

April 18, 2021

From Fr. Jim . . .

The language of Resurrection: I continue to marvel at how the Word of God has been made flesh and dwells among us. I continue to marvel at the presence of the risen Savior alive in our midst. I continue to marvel at how all creation is filled with the grandeur of God and how the ordinary becomes extraordinary and the physical and material points to and reminds one of the spiritual. The secular becomes sacred and the Spirit of God is imbued in all of creation, saved by the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In the common and the ordinary, I hear God's words loud and clear. The flowers in my gardens are popping up. The colors are bright and beautiful. The plants are maturing; new leaves are appearing among the dead ones. The dead of winter is being replaced and life is abundant.

As donations are delivered to our food pantry and people line up to be served and volunteers are answering calls; as we continue to practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, God's word is spoken and the presence of the risen one is in our midst. "Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty or naked and feed you, give you drink and clothe you? When did we visit you or welcome you? Whatever you do to these least ones, you do to me." Yes, he is truly risen. He is alive and present in our midst and the power of his risen life and love in us and through us still conquers sin and death, today.

All throughout this Easter Season, we are especially blessed to be celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation. The language of the Resurrection is always clear and evident when the church of God celebrates the Sacraments. Especially with the Eucharist, all of us are nourished and alive with the Spirit of the Risen Christ. It is evident that we are growing as God's body, the church, and we are becoming one as the parish of St. Leo. It is obvious that the Lord is bringing us together to do his work and to share his love that shows no partiality and welcomes everyone. The Word of God once more is spoken, "The commandment I give you is this: love one another as I have loved you."

How is the presence of the risen Christ and the Spirit of God in your midst? How is the language of resurrection being spoken to you? How are you learning to speak it? How are you living it? This is the day the Lord has made. Let us all rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

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

Our youth ministry group is looking to get Domino's Pizza gift cards donated to help provide lunch for their summer activities.

We are still in need of Toddler size (1 year, 2T, and 3T) bibs for the Sacrament of

Baptism. We also are in need of gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Staples, Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. You can see our latest needs on our Amazon Wish List Link https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**



THANK YOU- Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl **this weekend!**

JOIN OR DONATE TO OUR TEAM ST. LEO PANTRY PARTNERS-
Support St. Leo Food Pantry by supporting the 2021 Hunger Walk!
The walk will be virtual this year on May 31st. Your support is VERY important! ALL money (even shirt money) designated for St. Leo Food Pantry goes to our account. To JOIN or DONATE to St. Leo's Team go to <https://cincinnatihungerwalk.org/2021>
Then Click on JOIN TEAM, SCROLL to find St. LEO PANTRY PARTNERS, CLICK on it. From here you can JOIN OUR TEAM or DONATE. If you need help please call Amy at 921.1044.