

November 1, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .

Farewell, Blessings and Many Thanks! After ten years of faithful service as Development Director for St. Leo Parish, Casey Betz is retiring. Casey was the first development director for St. Leo. She came to St. Leo's at a financially crucial time for us. With her direction, we invested in establishing a website for the parish. In some ways, St. Leo could have been considered "the best kept secret" around. The parish has been a staple in the neighborhood for years but who was aware of our mission and purpose? Our website is dedicated to telling the story of St. Leo and consistently reporting the growth and welcome of refugees and immigrants as parishioners. The webpage, weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter are the main means of communication for the parish, the greater church and community under her direction. Much of her work involved establishing partner parishes, acquiring, and training volunteers for the food pantry and accepting donations of time, talent, and treasure. She was a member of the Parish Leadership Team and Finance Commission.

We are forever grateful to her for her goodness, kindness, love for our parish and parishioners and her professional skills and ability to create such an important position of parish development for our parish. Her retirement is well deserved. We wish her all the best and much joy, fun and rest in her retirement. Casey may God continue to bless you and your family. We will continue to give God praise and thanks because God has favored us and blessed us in wonderful ways through you and your ministry to us. Many, many, thanks!

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome! It is with great joy that I present to you Amy Kleeman. Amy has joined St. Leo the Great parish as the new Development Director, she brings in over 14 years of experience in the non-profit sector. Amy has worked for various non – profits both large and small, she has worked with National organizations such as the American Cancer Society and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She recently worked with the non – profit iSPACE, the STEM Learning Center here in Cincinnati. Amy will bring a lot of experience to St. Leo with fundraising, events, volunteer recruitment, and community involvement.

Amy studied communications and marketing at Thomas More University, she now lives on the west side of Cincinnati where she enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters. Amy is most looking forward to meeting the parishioners and volunteers of St. Leo's and making an impact to the parish and in the community. Welcome aboard, Amy! We are so glad that you are with us!

"What is not expressed in love of neighbour is not true love of God; and, likewise, what is not drawn from one's relationship with God is not true love of neighbour."
~~ Pope Francis

St. Leo's is in need of a new computer with Office Suite (Word, Excel, Publisher) on it, and a printer such as an HP ColorLaserJetPro M542dn. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items. All events, classes, and meetings at St. Leo's are canceled until further notice.

Sunday Mass:
10:30am, limited seating available, or join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at:
RCC St. Leo Church Cincinnati:
https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rcc%20st%20leo%20church%20cincinnati&pa=SEARCH_BOX

Mass Times: Wednesday-11:30am, Thursday-7:00pm, Saturday-6:00pm, Sunday-10:30 am

You are invited to visit St. Leo Church to pray in the sanctuary, or to use the computers in Centennial Hall by appointment only. Fr. Jim is happy to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only. Please call the office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10:00am and 1:30pm to make your appointment.

You can read the Sunday bulletin at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin
You can read Fr. Jim's letter at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

You can make your Sunday Offering at:
www.saint-leo.org/DonateNow or, you can drop off your Sunday Offering in the slot in the back door of the rectory, or you can mail your Sunday Offering to: St. Leo the Great Church 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225
For more information: visit our website at: www.saint-leo.org
Or visit our Facebook page at: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.

St. Nicholas Toy and Clothing Giveaway
Mark, your calendars for December 6th! from 1-3:00pm in Centennial Hall, details to come.
My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. This we pray.

WELCOME GUESTS! If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another parish here in the Archdiocese, from across the river, or from further reaches. Thank you for praying with us. Feel free to join us as often as you can! **REGISTER PLEASE!** If you are attending St. Leo regularly and consider us "your parish," please register yourself and your family. Call the office at 513-921-1044 to register.

