21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

[Jesus] answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” - Lk 13:24

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Christian Formation

Mass Schedule
Daily Mass - Tuesday–Friday 8:00 am
Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Reconciliation
Saturday - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm and by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 10:00 pm in the chapel.

Anointing of the Sick
The 3rd Saturday of the month after the 5:00 pm Mass.
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Readings for the Week
AUGUST 25, 2019
SUNDAY: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
MONDAY: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 139:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
TUESDAY: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26
WEDNESDAY: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
THURSDAY: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29
FRIDAY: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
SATURDAY: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
NEXT SUNDAY: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

We Warmly Welcome New Parishioners!
Contact the Parish Office To Register!

From the Pastor
This weekend we have the Muskego festival and parade, which marks the end of the summer season. If you’re going to the parade, be sure to look for our St. Leonard School float and say hi to us!

A new school year starts this Tuesday here at St. Leonard School. The value and importance of Catholic education is very personal to me. From grade school through seminary, I have personally spent 22 years as a student in Catholic schools!

A great school adds so much life to a parish! We aim to foster the growth of mind, body, and soul through excellence in faith formation, academics, leadership, the arts, and athletics. I enjoy being highly involved in our school. I regularly teach religion classes on Thursdays in addition to our weekly all-school Masses. We are proudly and intensely Catholic: prayer, morals, character formation, and service are all at the core of St. Leonard School.

Every school day begins and ends with prayer. The children learn the importance of service in many ways – through visits to nursing homes, food drives, the Christmas Giving Tree, etc.

Many people are not aware of a state tax deduction that makes Catholic education more affordable. Taxpayers can deduct up to $4,000 for tuition paid for dependent children in grades kindergarten through eighth, and up to $10,000 for high school students. The tuition and fees for a student at St. Leonard School are below that maximum amount. This means that St. Leonard School students’ annual tuition and book fees are fully allowable as tax deductions.

This will be a nice savings for parents of children already in Catholic schools, and hopefully this deduction will encourage more families to consider Catholic education as it becomes more affordable. A Catholic education is an investment in your family that pays dividends for generations. Please discuss with your tax planner how this deduction could affect your family’s taxes.

I want to say a special thank you to all those who make our school great — our outstanding Principal Lisa Ellis, our teachers and staff, and dedicated parents and other volunteers who go the extra mile. They work so tirelessly because they truly want what’s best for our children. Thank you and keep up the great work!

If you’d like to learn more about St. Leonard School or to schedule a tour, please call the school office at 262-679-0451.

Fr. Dan Janasik

Notes from the Worship Office
“Open My Eyes”
Our Gospel this weekend brings another discomfurring message from Jesus. When asked if only a few people will be saved, He responds saying, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough”. We sometimes live under the illusion that a relationship with Christ is like an insurance policy, where we pay a premium with good deeds and expect a settlement when needed (eternal life). However, Jesus tells us today that this is simply not true because our salvation is not earned by good works. Our salvation is a gift freely given by God to all, but as Jesus warns today, we cannot take this gift for granted. Instead, we must strive to live the “narrow way” of peace and love, the way of Christ and not the way of the world, and we sing Jesse Manibusan’s “Open My Eyes” today as a sung prayer asking God to open our hearts to the narrow way that is discipleship. We pray for open eyes, ears, and hearts so that we may “speak in new ways and see God’s face in places we’ve never known” so that we may grow as disciples of Christ and strive to enter the narrow gate. Bryan Staedler, Director of Music
WHY BE A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?
Bridget Klawitter, Pastoral Associate

Often people attend Mass at a parish for months or sometimes years, but never officially register. Sometimes because they attend a parish or received a sacrament there in the past they think they automatically belong. Or young adults who have moved away think they are still registered under their parents or previously registered parishioners join another parish, or are inactive for a long period of time, but assume they are still registered here. In this very mobile society, we live in a time of shopping and surfing: the malls, the internet, multi-channel TV, and even churches. Continually we meet people who are “church shopping”, people who for a variety of reasons never think of establishing a home parish until they plan to get married, have a child baptized, or retire. In this growing secular culture, we find many Catholics who simply go through the motions, attending Mass, receiving sacraments, using the services provided by the parish, yet have minimal understanding of how things such as the sacraments, formation, utilities, supplies, maintenance, support groups, and a variety of important ministries are provided.

A parishioner can be defined as: “One who is registered and actively participates in the liturgical/pastoral life of the parish through the generous, sacrificial and proportionate sharing of his or her God-given giftedness of time, talent and treasure.” Registering at St. Leonard is the expression of your commitment to being part of our parish community and makes the process much simpler when it is time for receiving sacraments, registering for faith formation programs, sponsoring a sacrament recipient and even planning funerals. A registered parishioner also receives all parish mailings, email announcements and parish news. Jesus never calls someone to follow Him just as an individual — He calls people into the community of disciples. As a Catholic community, we are all on a great journey of life and faith and it is a great comfort to know that others are on the same road as we are. When we register with a parish, we are saying that it is our wish to travel this journey with that community of people by becoming active in its mission and vision and supporting it.

The local parish plays an integral role in empowering, nourishing and enabling us to grow in wisdom, healing and grace before God and our world. But the parish cannot exist and grow as a separate entity without the active ongoing relationship among those who compose it. St. Paul associated the Church to the body of Christ using an analogy with our physical bodies. “For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ” (Romans 12:4). As much as you need us, we need you too. When registering with a parish, you are entering into a living faith community and like any other relationship, if it’s to be viable and healthy there must be mutual commitment with its members. Registering is important if you wish to have a priest sign a church document for you, verifying that you are a practicing Catholic (such as when asked to be a godparent or a Confirmation sponsor or if you are seeking a baptism or marriage in another parish/diocese) and so we can personally recognize you and your contributions to our parish community.

Are you registered with us? As parish members, we are all here to help each other on our spiritual journey; we don’t want to do this alone. Your commitment to the parish is much like a commitment to a family, sports team, school or community organization. Just like you want the parish to be there to provide Masses, sacraments, education programs and ministries, the parish needs to be able to count on you as an active member to help and assist in our mission. As stewards of God’s blessings to the parish, through time, talent and treasure, you help sustain St. Leonard as a growing and vibrant parish. To register, contact Kathleen in the parish office or kathleen.drayna@stleonards.org today and become an official part of the St. Leonard faith community.

NEW MEMBERS
Adults who are 21 years and older are encouraged to register as members of the parish. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members.

Parish membership is required for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion preparation, Religious Education enrollment, Confirmation, and Marriage. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

BAPTISM
Baptism requires preparation of the parents and should be completed early in your pregnancy or adoption process. Please call the Parish Office to register for the next class and upcoming available Baptism dates. Baptisms are usually celebrated after the 11AM Mass but are not scheduled during Lent.

MARRIAGE
Engaged couples, planning on getting married through St Leonard parish, need to meet with the priest at least 6 months in advance. Please note that no date can be finalized for the wedding until after this initial meeting takes place. At least one of the couple must be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

MINISTRY TO SICK & SHUT-INS
If someone is confined at home, please call the parish office for a visit from the Pastoral Associate or another person from the parish. Because of Federal Privacy Laws, if you wish a visit while in the hospital, you need to call the parish and inform us that you are a patient.

WEDDING BANNS
II Casey Krueger and Cameron Nook
I Barbara Wieting and Cody Delikat

NEW PARISHIONERS

FROZENA, Rob & Tabitha, Robbie and Leila

ELWOOD, Tyler and Kayla

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE
Due to the Labor Day holiday, any articles for the September 8 bulletin are due in the parish office no later than Thursday, August 29. Thank you for your cooperation!

†Please help us keep our prayer list current by calling the parish office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 26……..Family Packet Pickup  
August 26……..School Meet & Greet  
August 27………..First Day of School  
September 1……..Hospitality Sunday  
September 7…..Christian Formation Registration  
September 7/8—…..Men’s Ministry Witness Talks  
September 8…….KC Pancake Breakfast  
September 14/15…..SVDP Bundle Sunday

Download our parish app www.myparishapp.com. Contact Kathleen in the parish office for assistance or questions.

Find us on Facebook at St. Leonard Catholic Church and School Muskego

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY SERIES – FALL 2019

LESSONS FROM LITTLE KNOWN WOMEN IN THE BIBLE
Starting Wednesday October 2, 2019
Mornings: 9:30 – 11 AM  
Evenings: 6:30 – 8 PM

The exact number of named and unnamed women in the Bible is somewhat uncertain with estimates between 175 and 190 women named (representing only 5.5 to 8 percent of all named characters, male and female) and many more mentioned without names. They are sometimes portrayed as men’s equals and other times as men’s subordinates leaving the common, ordinary, everyday Hebrew woman as “largely unseen” in the Bible. Some were saints, some were scoundrels. A few were queens, but most were commoners. This fall, we will look at some of the lesser known but not less important, fascinating women who impacted not only the nation of Israel but salvation history as well. RSVP to Bridget in the Parish Office by Monday, September 23. Cost $10 to cover handout materials.

ST. LEONARD SUMMER BLOOD DRIVES THANK YOU!

Summer poses an increased need for blood and again, the St. Leonard blood drive donors came thru during this time of need. For our drive on Monday August 12, twenty-four donors provided a total of 25 units to save lives. This summer between our two drives (June 10 and August 12), our 59 donors supplied a total of 49 units which saved nearly 150 local patients. We also had a special opportunity with our drives to support Eagle’s Wings Free Clinic with a $10 per donor donation from the Blood Center or a total of $590 to support the work of the clinic to individuals and families who lack health insurance or have high deductibles.

WAY TO GO ST. LEONARD!!

KNUIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER DAN SHAMBLES GOLF OUTING
Thank YOU to all of the Players, Volunteers, and Donors who made the Golf Outing a success. It was, by all accounts, A Great Time! The Knights of Columbus continue to support St. Leonard’s in many ways. Parishioners’ participation in our events helps us to achieve that Mission. Thank you.

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GROWING WITH GOD UPDATE

Thanks for helping eliminate our construction loan!

GWG contributions week of August 18, 2019 $1,914
Weekly GWG contributions needed to pay off loan by March 2022 $4,000
Wow - You Gave more than $21,000 for Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal!

Thanks to everyone who responded to our annual Mission Cooperative Program guest speaker with a grand total of $21,629 in donations! Our speaker, Father Dominic, a priest from Ghana, who shared information about crucial needs in his area, such as the need for clean water. Thank you for your support for the needs of people on the other side of the world!

**THIS FALL, GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE**

Support your church today using your debit, credit cards, checking, or savings accounts.

1. Visit stleonards.org and click Give Online.
2. Select the collection or event of your choice.
3. Set up your donation or payment. That’s it!

Personal Care Items Collection to Benefit Catholic Charities

You can get involved in two ways!
- Bring bar soap, deodorant, laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes and/or toothpaste to the collection drive before Masses on September 7-8.
- Be one of 50 people to sign up to help put “care bundles” together from 6-8 pm on Tuesday, September 24, at the link on our website stleonards.org. Under age 18 welcome with parents!

This event is part of the Seven Days of Service being held September 22-29 in honor of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee 175th anniversary. This is a collaborative event with our Archdiocese, 18 other host parishes and helping groups including Catholic Charities.

**COMING TO ST. LEONARD IN SEPTEMBER:**

**Called and Gifted Workshop: Missionary Discipleship Institute Impact Experience**

In your Baptism and Confirmation, you received gifts that our world needs. Do you know yours? This Impact Experience helps you uncover your gifts and discover important clues to the particular mission God has for you.

The next Called and Gifted Workshop will take place on Saturday, September 21, from 8:30am to 4:30pm at St. Leonard. Thanks to our Endowment Committee and Fund, you can use coupon code StLeonardScholarship to receive $10 off the $40 registration. Please register by Sunday, September 8. Find details and register at the link on the home page of our parish website at www.stleonards.org.

**Christian Formation**

It’s not too late to sign up for Christian Formation classes beginning this fall. Don’t delay - classes are filling quickly! Each year has a different focus allowing us to learn how we, as Catholics, are called to be Christ to the world. Join us for engaging programming, family events, prayer experiences, service projects and more! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Christian Formation at: 262-679-0880.

**Focus: Choirs and Cantor**

Do you like to sing? Our choirs and our cantors enhance our community’s full and active participation in our Masses and other services. No need to read music! To find out more, come to the first practice of fall at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 5. Contact Bryan at bryan.staedler@stleonards.org or 262-679-1773, ext 27, with questions, but know that you will not miss the Packers kickoff that night!
ATTENTION MEN OF MUSKEGO

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then Come Join us one of the largest Dynamic Men’s Groups in the Diocese!

That Man is You!
Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm OR Thursday mornings from 6 to 7:30 am
Kick off Packer Social on Sunday, September 15
TMIY starts on September 18/19 at Knights Hall/Youth Center. Contact Info: Paul Lewandowski, 414-507-3577 or plewandowski@wi.rr.com, Jerry Voors, jvoors@wi.rr.com, or 262-903-8180

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” – Proverbs 27:17

THE VISION OF MAN
FULLY ALIVE FALL SEMESTER
ATTENTION MEN OF MUSKEGO

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
(formerly Christian Mothers), will have Rosary a at 8:40 AM on September 1, 2019, before the 9:00 AM Mass.

The Rosary will be
Monday morning at 7:30 am
Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Thursday at 7:00 pm
Saturday morning at 9:00 am

Temporary Confessionals:
Weekly 3:30 pm confessions will be heard in the Board Room in the Parish Center.
Please enter the main doors as if you were going to the church. The Board Room is the last room on the right down the hallway just past the Gathering Space bathrooms. Signs will point the way, and chairs will be provided for those waiting.

Volunteers are remodeling our church confessionals.

Regular Parish Contributions

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