

**October 3, 2021**  
**From Fr. Jim. . .**

**Respect Life Sunday:** National Respect Life Sunday is OCTOBER 3. Please include in your prayers the following petitions or pray in your own words. Please pray them as you see fit but especially during this month of October as we join with the Catholic Church in the United States in celebrating life. May all life continue to be blessed from the “womb to the tomb”.

For all people: May God grant us the courage to embrace his precious gift of life, even in the most difficult of circumstances. For the times we are afraid to welcome life: May the Lord fill our hearts with confidence in His loving care and provide for every need.

For all Catholics: May the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist strengthen us in protecting his gift of life.

For the times we are pressured to compromise respect for human life: May the Lord strengthen our courage and resolve.

May the Holy Spirit reveal to each of us how we are called to use our gifts in sharing the Gospel of life and joy.

For victims of domestic violence and for children who are abused, their families and their abusers: May they know the Lord’s healing, forgiveness, mercy, love, and peace.

For those facing difficult medical decisions: May they receive the Lord’s guidance and peace as they listen for his voice.

For the times we doubt the value of our lives: May we rest in the awareness that we are infinitely loved and that God has a plan for our lives.

For those condemned to die and their families: May the hope of the resurrection strengthen them in their time of sorrow.

May God grant us the eyes to see and the hearts to love those who need us to walk with them in times of suffering.

May God bless all those for whom adoption is part of their life story.

For caregivers: May Christ give them wisdom and fill their hearts with peace and strength.

For women and men suffering from abortion: May God grant them courage to seek healing and peace through the Church’s post abortion healing ministry.

For those longing for a child: May God comfort them with the assurance of his steadfast love.

We pray the Lord to hear our prayer!

Don’t miss Cincinnati Right to Life’s Evening for Life Event! Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Sharonville Convention Center; social starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner and program 6: 30 p.m.; featuring emcee Anna Mitchell and guest speaker George Dennehy. Reservations are required at [www.CincinnatiRightToLife.Org](http://www.CincinnatiRightToLife.Org) or call 513.728.7870.

**Collection Envelopes-** If you are new to the parish or would like to receive collection envelopes please call the parish office at 513.921.1044 or sign up at the back of church on the sign-up sheet. If you already receive collection envelopes yours are automatically renewed.

**SAVE THE DATE- March for Life 2022- January 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. More information to come on trip details and sponsorship.



**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](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](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)

You can **read Fr. Jim’s letter** at:

[www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim)

**We are looking for one table that can fit 8 chairs each. The Food Pantry is looking for rolling luggage if you have any to donate!**

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](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.**

**COMMENT ON DRAFT “FAMILIES OF PARISHES”** – Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into “Families” under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org). Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

**Mass and Healing Service-** Celebrate mass followed by a healing service on **Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius Parish** located at 5222 North Bend Road in Monfort Heights. For more information call 513.471.LITE.

**The seventh annual Catholic Men’s Eucharistic Procession is Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>!** It will begin with an 8:00 a.m. mass at the Cathedral, with the Eucharistic Procession at 9:00 a.m. moving through downtown Cincinnati with a spirit of reverence and prayer. This two mile procession will conclude at Old St. Mary’s Church at 11:00 a.m. to participate or to learn more call Dave at 513.305.6719.

Archbishop Schnurr thanks the faithful here at St. Leo’s for our generosity in 2021 CMA. Our parish pledged \$430.00 to the appeal. A special thank you to the families that participated in the appeal. In total, the CMA exceeded its \$5 million goal with \$5.8 million pledged from more than 25,000 households throughout the 19 counties of the archdiocese. To learn more about the CMA visit [www.aocstewardship.org](http://www.aocstewardship.org)