

St. Leo Social Justice Page

St Leo Supportive Social Service Program

Words of Thank You to the Parish from a client we will call J.S.:

“Dear Rick, Tanya, Paula and all contributing members (*Read as the parish family giving support to Social Supportive Services*). Much gratitude to you for helping me and the work you do in the community! Thank God for you! He is blessing me now & I wish you all the Peace of His presence.”

We are in the season of giving and the season of Stewardship in support of this parish. The institution we call the parish is the framework that allows us to minister to those in need, to care for Creation & to advocate for justice! As all institutions, the church and the parish have its flaws, but they are institutions that work for the good! So, in this season of giving and thankfulness, I ask you to not only continue the support of our ministries but also, prayerfully consider the support of the parish as an institution. An institution that is the scaffolding upon which we minister to those in need, inspire servant-leadership in others, and advocate for justice and care for Creation!

We are a force for GOOD!

The Clothing Boutique: Thanks for the donations!

Thanks to one and all who have donated warm clothing, blankets and men’s jeans. Your donations are appreciated, and we hope you continue to support this parish program with warm clothing items and blankets as we move into the winter season. Please, if you can, continue to donate blankets, warm clothing & men’s pants!

We Will Advocate for FOOD JUSTICE!

A central principal for Catholic Social Teaching is the right to food for all persons. For example, in *Pacem in Terris*, St. John XXIII states that “Every person has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means which are suitable for the proper development of life; these are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, and finally the necessary social services.” Given the right to food, the next step is to establish the path and policies used by the church, private organizations, families, communities, and the government to ensure this right. <https://credo-economists.org/>

Starting at the end of November and continuing into February/March of 2025 we will be presenting information and educational presenters at St. Leo’s in support of food justice – particularly for Children. Our end goal is to educate parishioners on this issue and to empower them to speak to their state legislators in Olympia on the issue of FOOD JUSTICE, particularly as a human right and an obligation to our children!

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