

August 1, 2021 From Fr. Jim . . .

Reflection on the Eucharist: This Sunday is the second of five weeks that we will hear from the Bread of Life discourse in the Gospel of John. The following reflection on the Eucharist is taken from Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience, December 10, 2008.

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread (1Cor. 10:16-17).” In these words, the social and personal character of the Sacrament of the Eucharist likewise appears. Christ personally unites himself with each one of us, but Christ himself is also united with the man and the woman who are next to me. And the bread is for me, but it is also for the other. Thus, Christ unites all of us with himself and all of us with one another. In communion we receive Christ. But Christ is likewise united with my neighbor: Christ and my neighbor are inseparable in the Eucharist. And thus, we are all one bread and one body. A Eucharist without solidarity with others is a Eucharist abused. And here we come to the root and, at the same time, the kernel of the doctrine on the Church as the Body of Christ, of the Risen Christ”.

It strikes me that Christ has truly died and risen for everyone and how important it is when we accept this and appreciate it. Then we can celebrate our union with Christ and with each other and live under the title of the Body of Christ. It also strikes me that it will take “the many” to convey this to “the rest of all” to help them see and appreciate their union with God and God’s people.

The Bread of Life Discourse was truly Good News for the people in the days of the early church. Today, as we face many things, attitudes and positions that want to divide us into groups of “either/or” and “us and them”, the call to unity in diversity as the Body of Christ and treating everyone as a brother or sister and being Eucharist for all others is still the Good News that will pass the test of time and in every place and all generations. Lord, thank you for the gift of Eucharist. Please help our unbelief and teach us to follow your great commandment of love now and always.

On Monday August 2nd, Healthy Moms & Babes van will be in the area of Millvale, 1971 Millvale Court from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Stop by for the following: SERVICES DUE TO COVID-19: Doctor Referrals, Assistance with Insurance and Social Services, Home Visiting Referrals, Women’s Health Information, and Support before, during and after pregnancy.

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

There are a few items that have been added to our Parish Wish List! We are looking for a rectangle kitchen table that can fit 8 chairs. We are also starting to collect school supplies for our Back Pack drive that is coming up August 15th.



The Food Pantry is looking for rolling luggage if you have any to donate! We would love to receive 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.

Youth Program Summer Events

Monday, August 2, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday, August 4, End of Summer Party 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, August 14, Day of Hope 12:00pm-4:00pm

Sunday, August 15, St. Leo Backpacks

Contact Judie 513.767.8088 or Rodrigo 513.284.2391 with questions.

New Missals and Music Books – Last year, the supplier for our missals was acquired by another company and we have had regular billing and service issues ever since. As a result, we are moving to a new supplier. Unfortunately, due to a large number of churches reopening suddenly, the supplier is currently out of the combined English/Spanish missal we selected. Instead, they have sent separate English and Spanish missals for the current period. At the beginning of Advent, we will again have a combined English/Spanish missal. In addition, we have selected a new 3-year Music Book, which accompanies the new missal. You may have noticed this in mass this past weekend.