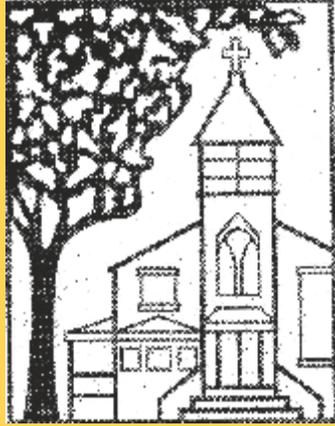


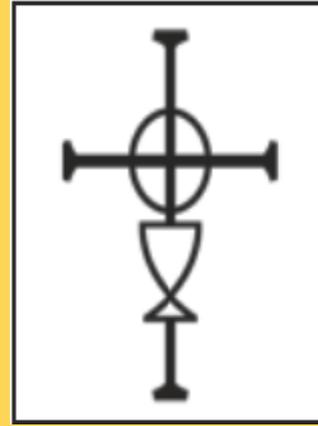
April 18, 2021: Third Sunday of Easter

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.



His love is
everlasting.
PSALM 118

Fr. Lou's Message

On this day . . .One thing about prayer and worship is they don't keep time like my watch or my calendar. I'm reminded of that every day this week, because the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer says that we praise God "on this day above all . . . when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed." In the language of the prayers, *every* day in the Easter Octave is Easter Day itself. For eight days. It's a concept that we Louisvillians are at least kind of familiar with. After all we have a "week" that ends on the first Saturday in May that contains at least 21 days. Some things are so wonderful

and amazing and overwhelming and joyful that they just don't fit into time. Not into the time we have, and not into Time as in time itself. And while Derby might not qualify at *that* level, the death and resurrection of Christ absolutely does. And so let's let Easter stretch our concepts of time. Until every day is Easter. Not April 4, 2021. But that day that the tomb was found empty, and Christ, no longer bound, could be everywhere. -Fr Lou

St. Frances of Rome Church News

St. Frances of Rome Church

Interior Church Plaster Repairs & Painting

Please Note Change In Liturgy Location During Renovations!

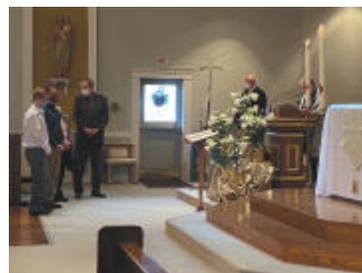
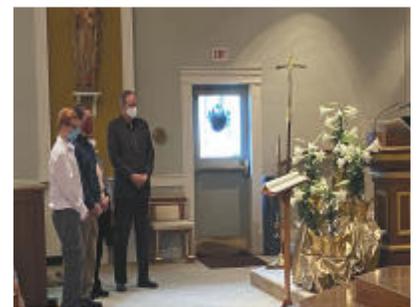
St. Frances of Rome church interior will undergo major interior repairs and renovations. The interior plaster has developed some significant cracks and it needs to be repaired and repainted. This process will take approximately 4-5 weeks to complete. The interior decor will not be changed and the church will maintain its current aesthetic. In order to complete this project in



a timely manner, the church will be closed so scaffolding can be put up and remain up throughout this process. The goal is to complete these projects before the church seating limitations are lifted. All St. Frances of Rome liturgies will be held at St. Leonard's church at 440 Zorn Ave., until this project is completed. The St. Frances of Rome's weekday and Sunday liturgy schedule dovetails very easily with St. Leonard's liturgy schedule and will prevent significant adjustments. Both parishes' liturgy times and ministers' schedules for each parish will remain the same. Project progress reports will be available throughout the project via the electronic parish newsletter.~ Sharon Coonan, SFR Pastoral Associate

Congratulations & Welcome

It is with great joy that we welcome Joshua and Nicholas Runyon, sons of Billy and Lisa Runyon (parishioners), who celebrated the Rite of the Elect on Sunday, April 11th. A special thank you to their sponsors Steve & Kathy Wisner who have supported them through their spiritual journey. We look forward to Joshua and Nicholas becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Community on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.





RENEW, Return, Rejoice!

"We're now in a season of joy. We're now in a season of renewal." In the first of a three-part video series, St.

Leonard Parish Council Chair Lauren Riley invites us all to recommit ourselves to our parish community in this season of Easter rejoicing. Lauren encourages us to "pick one": what is one way that you and your family can get more deeply involved in our parish community this spring? Consider getting involved in a new ministry, project, or group. We are excited about what's coming next for our parish this year, and we hope you will take some time to RENEW your own participation in our St. Leonard community!

Let's celebrate the beauty of friendship and spring this Easter season!

"We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company." (Psalm 55:14)

You're invited to a Tea Party hosted by the Leonard Ladies! The Leonard Ladies will host tea

on **Wednesday, April 21st from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at St. Leonard**, in the school cafeteria (all COVID protocols will be followed). All women of St. Leonard and St. Frances of Rome are welcome to join us for this gathering - and please feel free to bring a friend! Please call the parish office at 502-897-2595 to let us know if you plan to attend so that we can be sure to have enough tea and treats for everyone.



Leonard Ladies Spring Service Project

This spring the Leonard Ladies invite you to give to the men at Ozanam Inn. Ozanam Inn is a men's homeless shelter with 68 emergency, overnight bunk beds for men who would otherwise be on the streets. Staffed 24 hours a day, the shelter offers professional case management to homeless men. In partnership with the Veterans Administration, St. Vincent de Paul Louisville also offers case management and private rooms to 20 homeless veterans.

When the men leave Ozanam Inn to start a life on their own, they have very little. We will be creating exit baskets drop off at the shelter. Each basket will include:

Laundry basket, small dish soap, small clothes detergent, hand soap or body wash, tea towel, dish rag, bath towel, wash cloth, sponge, 2 plates, 2 bowls, 2 glasses, small frying pan, cooking pot, a set of cutlery (2 teaspoons, 2 forks, 2 knives), a roll of paper towels, a 4-pack of toilet paper, soup ladle, can opener, spatula, deodorant, razor and shaving cream, and toothbrush and toothpaste

How to give:

Donate items you have (they can be used or new!). Items can be dropped off in the laundry basket in the back of church or at the parish office.

1. Mail a check to made out to St. Leonard by Sunday, April 25 and write Ozamon Inn on the memo line. We will use your donation to purchase items from the dollar store, so even a little donation will go a long way!
2. Invite your friends and family to keep an eye out for items as they spring clean their homes and attend yard sales in the neighborhood

When donating items, first contact Maureen Volz, to make sure we still have a need for the items you would like to contribute. You can text or call Maureen at 502-468-3759 or email her at Volz.Maureen@gmail.com

Our goal is to assemble and deliver the baskets by May 1! Thank you for considering making a donation. The Leonard Ladies are excited to serve our community!



Parish Life



A special thank you to **Kathy Leonard** and the St. Frances of Rome **Art and Environment Committee** for all their planning and hard work throughout these last several weeks. The church was

reverent and beautifully decorated to reflect the liturgies and services from Palm Sunday, to the Triduum and for Easter Sunday. [Special note: Following the Easter Sunday 11:30am liturgy, the Easter lilies were shared with our friends at Sycamore Village Nursing Home to enjoy throughout the Easter Season while we undergo renovations.]

Thank you to all of those who contributed to the St. Frances of Rome Easter Flower fund:

Peter & Mary Lou Houck, Thomas & Diana Eifler, Dennis & Sally Piontek, Marilyn Johnson, Lawrence & Kathy Mudd, Steve & Kathy Wiser, Barbara Montgomery, Lynne McKnight, Richard & Kathy Huck, Donna Hall & Peggy Fiehrer, Carole Sheehan, Clinton & Madona Hunter, Judith Marcus, and John & Maria Hampton

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UCHM

*UCHM Donation drop off during SFR renovations...*As work continues on the church at St. Frances of Rome, we ask that all donations be dropped in the box in the back of church at St. Leonard. As it fills up, we will make sure that the donations from both parishes are taken to UCHM. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Frances of Rome is collecting the following items: Clorox Wipes, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Soap and Shampoo. Donations can be placed in the floral box in the vestibule of St. Leonard church or dropped off at the St. Frances of Rome parish house, Monday – Friday: 8:00am to 2:00pm. Thank you in advance for your ongoing generosity and support!

St. Leonard is collecting the following items for April: Body Wash and Shampoo or Conditioner on behalf of our partners at UCHM. Donations can be dropped off in the box in the church vestibule before or after Masses, or at the parish office during office hours (Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; Friday, 9:00 am - noon).

Child Abuse Prevention Month The Body of Christ

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Church is the body of Christ. All members are linked to one another and all have the responsibility to ensure the safety of children in parishes, schools, families, and local communities. We can do this by:

- 1) Developing appropriate and loving relationships with our children.
- 2) Teaching our children safety and healthy boundaries.
- 3) Knowing who has access to our children.
- 4) Learning the warning signs of abuse.
- 5) Reporting abuse to the appropriate authorities.

For more information about sexual abuse policies, safe environment programming, reporting, and other resources, see www.archlou.org/restoringtrust.

Holy Family Radio

Holy Family Radio on WLCR AM 1040 & 94.9 FM, Louisville's only Catholic format radio station, will be hosting their Annual Radiothon, Thursday and Friday, April 22nd and 23rd. Tune in both days to learn more about how you can help support Catholic Radio in the area! Please consider making a pledge and help our parish be the parish with the most pledges! Call 451-9527 or visit HolyFamilyRadio.org for more information. Listen online at WLCR.org



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Catholic Charities is hiring! If you're interested in work with a mission, check out our open positions at cclou.org/employment. These include openings in Lexington, Owensboro, and Louisville. CCL's mission is to support all 24 counties in the Archdiocese of Louisville and, in this case, even a couple of extras. You may apply online today! Cclou.org/employment

Catholic Enrichment Center's 21st Anniversary Celebration

The Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry will celebrate its 21st Anniversary on Thursday, April 22, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with a formal presentation starting at 4:00 p.m. with Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. and other dignitaries. Please join us as we celebrate the CEC playing an integral role in the community and the archdiocese for more than two decades. The Catholic Enrichment Center is an extension of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM). It was established to provide holistic cultural enrichment, formation, and academic development for the community. The CEC is a community gathering place where people of all ages, races and faiths can find the answers to many of their questions concerning enhancing one's life from a holistic perspective. The center opened in Spring 2000. Masks are required and social distancing will take place. The Catholic Enrichment Center is located at 3146 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40211. For further details on the event, please call the Catholic Enrichment Center at (502)776-0262.



Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Louisville Are Hiring

Do you want to make a difference in a child or young person's life? Are you interested in working in a faith-based environment? If so, consider a career in a Catholic elementary or secondary school. Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Louisville are hiring talented teachers, teacher assistants, and office personnel. Teachers must be certified by the Kentucky Department of Education.

For job openings in Catholic schools, go to www.archlou.org/school-job-openings. This site includes an employment application for teachers and substitute teachers and a listing of job openings for all positions. Teachers or subs should complete and forward the application found on this page. Those interested in other school positions should contact the school directly. Questions? Call or email the Office of Catholic Schools, 502-585-3291 or lweiter@archlou.org.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 18, 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.
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Readings

Third Sunday of Easter-April 18

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5a

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter-April 25

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

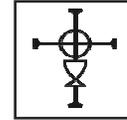
Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

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Mass Intentions



Friday, April 16, 8:30am: **JoEllen Sheroan**

Sunday, April 18, 8:30am: **Russell Lee Miller**

Sunday, April 18, 11:30am: **John McKiernan**

Monday, April 19, 8:30am: **Michael Daub**

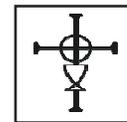
Wednesday, April 21, 8:30am: **Daniel Sullivan**

Wednesday, April 21, 12Noon

Friday, April 23, 8:30am:

Sunday, April 25, 8:30am: **Dorothy Bleuel**

Sunday, April 25, 11:30am: **Jim Milliman**



Saturday, April 17, 5pm: **Nancy Royce**

Sunday, April 18, 10am: **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, April 20, 12Noon:

Thursday, April 22, 12Noon:

Saturday, April 25, 5pm: **Beverly Monohan**

Sunday, April 25, 10am: **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, April 27, 12Noon:

Thursday, April 29, 12Noon:



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