



Church of
SAINT LEONARD
of **PORT MAURICE**

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January 1, 2017

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Schneider // **Music Coordinator:** Zara Turner

Lectors: Lei Spencer/Steve Roth

Eucharistic Ministers: John Howard/Michael Howard/Mary Leoni

Order of Mass

Gathering	Go Tell It On the Mountain	# 98 BB
Gloria		# 866 BB
Responsorial Psalm	May God Bless You	# 674 BB
Gospel Acclamation		# 431 LMG
Preparation of gifts	Night of Silence/Silent Night	# 91 & 92 BB
Holy, Holy, Holy		# 432 LMG
Memorial Acclamation		# 433 LMG
Amen	Sung	
Lord's Prayer	Sung	
Lamb of God		# 434 LMG
Communion	Hail Mary, Gentle Woman	# 711 BB
Parting	Let there Be Peace	# 532 BB

Mass Schedule, Meetings and Events

Regular Sunday Mass	Sundays	10:00 AM
Loaves and Fishes	January 10 th , 2017 St. Stevens, 2:00pm and 5:15pm	
Next Council Meeting	February 15 th 2017, Hirman Hall, 6:30pm	

Readings for January 1st through January 7th

Sunday	01/01	NM 6:22-27 // GAL 4:4-7 // LK 2:16-21
Monday	01/02	1 JN 2:22-28 // JN 1:19-28
Tuesday	01/03	1 JN 2:29-3:6 // JN 1:29-3
Wednesday	01/04	1 JN 3:7-10 // JN 1:35-42
Thursday	01/05	1 JN 3:11-21 // JN 1:43-51
Friday	01/06	1 JN 5:5-13 // MK 1:7-11
Saturday	01/07	1 JN 5:14-21 // JN 2:1-11

Collection: Dec. 25th

Ass'mt fund	\$	1,700.00
Cash Plate	\$	
Envelopes	\$	
Coffee	\$	
Total	\$	
Weekly Need	\$	
Loan Balance	\$	61,288.85
Str Ass'mt	\$	26,029.00

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**



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)

Parish Assessment Fund- Finance Committee

SLPM has been charged a street assessment in the amount of \$26,000 plus interest. It means we have an added expense of \$6000/year over the next five years. We have already received a special donation of \$1600.00. If anyone would like to make a special donation to this fund it would be greatly appreciated and spiritually rewarded. Thank you.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Your marriage is meant to be an outward sign of God's love to those around you. Nourish your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next available Weekends are Feb 10-12, 2017 in Buffalo, MN and Feb 10-12, 2017 in New Prague, 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.

Mary Mother of God – A Reflection by Fr. Leo

*“God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
crying out, “Abba, Father!”
So you are no longer a slave but a son,
and if a son then also an heir, through God.”*

If I'm honest, the message religion gave me when I was growing up was that I was an unworthy sinner, not worthy of God's love. And if you lived a good life, God might let you in to heaven, but no guarantees. My faith life became a matter of trying to be perfect and earning my way to heaven. Religion was a source of fear and not solace.

I wish I would have grasped the sentence above from Galatians. My very desire for God was the presence of God within me, making me God's son! What was I to be afraid of if God was for me and if God loved me as his own son? I didn't understand that the same Spirit that worked through Mary, spoke to Joseph in a dream, and empowered Jesus to be the Christ of God, was already within me.

Rather than living in fear, I should have been living with a burning desire to love God as God loved me, imperfect as I am. In our gospel today, the shepherds rejoice and glorify God who announces himself to them, the out-casts, before anyone else. Rejoicing is to be the Spirit that dwells in our hearts. Like Mary, we simply ponder God's love in our hearts and praise God in our solitude and prayer. Ours is to rejoice that God has chosen us to be his sons and daughters. Let us allow ourselves to accept this gift and the unutterable joy that it brings.

TRUST NEWS

Join us for TRUST's Annual Martin Luther King Celebration

Sunday, January 15th; At 5:00 pm

Living Spirit United Methodist Church
4501 Bloomington Ave So, Minneapolis

Featuring liturgists and speakers and our musical guests – the Son's of Levi, from St. James A.M.E. in St. Paul. Soup and sandwich supper following the service. Free will offering

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.**

Birthdays: January 2nd; **Kathryn Howard**, January 4th; Fred Howard & Anne Club.

Bulletin: The January editor is Steve Brandt. 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*