



ST. LEONARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time *August 31, 2025*

Mission Statement:

The St. Leonard faith family loves who Jesus loves as Jesus loves.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 10:00am
Tuesday 12noon
Thursday 12noon

Rosary after weekday masses.
Adoration after Thursday 12noon
masses beginning Oct. 3rd.

Reconciliation & Sacrament of the Sick

Call the parish office at
(502) 897-2595 for an
appointment or for a
sacramental emergency call
the Holy Spirit Office at
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and leave a message.



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,
and you will find favor with God. (Sir 3:18)

Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.
(Ps 68)

Second Reading:

You have not approached that which could be touched
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness. (Heb 12:18)

Gospel:

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor,"
Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be
because of their inability to repay you." Each
of us has our own banquet to offer, our own
gifts to share. Who will we invite?

Observances for the week of August 31, 2025

- Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Wednesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and
Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 30

4:00PM - People of the
Parish

Sunday, August 31

10AM—Helen Wojichowsky +

Tuesday, September 2

12:00PM - People of the
Parish

Thursday, September 4

12:00PM - Funeral for
Erna Krone +

Saturday, September 6

4:00PM - Holy Souls +

Sunday, September 7

10:00AM - George Effinger +

*To request a Mass, please contact the parish office. There are several dates available. A Mass intention may be requested for: a deceased loved one; a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life; in thanksgiving to God (including the Lord Jesus or the Holy Spirit).

Please Pray For:

Sybil Alt
Betty Avery
Herminda Baylon
Andrea Emilia Berna-
bey
Julie Bradshaw
Beverly Brown
Fionn Carter & Family
Jordan Collie
Pete Davidson
Puff Dentinger
Walt Dries
Joyce Duckwall
Mark Eastridge
Karla Enzweiler
Sue Gittings
Allie & Masey Goatley
Debbie Gossom
Donna Grafton
Michelle Hagan
Virginia Hammond
Pat Haunz
Jesse Hurst & Family
Andi Hysinger
Ceil Iler
Janet Kessler
Mary Francis Kleyer
Ceil Lanham
Bob Liter
Alphonse Lukau
Reece McCrae

Joyce McKiernan
Alec Menezes
Herman Menezes
Greg Metry
Donald Moore
Lisa Murphy
Joyce Niehoff
Kim Osborne
Liz Pottinger
David Russell
Duke Rutler
Jeff Schulz
Norman Scott
Garland Sharpe
David Sheehan
Jodie Sherman
Joe and Jane Soergel
Special Intention
The Spink Family
Elvin Stampley
Karen Stocker
Kameron Sutton
Lawrence Toebbe
Audrey Vaghei
Helen Vittitow
Linda Waddell
Teri Wells
Gerard White (son)
Dennis Wine
Jack Woodward
Tina Young

Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday:

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: **“When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table” (Luke 14:10).** This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— *Father John Muir*

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Around the Parish...



PARISH PINCIC DINNER
OCTOBER 11, 2025 5:30PM
IN THE SCHOOL GYM
QUILT RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION,
CAPITAL PRIZE RAFFLE



Special Collection – September 6 and 7

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have called for a special collection to aid our Christian brothers and sisters as well as others who need humanitarian relief, medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded in the Holy Land.

These funds will go to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) for distribution. Through these partnerships we can be assured that food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies, and care for people's well being will be taken care of by our efforts.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people affected by the crisis in the Middle East.

God Bless,

Fr. Chandler

Next Weekend After All Masses

Saturday, September 6th —Sweets and Bites

Sunday, September 7th—Donuts

Plan on coming over to the cafeteria after Mass



Everyone is Welcome to Come By for
Scripture & Coffee With
Deacon Jim Shields

Every Sunday
8:30am - 9:30am
Parish House Conference Room

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NOW HIRING HOUSE MENTORS

Come live out your faith supporting pregnant and parenting women and their children. Lifehouse Maternity Home, a Christ-centered ministry program in Louisville, is looking to add Christian ladies to our House Mentor team. Ideal candidates will have a heart for the Lord, nurturing, encouraging, mentoring, organizing, teaching, praying and loving babies and moms.

Lifehouse Maternity Home has operated in Louisville since 2008, providing a safe place for pregnant and parenting women in crisis to thrive with a safe home, food, clothing, parenting and life skills education, job readiness, case management, financial education, and much more. Women may live at Lifehouse with their children for up to four years.

House Mentors, a part-time paid position, stay at Lifehouse for a 24-hour period and get paid during sleeping hours. House Mentors help our participants solve problems, lead "family-style" discussions, share prepared devotionals and pray with our participants. House Mentor is a part-time, paid position, with flexible scheduling. Holiday hours are available as well and pay time and a half. You can work as little as one 24-hour shift per month. House Mentor is the perfect position for an empty nester, a new retiree looking for purpose, or someone looking for additional income.

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<https://lifehousetlouisville.org/who-we-are/application-for-house-mom/>



SCAN ME

Join couples celebrating anniversaries
of sacramental marriages
with Archbishop Shelton during
the Celebration of the Eucharist
as an expression of
their Catholic witness



Marriage Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Shelton



Saturday, September 13, 2025 | 10 a.m.
St. Michael the Archangel Church
3705 Stone Lakes Drive

Couples wishing to participate should register
through their respective parishes by Wednesday, September 3



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Join the Office of Family and Life
Ministries and people in the
Archdiocese of Louisville to celebrate a
special Mass for those who have passed
away due to suicide and those who
grieve for them.



Mass for Those Who Have Lost a Loved One to Suicide



Wednesday, September 17, 2025 | 7 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Church
1960 Bardstown Road

The Mass is open to **everyone**

All clergy are invited to vest and concelebrate. The vestment color will be white.



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Prayer

Dear God, help me to be a good friend.

Mission for the Week

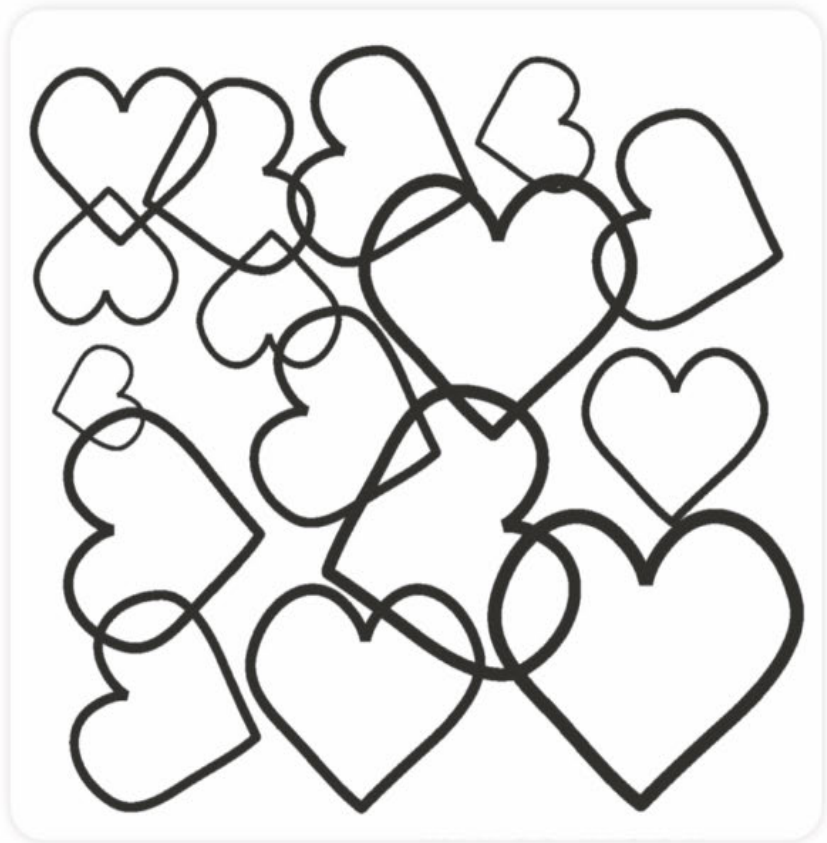
When you sit down with your family for dinner tonight, ask if you can serve the food. You may surprise your parents and get some pretty big smiles from them.

Sharing the Gospel

If you act bossy, you might get your way, but you won't make many friends. Jesus shared a secret about making friends. When you treat other kids with kindness, they will want to be your friends. Instead of telling other kids what to do, ask other kids to choose a game. If you want to play tag with other kids, offer to be "it" first. If it is time to line up to go outside, offer to go to the back of the line and let other kids in front of you.

Now color
the picture! →

How many hearts can you count?



The answer is sixteen.



Worship & Outreach



Every day of the year, people experiencing homelessness find relief from the elements and a safe, affirming space at the St. John Center.

Since 1986, they've provided fresh coffee, hot showers, a place for guests to receive personal mail and phone calls, and access to needed supplies such as socks, gloves, and hygiene products, and that's just the first step.

You can help St. John Center meet those daily needs by donating the following items in the coming weeks:

disposable razors toothbrushes
spray deodorant men's underwear
men's tube socks — *all sizes*

Place a "For St. John Center" note on your donation to ensure it is delivered



St. Vincent DePaul Society

Make a donation today to help our neighbors cover their necessary expenses during these difficult economic times.

Your gift to the St. Leonard St. Vincent de Paul Society provides funds to people who need food for their families, help paying the rent, or keeping their lights on. **Send your donation St. Leonard parish office via the GREEN ENVELOPE in your monthly mailing.** Your gift helps people who live in our neighborhood; consider a gift today.



August Pantry Needs

Help your neighbors when you go shopping this week...

- Baby Diapers, *all sizes*
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Can Openers
- Batteries
- Personal Care Items: *Soap, Shampoo, Tooth Brushes, Floss, Toothpaste, etc.*
- Grocery Cards
- Gasoline Cards
- Cleaning Items
- Canned Foods: *Black Beans, White Beans or Chickpeas*
- Canned or Packaged Meats
- Pet Food

Place your purchased items in the black drop boxes at the entrance of the church.

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Did you know that Catholic Charities of Louisville supplies two food pantries in Louisville? In Jefferson County there are over 100,000 people who are considered to be "food insecure." That means they do not know from where their next meal is coming. If you would like to donate to our food pantries, consider hosting a food drive at your parish, school, organization, or business. Individual donations are always welcome. Contact afox@archlou.org for more information.



Fall Bible Study Starting August 26/27

The St. Frances of Rome adult faith formation program this fall will begin with a new book from Little Rock Scripture Studies: *Encountering the God of Faith, Hope, and Love in the Bible* by Fr. George Smiga. This text will be an easy introduction to Bible study for everyone. If you've been considering joining a Bible study, this is a great opportunity.

Faith, hope, and love are three vital dimensions of our life with God. Faith is entering into and clinging to a relationship with God. Hope is what we expect from that relationship. And love—the greatest of these—is the very essence of the relationship itself. In *Encountering the God of Faith, Hope, and Love in the Bible*, award-winning Scripture commentator Fr. George Smiga explores how God is revealed through various stages of salvation history—from the call of Abraham through the resurrection of Jesus—and how faith, hope, and love have evolved as our understanding of God

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