

February 13, 2022 From Fr. Jim. . .

It is time to share important information with you about Beacons of Light. Friday, February 11th, all the priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati received a list of all the assignment changes for pastors and parochial vicars for the new families of parishes effective July 1, 2022. The pastor and parochial vicars for our family of parishes are being announced this weekend at all the Masses and we will post the names in next week's bulletin. The Archdiocese will post a full and complete list of all the assignments on their web page beginning Monday, February 14 at noon. Go to BeaconsAOC.org.

Let us keep praying for God's enlightenment and guidance as we move forward with this important plan for the growth and mission of the Church: *Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother, present our prayer of thanksgiving to your Son. Beg from him the graces we need to be faithful disciples who follow him with enthusiasm and joy. May our witness to the love of God bear fruit in our archdiocese, parishes, homes, and hearts. Teach us to be God's joyful witnesses, to radiate Christ in all we do, so that all people might know, love, and follow your son through this life and into the next. Amen.*

St. Joseph and the Holy Family, St. Theresa, the Little Flower, St. Boniface, and St. Leo pray for us.

We invite everyone to participate in the distribution of food and personal protection products. There will also be diapers for moms with babies and small children. Join us Sunday February 20th at noon until supplies last. This event is organized by Su Casa Hispanic Center.

What's Next: Exploring Prayerful Decision Making for Young Adults; whether you are discerning your vocation, a career change, or a big move, this afternoon for young adults will offer opportunities for prayer, fellowship, Q&A and practical tips for discernment. Members of religious communities will offer stories, examples, and practical exercises to aid you in any discernment. The next event is Sunday February 27th, in Kettering at Ascension Parish from noon-5:00 p.m. For more information to register, go to tinyURL.com/cincyWhatsNext.

"The crisis of faith, in our lives and in our societies, has to do with the eclipse of desire for God, with the habit of being content to live from day to day, without ever asking what God really wants from us. We have forgotten to lift our eyes to heaven." ~~ Pope Francis

The Parish office will be closed on February 14th and February 21st, the Food Pantry will be OPEN on these days.

2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) - Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone who has pledged to the 2022 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 extra pledge envelopes in the back of church for your convenience this weekend. To make a donation online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!



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

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.**

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Social Action Office recognizes Catholic parishes and schools that live out Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* message of caring for God's creation. Our St. Leo Parish Social Action Team has decided to lead our parish in working toward this goal. The certification process aims to help us to become more aware of what we can do to promote recycling, and protection of our environment, Mother Earth, God's Creation.

The application process involves doing an assessment of our facilities and households as well as hosting educational opportunities to help us grow in our commitment. After Mass on Sunday, February 13, members of our Social Action Team will help parishioners complete the household survey. The parish staff will work on the facilities assessment and on having a *Laudato Si'* presentation later in the Spring.

We encourage each of you to do your part to help St. Leo become a *Laudato Si'* Parish. Our community effort is one small part in working to "restore Mother Earth to her original beauty according to God's plan" (*Pope Francis*)

CINCINNATI CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB- Invites single catholic men and women to a WINE TASTING on SUNDAY February 27th from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Purcell K of C Banquet Center located at 3617 Glenmore Ave, Contact Larry 513-520-1323, or Don 513-574-8573.

Congratulations to our parishioners who made honors for second quarter: St. Xavier High School- Robert Morales Ramos, Erik Bernardo De Leon, and Henry Velasquez-Solis. Purcell Marian High School- Idris Mawo.