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July 24, 2011

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presiding Today:

Fr. Loren Connell

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Jim Bengé

Proclaimers of the Word:

Barbara Armstrong
Bill Byrne

This Week's Readings :

July 24

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-53

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Preface 8 for Sundays in

Ordinary Time

July 31

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 41:53-42:3,5

Romans 8:35,37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Preface 7 for Sundays in

Ordinary Time

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Sunday I made a flippant remark at the end of Mass as Kathy was stirring up interest in our community picnic. It was at once clever and spontaneous, a combination not usually characteristic of me. It was also insensitive. I apologize to everyone suffering from emotional or mental illness, to the families and loved ones of persons suffering from such illness, and to our community at large. Whether Kathy took my remark seriously or in jest is beside the point. The physical, mental, or emotional challenges faced by many of our sisters and brothers ought not be the object of humor, whether mine or anyone else's.

Three weeks from tomorrow, Monday, August 15, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. August 15 is a holy day of obligation in the United States, except when it occurs immediately before or after Sunday. Since Monday immediately follows Sunday, the Solemnity of the Assumption is not a day of obligation for us this year. However, our prayer and worship commission has scheduled an outside evening Mass on the veranda off the west of Saint Joseph Hall. Ice cream will be served afterwards. The veranda is off the second floor, the same floor as the chapel. If you park near the front offices of the senior living community, you can walk down the outside stairs next to those offices, pass by the Guadalupe shrine, and walk up to the veranda. About a dozen chairs are permanent summer fixtures. Community members who can do so might want to bring lawn chairs to Mass.

As we transition toward late summer, be sure to take some time to relax and to renew your relationships with family, friends, and God.

Peace and every blessing,
Loren, OFM

Religious Education News:

REGISTRATION FOR 2011-2012 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is underway. Registration packets are available in the office if you have not already received one.

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP UPDATE:

Our Mission experience with the Franciscans for the Poor in Cincinnati was also a successful, rewarding and eye-opening experience. Nine students and two adults traveled to Cincinnati to live in community and serve those most in need in the Cincinnati/No. Kentucky area. Students served at three of the following ministries: Matthew 25 Ministries, Rose Garden pro-life ministry, Mercy Franciscan St. John sandwich window, Cincinnati Housing Partners, Inner Faith Hospitality Network, Canticle Café and Ronald McDonald House.

- A slide show of our experience is available. Copies will be distributed to all participants and will be available to view in the office.

Many thanks to all in the Community who supported this experience by participating in our fundraisers and by donating items to distribute to those we served.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Registration is now due for NCYC 2011: CALLED TO GLORY, Indianapolis, IN, November 17-19. NCYC is an unforgettable 3-day experience for Catholic high school students that includes keynotes, workshops, liturgy, reconciliation, prayer and worship, exhibits and other special activities.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: August 5-7

Confirmation will be celebrated October 2, 10:30 AM, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr presiding.

SLFC Provides Opportunity Through CtBS

The SLFC continues to be a strong supporter of opportunities for low-income housing in the Dayton area by participating in CATCH the BUILDING SPIRIT, the local Catholic initiative for change in the lives of area families. This year's new homeowner, Carmen Baccus, works as a nurse-aide in an area nursing home, and has completed 300 hours of hands-on work on area builds, and has completed all HABITAT classes covering home ownership and finances. Your contributions do not gift her a house, but do allow CtBS to sponsor the house materials, donate the construction manpower, and help make the mortgage affordable for Carmen to assume. Through this process she is making an effort to create a better life for her family, and SLFC helps make that possible.

Please consider looking at the CtBS website, now available as a link from the SLFC website. Updates on the building progress, pictures, and schedule are available. (In addition, please read the article about the SLFC/CtBS involvement over past years written by Jerry Cozart that is now on our SLFC website.)

Donations by check should be made out to "CtBS," and may be placed in the Sunday collection basket. Call Bob Gray (513-897-0024,) or email abcgray@embarqmail.com with any questions.

The Wisdom of Saint Francis

We cannot know how much patience and humility we have so long as we are content with ourselves. (cf *Francis of Assisi: Admonition 13*)

SLWG News

The August meeting of the SLFC Women's Group is a visit to the Dayton Art Institute, scheduled for August 6, 2011. Mary Ellen Graham has graciously agreed to lead the group. Carpooling and lunch at the Monet Café will be available and are optional. For those interested in carpooling, we will meet at the Sugarcreek Kroger's parking lot (SR725 and Wilmington Pike) and will leave at 9:30 am. RSVP to Monsita Corbett at 937-438-3860 or monsi-ta45459@yahoo.com by August 1.

Ladies Retreat

Reservations for the September 9th Ladies Retreat at Maria Stein will be held Sunday, August 7 & 14 right after mass. The fee for the weekend which includes two nights stay in a private room with bath, all meals and snacks, is \$165. The non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 is payable on sign up. Checks should be made payable to St. Leonard. If for any reason you will not be available on August 7 or 14th, please see any of the committee members: Debbie Brown, Marilyn Welsh, Rosa Shultz or Kathy Hoefler. You may also call Kathy Hoefler at 436-1388 to make your reservation. Don't miss this opportunity to be with your sisters at Maria Stein and participate with our retreat leader Kathy Henry for our anniversary retreat weekend.

Christmas in July???

Although it seems far off—it will be here before we know it. Please get the date of December 10 on your calendars now so you won't miss out on all of the fun. Those who attended last year were not disappointed they came to the ladies Christmas luncheon and we know you won't be disappointed this year. Plan to attend on Saturday, December 10 so you won't miss out on the festivities. Any questions—please call this year's committee: Bonnie Benge, Debbie Brown or Kathy Hoefler.

Social Justice Corner

Our Social Justice Ministry is taking on a new project on a trial basis. We will be partnering with the Marianists to provide a Sunday meal for the people attending services at the New Hope Church on Sunday, August 14. This meal is served every Sunday throughout the year except the first Sunday of every month. The evening starts with a prayer service at 6:00 pm; the meal follows at 7:00 pm.

Although many members of our ministry are participating in this effort we can use your help if you are available. The idea is to feed about 100 poor people in an inner city neighborhood with both the Word of God and a hot meal. We are expected to buy the food, prepare it and serve it. We will provide the meat entrée and the Marianists will provide produce from their urban garden.

Noel Bauer will provide the recipe for the meat entrée. To lighten the load on any one member, we will need about 3-4 more SLFC members to purchase the meat at their own expense and prepare the recipe. Each member will prepare food for 10 people. About 7-8 SJM members will also be preparing the meal. A few extra servings will not go to waste in this poor community.

Three or four SJM members will take the delicious food to the church and serve it alongside the Marianists. If all goes well and we are inspired to do it again, we may do desserts in the future and work with another group.

We are not trying to compete with our House of Bread effort, which is done on a quarterly basis on Saturdays, but rather addressing a need in another part of town. Coincidentally, House of Bread provides the meal at New Hope Church on one of the other Sundays.

Call Noel Bauer, 428-0853 or Bob Niehoff 885-0527 to volunteer.

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 in 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.

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.

Pictures of community members at community sponsored events may be posted on the web.

Special prayers are requested for the following:

Donna Ames, May Ling Barde, Lex Barnes, Mary Beery, Rose Bently, Jane Beverley, Pam Botkins, Terrie Dawson, Kathleen Dittman, Peter Dwyer, John Charles Eastman, Ryan & Matthew Fitzgerald, Shirley Fitzgerald, the Friedhoff Family, Joseph Gagner, Grant, Kathleen Grogan, Barbara Gravel, Neil Gravel, Mary Jane Hadley, Bill Hagan, Mary Hartnet, Jim Hinkle, Rick Hungerford, John Ilnitzi, Mark Kearney, Vincenzina Krymow, Amy Konstantelos, Adam Lee, Lou Leibold, Virgil Link, Liny & Trudy Lommerse, Barbara & Allan Mallett, Linda McCreary, Mary McCreary, Morris Middleton, Barbara Mohn, Tom Murphy, Cpl. Todd Nicely, Mary Ann Olenik, Joy Quilty, Sarah & Micheal Ryan & Family, Catherine & Ethan Rohr, Ken Rueth, Betsy Ryan, Maureen Samuelson, Laura Shankey, Ring A. Siyr, Corinne Shultz, Ed Sofvest, Joyce Stauffer, Mary Stolle, Jim Stritch, Ruth Taylor, Joyce Traubert, Paul Vergamini, Melana Katherine Wells, Joe Wood, and Dan Worland.

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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