

August 8, 2021
From Fr. Jim . . .

The Feast of the Assumption is next Sunday, August 15. We will celebrate this Feast at both of our weekend Masses 6pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday.

The Feast of the Assumption celebrates the belief that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. The following is a quote from Catechism of the Catholic Church 966, pg.252: "Finally the Immaculate Virgen, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgen is a singular participation in her Son's resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dominion, you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death."

I learned in the seminary that Dogmas of the Church are often influenced by or respond to situations and circumstances at the time the dogma is promulgated. The Dogma on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgen Mary came some years after the end of World War II. Considering the many casualties from this war and the destruction of life, the Dogma on the Assumption shows life as holy and whole and that death does not get the final say over it. Sharing in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior is the final say for us. All life and our bodies are to be treated with the utmost dignity and respect with our eyes always fixed on the finished line. What God wants for Mary; God wants for all of us. God has conquered sin, evil and death for all of us.

I think a good way to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption is to do something you like to do for yourself. Take care of yourself. Eat well and healthy. Exercise and give thanks to God for our bodies and the ways our bodies become homes for the presence of the Lord with the promise that our bodies too will be more fully conformed to the Lord's one day. In our bodies, our souls magnify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior, now and forever!

Day of Hope: Day of Hope is this Saturday, August 14, Noon to four at Roll Hill Elementary School. St. Leo is one of the sponsors of this Day with other churches and ministers from our neighborhoods in cooperation with District Three of the Cincinnati Police Department and a grant from the Dater Foundation. Free back to school supplies, door prizes, food, hygiene kits and more. Please come and join us.

Welcome to Jenni Lindgren: Jenni is our new business manager. She has been working closely with Stephanie Sepate for the last month and a half to learn our system of operations. We celebrated Stephanie's retirement last week and since the first of August, Jenni is officially the Business Manager for St. Leo. She is also and still the Business Manager at St. Boniface. Both parishes will be sharing her employment and expertise. She can be reached at either parish but will have office hours at both parishes on different days of the week. Soon to be announced. She has much experience as a church business manager. We are excited to welcome her to St. Leo.

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 two tables that can fit 8 chairs each. There is also a request for a refrigerator new or used, has to be working. 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

Saturday, **August 14**, Day of Hope 12:00pm-4:00pm
Sunday, **August 15**, St. Leo Backpack Drive Thru 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.-
Contact Judie 513.767.8088 or Rodrigo 513.284.2391 with questions.

Day of Hope Saturday August 14th – As Father Jim mentioned, Day of Hope is Saturday August 14th from noon – 4:00p.m. at Roll Hill Elementary School located at 2411 Baltimore Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45225. Receive Free school supplies, hygiene kits, food, door prizes, and More!!! All are welcome to enjoy this fun event.

"It would be good to ask ourselves every day: "What do I bring to Jesus today?" He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things."~~ Pope Francis