23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27
The Archdiocese of Milwaukee marks the month of September as St. Vincent de Paul Society Awareness Month to highlight the great work of this organization in service to the poor. In chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said that whatever you do to the least of his people, you do it for him. When we serve those in need, we serve Jesus.

Founded in 1833 in Paris, France by Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the St. Vincent de Paul Society puts into practice Gospel teaching through prayer, fellowship, and service. Members, called “Vincentians”, believe in person-to-person service to those in need. This might mean home visits to people in a financial emergency, visiting prisoners at the Waukesha County Jail, or serving meals to the hungry at the Hope Center in Waukesha.

Our St. Leonard Vincentians provide families with rental and energy assistance along with spiritual and emotional support. They have been serving food at the Hope Center meal site on a rotating basis with other conferences in the Waukesha area.

Next weekend, on September 14-15 the Vincentians will have their “Bundle Sunday”. A truck will be in the parking lot to collect donations of used clothing and shoes. We also have a permanent shoe and clothing collection box on the south end of our property near the Youth Center.

These are just some of the ways that Vincentians make a difference in other people’s lives. If you would like to financially contribute to the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, you may place a contribution at any time into one of the “poor boxes” in the back of the church.

You are also invited to join in the great mission of the Vincentians by becoming a member. If you would like more information about becoming a Vincentian, or have questions, please contact our parishioner David Anderson. His phone number is 414-425-2604 and his email address is ajand1339@gmail.com.

**FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER**

Bryan Staedler, Director of Music

**NOTES**

**“TAKE UP YOUR CROSS”**

Following the theme of the past few weeks, this Sunday’s Gospel reading brings another difficult message. Jesus tells the crowd, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother...and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” It’s important to first recognize Jesus’s use of hyperbole here; similar to Him telling us “if your eye causes you to sin, you must tear it out”, we must be willing to rid ourselves of anything that hinders our relationship with God and accept the challenges that come with discipleship. We sing David Haas’s “Take Up Your Cross” today echoing Jesus’s words as a reminder of this call. Jesus knew that taking up His cross would bring suffering and pain, and as we sing today, we must be willing to lose our lives of sin in order to find life in Him. As we take up our crosses today, we pray for the strength and wisdom to recognize God’s call in the chaos of our lives.

*Bryan Staedler, Director of Music*
From our Pastoral Associate

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!!**

_Bridget Klawitter, Pastoral Associate_

The Eucharistic celebration is the summit and source of the Church’s life and central to our Christian belief. Whenever Catholics gather today, through the actions of breaking and sharing the bread and passing the cup, we remember Jesus and His great sacrifice of self-giving for all of us. Just as at Emmaus the two disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking and sharing of the bread, we too are called to do the same. In this great sacrament, we, the many, are fed with Jesus’ own Body and Blood, and are made one in the Lord. That sharing brings us into communion with Christ and with each other. Two liturgical ministry roles that are vital for our celebration of Mass are altar servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC’s).

**Altar Servers** provide an important service up on the altar helping the priests lead the Liturgy. They are a group of boys and girls in 4th grade and up who serve at Mass. Being a server requires respect, knowledge, dedication, and a love of God and the Church. The ministry of server also requires a certain level of maturity, leadership and understanding of the liturgy. Boys and girls at St. Leonard who have received his/her First Communion can serve. Please encourage your children to step forward. Participation as an Altar Server is special. When they serve the priests, they serve the people of God, and above all, they serve Christ. Training sessions for all new servers interested in serving are held yearly. If your child has been trained in the past but could use a refresher, they are welcome to attend the training as well.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 26th – 9 AM IN THE CHURCH**

Contact Bryan or Bridget in the parish office to register

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC’s)** should seek to understand the deep spiritual meaning of the sacrament of Holy Communion, foster their own devotion to the Eucharist and show a sincere love for Christ’s Mystical Body. Any parishioner who has received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation are invited to assist with the distribution of Communion during Mass as a Eucharist Minister. Trained Eucharist Ministers should show the greatest reverence for the Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the way they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Whether you are a Eucharist Minister who has been doing this ministry for a long time or someone new interested in joining this ministry, you are invited to attend one of our upcoming training & update sessions for this important ministry. There are always questions and clarifications, so we are asking all EMC’s please try to attend one of the sessions.

**Eucharistic Minister Training Wednesday September 11 – 6:30 PM**

Or **Saturday October 26th – 11 AM in the Church**

Contact Lisa Prusza at 414-422-1871 Or jpruszka@aol.com with questions.

We are always in need of altar servers and Eucharistic Ministers on weekends and holy days and particularly during the seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. Take advantage of these training sessions to update your knowledge and skills so you can “practice” a bit during the weekend Masses and be prepared to especially help us out during our busiest liturgical seasons. Watch the bulletin for reminders on these training sessions!

Sacramental Life

**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**

III Barbara Wieting and Cody Delikat

**New Parishioners**

HUSZ, Taylor & Jen, Ben, Elise, Mira and Sylvie

BARTES, Karen

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


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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September 14/15…SVDP Bundle Sunday**

**September 15…Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**September 17…………..Baptism Class**

**September 21…Called & Gifted Workshop**

**September 21/22…………..SVDP Witness Talks**

**September 24..…… Seven Days of Service**

**September 26………..School Welcome Back Mtg.**

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**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING & UPDATE**

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**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11 - 6:30 PM OR SATURDAY OCTOBER 26 – 11:00 AM**

Questions: Lisa Pruszka at jrpruszka@aol.com or 414-422-1871

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**WE ARE GROWING WITH GOD**

We have paid another $92,660 toward our construction loan since July 1, leaving a balance of just over $580,000! We are on track to meet our goal to pay off the loan by March 2022!

Thank you so much for your continued green envelope and online Growing with God fund contributions!

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**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 23rd. Cost $10 to cover handout materials.

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**Packers/Vikings Game Social**

All men are invited starting at **12 noon on Sunday, September 15th at the Youth Center**. This free event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Men's Ministry group. Brats, hot dogs and beverages will be served. Don't miss this opportunity to cheer the Packers on to victory over the Vikings and to socialize with other men from the parish.
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.

Waukesha County Library Memory Project

A memory café is a social gathering for those who are experiencing early stage dementia, mild memory loss, or mild cognitive impairment (MCI), and for families, friends, or care partners. The cafés run 1.5 hours and include a variety of engaging topics such as flower arranging, ice cream socials, and visits from local experts to learn about animal behavior, bees, or gardening. First time attendees, please call the Alzheimer’s Association at (800) 272-3900.

Library Memory Project Family Day is a special event to invite those living with memory loss, and their care partners and families, to attend a free family-friendly outing on Sunday, September 29, 1-4 p.m. which will include planetarium shows, live animals, and refreshments. Families can register their loved one living with early memory loss as well as themselves and grandchildren, by calling Meg Henke at (262) 896-8080.

Walk With Me

FOCUS: MISSION TRIP

Parish youth grades 8 and up spend a summer week in service, worship and community in a different U.S. city. An organizational meeting for the 2020 Mission Trip will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 11, in the All Saints Room. Next year’s location remains undetermined! Contact Bethanne Maus-Schaefer, director of youth ministry, at 262-679-1880 or bethanne.maus-schaefer@stleonards.org, for more information.
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**
- 4:00 pm Volleyball Practice—Gym
- 6:30 pm CLAS Mtg.– John Bosco
- 6:30 pm Cantor Ministry Mtg.– Church
- 7:30 pm Athletics Committee Mtg.– MM
- 8:00 pm Centering Prayer—Chapel

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**
- 4:00 pm Volleyball Practice—Gym
- 5:30 pm Band Parent Mtg.– Music Rm
- 6:00 pm School Committee Mtg.– All Saints
- 6:00 pm CF Elementary Catechist Mtg.– GS, Kitchen
- 6:30 pm Human Concerns Committee Mtg– Board Rm
- 7:00 pm Building & Grounds Mtg.– Fireplace Rm
- 7:30 pm Home & School Committee Mtg.– All Saints

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**
- 6:30 am Early Risers Scripture Study– Fireplace Rm
- 4:00 pm Volleyball Practice– Gym
- 6:30 pm YM Mission Trip Mtg.– All Saints
- 6:30 pm Eucharistic Ministers Update Mtg.– Church
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 118 Mtg.– Cafeteria

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**
- 9:00 am Centering Prayer– Chapel
- 3:00 pm Happy Daze Seniors Mtg.– All Saints
- 4:00 pm Volleyball Practice– Gym
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice– Church, GS
- 7:00 pm Health & Wellness Mtg.– Board Rm
- 7:30 pm KC Mtg.– Youth Center

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019**
- 4:00 pm Volleyball – Gym
- 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal– Church

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**
- 8:00 am Volleyball /Tournament – Gym
- 5:30 pm YM Wall of Money Fundraiser– GS
- 5:30 pm SVDP Bundle Sunday– Parking Lot
- 6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet– Chapel

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**
- 8:30 am (AFTER ALL MASSES) YM Wall of Money Fundraiser– GS
- 8:30 am (AFTER ALL MASSES) SVDP Bundle Sunday– Parking Lot
- 9:00 am Little Leos Nursery– Little Leos Rm
- 10:15 am CF Parent Mtg.– Gym, Lobby
- 10:15 am CF Elementary Classes– Gr. 1-8, K4, K5, MM, Music, LC
- 12:00 pm Men’s Ministry Social Kickoff– Youth Center
- 12:00 pm Volleyball/Tournaments– Gym

**SCRIP sold after all Masses in the Gathering Space**

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**THE VISION OF MAN**

**FULLY ALIVE FALL SEMESTER**

**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 Lewadowski, 414-507-3577 or plewadowski@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

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**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 confessional spaces.