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Sunday, May 7, 2023

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Sunday offerings may be dropped off in the slot in the back door of the rectory, or mail it to St. Leo the Great, 2573 St. Leo Place, 45225.

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My Sisters and Brothers of the Risen Lord,

Throughout the vast and varied history of mankind, all of us have yearned for, focused on, dreamed about, and planned our lives around the most encompassing of feelings; that is, the true expression of love. Poets symbolically describe it, writers compose stories about it, songs are written and sung, and all of us, at one time or another, have felt the joy and pain of its existence. Love is the answer for all of us, as we are forever trying to define and obtain its magnitude. And yet, with this simple statement in the Gospel of John: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...” we are presented with its truth, light, and accomplishment.

Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter, and we continue to reflect on Jesus’ farewell discourse at the Last Supper as he reiterates his theme of love and introduces the promise of the Holy Spirit who will guide the future of all Christians in years to come. Throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks about “love” fifty-seven times, more than in all of the other three gospels combined, and he, in our reading today, begins and ends with this theme. How many of us begin and end our day with these two thoughts—will I love today and did I? Jesus wants us to know and understand his love, and if we do truly embrace this commandment of love, will we extend ourselves to others in his name? Many of us have experienced human love, but do we inherently know how to give it back? This week please reflect on your commitment to its fulfillment.

Today is also Mother’s Day, and we honor those women who have been our mothers and our role models, who are the constant expression of love in our lives. Look around you today and you will see these remarkable women who have carried the torch of love to us all. We honor you; we thank you, and we love you. None of us

would be who we are called to be without their presence in our lives. And in this month honoring Mary, the mother of our Lord, we realize the beauty and significance of all mothers everywhere.

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother. - St. Thérèse of Lisieux

The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body....The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation....What on God's good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother? - József Cardinal Mindszenty

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

HUNGER WALK **ST. LEO'S LIGHTING THE WAY**

Walk with us or sponsor a student to walk.

Go to www.cincinnatihungerwalk.org. Click on Teams to find St. Leo.

HELP PROTECT **THE DIGNITY OF LIFE IN OHIO**

Life in its earliest and most vulnerable stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to the Ohio Constitution for the November 2023 ballot to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catechism of the Catholic Church proclaims that “human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.” The Church accompanies and supports women facing unexpected pregnancies and mothers through programs like Walking with Moms in Need and the services of Catholic Charities.

The bishops of Ohio strongly encourage Catholics statewide to unite in prayer and work to defeat this proposed amendment and its grave consequences for women and preborn children in Ohio. Starting this week, the following **Protect Them Both** materials about the proposed amendment are available in Ohio parishes:

Protect Them Both Prayer Card: Unite with Catholics across Ohio in asking God to strengthen us as we defend and accompany mothers and preborn children.

Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio Flyer: Learn more about the proposed amendment and what you can do now.

These are the first of many resources that will be available to help defeat the proposed amendment. Learn more about the **Protect Them Both** campaign and access resources online at: ohiocathconf.org/protect.

All materials created by the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO), in collaboration with the dioceses across Ohio. CCO is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education. www.ohiocathconf.org.

Masses and Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Saturday, May 13 - Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

6:00 PM For the People of St. Leo Parish

Sunday, May 14 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

10:30 AM Intention of the Donor

Monday, May 15 - Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

No Service

Tuesday, May 16 -Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

No Service

Wednesday, May 17 - Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

11:30 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, May 18 - Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

7:00 PM Intention of the Donor

Friday, May 19 - Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

No Service

Saturday, May 20 - Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

6:00 PM For the People of St. Leo Parish

Sunday, May 21 - *The Ascension of the Lord*

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

FOUR GRAND CLUB: WEEK 37 WINNERS

Congratulations to Steve Oberjohann, Marilyn Fenneman, and Skip Fellingner!

ST. LEO IS NOW HIRING

St. Leo is hiring an Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant manages daily administrative tasks, record keeping, bookkeeping and money handling. The ideal candidate has strong communication and interpersonal skills, can multitask, is proficient in Microsoft Office, and can work independently. Bilingual in Spanish is a plus. Confidentiality and a Christian attitude towards parishioners and staff are required, and compliance with the Decree of Child Protection is mandatory.

PAPERWORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Aid with paperwork is available every second and fourth Thursday of the month, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the church. Get help with mail and filling out forms.

GET INVOLVED IN

ST. LEO'S PARISH LIFE

Our parish is our spiritual home. Let's keep her beautiful and prospering! Contact Nicole at the Parish Office or at nicolec@saint-leo.org to volunteer in these ways:

Be a Mass lay minister: reader, Communion minister, server, usher, greeter, musician, or join the choir.

Clean the sacristy and sanctuary once a month.

Assist our Administrative Assistant on Monday mornings.

Grounds control: remove debris from hill.

Manage our social media accounts.

Teach children songs for our Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass once a month.

FOOD PANTRY

Serving hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1:00-3:30 p.m. Serving North Fairmount, English Woods, Roll Hill Apts., and Millvale every 30 days. See website: www.saint-leo.org or call (513-921-1044) to see if your street is covered. Current proof of residence and photo ID is required.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 29 - Hunger Walk

July 8 - St. Leo Festival

August 12 - Day of HOPE

A VOCATION VIEW: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to embrace our Faith with a whole heart, but we must receive this gift in humility. (John 14:15)