



St. Leonard Faith Community

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January 29, 2012

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Presiding Today:

Fr. Loren Connell

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Joyce Stauffer
Richard H. Jannett

Proclaimers of the Word:

Rosalie Schoenfeld
Barb Gobrail

This Week's Readings :

January 29, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 5:1;18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:17,32-35

Mark 1:21-28

Eucharistic Prayer 3

February 5, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4,6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Today we are praying Eucharistic Prayer 3. Since the end of October we have prayed seven different Eucharistic prayers, four of them in two different translations. Had we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family on a Sunday between Christmas and the New Year, we might also have prayed the First Eucharistic Prayer for Masses with Children. Do you appreciate the basic focus and structure of any Eucharistic Prayer and the unique nuances of each one? Which is your favorite Eucharistic prayer? Do you appreciate the power of the Eucharist to transform us? Are you willing to let that transformation happen?

Four weeks from now is the First Sunday of Lent, a season in which we focus on opening ourselves to the transforming power of the Spirit. Our faith formation and our prayer and worship ministries are working to provide opportunities for us to grow in the Spirit, so that we can celebrate the Paschal Triduum and the great season of Easter with renewed hearts. A complete schedule of our Lent, Triduum, and Easter liturgies and activities will soon be published.

Meanwhile, we continue to observe the Sundays in Ordinary Time. In this context ordinary does not mean hum-drum or insignificant. Rather, it comes from the distinction between cardinal numbers, such as one, two, three, etc, and ordinal numbers, such as first, second, third, etc. Ordinary time means counted time, such as the Fourth or Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Counted time reminds us of God's providence throughout history. This year it allows us to reflect on that providence through the eyes of the anonymous believer whom we call Mark, the author of my favorite gospel. Are you catching the raw energy of that gospel?

peace and every blessing,

Loren, OFM

Religious Education News:

CLOW Volunteers / Teen Assistants:

January 29 – Peggy Hoffmeister / Audrey Hoffmeister
February 5 – Teresa Bickett / Allie Bickett
February 12 – Peggy Hoffmeister / Nora Soto
February 19 – Rosa Shultz / Victoria Clement
February 26 – Monsita Corbett / Monsita Corbett

First Eucharist Preparation:

Please keep our First Eucharist students in your prayers as they begin their formal preparation for this sacrament: Max Bean, Charles Francis, Matt Gearhart, Emma Nassmacher, Tony Siyr, Dante Soto and June Close. First Eucharist will be celebrated on April 22.

5th Grade Religious Ed Assessments:

Parents of students in the 5th grade are reminded that the Assessment of Catechesis Religious Education (ACRE) will be administered on **Sunday, February 5 in the Youth Room**. Students will not participate in Gathering Time in order to allow enough time to complete the assessments. All 5th graders should go directly to the **Youth Room** and be ready to begin promptly at 9 AM.

Jr. High and High School Youth Ministry Parents Meeting

Kathy Henry and Jenna Connor will be holding an informational meeting for parents of junior high and high school students on **Sunday, February 5 at 9:15 AM in the Auditorium**. We will be discussing our vision and planning for adolescent ministry and catechesis, including Confirmation formation, junior high and high school catechesis, youth ministry and summer programming.

St Leonard Youth Ministry

St. Leonard Youth Ministry t-shirts are in! Registered Youth Ministry students receive a free t-shirt. For everyone else, t-shirts are \$12! See Jenna for details!

High School Youth Ministry

Sunday, February 5th - Lunch Provided & Valentines Service Project

*12noon (after mass) - 2pm - Youth Ministry Room

Sunday, February 19th - Bake Sale & Lunch

*Bake Sale after mass!

*Check e-mail and website for details! *Pizza lunch provided after

Summer Mission Trip

We will be participating in Catholic Heart Workcamp this summer, either June 24-30 or July 1-7. A \$75 deposit, along with Mission Trip preference form is due by February 12th to hold our spot. Check the website or ask Jenna for more details! This is an amazing opportunity your student shouldn't miss! (The trip will be open to any student entering 8th-12th grade in the 2012-2013 school year.)

The Wisdom of Saint Francis

Let us thank the Almighty and Most High,
from whom all good comes, for everything.

You Can Understand The Bible

The Church of Incarnation presents Bible Timeline Creator, Jeff Cavins.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain an understanding of the "Big Picture" of God's plan of salvation and a new appreciation for the Scriptures!

Jeff Cavins is recognized both nationally and internationally as an exciting public speaker who has a deep love for Jesus Christ and who communicates his zeal with clarity and enthusiasm.

Friday, March 9, 2012 7-9 PM Free Talk
"Forgiving When You Don't Feel Like It"

Saturday, March 10, 2012 Registration 8-9:15 AM; Mass 8:20 AM; Seminar 9:15 AM—3 PM

Incarnation Parish Center
Registration forms are available in the office.

NAIM

The Catholic Widow and Widower organization is now meeting at the Smith building on the St. Helen parish campus. February 6, at 1 PM is the next meeting followed by cards. A Valentine party is planned for February 11, at 6 PM. Interested in knowing more, contact Sue Caufield, 395-9891.

A Heartfelt Thank You

Lex and I would like to express our deepest gratitude for all the prayers, concerns, cards and phone calls received from the Faith Community offered for Lex's recovery from his stroke and surgery. Also, for the kindness shown at our anniversary celebration. We are indeed a most loving Community. —Lex & Barbara Barnes

SLFC Women's Group

We are looking forward to a fun year of exciting programs and outings! Come be a part of it! The February program is making cards with Monsita, Saturday, February 11th at 9:30 AM in classrooms 1 & 2. Just in time for Valentine's Day! If interested, please contact Monsita at 438-3860 or monsita45459@yahoo.com

Annual Women's Retreat

Time to put it on your calendars!! The Annual Retreat sponsored by **Sophia's Daughters** will be held **March 23 -25** at Maria Stein, OH. Noel Kupras-Bauer will again be directing the retreat and this year we will be focusing on what certain women of Scripture have to say to us today in particular circumstances of our lives.

We hear these names like Tamar, Zipporah, Tabitha, and Phoebe peppering the liturgy and we wonder who are these women and what's their story that we remember them thus. Their stories and the wisdom therein will be the focus of this year's retreat. A retreat is a wonderful time to indulge your spirit: to "retreat" or move back from your everyday life, be refreshed by nature and creative prayer times, and come home wholly strengthened in the blessing that you are loved and the person God intended you to be.

If you want more info, talk to Noel.

For an application, email or call

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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 –3:00 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, Mary Beery, Jane Beverley, Pam Botkins, Stephanie Coffield, Karrie & Ryan Coggeshall, Terrie Dawson, Joyce Deupree, Mary Feicht, Gail Fink, Barbara Gravel, Bill Hagan, Tom McGraw, Barbara Mohn, Tom Murphy, Barbara & Howard Neff, Lucille Neu, Aurelia Palcher, Joseph Pasanchin, David Pestian, Barbara Polasek, Joy Quilty, Laura Shankey, Tricia Schroeder, Stan Schultz, Andrea Stamper, Joanne Sturgeon, Melana & Katherine Wells, Bob Werner, Jim & Pat Wuebben, Stephanie Zebron.

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

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Community Life	Lucette Fogel	Amanda Jennings
Pastoral Care	Judy Lamers	Pat Welsh
