

January 24, 2021

**From Fr. Jim . . .**

**Prayer for Vocations:** Last week's Gospel speaks about John the Baptist seeing Jesus coming toward him and John calls Jesus "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Both vocations of John and Jesus are alluded to in this passage. In this week's Gospel, Jesus is walking along the shore and he sees Simon and Andrew and James and John casting their nets. Jesus invites them to follow him. The Scriptures give us all cause to be thankful for how we have answered the Lord's call and to continue discerning how to answer the Lord's call in our lives today. The Lord told the disciples that they would be catching people. How are we caught? How does the Lord catch others with us? Prayer is one good way. The following is Archbishop Schnurr's prayer for vocations. He asks us to pray this often:

Almighty Father, you have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our Archdiocese, parishes, homes, and hearts fruitful ground for your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for his church. We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**WELCOME GUESTS!** If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another parish here in the Archdiocese, from across the river, or from further reaches. Thank you for praying with us. Feel free to join us as often as you can! **REGISTER PLEASE!** If you are attending St. Leo regularly and consider us "your parish," please register yourself and your family. Call the office at 513-921-1044 to register.

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. This we pray.

We are always on a journey in life. Let us choose the path of God! We will discover that there are no unexpected events, no uphill path, and no night that cannot be faced with Jesus." ~Pope Francis

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](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rcc%20st%20leo%20church%20cincinnati&epa=SEARCH_BOX)

You can read the Sunday bulletin at:  
[www.saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin](http://www.saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)

You can read Fr. Jim's letter at:  
[www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim)

St. Leo's is in need of toddler size (1 year, 2T, and 3T) bibs for the Sacrament of Baptism.

We are also in need of Amazon Gift Cards for our wish list items and office needs. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.



Families will be receiving a 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming week or so. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card and envelope to Mass. For more information or to donate online, please visit [www.AOCstewardship.org](http://www.AOCstewardship.org). Thank You!

Commitment weekend for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal throughout the archdiocese is February 6th and 7th. Please look for continued information

Snow NEWS! Check out the following stations for St. Leo cancellations: WCPO-Channel 9, WKRC-Channel 12, WXIX-Channel 19

St. Leo Food Pantry will be CLOSED for inclement weather when Cincinnati Public Schools are closed.