

May 1, 2022

From Fr. Jim. . .

The language of Resurrection: I continue to marvel at how the Word of God has been made flesh and dwells among us. I continue to marvel at the presence of the risen Savior alive in our midst. I continue to marvel at how all creation is filled with the grandeur of God and how the ordinary becomes extraordinary and the physical and material points to and reminds one of the spiritual. The secular becomes sacred and the Spirit of God is imbued in all of creation, saved by the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In the common and the ordinary, I hear God's words loud and clear. The flowers in my gardens are popping up. The colors are bright and beautiful. The plants are maturing; new leaves are appearing among the dead ones. The dead of winter is being replaced and life is abundant.

As donations are delivered to our food pantry and people line up to be served and volunteers are answering calls; as we continue to practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, God's word is spoken and the presence of the risen one is in our midst. "Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty or naked and feed you, give you drink and clothe you? When did we visit you or welcome you? Whatever you do to these least ones, you do to me." Yes, he is truly risen. He is alive and present in our midst and the power of his risen life and love in us and through us still conquers sin and death, today.

All throughout this Easter Season, we are especially blessed to be celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation. The language of the Resurrection is always clear and evident when the church of God celebrates the Sacraments. Especially with the Eucharist, all of us are nourished and alive with the Spirit of the Risen Christ. It is evident that we are growing as God's body, the church. It is obvious that the Lord is bringing us together to do his work and to share his love that shows no partiality and welcomes everyone. The Word of God once more is spoken, "The commandment I give you is this: love one another as I have loved you."

How is the presence of the risen Christ and the Spirit of God in your midst? How is the language of resurrection being spoken to you? How are you learning to speak it? How are you living it? *This is the day the Lord has made. Let us all rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!*

HUNGER WALK 2022-Make sure to mark your calendars for Monday May 30th and Join our team St. Leo's Lighting the Way for the 2022 Annual Hunger Walk! To join our team or to donate go to <https://cincinnatihungerwalk.org/2022> and look for the donate or join team button and pick St. Leo's Lighting the Way for us to get the credit. There are also registration forms in the back of church.

Religious Brothers Day- Today is Religious Brothers Day, this offers the opportunity celebrate and give thanks for religious Brothers in our lives, including the 95 here in our archdiocese. This offers an opportunity to consider how we all invite, walk with, and encourage young people to discern God's Call in their life. Visit www.religiousbrothers.org for prayers, reflections and other resources.

GARDEN RENOVATION – We are welcoming native plants if anyone has some to divide or donate, as well as shrubs for along the back fence. We are looking for volunteers to help prep the garden, weed, 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



Thank You- Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CSR Rice Bowl at the back of church or at collection, this is the last weekend to turn in your donations.

You can read the Sunday bulletin at: www.saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin You can read Fr. Jim's letter at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

Please continue your generous almsgiving but donating, you can see our latest request on our Amazon Wish List Link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. We also have a request for an electric stove. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER- St. Leo's Parish office is looking for a volunteer 1-2 day(s) during the months of May- August to help answer the phones and do light office duties. The time is 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the day(s) agreed upon. If you are interested please call 513.921.1044 or email stleocinti@aol.com.

Help us Celebrate!! Join us for Father Jim's Life of Service retirement mass and party. On Sunday June 12th help us celebrate at 11:00 a.m. mass at St. Boniface (no mass at St. Leo that Sunday) and a reception immediately following in the school gym and cafeteria with light bites, and drinks. If you wish to share a picture or special memory to highlight Fr. Jim's significance in your life, please send your photo or letter to the address below to be presented to Fr. Jim at his reception to 2573 St. Leo Place Cincinnati OH 45225 or akleemanstleo@aol.com

This weekend we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. You can visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information.

MASS and HEALING SERVICE- On Wednesday May 4th at 7: 30 p.m. St. Ignatius Church located at 5222 North Bend Road will hold their mass and healing service for anyone to attend.