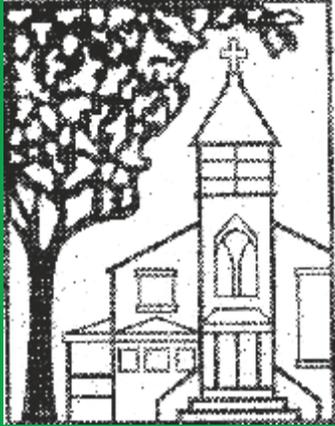


January 17, 2021: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Frances of Rome



St. Frances of Rome is an inclusive, welcoming Roman Catholic family challenging ourselves to seek, experience and share the loving presence of God.

St. Leonard



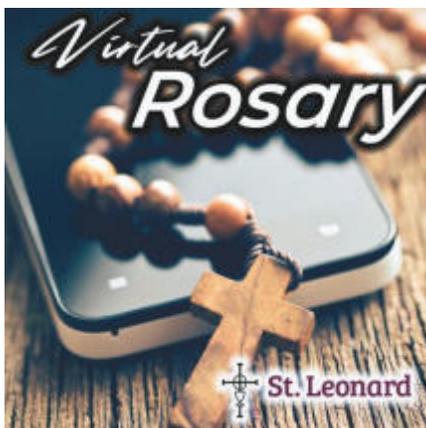
The St. Leonard family welcomes all into our Catholic community to serve, pray and worship, as we welcome Christ.

A religious painting showing Jesus walking from left to right, with John the Baptist pointing towards him and two other disciples following. The scene is set against a dark, dramatic background.

**2nd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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Virtual Rosary

Monday, January 18 at 7:00 pm on Saint Leonard's Facebook page

The third week of January is always busy, and this year is no exception! Our country will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr. (January 18) and inaugurate a new President (January 20). We will also celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) and recommit ourselves to caring for the most vulnerable on the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (January 22). Let's start off this busy week with prayer! We invite you to join us in praying a live-streamed Rosary together at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 18. Just tune in to the Saint Leonard Facebook page at 7:00 pm on the 18th to pray along with your fellow parishioners! If you do not have internet access, you can pray a Rosary on their own on that day/time

36th Annual Community-wide Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

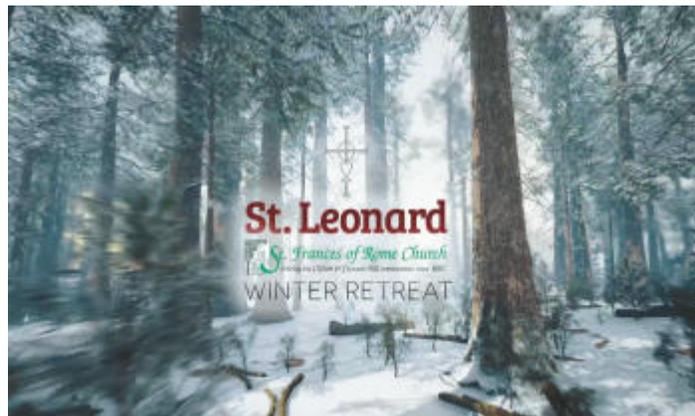
The Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry and its African American Catholic Ministries will host its annual Community-wide Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 18 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of the Assumption (433 South Fifth Street, Louisville, KY 40202).

The theme is "It's Time to Repair." Join Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., the Archdiocesan Gospel Choir, and others for a service of prayer and praise honoring Dr. King and all that he fought for. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person attendance is limited. The event will be live-streamed.



For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Ministry at 502-471-2146.

Please note-St. Frances of Rome will celebrate Mass on Monday, January 18th at 8:30 a.m. in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day.



Weekly Winter Retreat 2021

The staff of Saint Leonard and Saint Frances of Rome are delighted to be able to offer a Weekly Winter Retreat to combat the pandemic blues and help our communities continue to grow in our Catholic faith this winter. This week, SL's Pastoral Associate, Ashley Logsdon, started us off by sharing some reflections in a video entitled "Epiphany & Longing for God" The retreat can be accessed on both parish websites, saintfrancesofrome.org and www.stleonardlouisville.org. We hope you will join us for the rest of this six-week journey: just check your email and our parish communications each Monday for each installment. We look forward to praying with you!

Opportunities for Life Collection

This weekend, the four Kentucky dioceses will take up a special collection called "Opportunities for Life." This collection during the week of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade (January 22) is part of the Kentucky bishops' unified message advocating for a pro-life culture in our Commonwealth. In the Archdiocese of Louisville, funds from this collection will provide resources to pregnant women and new families in crisis, including material assistance and grant support for programming at Catholic Charities and other organizations providing support to pregnant women and families.



Fraud Alert

COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

With the distribution of vaccines for Covid-19 now underway, it is important to be aware of scams seeking to take advantage of the elderly and other vulnerable populations. Seniors should be particularly vigilant for callers, texters or visitors seeking money or their private information in order to receive a vaccine.

This month the United States Department of Health and Human Services issued the following tips to protect yourself from Covid-19 fraud:

1 You will NOT be asked for money to improve your ranking for vaccine eligibility

2 Government and State officials will NOT call you to obtain personal information in order to receive the vaccine, and you will NOT be solicited door to door to receive the vaccine.

3 Medicare will NOT contact you to offer you Covid-19 related products

4 Do NOT respond to or open any text messages or hyperlinks from unknown senders

5 Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering vaccinations, tests, or supplies*

*US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General <https://oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/fraud-alert-covid19.asp>

If you are 60 years or older and believe you have been a victim of fraud, contact Legal Aid Society's Elder Justice Fellow at (502) 614-3154 or btaylor@laslou.org to see what assistance may be available to you.

This program is supported by a subaward from Equal Justice Works as part of an original grant 2019-V3-GX-K033, awarded by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this communication are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice or Equal Justice Works

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IMAGINE

A GUIDE TO JESUIT PRAYER

Leonard Ladies Lenten Journey: Imagine

Leonard Ladies Lenten Journey: *Imagine*

January 27 – April 14, Wednesdays at 7:15 pm via Zoom

The Leonard Ladies invite all women of Saint Leonard and Saint Frances of Rome parishes to journey with us through a new series called *Imagine*. Guided by the 2020 podcast *Imagine: A Guide to Jesuit Prayer* from *America*, we will learn how to pray with the Gospels using the technique of Ignatian contemplation. Along the way, we will share faith and fellowship with one another as we prepare for and journey through Lent, and then celebrate Easter together.

Although the *Imagine* program will utilize digital resources and meetings via Zoom, parishioners without Internet access can still journey along with us! Here's how:

Pray along with us from home

Each week we will share the theme of our upcoming discussion, the Scripture passage, and questions for reflection here in the parish newsletter. That way, you'll be able to follow along in your Bible!

Call into the weekly Zoom meetings

You can call into our weekly Zoom meetings (Wednesdays at 7:15 pm) from your phone. You'll be able to hear us and participate in the discussion just like a conference call. Instructions for calling in will also be printed in the newsletter each week.

Request a reflection guide

If you are really excited about getting into Ignatian contemplation, we would love to share with you a weekly reflection resource based on that week's Gospel story. This printed reflection guide contains additional text and images that you can use while practicing Ignatian contemplation at home.

Call Ashley Logsdon, SL Pastoral Associate, at 502-897-2595 to request that printed copies of the *Imagine* weekly reflection guide be mailed to your home! Please also reach out to Ashley if you have any other questions about the Leonard Ladies *Imagine* study. We hope you'll join us!

We continue to work on affordable housing specifically-dedicated funding, and our seniors concerns team is working with U of L to open its first Village model. And we monitor the continued commitment of the JCPS to expand restorative practices in all of the schools.

Lastly, please come and join us. Call David Dutschke, Social Concerns Committee Chair (502-905-6908), or Ashley Logsdon, Pastoral Associate (502-897-2595), to find out more about our ministries, what is involved, and how you can become a part of these efforts.



Thank you!

The **St. Frances of Rome** altar flowers for last weekend were donated by Kathy Henderson, SFR parishioner, in memory of her deceased husband, Dr. Kenneth Henderson.



Stewardship Reflection

“When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and stood there, calling out as before: Samuel, Samuel! Samuel answered, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”” 1 Samuel 3:9-10

Today we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am" each time the Lord calls him. A steward must be listening for the call of God in one's life and be ready to respond like Samuel, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Food Pantry Seeking Weekday Volunteers

The food pantry on the St. Vincent de Paul campus (1015-C South Preston Street) is seeking volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am to noon. The pantry carefully follows COVID-19 protocols - staff, clients, and volunteers all wear masks and rubber gloves - and bagged food is passed out to shoppers with a safe 6-foot distance. The pantry is very short on volunteers this winter and would love extra help if you can spare the time! Please contact Donna Young (502-301-8688; dyoung@svdplou.org) with questions or to get involved!

Outreach Update: Living the Good News at St. Leonard

As we enter into a new year, we want to share an update about the service and social justice initiatives supported by St. Leonard Parish:

Our St. Vincent DePaul Conference continues to respond to our neighbors when they call us for assistance. The pandemic has slowed our volume of calls, but we remain available. Thanks to our dedicated group of members and to the regular alms of our parishioners who make our ministry possible. We also want to give a special shout-out to Rick and Susan Tapp who have been leaders in this ministry for years and are now stepping back due to changed circumstances. Blessings on all!

Our **Open Hands** volunteers have been on hold as the kitchen is doing box lunches and does not have seating at present.

Our **Justice Ministry with CLOUT** is extremely active — currently we are in the research phase for our new issue: Community Safety and Equity. We will conduct meetings with various persons in the community to focus how we can make public safety for all. Stayed tuned.



JOIN US!

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Virtual Event

Pre-show: 6:15 p.m.

Program: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Register for free today: cclou.org/rouler

DID YOU KNOW...

January is human trafficking awareness month. Catholic Charities of Louisville is Kentucky's flagship program addressing human trafficking. Our Bahkita Empowerment Initiative last year gave direct services to 52 women and men exiting human trafficking, both labor and sexual. If you think you see trafficking, call the National Hotline at 888-373-7888.



Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-January 17

First Reading: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-2

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

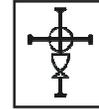
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-January 24

First Reading: Jon 3:1-5, 10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel: Mk 1:14-2

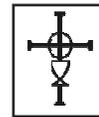
Stewardship of Treasure



Collection 1/10/2021	\$9,260
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,942
YTD Overage	\$31,925

Collection 1/10/2021	\$7,421
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,975
YTD Under	(\$15,287)

Mass Intentions



Sunday, Jan 17, 8:30am: **People of the Parish**

Sunday, Jan 17, 11:30am:

Monday, Jan 18, 8:30am:

Wednesday, Jan 20, 8:30am:

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Friday, Jan 22, 8:30am: **Everette McWhoter**

Sunday, January 24, 8:30am: **Louis Miller**

Sunday, January 24, 11:30am: **People of the Parish**

Sunday, Jan 17, 10 am: **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, Jan 19, Noon:

Thursday, Jan 21, **Noon: Ernie & Marita Neichter**

Saturday, Jan 23, 5 pm: **Sue Keene Stocker**

Sunday, Jan 24, 10 am: **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, Jan 26, Noon:

Thursday, Jan 28, Noon: **Ernie & Marita Neichter**

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