

St. Leo The Great Parish

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Welcome to everyone and everyone is welcome at St. Leo and especially to the Church that God is continuing to build. 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 are able.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. James R. Schutte, Pastor

Stephanie Sepate, Business Manager, Food Pantry Administrator

Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate

Sr. Tracy Kemme, SC, Pastoral Associate for Adult Formation

Amy Kleeman, Development Director

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Burundi Ministry: contact Parish Office ~ Hispanic Ministry: contact Parish Office

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church is a diverse and welcoming Eucharistic Community living out our mission through liturgy, prayer, and outreach via the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

We exist because the Lord has called us to receive and share the good news with all of God's people.

We behave as brothers and sisters in the Lord, as God's family.

It is a privilege to serve God's kingdom.

We embrace the cross in joy.

*We will succeed when we follow these strategic anchors:
grow a welcoming and diverse environment.*

become pioneers of leadership for running a diverse parish.

invest and value collaborating partners.

EUCCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish: 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Wednesday Mass: 11:30 AM

Thursday Mass: 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION: Cancelled until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM,

or by appointment

BAPTISMS: Call three weeks in advance

WEDDINGS: Call six months in advance

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio

February 14, 2021

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses will be Lived Streamed at [Facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati](https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati)

Saturday, February 13- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 14- 10:30 a.m. Mass; Mass Intention for Bernard and Marguerite Schutte; Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

Monday, February 15- No Service; Readings: Genesis 4:1-15,25; Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 16- No Service; Readings: Genesis 6: 5-8,7:1-5,10; Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 17- Ash Wednesday 7:00p.m. Mass; Readings: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Mark 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday, February 18 -7:00 p.m. Mass; Special Intentions of Ross and Beth Bachman; Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 19- No Service; Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 20- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5: 27-32

Sunday, February 21- 10:30 a.m. Mass First Sunday of Lent; Special Intentions of Kenny Stoll; Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 12-15

ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY-

Serving Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1:00-3:30pm

Monday February 15th – Food Pantry and Parish Office is closed

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. New rules for the protection and safety of the guests and workers will be enforced until further notice.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!

Canceled until further notice.

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS North Fairmount Community

Center/Referral Services: Linda Klems: 513-921-5889

Housing: 513-921-5889; Literary Network: 513-621-7323

Hopple Street Neighborhood Health and Community Center: 513-517-2000

GED online class referral: CPS: 513-363-6100

ANGELS' ARMS STORE, 1882 Baltimore Avenue Accepting donations of clothing, kitchen, bath and bedding. All Items Free! Call for Hours: 513-407-7902.

VISIT US! St. Leo's website: www.saint-leo.org

Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

St. Leo's YouTube Channel: [StLeoTheGreatParish](https://www.youtube.com/StLeoTheGreatParish)

CDC's Official Website for COVID-19 Updates:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH PARTNERS

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

You are invited to join our entire parish community to pray together virtually every day at Noon and 6:00pm.



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Sunday Offerings for January 30th and 31st - \$3,487.50 Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

EASY ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE:

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

SHOP AT AMAZON SMILE AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0538556>

SHOP AT KROGER'S AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> Enter St. Leo's #KC265 or search for St. Leo the Great Church.

Make a long lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Leo the Great Church in your Will. For more information contact Amy Kleeman at 513-921-1044 ext. 30.

Do you need to take a Minimum Required Distribution from your IRA? Please consider a tax-deductible gift to St. Leo's.

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

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

Make the story public! Tell the world what Jesus has done for you. Consider a life of preaching, teaching, and service as a priest or deacon, sister or brother.

LET US PRAY

O God, who teach us that abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Important Dates to Remember

Join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ON7eJ2CwNMs&feature=youtu.be> OR, <https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati-103955481239196/>

February 15th the office and pantry is CLOSED

February 17th – second collection for Ash Wednesday –The Church of Africa

Fridays during Lent- Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm

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 Amy at 921-1044X30 or email to akleemanstleo@aol.com

To 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 or send your email address to akleemanstleo@aol.com

Sign up to receive St. Leo's Monthly Newsletter: call the office at 513-921-1044, email your name and address to: akleemanstleo@aol.com or sign up online at: <http://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 14, 2021

From Fr. Jim . . .

There is a story about a husband who sat on a newly covered antique window seat that his wife had treasured through many years. The man was burdened with a sense of hopelessness. Problems at work weighed heavily on him, and because of his advanced years, the man feared that he would not be able to find another job. He started to light his pipe and accidentally spilled some hot ash, which burned a hole right in the center of the window seat cover. How would his wife react to a hole in her treasured antique?

Surprisingly, his wife threaded a needle and stitched a beautiful flower over the charred spot. When her husband looked at the finished work, he realized in that moment, he could see a summary of their long life together. His heart began to soar. He had married a repairer of broken spirits, a healer of wounds, a hope-giver, a woman whose very presence was an antidote to pessimism. He understood for the very first time, that it was his wife’s deep and abiding trust in God that made it possible for her to be a source of light and a giver of hope in times that might plunge others into darkness and despair.

Isn’t anyone of us capable of burning holes in precious things? Without trying or meaning to do so, this can happen. We burn holes in our relationships through selfishness and thoughtlessness. We burn holes in the hearts of one another with angry words, gossip and lies. Whether we dash another’s enthusiasm or ridicule their dreams or quash their hope, we burn holes. Holes grow deeper and wider when we can’t be present with the attitude of Christ; when we don’t forgive or seek forgiveness and when we choose not to be bearers of hope.

Although these holes are inevitable, we are free to choose how we will or will not deal with them. Will we dwell on the hole and become lost in negativity? Does the glass always have to be half empty? Is it possible to investigate a hole and see it as half full? If so, is it possible then to be a hope-giver in midst of difficulty and hard times?

The month of February is often dark and gloomy. It is a time for depression and despair. We long for healing on our wounds and broken spirits; light and hope for dark and gloomy attitudes. We can use this time to prepare for the upcoming season of Lent. Owning and naming the holes we burn in our relationships and wanting to repair them; focusing on the light rather than the darkness; finding the glass half-full instead of half-empty we will come to appreciate and believe that if we die with the Lord, we will rise with him.

Let us pray: *Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ save me. Blood of Christ inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you that with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.* (Anima Christi, Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola.)

We Are Called: Join our faith community-more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl at the side entrance or the back of church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice.

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor for February Generous Anonymous Donor

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&epa=SEARCH_BOX

You can read the **Sunday bulletin** at:

www.saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

You can read **Fr. Jim’s letter** at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

St. Leo's is in need of toddler size (1 year, 2T, and 3T) bibs for the Sacrament of Baptism. The church also needs to purchase three new mats for the entrance https://www.amazon.com/WaterHog-Commercial-Grade-Entrance-Outdoor-Matting/dp/B00BTMWW86/ref=sr_1_139?dc_hild=1&keywords=5x6%2Brug%2Bblack&qid=1611329681&sr=8-139&th=1.



We also are in need of gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Staples, Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and all other Catholics in the archdiocese continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses.

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Leo’s who has pledged to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. These important local ministries depend on our help each year. You will find pledge envelopes at the side entrance and back of church, or you can make a donation online at, www.AOCstewardship.org. Thank You!



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2020

If you are itemizing on your tax return and need a contribution statement for your weekly envelope donations, please call the Parish Office at 921-1044.

“The Lord does not call us to be soloists, but to be part of a choir that can sometimes miss a note or two, but must always try to sing in unison.” ~~



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