

July 4, 2021
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.

Perpetual Adoration on the West Side -St. Antoninus Parish is working towards providing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the entire West Side of Cincinnati! St. Antoninus already has Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 8:30am until 10:00pm. They are extending this by adding Adoration on: Wednesdays from 9 am to 10 pm; Thursdays from 9 am to 7 pm; A Holy Hour from 7pm to 8pm with Benediction in the main church will conclude the Thursday Adoration. We need YOUR help to make Perpetual Adoration available on the West Side! To sign up for a weekly hour time slot, go to adorationpro.org/saintantoninus. If you cannot make your scheduled weekly time, you can easily go to adorationpro.org/saintantoninus and then click "Find A Sub" and an email or text can be sent out to the substitute adorers to take your place.

"Sister, brother, let Jesus look upon and heal your heart. And if you have already felt His tender gaze upon you, imitate Him; do as He does. Help us to bring comfort to those with wounded hearts whom we meet on our journey" ~ 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&pa=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

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.**

SuCasa Event at St. Leo's- We are looking for volunteers to help unload trucks for our SuCasa event on July 9th beginning at 10:00a.m. We are also in need of people on July 11th to work the SuCasa event that begins at 2:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up contact Judie at judiekuhlman@gmail.com.

Get Ready to Celebrate!!! You Are Invited to Join Us for St. Leo's Culture Fest- Saturday July 3rd 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!

Youth Program Summer Events

Monday, **July 12**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm
Monday, **July 19**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm
Friday, **July 23**, St. Leo Youth Day 9:00am – 12:00pm
Monday, **July 26**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm
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

Just a reminder that the Food Pantry will be closed on Friday July 2nd and Monday July 5th for the celebration of Independence Day. The office will be closed only on Monday July 5th.