

October 23, 2022

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

It is the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and today is also designated World Mission Sunday, which is held each year on the second to last Sunday in October. Mission Sunday has a long and exceptional history of celebrating Catholic's universal support and enthusiasm for missionaries, whose dedicated efforts help to evangelize and spread the Good News across the entire globe. Begun by Pope Pius XI in 1926, and organized by the Propagation of the Faith, this day is set aside for Catholics everywhere to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary work through their prayer and sacrifice.

According to *The Catholic Telegraph*, "across the world, and especially in the rapidly growing Church in Africa and Asia, the young faith community urgently needs support, just as the Archdiocese did, upon its founding in the 1800s." Today's Mission Sunday collection is used to support thousands of schools, hospitals, health clinics, leprosy centers, social/pastoral projects, and nearly 1,200 Catholic mission dioceses throughout the world.

As a missionary in Africa for many years, I am grateful to the spirit of this celebration, and I know first-hand many hundreds, if not thousands, of individuals who been helped by the funds collected on this special day. It has made a huge difference to what we can do to help our friends in need in the most remote areas of the world, as well as to offer them tools toward a faith-filled life. It also teaches us, in making this contribution, how giving is inherent to our spirituality and connection to our Lord. As St Francis of Assisi said with these inspiring words: "For it is in giving that we receive;" and each of us, in our own way, has experienced the joy in such actions. Let us be generous today.

The most obvious lesson in Christ's teaching is that there is no happiness in having or getting anything, but only in giving. --Henry Drummond, evangelist, biologist, writer and lecturer.

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin
You can **read Fr. Rudy's letter** at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk

If you are having items shipped to Saint Leo's please have them shipped to Saint Boniface. We are having a lot of issues at Saint Leo's with deliveries. Please send any deliveries to: St. Boniface - Attn: Saint Leo -1750 Chase Avenue-Cincinnati, OH 45223

Upcoming Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

October 23rd- Youth Group Meeting

October 29th- Saturday Service: Rock the Block Habitat for Humanity in Lower Price Hill

November 6th – Youth Group Meeting

November 13th- Youth Group Meeting

November 19th – Retreat – All Youth Groups



ITEMS NEEDED: The food Pantry has an urgent need for plastic bags. Don't forget the Food Pantry is in dire need of items we hope you can help! You can see our latest request on our [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/1s/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share) Wish List Link:https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/1s/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

Fall Dance FUN! – Save the date for Sunday October 23rd at St. James in White Oak for a Special Needs Adult wanting to dance, play games, and enjoy the afternoon out. Located at 3565 Hubble Road, Cincinnati OH 45247 from 1: 30 p.m. -4:00 p.m. This event is FREE with snacks, and drinks provided. To RSVP please call 513.706.0698 or email missmary@cinci.rr.com. Costumes are welcome but not necessary; you may also bring a canned good for the food pantry.

We are in need of clothing racks and storage bins for the upcoming toy and clothing drive. We would love to receive gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider [Meijer](#), [Walmart](#), [Staples](#), [Amazon](#), [Kroger](#), or [Home Depot](#) when donating. You can see our latest needs on our [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/1s/3TZJXLXNPGPQM?ref_=wl_share) Wish List Link-https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/1s/3TZJXLXNPGPQM?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

SAVE THE DATE- Our upcoming annual coat drive will be held on Sunday November 6th after mass in Centennial Hall.

Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio is seeking volunteers or groups who can assist with picking up furniture donations around the community that will be used for local refugee housing. It can be a one time, occasional or frequent service opportunity. To learn more, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Cathy Boston, cboston@ccswoh.org, or call 513.672.3836.

Volunteers Needed- St. Leo's Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help serve our Community. The Food Pantry is open M-W-F from 1: 00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. and we ask volunteers to arrive around noon to help set-up. If you are interested in volunteering please call 513.921.1044.

Second Collection- Catholic Campaign for Human Development- this collection will support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Twenty Five percent of the funds will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins.