

EONARD CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - MK 9:39b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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MASS SCHEDULE DAILY MASS

TUESDAY – FRIDAY at noon, except on days with School Mass at 8 am Livestreamed except for School Masses

SATURDAY - 5 pm

SUNDAY - 7 am, 9 am & 11 am 9 AM Mass will continue to be livestreamed

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 12:30 pm to 9:30 pm In Church CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm In Church

GROWING AS CATHOLICS IN THE IMAGE OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, FORMATION AND COMMUNITY.

FROM OUR PASTOR



The parish office is staffed during the following hours. Please ring the bell, call or use the brown drop off bin outside the office door. **MONDAY-THURSDAY.....8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

SUNDAY: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 MONDAY: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50 TUESDAY: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56 WEDNESDAY: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51 THURSDAY: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12 FRIDAY: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16 SATURDAY: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10 NEXT SUNDAY: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 ©Liturgical Publications Inc.



There are certain questions that people ask me quite regularly. Today I want to address two of the most common questions people ask about the Creed. Every Sunday we say the Creed, which is a summary statement of what we believe. At a Sunday Mass, the priest may use either the Nicene Creed, which was written at the Council of Nicea in year 325 AD, or the Apostles Creed which is even more ancient and was originally used at baptisms in the early church.

The first question is: **"In the Nicene Creed, what does the word <u>'consubstantial'</u> mean?"**

Whenever we say the Nicene Creed, we get to say one of my all-time favorite words! We state that Jesus is *"consubstantial with the Father*". The word 'consubstantial' comes from two Latin words that mean 'same substance'. When we say the Creed, we are saying that Jesus is the same substance (i.e. the same divinity) as God the Father.

The Nicene Creed was written at the Council of Nicea in the year 325. The Council of Nicea was called in response to a heresy called 'Arianism' that was spreading rapidly around the world. A priest named Arius was teaching that Jesus was something less than God and something more than human. In essence, Arius was saying that Jesus was a 'superman' but not God.

The teaching of Arius contradicted the witness of both Scripture and Tradition, and so the Council of Nicea gathered together the bishops of the world to address the Arian crisis. They wrote a creed (a summary statement of belief). This Nicene Creed was written in Greek, and it used the Greek word "homoousios" to state that Jesus is the same substance, the same divinity, as God the Father. Homoousios translates to Latin as "consubstantialis" and to English as "consubstantial". (CCC #242)

This reflects our belief in the Holy Trinity as three unique persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) yet only one substance, one God.

The second question is: **"In the Apostles Creed, why do we say that Jesus de**scended into hell? How can God go to hell?"

Great question! If hell is a place of eternal separation from God, then how can God go to a place without God? But that is not what this line of the Creed is stating. Other translations of the Creed say that "Jesus descended to the dead". This conveys the meaning more clearly and this meaning is what the church is teaching.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains this line of the Creed by teaching: "Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, 'hell' – Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek – because those who are there are deprived of the vision of God. Such is the case for all the dead...while they await the redeemer. It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Savior...whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell. Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him." (CCC #633)

The New Testament's First Letter of Peter says that Jesus was "put to death in the flesh" and "he also went to preach to the spirits in prison" (1 Peter 3:18-19). This verse refers to the fact that Jesus preached to those who had died before he walked the earth. Jesus gave them the opportunity to receive salvation so that "the spread of Christ's redemptive work to all men of all times and all places" might be achieved. (CCC 634)

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Fr. Dan Janasik

FROM OUR PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, & ST. RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS (SEPTEMBER 29)

Bridget Klawitter, Pastoral Associate

Based upon what we know from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, the Church has determined that there are seven Archangels. The Archangels have played an important role in the Bible and in other Jewish and Christian literature for many centuries but while some of their names are very well known, others have been forgotten to history. As of the Council of Rome in 745 AD, the Catholic Church officially only acknowledges the names of three of the seven Archangels because these three are the only angels named in Scripture: St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael.

St. Michael is mentioned in three books of Sacred Scripture (Daniel 10:13 & 21 and 12:1; Jude 1:9; and Revelation 12:7) and he is the only angel explicitly addressed as Archangel in the Book of Jude. Michael's name means, "Who is like God?" and he is the ultimate example of the pious general, the famous angel who led the forces of Heaven in casting out Lucifer/Satan when he rebelled against God in the Book of Revelation. Various traditions say that he was the first of the angels who were created which may explain why he is often revered as the eldest brother of his fellow angels. Traditionally, Michael has been referred to as the Prince/Guardian Angel of the people of Israel and today he is honored as the Guardian Angel of the Church. He is the patron saint of soldiers, police officers, and firefighters.

St. Gabriel's name has many meanings: "Strength of God," "Hero of God" and "God has shown Himself Mightily". These variations can be summed up in one characterization, "God is My Strength". Gabriel is God's holy messenger and traditionally he has been honored as the Archangel of Wisdom, of Revelation, of Prophecy, and of Visions. Gabriel has an important role Sacred Scripture. He appeared to the prophet Daniel to explain a vision from God (Daniel 8); he

appeared to the priest Zacharias to announce that he would have a son, John the Baptist, who would be the forerunner of the Messiah (Luke 1); and he appeared to the Virgin Mary in the Annunciation (Luke 1). Tradition indicates that Gabriel was also the angel who appeared to St. Joseph in his dreams (Matthew 1 and 2) and that he was the Guardian Angel of Jesus and the Holy Family. He is the patron saint of messengers, postal workers, and telecommunication workers.

St. Raphael played a pivotal role in Sacred Scripture. In the Book of Tobit (a book not found in Protestant bibles) he helped Tobias, the son of Tobit, on his journey. Raphael's name means, "Healing Power of God" and so traditionally, due to the meaning of his name, he is honored as the Archangel of Healing. Raphael is also identified with the angel in John 5:1-4 who descended upon the pond and bestowed healing powers upon it so that the first to enter it after it moved would be healed of whatever infirmity he was suffering. He is the patron saint of travelers, the blind, bodily ills, nurses, physicians, and medical workers.

St. Augustine teaches in reference to the angels' office and nature: "Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel': from what they are, 'spirit,' from what they do, 'angel.'" In other words, the office of the angels is one of mission, as messengers of God, while their nature is defined as non-physical, personal spiritual beings created by God.

The Catechism teaches in reference to the angels' office: "With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven' they are the mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 329; Matthew 18:10).

SACRAMENTAL LIFE 3

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, Christian formation enrollment, Confirmation and Marriage. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment. BAPTISM

Baptism requires preparation of the parents and should be completed <u>early</u> *in your pregnancy or adoption process*. Please call the Parish Office to register for the next class and upcoming available Baptism dates.

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 you are confined at home and unable to attend Mass, to receive Communion please call the parish office for a visit from the Pastoral Associate. The extended care facilities in our area are gradually reopening and our nursing home ministers are resuming Communion services per facility direction. Because of federal privacy laws, if you wish a visit from the priest or Pastoral Associate while in the hospital, you or your family must call the parish and inform us that you are a patient and request a visit.

WEDDING BANNS

III Anna Hauke & Alex Schwartz

II Joanne Roubik & Jeffrey Ciche



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MONTHLY ROSARY Join us in praying the rosary at 8:30 am

Sunday, October 3 before the 9 am Mass. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to pray with us!

4 PRAYER LIST

Marcella Alberti, Ardis, Karisa Austin, Therese Bajorek, Ron Balzer, Mary Bauer, Kayla Belisle, Erin Blasinski, Michael Bueckers, Susanna Borowski, Jane Braun, Fran Burgeson, Charlotte, Red, Randy Cieslak, Eleanor, Catherine Elert, Addison Gentile, Harold Haase, Sandy Habrat, Rosalie Hanstedt, Shirley Hauk, Josh, Florian Jozefacki, Delores Jonietz, Joan Kaminski, Carly & Eliam Kastello, Marcella Kastello, John Keskitalo, Karla Klaybor, Lee Koski and family, Jane Kosharek, Bob Looysen, Margrette McCleskey, Pat Mazza, Marie Mlachnik, Archie & Birdie Mohan, Joe Moro, Nathan Muza, Mike Notheis, Karen Pulczinski, Pat Reeder, Drew Richardson, Barb Riederer, Joel Rivera, Lorenzo Roberti, James Roberts, Winnie Rohlinger, Jim Sass, Michele Schaefer, Carol Scheidegger, Austin Schmidt, Sammy Schneiker, Mary Schuster, Miranda Seidl, Stephen Sonntag, Jane Ann Spieler, Steve Tibbals, Mary Ann Thomka, Susan Tomaszewski, Julie Walker, Jack Wiczek, Maverick Weimer, Larry & Pat Wolf, Kim Zaeske, Maddie Zegler *†Please help us keep our prayer list* current by calling the parish office.



Would you consider one of these positions serving our grade K4-8 School, Christian Formation and Nursery programs?

- <u>PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS</u>-10:40am-12:10pm on full school days
- <u>LEADERS, CATECHISTS, SMALL</u> <u>GROUP LEADERS -</u>for <u>ALL</u> kvels
- <u>NURSERY</u>— Adult Volunteers & youth helpers during 9 am Mass Contact Principal Laura Bisher at laura.bisher@stleonards.org or 262-679-0451; For Nursery- Gr. 6, contact Lisa Jachimiec at 262-679-0880 or <u>lisa.jachimiec@stleonards.org</u>.

For Grades 7-11, contact <u>Bethanne</u> <u>Maus-Schaefer@stleonards.org</u>.





We are seeking sponsors, donors and contestants to this popular School fundraiser! If your business would like to be a sponsor or would like to donate please contact Dayna Miller at (414)708-6776 or Rachel Visner at (262)617-9423 by October 25 for more details and sponsor registration.

If you have an awesome recipe that people rave about and you would like to enter the competition, contact Dayna Miller at (414)708-6776 or Rachel Visner at (262)617-9423 on how to enter. The deadline is November 1st, so don't wait. Entry fee is \$25.

SAVE THE DATE & WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS!

NEW PARISHIONER SIGN-UP AFTER WEEKEND MASSES OCTOBER 2-3 New parishioners may register after any Mass next weekend, Saturday, October 2, and Sunday, October 3. Please come to the Board Room just past the Gathering Space bathrooms at the end of the hall. To join the parish at another time, please contact Kathleen in the Parish Office at 262-679-1773, ext 18 or kathleen.drayna@stleonards.org.



"PURIFY MY HEART"

Today's gospel reading picks up where we left off last weekend and contains some *rather harsh teachings from Jesus. He warns the disciples that "if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off."* Likewise, they should do the same if their feet or eyes cause them to sin. It's important to understand

that these words are not meant to be taken literally; rather, we need to look for the meaning Jesus is trying to convey. Our hands, feet, and eyes are all gifts from God that can help build his Kingdom, but they can also be used in ways that go against God's plan. Furthermore, Jesus is inviting us to consider the situations or things that cause us to sin and ask ourselves what we can do to overcome these temptations. We sing Brian Doerksen's "Purify My Heart" today asking to be cleansed from within as we declare our desire to be holy. We hear the analogy of gold being cleansed of impurities in fire, much like our need to cleanse ourselves of the things that cause us to sin. Today, let's pray for the wisdom to know what causes us to sin, and ask God for the strength to remove this from our lives. *Bryan Staedler, Director of Music*

Parish Life

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING SESSIONS

Are you looking for a way to serve your fellows parishioners? I would ask you to prayerfully consider becoming an Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion, or Eucharistic Minister. To participate, you must be a practicing Catholic,



have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and demonstrate a deep reverence and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. There are no age limitations and those who are newly Confirmed are encouraged to participate for as long as you can. Participation is on a voluntary basis each weekend; we do not set a schedule. Training Sessions (you only need to attend one):

Saturday- October 9 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. In church Monday-October 11 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. In church If you are interested, have questions, or cannot make the sessions, you may contact Lisa Pruszka (EM Coordinator) at <u>irpruszka@aol.com</u> or 414-651-2570 (you may call or text) or Bridget Klawitter at St Leonard Office at 262-679-1773 or <u>bridget.klawitter@stleonards.org</u>. Please leave your name, email address and phone number.

Thank you in advance.



October 10-November 14

As a simple way to support priestly vocations, we can all help seminarians by donating SCRIP cards to this annual program. Since seminarians don't get paid

and have no other jobs, gift cards are most appreciated. As a convenience for ease of giving, we are asking donations through WeShare online giving or cash/checks made out to St. Leonard and clearly marked "Sentiments for Seminarians" on the check or envelope returned in the collection or parish office mailbox. SCRIP cards will be purchased and delivered to St. Francis de Sales Seminary in St. Francis.

Contact Dave Pronschinske at 414-218-7757 or bpron13@yahoo.com with questions. *Thank you!*



LINDA ELLIOTT RETIRES WITH MUCH GRATITUDE Friday, September 17 was Linda Elliott's last day as School Administrative Assistant after 37 years. She was sent off with special recognition at Mass and a special blessing along with MANY well wishes from students & staff, gifts, a festive taco lunch and a beautiful retirement cake created by former student Mary Kate Drayna. Members of Linda's



VINES & BRANCHES PROGRAM

Are you looking for a catechesis program for your special needs child? On September 20, **the Vine and Branches catechesis program for special needs children** began another school year. Vine & Branches has been in existence since the 1980's. During this time we have been fortunate enough to have special needs students participate in First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation. The program meets 18 weeks a year at the Youth Center at St. Leonard Catholic Church in Muskego. All ages are welcome to participate in this program.

Vine and Branches charges no tuition to families of the students. The program is funded by the Knights of Columbus and cooperating parishes pay a stipend. Currently, the cooperating parishes are St. Leonard, St. Matthias, St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee, and St. Joseph, Big Bend. We always have room for more children. If you have a child who would benefit from this program, please contact Deacon Rick Wirch at 414-233-3586 for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS 6

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WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH, BIG BEND 8 AM—Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ; 6 PM– Wednesday Confessions Wednesdays 4:30 – 5:30 PM

REVISED WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

With school back in session, our weekday Mass schedule is slightly revised. There will be a daily Mass open to the public everyday, Tuesday through Friday. On days when we have school Mass, the daily Mass is at 8am (there is NOT a Noon Communion Service on days when we have an 8am school Mass). On days without an 8am school Mass, our daily Mass is at Noon.

Schools Masses are on the last day of the school week, which is typically on Fridays, but if the school is off on Friday then it is on Thursday. If there is a Holy Day, then we have school Mass on that day of the week instead of Friday. You can always see the School Mass schedule for the year on our home page at stleonards.org.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH.



Please consider participating or pray for the following events: OCTOBER 2

March for Life Wisconsin at the State Capitol in Madison Mass to end abortion at 10am at St. Mary's in Elm Grove OCTOBER 3

Life Chain across Milwaukee- a silent, prayerful protest against abortion- see milwaukeelifechain.org

OCTOBER 9/10

Human Concerns Prayer leaves distribution **OCTOBER 23**

ProLife Wisconsin's Love for Life Gala

See prolifewi.org for more details or to register for these events



Mass for medical professionals.

Monday, October 18, 2021 (Feast of St. Luke) 6 p.m. | St. Mary Visitation Parish Church, Elm Grove, WI



Most Rev. Jerome E. Listecki Presider

Followed by a light supper and talk by Quentin L. Van Meter, M.D. **Transgender Care: A Reality Check**



Event is free of charge but you are asked to rsvp at: archmil.regfox.com/archdiocese-of-milwaukee-white-mass

WE WARMLY WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS! CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER !

ALL TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE AT 12 NOON AND LIVE				
STREAMED. SCHOOL MASSES WILL BE AT 12 NOON AND LIVE				
TO THE PUBLIC AND NOT LIVE-STREAMED. NO NOON				
MASS THAT DAY.				
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 • St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions				
12:00 PM + Roger Daley				
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 • Holy Archangels12:00 PM+ John Castellani				
12:30-9:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration in Church				
5:30-6:30 PM CONFESSIONS				
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 • St. Jerome				
12:00 PM ⁺ Don Serwatt				
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021 • St. Therese of the Child Jesus School Mass (open to the public)				
8:00 AM † Donald Kangas				
9:00 AM Pet Blessing				
5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal				
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 • 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time				
1:30 PM Wedding (Anna Hauke & Alex Schwartz))				
5:00 PM ⁺ Lee Radke Presider: Fr. Dan Janasik				
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 • 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time HOSPITALITY SUNDAY				
7:00 AM ⁺ Susanne Kiedrowski				
Presider: Fr. John Cella				
8:30 AM CCW Rosary				
9:00 AMFor the Parishioners of St. LeonardPresider:Fr. John Cella				
11:00 AM [†] Judi Maule Presider: Fr. Dan Janasik				
12:00 PM Baptisms: Fr. Dan Janasik				



NEW PARISHIONERS

GALLEGOS, Bobby & Megan, two children FLEMING, Gary & Christine SCHMITZ, Bill & Carol SCHMIDLKOFER, Mike & Kathy BENISH, Luke & Laura; two children RZANY, Gayle NELSEN, Joe & Jennifer; two children STANNIS, Kevin & Marita; two children

REGULAR PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021	WEEK YEAR-TO-DATE
Total Weekly Giving	\$ 25,544 \$ 284,650
Total Budgeted	\$ 23,700 \$ 268,591
Difference	\$ 1,844 \$ 16,059



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