

May 15, 2022
From Fr. Jim. . .

Life in Abundance: Comedian George Carlin had a comedy routine about “Stuff.” It is about all the things and possessions that we collect and hold onto so dearly. Here are some things he said about “stuff”: “The whole meaning of life is trying to find a place for our stuff. That’s what your house is – a place to put all of your stuff. Your house is just really a pile of stuff with a cover on it. It is a place to keep all of your stuff while you go out and get more stuff. You then have to buy a bigger house because you have run out of room for all your stuff, and you have to have more space for more stuff.” I wonder if we keep collecting stuff because we feel it is a way to have life and have it in abundance. There is danger in this kind of thinking because the stuff that we collect doesn’t last. It is temporary. It breaks and wears out. The life that things give us is only temporary. We can’t buy happiness and we can easily become possessed by our possessions.

Only God can give us life in abundance or fill us completely with life. Needless to say this is not about the acquisition of more stuff, possessions things, money, or gadgets. It is about receiving and sharing God’s unconditional love and living with the virtues of the Holy Spirit and building relationships on these eternal qualities. It is about living in deep relationship with the risen Lord and choosing to live with God’s grace, holiness, life and love. Jesus suffered, died and rose for all of us. Thus, he came so that we may have his life and have it in abundance. His love is everlasting and his mercy endures forever. “The risen Lord is our Shepherd; there is nothing more that we shall want. Only goodness and kindness will follow us all the days of our lives.” How good it is and how life-giving it is to be part of the flock of the risen Good Shepherd and to be alive with his new commandment of love!

Moms: We salute you and give God praise and glory for you as we celebrated Mother’s Day last Sunday. We hope your day and time spent with your family was as joyful and beautiful as the bright sunny Sunday that greeted all of us last week. Thanks for giving witness to the risen Lord’s endless love. May you be blessed with life and love now and always.

Mass and Healing Service- There will be a mass and healing service on Wednesday June 1st at 7: 30 p.m. at Saint Ignatius Church located at 5222 North Bend Road in Monfort Heights. For more information visit www.LRC1.org.

Servers Training- There will be servers training on Sunday May 22nd immediately following mass. Anyone who has made their first communion is eligible to become a server. If you have questions please call the office at 513.921.1044.

“We should not fear the crises of life and faith. Crises help us recognize that we need God and thus allow us to return to the Lord, to experience his love anew.” ~~ Pope Francis

GARDEN RENOVATION UPDATE –
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 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



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

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 a baby crib. 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.

You’re Invited!! 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 email akleemanstleo@aol.com

HUNGER WALK 2022-It’s getting close!!! 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.**

Treasure Chest Update- With the changes that are occurring with the retirement of Father Jim and the combining of parishes we have decided to discontinue the Treasure Chest effective immediately. We want to thank Marianne Brater for her years of service and dedication to this project. We will be introducing a new fundraising effort called “4Grand”, look for this announcement around August. If you have questions or concerns about this please call the office at 513.921.1044.