

October 16, 2022

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

All of us, at one time or another have prayed or have been asked to pray fervently and persistently for an intention of great consequence. Oftentimes, it is related to a health crisis, emergency, sudden trauma, or sad event that compels you to storm the heavens and ask the Lord to intercede, make things better, or to solve the problem. At those moments, we seem to pray with total surrender, from the depth of our hearts for God to acknowledge our prayer and hasten His help toward a needed outcome. This action is the essence of the word "supplication," a word coined from the Latin verb *supplicare* that means "to plead humbly. And that is what we should do when we pray, plead humbly, with an open heart and mind and with complete trust in the Lord that He will do what is best.

It is the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and today we focus on another parable in Luke: The Persistent Widow and the Unjust Judge. As Jesus instructs in Luke 18: 1-8, we are called to be steadfast in prayer, steadfast in seeking justice, and spirited in everything we do. He teaches his apostles to never give up or lose heart even though life is filled with harm, unfairness and cruelty. In the parable, a lowly widow is able to secure a good result because she refuses to quit hounding a judge for his help. The judge, who is considered corrupt, ultimately is worn down by her constant pleas, and grants her request. In complete contrast, God is the just judge who is *always* moved by our prayers and encourages our diligence and persistence in offering them. God hears us.

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. –St. Thomas Aquinas

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

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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 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.**



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 Wish List Link- https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/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. More details to come!

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.

"it is important to know the passwords of our heart, what we are most sensitive to, to protect ourselves from those who present themselves with persuasive words to manipulate us, but also to recognize what is truly important to us." ~~ Pope Francis