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January 23, 2011

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presiding Today:

Fr. Loren Connell

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Eugene & Rosie Trimbach

Proclaimers of the Word:

Rosalie Schoenfeld &
Barbara Gobrail

This Week's Readings

January 23

Isaiah 9:1-4

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,
17-18

Matthew 4:12-25

Next Week's Readings

January 30

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Upcoming Events

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,

Yesterday, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision barring the states from unqualified prohibition or restriction of abortion, our American bishops asked us to rededicate ourselves to the cause of life. Human life is threatened in so many ways—sickness, natural disasters, poverty, random and gang violence. Our bishops have asked us to consider in particular state-sanctioned threats to life—abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, war.

In a pluralistic society such as ours, how do we promote a culture of life? Perhaps we need to begin with our own attitudes. How violent are we ourselves? How much and what kinds of violence do we condone? Do we quietly cheer the news that a Taliban group has been killed in Afghanistan? Do we find ourselves wanting to see the execution of a notorious killer? How do we justify such attitudes on our part? If we fail to recognize our own inclinations toward violence, can we truly be a serious and effective voice in defense of life?

Once we acknowledge our own violent inclinations, we can then try to understand where our fellow citizens are coming from. To take just one threat to life, what do they think about abortion? What need do they see for it? What limits would they put on it? We may not change their position; and they may not change ours; but if we engage in respectful dialogue, we might find more common ground than we would have thought. What alternatives is our society willing to offer a woman with a physically, emotionally, or economically challenging pregnancy? As a nation, for example, are we willing to provide life-long assistance for a handicapped child?

Working together to find common solutions with those with whom we disagree can be a lot messier than picketing an abortion clinic, a military installation, or a maximum security prison. In the end, however, it may also save a lot more lives. How willing are we to commit ourselves to such a dialogue for life?

Peace and every blessing,
Loren, OFM

Religious Education News

CLOW Volunteers/Teen Assistants:

January 23 – VOLUNTEER NEEDED / Nora Soto
January 30 – Alberta Guise / Allie Bickett
February 6 – Colleen Nelson / Monsita Corbett
February 13 – Peggy Hoffmeister / Audrey Hoffmeister
February 20 – NO CLOW, WINTER BREAK

First Eucharist Parents' Meeting:

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

Come *Serve* With Us - Youth Mission Trip:

Our teens will have the opportunity this summer to participate in a week of service with the Franciscans for the Poor in Cincinnati. Dates for the trip are July 5-8. Registration forms and additional information will be sent home with students. Contact Kathy Henry for details.

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.

Spaghetti Dinner



It isn't too early to make plans to attend the annual Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus in the Auditorium. 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.

Construction News

Please be sure to observe the 10 MPH speed limit while driving on the grounds of the Center. With construction going on, there is the potential of accidents occurring, especially in the parking lot in front of the Chapel. **Slow down!**

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.

Many thanks to all those who helped take down the Christmas decorations. We appreciate you taking time out of your busy Sunday to help with this task.



Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your gift of \$774.40 in support of the essential work of The Foodbank. Your donation is helping bring nutritious food to hungry people who are struggling to meet their most basic needs. The Foodbank and its network of member pantries, kitchens, and shelters in Montgomery, Greene, and Preble counties serve more than five million meals annually. This number continues to climb as we see more and more people seeking emergency food assistance for the first time. Nearly half of all food distribution is used to feed children.

Without your commitment and generosity many in our community would go hungry. Your ongoing support and dedication is greatly appreciated. On behalf of our network of providers and countless recipients, *thank you*.

Sincerely,
Burma D. Thomas



Dear Friends,

All of our residents here at St. Leonard would like to thank you for our gift, and also for thinking of us at Christmas!! We wish you all a very, very Happy New Year.



Dear Friend,

Thank you for spending time with me. I enjoyed the visit with you and your Mom. Also thank you for my gift and the sweets!! Thank you for thinking of me at Christmas!! And have a Happy New Year!!



St. Francis

Women's Retreat

The 17th Annual St. Francis Women's Retreat is February 25-27 at Bergamo Center.

The theme is *Becoming a Virtuous Woman: Through Truth, with Hope, in Him*. The retreat director is Melba Fisher. Gift certificates and scholarships are available. Call Bette Davis (937) 433-6971 or email bette-davis@att.net for details

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.

Finding God- *Being Church*

Several Religious Education classes demonstrated their understanding of what it means to be Church during the Christmas season.

Blankets from the Third Grade

“The third grade RE class shared the warmth for Christmas. They made fleece blankets and pillows to send to Holy Family Parish in Booneville, Kentucky. The Knights of Columbus here at St. Leonard supports the Holy Family Parish. Sister Marge Eilerman has assisted in this, the second poorest county in the U.S. Because she receives many donations for the children of the area, she requested blankets for the elderly as they often do not have insulated homes or adequate heating. The children of the third grade worked on the blankets and pillows while discussing the weekly lesson. They also learned about this impoverished area. Mrs. Snow (Madeline's mom) visited the class to help during class time. We are very proud of them for sharing their gifts with the poor.”

Renee Clement, 3rd Grade Catechist



Pocket Change for the Poor

In late November, prior to Thanksgiving, the seventh grade class discussed ways that they could approach Advent and Jesus' birthday this year in a more thoughtful fashion. I have been encouraging them to consider themselves as becoming more mature in their faith and to act accordingly. We considered three basic things: being thankful, giving, and preparing their hearts. Our class discussion that day explored ways that they could do these things. I offered a service project opportunity for them to consider (Food for the Poor), showing them the catalog wherein we could help purchase items for the poor, such as chickens, bags of rice, etc. We decided to take this to the community in the form of a pocket change campaign; by collecting pocket change during the four weeks of Advent, we hoped to make a difference. Class turnout was strong on kickoff day; the students really pitched in to make it a success. Two students in particular, Audrey and Allie, are to be commended for their 100% involvement in this project.”

The total collected and sent to Food for the Poor was \$256.42.

Dan Tucker, 7th Grade Catechist

Friday Night Flicks/Dinner Date

January 28 in Sr. O's Room

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.

The Wisdom of Saint Francis...

Blessed are those who endure shame and reprimand for a sin with humility, even when they committed no fault.

(cf *Francis of Assisi: Admonition 22*)

Social Justice Corner

You might recall Fr. Loren's homily last Sunday in which he commented on nonviolence as a way of addressing injustices in our world and that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Jesus followed this approach even unto their deaths. We could add Mahatma Gandhi and Cesar Chavez to this list as well. Fr. Loren went on to question how we relate to people with whom we disagree or who have political views very different from ours.

Coincidentally, Social Justice Ministry is offering "A Season for Peace and Nonviolence—Daily Practices that Make a Difference." Part of the stated purpose for this exercise is to create an awareness of nonviolent principles and practices as a powerful way to heal, transform and empower our lives and communities. This exercise begins next Sunday, January 30 with daily practices for the next 64 days— a period between the deaths of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will publish a 7-day list of the daily readings for each week in the Bulletin. You are invited to read, reflect and act on these ideas in the cause of peace and nonviolence throughout the world.

Treasurer's report as of December 31, 2010:

Year to Date

	Year to Date	Budget	Variance
Collections	72,225.65	76,000.00	(3774.35)
Other Income	3,810.53	4,558.00	(747.47)
Expenses	75,347.37	78,434.57	(3,087.20)
Net	688.81	2,123.43	(1,434.62)

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 the St. Leonard 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 the 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 or in the Community Office.

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 the number listed in the community directory.

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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