

St. Leo Social Justice Page

Food Justice: “The Big Beautiful Bill”

Last week, House Republicans released long-awaited tax and budget proposals that would provide the top 5 percent of taxpayers with about \$1.5 trillion in tax breaks. This windfall for the ultrawealthy would be paid for by gutting programs that create American jobs and help Americans afford the cost of basic needs, such as health care and groceries. If enacted, the bill would amount to the largest cuts to Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in history; kill jobs; and jack up the cost of living in every region of the country. It’s no wonder a new analysis by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) finds that the bill reduces resources for the poorest households while increasing them for the highest earners. (<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/the-devastating-harms-of-house-republicans-big-beautiful-bill-by-state-and-congressional-district/>)

The Big Beautiful Bill will be a nightmare to the poorest and most vulnerable of our society! Food security is one of the most important fundamentals in making our communities safe and stable. We cannot allow this counties food safety net to be torn to pieces just to “feed the wealthy”! **TAKE ACTION: Tell Your Congress Member to Vote NO to SNAP Cuts and NO to the House Budget**

<https://foodlifeline.salsalabs.org/2025BudgetReconciliation/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=cf03804a-f5ce-4466-a5d1-dedde9921c29>

St. Leo Supportive Social Services Program: “Expanding the Tent”

It is time to reassess the work of our Social Supportive Services Program: improve our system, better coordinate our efforts and recruit more volunteers. *We are doing some fantastic work, and we help hundreds of individuals and families throughout the year.*

Now is the time to celebrate the good work that is being done and find ways to grow and improve together! We are planning a working lunch for our volunteers as well as any of you that want to know more about the program or wish to volunteer with us in this parish ministry!

We will meet in Bix Hall on Friday, May 30th, 11:30 to 12:30/1:00pm An overview of the program will be giving covering the mission of the program and how it operates. We will then discuss in some detail the procedure/process that we need to try to follow to best serve those who come to us for help: How to track our interventions, improve communication and to continue to promote transparency and good stewardship.

Please join us and help “Stretch the Tent of Our Ministries”

The L’Honey Project: Time to Reflect and Pray with the Honeybee:

Starting next week, I hope to share more about times in the bee yard with God’s Humble Hardworking Honeybees in the quest to be a better person. *I am getting old and running out of time to improve!!!*

Rick
Keeper of Bees