



# St. Leonard Faith Community

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January 16, 2011

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Presiding Today:

Fr. Loren Connell

### In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Aline Stritch

### Proclaimers of the Word:

Bill & Mary Ellen Hagan

### This Week's Readings

#### January 16

*Isaiah 49:3,5-6*

*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

*John 1:29-34*

### Next Week's Readings

#### January 23

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13,  
17-18*

*Matthew 4:12-25*

### Upcoming Events

*After Mass today*

Take down Christmas  
decorations

*January 25*

Council Meeting  
Boardroom 7 PM

*January 28*

Movie Night

Sr. O's Room 6 PM

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

A thousand thanks to all who helped with our Christmas brunch last Sunday—those who planned it, set it up, took it down, brought food, ate food, and/or enjoyed community. What a wonderful celebration!

Today, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, we begin our semi-continuous reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. The lectionary divides First Corinthians, one of Paul's longest letters, roughly into thirds, with one third being read at the beginning of each year. The church in Corinth seems to have broken into competing factions, and Paul is at pains to recall the members to genuine unity in Christ. Pay attention as Paul exhorts his listeners to reorder priorities.

Next week, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we begin our semi-continuous reading from Matthew. Most of you know that Matthew is my least favorite gospel. Last fall I attended several workshops and read several articles which gave me a new appreciation of this gospel. It may still be my least favorite, but I look forward to reflecting on Matthew's presentation of the gospel of Emmanuel—God-with-us—and to sharing my reflections with you.

Writing for a predominately Jewish Christian community, Matthew presents Jesus as the new Moses. The Jewish people of Matthew's time assumed that Moses wrote the Pentateuch, the Torah, the five books of the Law; therefore Matthew has Jesus deliver five extensive sermons. The first and longest is the so-called sermon on the mount, found in chapters five through seven. This winter, with Lent coming as late as it does, we get to hear that sermon from beginning to end. This summer, on the other hand, with Easter coming as late as it does, we will not get to hear the second sermon, the missionary discourse. Winter, summer, Lent, or Easter, I encourage you to prepare for Mass each Sunday by praying over the gospel (and other readings, if possible) during the preceding week. If you were preaching, what would your homily say?

Peace and every blessing,  
*Loren, OFM*

## Religious Education News

### CLOW Volunteers/Teen Assistants:

January 16 – Lynda Ehret / Natalie Ehret

January 23 – VOLUNTEER NEEDED / Nora Soto

January 30 – Alberta Guise / Allie Bickett

### Finding God: The Church

In our third Unit, our focus is on the Church, the People of God who continue the mission of Jesus Christ. We are one, holy, catholic and apostolic. In what we know and believe, how we celebrate, and how we live, we respond to our baptismal call to **be Christ to others**. Specifically, our efforts in the areas of Evangelization and Service will reflect our understanding of what it means to be Church, the People of God, *gathered* to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ and *sent* to be witnesses of Jesus Christ to the world.

### First Eucharist Parents' Meeting:

Parents of students preparing for First Eucharist are scheduled to meet Sunday, January 30 following Gathering Time (9:15 AM) in the Auditorium. Details concerning the preparation process will be reviewed. First Eucharist is scheduled for Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

### Confirmation:

Next Confirmation class: Sunday, January 23, 12:00-2:00 pm in the Youth Room. Lunch provided by the Dev family.

### Rock And Worship Roadshow Is Coming To Dayton!!!

*"The mission of the Rock and Worship Roadshow is to create an atmosphere where young and old can come together to ROCK & WORSHIP by offering the top names in Christian music and present a message of inspiration that will have a positive impact on everyone who attends."*

This year the **Roadshow** will be in Dayton at the Nutter Center on Thursday, February 10 at 7:00 pm. Seating is General Admission and no advance tickets are required. Admission is \$10 at the door. The lineup includes **MercyMe, Jars of Clay, Thousand Foot Krutch, Matt Maher, and The Afters**. St. Leonard Youth have worshipped with Matt Maher at both NCYC and their Confirmation Retreat last Spring. Contact Kathy Henry in the Office if you are interested in attending.

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**New Member Sunday is coming up. If you haven't registered with the Community yet, sign up now! New Member Forms are available in the back of church.**

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## Spaghetti Dinner



It isn't too early to make plans to attend the annual Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Set aside Saturday evening, February 19. As in the past, members of the Italian Club will be the chefs. The cost remains the same at \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (Ages 4-16). You need to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets are on sale after Mass in the lobby. If you have any questions see Ron Christopher.

## Women's Retreat

Just a reminder to get the dates of September 9, 10, & 11 on your 2011 calendar for the St. Leonard Women's Retreat at Maria Stein. We are happy to announce that our own Kathy Henry has agreed to lead us on our Spiritual journey for the second time. Questions call Kathy Hoefler at 436-1388.

## PA Column

There has been a significant amount of discussion during the past year regarding the future of the Community. We are aware that Church attendance for all religions is down significantly. The reasons for this that are generally cited in the literature are along the lines of cultural changes, busy schedules, discontent with church leaders and changing attitudes regarding authority. The Council has addressed this issue on several levels and on several occasions.

Although we have experienced somewhat of a drop in our attendance, we are very encouraged with the current status of the Community. Considering our size, there has not been a disproportionate decrease in attendance. And we are also experiencing a consistent increase in membership. Most of all, we continue to retain a unique sense of community and an appreciation for Liturgy that are the foundations of our Community. In an effort to retain the integrity of the Community for the future, the Council has adapted the following two focuses for the immediate future.

1. An integral part of evangelization is to spread the faith to others. The Council has suggested that we adopt the message of **"Taking Faith To Others"**. The intent is to provide more opportunities for us as a Community to reach out to others in service. The Out Reach Ministry is in the process of modifying their current practices to accommodate this. We will keep you posted on the opportunities to which you will be invited to participate.
2. On a daily basis we are confronted with the issue that in the minds of many people there is not a distinction between the Senior Living Community and the Faith Community. We believe there are people who would be interested in joining the Community if they were aware of who we are. It will be a priority for us to clarify this as much as possible. We believe the Spirit is working within the Community and there are surely signs of that presence. We are committed to incorporating the entire Community in our efforts to bring the message of Jesus Christ in the midst of today's cultural characteristics.

Aurelia Palcher,  
Pastoral Administrator

## News from the

### Pews:

**Thank you for all your contributions for News from the Pews! This process is a way for our Community to stay in touch with each other on a more personal level.**

Dear Friends at St. Leonard's,

There's no way I can tell you how much your love and support have sustained Will and me as we said goodbye to Connie and set about finding new directions in our lives. My children felt embraced by the Community, and they will always treasure that experience as a great and rare blessing. I'm still sometimes overwhelmed when I think about how you generously gave of your precious Christmas time to guide us and to celebrate Connie's life.

Love and Peace,  
Steve

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## Faith Formation

There is a Faith Formation meeting on Wednesday, January 19 at 7 PM in the office

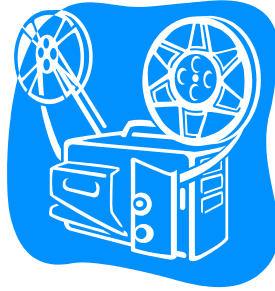




## Friday Night Flicks/Dinner Date

### January 28

Calling all adults! – Where can you get pizza, homemade dessert, an inspiring movie, and fellowship all for free? Why of course, SLFC Movie Night!!



Join us on Friday night **January 28** to enjoy **The Ultimate Gift**—an amazing movie with a heart rendering message. The film features a first-rate cast that includes James Garner, Lee Meriwether, Brian Dennehy, and Abigail Breslin. If you thought that Hollywood doesn't make wholesome, family oriented films anymore, *The Ultimate Gift* will change your mind. Viewers of all ages will be inspired by this film that addresses materialism, relationships, values, and legacy issues.

Here's what *Forbes* wrote about the movie:

"We can tell you authoritatively that you've never seen a picture like it. Take *It's A Wonderful Life*, add *The Heiress*, put in a pinch of *The Millionaire* and you're starting to get warm."

We will begin serving refreshments (pizza, beverages, and homemade desserts) at **6 o'clock**. The movie will start at **6:45**. Following the film, we will engage in a discussion of what the film meant to you, how it inspired you, impacted and changed your outlook. Sign up after Mass or call the office.

### We're on Facebook

For those fans of Facebook, the Faith Community now has a Facebook page. If you are already a member; sign in and do a search on St. Leonard Faith Community; then follow the directions. If you're not a member of Facebook, go to **www.facebook.com** and follow the sign up directions. Remember, as with all social media programs, privacy is a concern. Please select the privacy mode that is comfortable to you.

## The Wisdom of Saint Francis...

Blessed are those who, regardless of what they suffer, preserve peace of spirit and body out of love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(cf *Francis of Assisi: Admonition 15*)

### From Today's Gospel Reading:

John testified further, saying,

*"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him...."*

*Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.*

#### Reflection:

Twice John the Baptist admits, "I did not know him." For a while he had to proceed with his mission on faith, waiting for God to point out the One whose coming John had been proclaiming. When the Spirit descended on Jesus, John's waiting had been fulfilled. We often have to continue doing the good that we do without seeing immediate results. Like John we put our trust in God, who first called us.

#### So we ask ourselves:

- Do you sometimes weary of not seeing immediate results for your good efforts?
- What signs do you look for to confirm that you are doing God's will?



## New Year Resolutions

If getting more exercise was one of your new year resolutions, then look no further than St. Leonard. The St. Leonard Wellness Program in partnership with Sinclair Lifelong Learning, now offers wellness classes that are open to all Faith Community member. There are no charges or membership fees for these classes. Some of the classes that are offered include: *Sunrise Yoga, Belly Dancing, Tai Chi, Hula Hoop Aerobics, and Beginning Clogging*. For schedules and time of classes call Debra at 439-7117.

## Welcome!

St. Leonard Faith Community is a freely formed Catholic community sharing in the Franciscan heritage. We are committed to creating a spiritual environment where the Holy Spirit comes alive through active worship and the offering of our individual and collective gifts. Through a variety of ministries, we reach out to respond to the needs of others, with love. Our mission will be to live our Christian Faith, to grow spiritually, and to be actively involved in the community and St. Leonard's Senior Living Community.

### Mass Schedule:

**St. Leonard Faith Community:** Sunday: Mass at 10:30 AM

**Senior Living Community:** daily Mass at 9:00 AM,  
Saturday: 4:00 PM, Sunday: 9:00 AM.

**Holy Days of Obligation:** As announced in bulletin.

**Worshipping with us for the first time?** During the preparation of the gifts we follow the gift bearers to gather around the altar to receive Our Lord as a Community. If you would like to learn more about our Community with the possibility of becoming a member, information packets are available at the back pew.

**Fellowship:** Refreshments are served after the liturgy. Fellowship helps to promote a sense of community. We invite everyone to join us as we continue our celebration in friendship and love.

### Pastoral Care Services, Sacraments and Funerals:

Requests for pastoral care services, Sacraments or any other needs, should be made to the Community Office. If the office is closed and you have a pastoral care need, please call Aurelia Palcher at 885-7158.

**Scheduling Mass Intentions:** Requests for Mass intentions may be made by contacting the Community Office.

**Office Hours:** Monday–Friday: 9:00 AM -1:00 PM

### Bulletin announcements

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**Bulletin information must reach our office no later than 11:00 AM on Wednesday.**

## Special prayers are requested for the following:

Names on the prayer list will no longer be published on the internet because of confidentiality concerns.

A prayer list is published in the bulletin to inform the community of those with special needs. Persons may be placed on the prayer list by calling the office. They will remain on the list for four weeks unless the office is notified otherwise. Hospitals do not notify the office when a parishioner is admitted. Therefore, please call the office if you would like to make it known that a family member is in the hospital.

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Community Life	Lucette Fogel	Amanda Jennings
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Pat Welsh

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