

November 7, 2021
From Fr. Jim. . .

Memorial of St. Leo the Great: The memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church is Wednesday November 10. It has been our custom not only to claim this day as our parish feast day but also to remember the founding of this parish. Our parish was founded in the month of November in 1886, this is our 135th year. We were founded by German immigrants and today, we like to say, that we are being renewed and reshaped still by immigrants but from other countries.

One of the many acts of God, with the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, is to welcome the stranger. Isn't it great that from the moment of its founding until the present, St. Leo has been a place where God has been welcoming the stranger and bringing forth new life? Let us give thanks for God's goodness to us through the years and celebrate the new life that we have in the Lord and in the faith that we are so blessed to share with each other.

Something about our Patron Saint: St. Leo was born in Rome in the fifth century. He died in 461. It is ironic that the life of our parish is centered in welcoming the stranger when as Pope, St. Leo spent much of his time keeping the stranger out of Rome! There was much turmoil during his time as pope. Invasions by barbarians were frequent and St. Leo was known for protecting Rome from being ravaged by these invasions. Once, St. Leo was even able to divert Attila the Hun from attacking Rome. He was also very good at defending the faith against numerous heresies and offering the new life of faith pastorally to others. Let us ask St. Leo to intercede to God for us with protection for the evils that still attack and plague our church, neighborhood, and world. Let us ask him to intercede to God for us with growth, dependence and faithfulness to God's will and way of love.

135 years is quite a milestone! So, although the Memorial of St. Leo is on November 10, and most of our community will gather on Sunday, November 14, we want to do some things to mark our anniversary on the 14th. We will bless candidates for first communion and confirmation instruction and give God thanks that in our 135th year, we are fertile ground for the growth of faith. The weather and Covid restrictions permitting, we will try to have a simple social gathering after Mass to celebrate. St. Leo pray for us now and always!

Cincinnati State is offering FREE ESL classes and conversation groups until December 18, 2021! Beginner and intermediate classes are Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the main building. Contact Preston Frasch at preston.frasch@cincinnatiastate.edu. Conversation group will be Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. in the ATLC building contact Daniel Zimmer at Daniel.zimmer@cincinnatiastate.edu for details.

"Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace." ~ 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



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 are in need of clothing racks for the upcoming coat drive and toy and clothing drive. 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.**

MARCH FOR LIFE 2022- January 19th – 22nd in Washington D.C.

This trip gives you the full March for Life experience with the march itself, the opportunity to meet with Ohio representatives and opportunities for prayer, processing and learning. We are in need of sponsors for this event, the cost of each student to go on this trip is \$325. If you are interested in sponsoring please call the office at 513.921.1044.

Youth Coat Drive-Thru Giveaway- Sunday November 7th

Those who are in need of a new coat please join us on Sunday November 7th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. if you are interested in volunteering at this event please fill out the form from this link: <https://forms.gle/dfLSj6Yyn9tUPynGA>

HEALING SERVICE- Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center located at 5440 Moeller Avenue, in Norwood. On Wednesday November 17th will be holding a healing service after mass. Pray the rosary at 6:45 p.m. followed by mass at 7:15 p.m. All are welcomed!!

St. Nicholas Toy and Clothing Giveaway
Mark, your calendars for December 5th! from 2:00 p.m. -5:00pm in Centennial Hall, details to come.