



Church of
SAINT LEONARD
of **PORT MAURICE**

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December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Schneider

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Music Coordinator: Zara Turner

Order of Mass

Gathering	O Come O Come Emmanuel	# 38 BB
Gloria		
Responsorial Psalm	Spirit Song	#271 LMG
Gospel Acclamation		# 431 LMG
Preparation of gifts	Bread That Was Sown	# 329 BB
Holy, Holy, Holy		# 432 LMG
Memorial Acclamation		# 433 LMG
Amen	Sung	
Lord's Prayer	Sung	
Lamb of God		# 434 LMG
Communion	Blest Are They	# 635 BB
Parting	Lord Of Glory	# 613 BB

Mass Schedule, Meetings and Events

Regular Sunday Mass	Sundays	10:00 AM
Loaves and Fishes		
Next Council Meeting		

Readings for December 18th through December 24th

Sunday	12/18	<u>IS 7:10-14/ROM 1:1-7/MT 1:18-24</u>
Monday	12/19	<u>JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A/LK 1:5-25</u>
Tuesday	12/20	<u>IS 7:10-14/LK 1:26-38</u>
Wednesday	12/21	<u>SG 2:8-14/LK 1:39-45</u>
Thursday	12/22	<u>1 SM 1:24-28/LK 1:46-56</u>
Friday	12/23	<u>ML 3:1-4, 23-24/LK 1:57-66</u>
Saturday	12/24	<u>2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16/LK 1:67-79</u>

Collection: Dec. 11th

	\$	
Vigil Lights	\$	
Cash Plate	\$	41.50
Envelopes	\$	1687.00
Coffee	\$	58.00
Total	\$	1786.50
Weekly Need	\$	2,000.00
Loan balance	\$	61,288.85

See us online at www.stleonardmn.org or Facebook
Council Chair: Ed Howard edfhoward@gmail.com, 612-532-9159

Mission Statement

The Church of Saint Leonard of Port Maurice believes that, with our worship and fellowship experience and faith as our base, we can achieve social justice through education and outreach that guides us on our Christian journey in the community.

Keep in your prayers parish members who are ill: Josephine Candalisa, Anne Schaak, Mary Ann Nash, Gladys Turner, Marilyn Lewis **Mantener en sus oraciones estos miembros de la parroquia que están enfermos**



Dec 24th – Christmas Eve: 5 PM and 10PM at Holy Name – 3:45pm Christmas Carols, 4PM at St Leonard's

Dec 25th – Christmas Day Mass: 10AM at Holy Name only

Dec 31st – New Year's Eve: 5PM at Holy Name only

Jan 1st – New Year's Day: 8:30 and 11AM at Holy Name – 10AM at St Leonard's

Home Bound Parishioners

If you are home bound or know someone who is homebound and would like the Eucharist delivered to your home, please send an e-mail to slpm3949@msn.com

Advent Booklets

Look for Advent booklets and prayer cards in the Gathering Space and in the pamphlet rack by the front doors.

Parishioners in Need of Care

St Leonard's has a ministry that sends Get Well or Sympathy cards in the name of the St. Leonard's community to people who are experiencing health issues, loss or other difficulties in their life. Please send the names of people in need of prayers and support to Maryellen: slpm3949@msn.org or leave a message on the parish phone: **612-825-5811**. Also, Father Leo has requested that you let him know anytime a parishioner is hospitalized.

Remembering

Please bring pictures of your loved ones who have passed away so those SLPM members pictures can be used to create a permanent memories wall in Hirman Hall.

Silver Anniversary: We are still looking for more stories and pictures to display for people to remember and celebrate. Please send pictures to Julia Ross ajewels40yahoo.com Phone: 952-545-6611.

Kingfield Empty Bowls – A Call for Artists, A Call for Action. Empty Bowls is a special, single-evening communal meal and fundraiser organized by the Kingfield Neighborhood Association. **Now looking for local potters** to donate food-safe, soup-sized bowls to the event. (See **Bulletin Board** and **this week's insert** for details)

Christmas Holiday Dinner/Dance for Catholic Singles.

Saturday, January 7th, 2017; Cocktail Hour, Dinner and Dancing 5:30PM to Midnight. Cost: Dinner/Dance - \$25. Dance only \$10, Cash bar. Reservations necessary by Dec 26th (See **Bulletin Board** for details)

World Peace Prayer – Marty Haugen

Refrain:

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from despair to hope, from fear to trust, lead us from hate to love, from war to peace, let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our universe.

Still all the angry cries, still all the angry guns, still now your people die, earth's sons and daughters. Let justice roll, let mercy pour down, come and teach us your way of compassion. Refrain

- 1. So many lonely hearts, so many broken lives, longing for love to break into their darkness. Come, teach us love, come, teach us peace, come and teach us your way of compassion. Refrain*
- 2. Let justice ever roll, let mercy fill the earth, let us begin to grow into your people. We can be love, we can bring peace, we can still be your way of compassion.*

Refrain

4th Sunday in Advent - A Reflection by Fr. Leo

Joseph seems to be the major character in today's gospel. Like Mary, he plays a role in Christ being born into time as we know it. He is guided, it says, by a dream to take Mary as his wife as it is the will of God for him to do so.

I think it is important to understand what it means when it says Joseph was visited by an angel in a dream. It would be misleading to suggest that Joseph's dream was a unique event that is so out of the ordinary that we could not have a similar experience. I think there is a broader understanding of what it means that Joseph had a dream and not some singular miraculous event.

Obviously Joseph was struggling with what to do about his relationship with Mary. He was probably torn apart in side to no end and going over and over it in his mind to try and reach a decision of what to do. His mind and heart were in a horrible wrestling match. Slowly he came to his decision and clarity came to him after a nights rest. It was then that his deeper self (his God self) showed him the answer he was looking for.

This same process of coming to clarity can happen in our lives too. I remember when I would be writing papers for school, I'd be working late and just could not seem to find a way to clarify and present the thoughts and ideas I was writing about. Then, when I would be waking up in the morning and my mind turned to my work, there was this clarity of thought, and I knew what do.

That creative process is part of all of our lives. As long as we actively search for God, there will be graced moments of knowing God; ordinary, but miraculous at the same time, knowing of God's love, beyond what our minds alone can grasp. Like Joseph, we need to search out God's will for us, but we can also trust that God will grant us the clarity we need to be faithful.

God is actively drawing us to himself at every moment and seeks our consent in contemplation to live in us so that we may live in him. Emanuel is with us and in us. So let us seek to live in him.

Birthdays: Dec. 20th: Judy Daniels, Dec. 21st: Jayla Johnson, Dec. 23rd Irene Donahue

Bulletin: The December editor is Alexandra Kelly Johnson. Send notices by noon on Wednesday to: slpm3949@msn.com

St. Leonard of Port Maurice is a Black National Parish, and we welcome you wherever you are on your journey! We are a diverse parish with big hearts and great action for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please come and join us in the great work of this faith community!

San Leonardo de Port Maurice es una parroquia Nacional Negro, y le damos la bienvenida a usted dondequiera que estés en tu viaje! Somos una parroquia diversa con grandes corazones y gran acción para el Evangelio de Jesucristo. Por favor, Venga y únase a nosotros en la gran obra de esta comunidad de fe

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

As you prepare your heart for the coming of Christ, make room for Him in your marriage also.

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter and discover what God desires for your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb 10-12, 2017 in Buffalo, MN and May 5-7, 2017 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

TRUST NEWS

The TRUST Chore Program is looking for people who are interested in doing housecleaning or snow removal. The pay for housecleaning is \$15 per hour; the clients provide the cleaning supplies. Snow removal depends on the property. Base pay starts at \$15, plus another \$2.00 if you use your own equipment. There could be added charges if the property for example is on a corner, large lot, etc. Please call 612-827-6150 for more information, or to fill out an application.

Precision Furnace or Boiler Tune-Up and Carbon Monoxide Safety Check! \$69 Fundraiser Special!

Uptown Plumbing, Heating and Cooling is donation 100 Precision Furnace or A/C Tune-Ups and Safety Checks to TRUST, Inc. This service is normally priced at \$210, a \$141 savings! TRUST wins and you do too!! Buy your ticket and 100% of your \$69 goes to support TRUST. **Contact TRUST at 612-827-6159 or trust@trustinc.org for ticket.**

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“Empty Bowls” is an event that brings the community together to share a meal of homemade soup and bread donated by local restaurants out of handmade bowls donated by local artists –we accept a donation from all diners and all the profits from the event are given to Nicollet Square. For a suggested donation of \$20 community members eat dinner with us and take the bowl home as a reminder of our many neighbors that are in need of food and shelter. **Last year this event drew over 850 people and raised almost \$10,000 for Nicollet Square!**

This event provides many hands-on ways for your congregants of all-ages to get involved and act on their faith by helping those in need find stable and secure housing. Below are some actions your church can take to help us promote the event. If your church is looking for additional ways to involve congregants in helping residents of Nicollet Square as well as build connections in our community, please email or call me to discuss your ideas.

Action 1: Post a “Call for Pottery” in your church bulletin in November & December

Details: We rely on local potters to donate food-safe, soup-sized bowls to the event. Reaching potters in your church community that might be willing to donate some of their handiwork is invaluable to us! We are attaching a PDF calling for artists to donate pottery. Please include this announcement in your eNews or upcoming church bulletins. To receive this in another format please contact our Empty Bowls Outreach Volunteer Eleonore Balbach at etbalbach@gmail.com.

Action 2: Post a “Kingfield Empty Bowls Invitation” in your church bulletin in January

Details: This event is successful because so many people attend it. Please help us advertise this event. We will provide the text for the announcement in your bulletin after the first of the year, closer to the date of the event.

Action 3: Pass the Plate or Share the Plate with KFNA to benefit Kingfield Empty Bowls with Optional Guest Speaker at your congregation.

Details: Invite one of our Volunteers to come speak to your congregation at a Sunday Service. Encourage your congregants to give directly to this event, and thus to Nicollet Square at this service. Contact me directly if you would like to arrange for a speaker.

You can also contact me to discuss other ways that your church might want to be involved in Kingfield Empty Bowls! KFNA looks forward to working with you to spread the word about this fabulous community event and finding new ways to fight hunger and homelessness together, one bowl at a time.

Sarah Linnes-Robinson, Kingfield Neighborhood Executive Director; sarah@kingfield.org; office: 612-823-5980/mobile: 612-791-7081

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Did you know Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are also for priests and religious?

In a loving way, Marriage Encounter Weekends promote open and honest communication needed in the Sacraments of Marriage AND Holy Orders. **Invite your parish priest to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend too!** The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Feb 10-12, 2017 in Buffalo, MN and May 5-7, 2017 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

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