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July 3, 2011

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presiding Today:

Fr. Loren Connell

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Mary F. Monroe
Infant Rocco Christopher

Proclaimers of the Word:

Dick and Caryl Rose

This Week's Readings :

July 3

14th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Zachariah 9:9-10

Romans 8:9-13

Matthew 11:25-30

Eucharistic Prayer 1 for
Reconciliation

July 10

15th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-9

Eucharistic Prayer 3
Preface 1 of the Holy
Spirit

Upcoming Events:

Americana Festival
July 4

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Three and a half weeks ago Barbara Gobrail, Marcy Morgan, and I joined a thousand other Catholics from across the archdiocese for the ordination of Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer at Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati. The cathedral is a magnificent Greek-style structure, and the sanctuary is spacious. Here the archdiocese celebrates its principal liturgies. A dozen bishops took their places, and great music filled the air. Writs were read, and promises were made. In profound silence Archbishop Schnurr laid his hands on Father Binzer's head, and he was ordained a bishop. Amidst all the pomp of the ancient two-hour liturgy, genuine affection could be felt for the simple priest who was being ordained for a new ministry in the Church.

Bishop Binzer had holy cards distributed to all in attendance as a memento. On the back were the words of Psalm 131, from which the new bishop took his episcopal motto. Citizens of the world's most powerful nation might well ponder them.

Lord, my heart is not proud,
nor are my eyes haughty.
I do not busy myself with great matters,
with things too sublime for me.
Rather, I have stilled my soul,
hushed it like a weaned child.
Like a weaned child on its mother's lap,
so is my soul within me.
Israel, hope in the Lord,
now and forever.

Enjoy your holiday.

Peace and every blessing,
Loren, OFM

Religious Education News:

REGISTRATION FOR 2011-2012 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is underway. Registration packets are available in the office. Early registration helps in planning for next year.

Youth Group Mission Trip Update:

Our youth will be participating in a Mission experience next week in Cincinnati. Thanks to those who have supported this experience either by donating items to be used in helping the poor or by supporting activities that helped raise money. Our students will be participating with another group of teens and will also have the opportunity to meet a group of teens from Honduras. Of course, some time is being reserved for just plain fun!! Please keep them in your prayers in the coming week.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUCCESS!!

Because of the generosity of so many people who helped out with time and materials, we are happy to report a very successful Vacation Bible School this past week. Over 30 children participated and the feedback has been extremely positive. Sincere thanks to Kathy Henry for her leadership on this project and to the many people - children and adults - who so generously gave of their time in support of this program.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Registration is requested by July 15th. See Kathy Henry for a packet.

The Wisdom of Saint Francis

Blessed are those who return every good to the Lord God. (*cf Francis of Assisi: Admonition 18*)

The Results are In!

The council election was concluded and the results are that Renee Clement and Jim McGee have been elected to council for three-year terms commencing 7/1/11. Thanks to Paul Martin for his willingness to serve the community in this capacity.

There were a total of 141 ballots cast.

Bill Byrne, Nominations Committee Chairperson

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 ab_cgray@embarqmail.com with any questions.

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 Bengel, Debbie Brown or Kathy Hoefler.

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.

NAIM (Catholic Widow/Widower Club)

The Catholic widow/widowers Club (NAIM) will attend Mass on Sunday, July 17 at St. Henry's Church at 9:30 a.m., followed by lunch and cards at the Hometown Buffet. Also, there are still tickets available for the Thursday, September 15 luncheon performance at the LaComedia Theatre as well as the Mystery Day Trip on Friday, August 12. For information, contact Pres. Thomas Connair (291-4612) or Cathy Murphy (434-1607).

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, 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 Ilintzi, 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, Roberta Parnell, 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, Dan Worland, Jim & Pat Wuebben

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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Worship	Open	Bill Moroney
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Community Life	Lucette Fogel	Amanda Jennings
Pastoral Care	Judy Lamers	Pat Welsh

Promoting Good Stewardship

Our focus last week was on the Community Life ministry. Did you happen to notice Eric and Louise Nelson's name listed in two of the three committees in that ministry? And that is not their entire stewardship story. This couple, long-standing members of SLFC, carries their ministry of stewardship far beyond the walls of our chapel. As part of our Outreach Ministry, Eric and Louise serve as worker bees for St. Vincent Hotel for the Homeless. They are the reason the collection barrel stands in our vestibule, waiting for parishioners to donate food, toiletries and underwear to the homeless. Once collected, the Nelsons get busy sorting, counting and delivering these items to the hotel.

Why do the Nelsons do this as well as all their other acts of stewardship? Their answer, short and simple, is that "The homeless are among the neediest folks among us." Eric and Louise say this ministry takes very little of their time, but it makes them feel like they are doing something for the less fortunate other than just writing a check for them. If that sounds familiar, it is because it is the same reason Jim Kennedy gave last week for his work among the poor. The act of confronting the face of the poor up close and personal is a very different experience. It is there that we can see firsthand our brothers and sisters whose lives are not as easy and comfortable as ours. It is there that we can understand what Jesus meant when He preached that whatsoever we do for the least among us, we do for Him. It is then that we might say, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

And it is in these everyday deeds that so many good people at St. Leonard fulfill our call to stewardship.

Mary Ellen Graham

Stewardship Ministry Chair

CtBS Campaign Continues

The SLFC campaign in support of CATCH the BUILDING SPIRIT's efforts to build a home for HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is off to a great start! Several donations were accepted last week, and information about being involved in some capacity will be available in the lobby after mass this week and next. Please remember that checks must be made out to CtBS, and may be put in the SLFC baskets, or turned in at the information table. For complete information about the build schedule, progress, pictures, and signing up to work, please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/ctbsdayton/>

Ladies Retreat at Maria Stein

Time to get the dates on your calendar for the 10th Anniversary Ladies Retreat at Maria Stein. The summer has begun and the time will go by quickly so now's the time to make your Retreat Plans. Please take a second to mark your calendar for September 9, 10 and 11 and plan to attend this year's "special" event marking our 10th year anniversary. Your Committee has begun making plans for your arrival so get it on your calendar now so you can join us. Any questions—call Kathy Hoefler at 436-1388.

