

**July 3, 2022**  
**From Fr. Jim. . .**

**Fourth of July:** This is the Fourth of July weekend. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us be mindful of all those who have fought for our rights and given their lives in service to their country and who are still fighting and sacrificing their own lives for our independence and freedom. Let us pray for peace in our hearts, homes, cities, country and throughout the world. Isn't peace one of the greatest freedoms for the body, mind, and spirit?

Let us pray for guidance and direction in maintaining and growing the freedoms that our nation upholds and may our hearts be filled with gratitude for these freedoms. Let us pray for nations, lands and peoples who are not as free as we are free, especially places where governments are corrupt, oppressive, immoral, and unjust. Let us pray for refugees and immigrants that they can celebrate with us the freedoms that brought them to our country. Let us pray that we will be good stewards of our country's freedoms and never take them for granted. Let us pray for politicians and government leaders who are responsible for legislation that promotes equal rights for all people. We join with our Bishops and Catholics and Christians throughout our land in praying for continued religious freedom and for laws that would not punish or penalize anyone from following religious beliefs.

Let us pray for a deeper trust in God, who is the author of all life and who has set us free from the bondage of sin and death. Let us pray that we can live truly in the freedom that all children of God have been given. Let us pray to always know the truth of God's love because this Truth will set us free now and forever.

**Get Ready to Celebrate!!! You Are Invited to Join Us for St. Leo's Culture Fest-** Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. with Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. featuring a variety of Guatemalan, Mexican, and Salvadorian cuisines. Enjoy Guatemalan tamales, Mexican tacos, ice scraping, fried chicken, fruit smoothies, soda, water, and juice just to name a few. We can't wait to celebrate with everyone!

The Comboni Missionaries are hosting "Meet the Comboni Missionaries Night" in person this year! The event is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Anderson Center located at 7850 Five Mile Road Cincinnati, OH 45230. Listen to our missionaries as they share stories from their experiences in missions around the world. Stay after to talk one-on-one with the missionaries and ask questions. This event is free.

Just a reminder that the Food Pantry will be closed on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> for the celebration of Independence Day. The office will be closed only on Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Golden Anniversary Mass-** Married couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend the Golden Anniversary Mass on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Please register to attend by completing the online form at: <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request>.



Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter Pence Collection. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit [www.uscb.org/peters-pence](http://www.uscb.org/peters-pence)

**GARDEN RENOVATION HELP-** We still have a few garden beds left that need a little tender care. We are still welcoming native plants if anyone has some to divide or donate, as well as shrubs for along the back fence. We are still looking for volunteers to help plant flowers, clean, re-structure as well as maintain the area. If this is something that interest you please send an email to [akleemanstleo@aol.com](mailto:akleemanstleo@aol.com)

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: [www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)

You can **read Fr. Jim's letter** at:

[www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim)

**The Food Pantry is in dire need of items** we hope you can help! You can see our latest request on our Amazon Wish List Link: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref\\_=wl\\_share](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.**

**Mass and Healing Service-** There will be a mass and healing service on Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius Church, located at 5222 North Bend Road in Monfort Heights. For more information visit [www.LRC1.org](http://www.LRC1.org).

**EMBER DAYS-** The seminarians of the Archdiocese invite young men entering their sophomore year of high school through outgoing seniors to a day of fun, prayer, sports, and food. Ember Days will be 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology in Cincinnati. To register and for more information, please go to <https://catholicaoc.org/vocations>