



# St. Leonard Faith Community

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May 22, 2011

## 5th Sunday of Easter

### Presiding Today:

Fr. Loren Connell

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

Kathleen Dickinson

Ruth Andrews

### Proclaimers of the Word:

Amanda Jennings

Barbara Armstrong

### This Week's Readings :

#### May 22

#### *5th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 13:1, 4; 14:1-12

#### May 29

#### *6th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18, 4:11

John 17:1-11

### Upcoming Events:

#### May 22

Youth Auction

#### June 26-30

Vacation Bible School

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this, the Morganza spillway has been opened for the first time in thirty-eight years, and the Mississippi overflow is making its way through the Atchafalaya basin. The lower part of the basin is familiar to me from my three years in Houma. I can picture the rising water and its consequences. Although Houma is not on the Atchafalaya, it will surely be affected.

Much of southeastern Louisiana is delta. The Mississippi River begins to split into multiple channels north of Baton Rouge. Those channels in turn keep splitting into additional channels, some large (rivers) and some small (bayous). Each of those channels finds its way to the Gulf of Mexico. When Europeans arrived in the late-seventeenth and early-eighteenth centuries, they identified the channel which now flows past New Orleans as the true Mississippi. Accordingly, they began to settle there and build a city. As commerce and industry multiplied over the centuries, people began to dredge the river for navigation and build levees to control its boundaries. Three hundred years of human engineering have produced a river which no longer follows its natural inclinations. As a consequence, heavy rains or snowmelt upstream test the limits of levees and spillways downstream.

Perhaps we need to show Mother Nature more respect. I can't tear down a levee. It might not even be desirable to tear down a levee. What can I do to respect earth's fragile environment? Am I willing to do that?

This week I shall be with one hundred and twenty of my brothers from Saint John the Baptist Province for our triennial chapter at Saint Meinrad, Indiana. Please keep us in your prayers as we try to discern the Spirit's call to our province.

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. Early registration helps in planning for next year.

### **SONSURF BEACH BASH VBS - A WHOLE COMMUNITY EVENT!**

**HELP DECORATE:** It's time to start transforming St. Leonard into SonSurf Beach for this year's VBS! Our first decorating session will be held **Saturday, May 28 from 9:00 am** until we give up for the day. Come for an hour or stay all day - every bit helps. You don't have to be artistic, just willing to help. Meet in the office or find us in the classrooms. Additional dates will be scheduled.

**GET REGISTERED:** Registration for children in preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade is now underway. Registration Forms are available in the Office and in the Chapel. **Preregistration is requested by June 10.**

**VOLUNTEER:** Group Leaders at several age levels are still needed for this year's VBS. Volunteers are also needed to help with decorating, registration, skits and costuming, snacks, games, prayer and assembly, preschool activities, and more. VBS is a perfect opportunity to share your talents, build community, and serve God in a fun, faith-filled way.

**DONATE:** Decorating, craft and snack supplies are also needed. A decorating/craft/snack supplies list is now available - see today's bulletin insert. Please bring your donations to the office during regular hours. Thank you for your generosity.

SonSurf Beach Bash VBS is happening **June 26-30 from 6:00-8:30 pm**. To volunteer, donate or register your children, contact Kathy Henry at 435-3626 or [faithcommprep@sbcglobal.net](mailto:faithcommprep@sbcglobal.net).

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE:** Registration is now open for NCYC 2011: CALLED TO GLORY, Indianapolis, IN, November 17-19, 2011. NCYC is an unforgettable three-day experience of over 20,000 high school students and their adult chaperones filled with high energy praise and worship, music, keynotes, workshops, liturgy, fellowship and fun. See Kathy Henry for a registration packet.

**YOUTH GROUP SILENT AUCTION:** Are you looking for help to get ready for Spring? Indoor Cleaning / Yard Work / Flowers / Babysitting??? Come support our Youth Group and let them help you! We will have a silent auction TODAY at coffee and donuts. Come bid on our teens! Winning bidders will be notified next week. The date of service will be established based on the schedule of the bidder and the teen. All proceeds from the silent auction will be used to fund the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this fall.

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## The Wisdom of Saint Francis

Where there is poverty with joy, there is neither greed nor avarice. (*cf Francis of Assisi: Admonition 27*)

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## SLWG News

Lucette Fogel is currently chairing both the Community Life Ministry and the Women's Group. She will continue as Community Life Ministry chair but is looking for someone to take over the Women's Group. This job could be done by an individual or shared among co-chairs. Please contact Lucette at 428-6031 or [lucettefog@yahoo.com](mailto:lucettefog@yahoo.com) if you are interested in this position or would like further information. The SLWG has planned very successful programs in the past, and we hope this kind of programming can be continued.

## Social Justice Calendar—May

25 - Legislative Advocacy Day in Columbus. Gather in Dayton at 9:00 am. Return from Columbus about 6:00 pm. A full day is planned in Columbus. Meet your Ohio legislators for discussions.

## Dayton Dragons Baseball Game

The Faith Community has 4 tickets left (grand stand seats) for Wednesday, June 29, at 7 PM. The cost of a single seat is \$12. Please contact Phil Taylor at 885-5301 or [phil.taylor@udri.udayton.edu](mailto:phil.taylor@udri.udayton.edu) to reserve your ticket.

## Treasurer's Report—April 2011

	Actual	Planned	
Contributions	120,833.45	122,750.00	1,916.55 behind
Other Income	7,363.31	8,966.67	1,603.36 behind
Expenses	131,659.62	137,748.28	6,088.66 behind
Net	(3,462.86)	(6,031.61)	

**Note from the Treasurer:** Is remembering to write a check to the Faith Community a struggle for you? Is your family going to be travelling this summer and away from your Sunday routine? If your bank offers electronic bill pay, did you know that you can have your bank issue your donations to the Faith Community automatically? Several community members already take advantage of this service and especially as we head into summer you may want to check that out with your bank.

## Julienne High School Reunion

The Notre Dame-Julienne Alumnae is hosting a Julienne High School Reunion on Sunday, June 5. All graduates are welcome.

NCR COUNTRY CLUB                      Mass: 10:30 AM  
4435 Dogwood Trail                      Brunch 11:45  
Kettering, OH  
\$20.00 per person

For information contact: Shirley Portner at 937-254-1064 or by email at: [ndja1927@aol.com](mailto:ndja1927@aol.com)

## Memorial Day

It has been a practice of the Community on Memorial Day to pray for family and friends currently serving our country in any of the branches of the military. On Sunday, May 29th we will display a poster with all of the names that are submitted. We must have the names to the office by Wednesday, May 25. You may either call or e-mail the names of anyone you would like included in these prayers and the poster.

# 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, 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, 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, Melana Katherine Wells, Joe Wood, 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.

## St. Leonard Faith Community Staff

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Ministry	Chair	Council Liaison
Membership	Mary Ellen Graham	Renee Clement
Worship	Barb Gobrail	Bill Moroney
Justice & Service	Bob Niehoff	Therese Mileti
Faith Formation	CeAnn Chalker	Phil Taylor
Community Life	Lucette Fogel	Amanda Jennings
Pastoral Care	Judy Lamers	Pat Welsh

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## First Communion Announcement

Jack Kennedy celebrated his First Communion last Saturday in Collierville, TN with grandparents Jim and Marcelline and Marlu Prouty in attendance. Marlu and Linda say “hello” to their friends at

## Our Prayers and Good Wishes go With You!!

Mary Jane and Gene Hadley are moving to Cincinnati to be closer to their children. This is the last day they will be celebrating the Liturgy with us and we want to assure them that our prayers and good wishes are with them!! You both have been an inspiration to us during Mary Jane’s recuperation process and we will miss your presence among us.

## Pen Pals for Prisoners

Deacon Don Meyer is the Coordinator of Catholic Ministries at the Hamilton County Justice Center and is aware of several Catholic prisoners who, during their extended time of incarceration, have asked for letters from “pen pals” to provide them with spiritual encouragement and support during this difficult time for them. If you would like to participate, call Deacon Don at 513-367-2141. Your participation will be most appreciated by these brothers and sisters in Christ.

## April Contributions from SLFC Tithing Fund

Daybreak	\$300
Samaritan Homeless Clinic	\$300
St Mary’s Development	\$300
Womanline	\$300
Mercy Manor	\$300
Artemis Center	\$300

## Town Hall Meeting

If you were unable to attend the Community Update Meeting last Sunday after Mass, you may obtain a copy of the presentations that were made by Ministry Chairs. Copies are available in the office.

## Catholic Social Teaching

Seven principles in the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ document, *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*, summarize the major themes found throughout all of Catholic Social Teaching. Two of those principles are (a) Solidarity and (b) Care for God’s Creation. The paragraphs below were excerpted from the bishops’ statement by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. We are highlighting all seven principles this spring.

### Solidarity

Our culture is tempted to turn inward, becoming indifferent and sometimes isolationist in the face of international responsibilities. Catholic social teaching proclaims that we are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, wherever they live. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that “loving our neighbor” has global dimensions in an interdependent world. This virtue is described by John Paul II as “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all” (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, no. 38).

### Care for God’s Creation

On a planet conflicted over environmental issues, the Catholic tradition insists that we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan—it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.



## **Promoting Good Stewardship**

In October of 2010, our faith community launched a Stewardship campaign, the use one's time, talent and treasure to promote God's word. As in the past, Our Ministry Fair (formerly Sign-up Sunday) served as the vehicle for offering information about our many ministries and encouraging every member of SLFC to find an area to serve our community, the greater Dayton community and beyond. We were elated when tallies showed almost 90% of our membership made a commitment to become good stewards.

That was six months ago. The Stewardship Ministry would like to share with all of our community the many ways our members have answered the call to service. We will highlight one of our ministries each week and share with you some of the wonderful, generous ways our members are doing God's work.

At a recent ministry meeting, a number of amazing examples of ways members of SLFC are serving OUTSIDE of our St. Leonard ministries came to light. These revealed how people in our pews are reaching out to their brothers and sisters in the greater Dayton area and performing inspiring acts of assistance to those less fortunate. If you, or someone you know in the community, are involved in such a service, we would love to know about it. If you, or the person performing the work, do not wish your name to be published, we will happily honor that wish. But we would like to share the story, for we hope these revelations will inspire others to seek their own ways to serve. Kindness and generosity beget more kindness and generosity!

(Note: Forms for submitting this information are available in the back of the chapel. Please complete a form and return it to the office.)

Mary Ellen Graham, Stewardship Ministry

## **Road Closure Notification**

Beginning May 16<sup>th</sup>, sections of St. Leonard Way and Provincial Way will be closed for approximately three weeks. Directions to East Campus from Clio Road entrance: Turn left at the first intersection onto "Loop Road". Follow around until you arrive at your destination.

**St. Leonard staff members must park in front of the Chapel along St. Leonard Way in temporary parking.**

## **Family Movie Night**

Date: June 12

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Assisted Living Activity Room, 3rd Floor

Movie: The Widow's Might

Synopsis: A battle royal ensues when John and Cameron - aspiring filmmakers - learn that an elderly widow faces losing her home to outrageous property taxes. Determined to help her, the boys' families navigate political attacks, on-set mishaps, and a wild western ride - all caught on film! This heartwarming comedy adventure was a winner at the 2009 San Antonio Christian Film Festival.

**Come join us ! Please call the office if planning to attend. Popcorn and cold drinks will be served.**