander



Gabbi



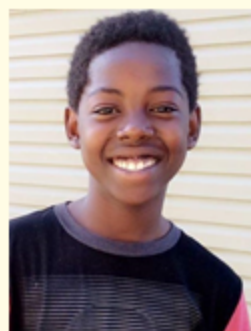
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