

Church of

SAINT LEONARD of PORT MAURICE

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February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Schneider **Lectors: Carol Kennedy/Tom Powers**

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Virnig/Ann Walsh/Rob Wood

Music Coordinator: Zara Turner

Order of Mass		
Gathering	Morning Has Broken	# 634 MI
Gloria		
Responsorial Psalm	Come Worship the Lord	# 306 MI
Gospel Acclamation		# 865 MI
Preparation of gifts	We Remember	# 494 MI
Holy, Holy, Holy		# 867 MI
Memorial Acclamation		# 869 MI
Amen		# 871 MI
Lord's Prayer	Sung	
Lamb of God		# 872 MI
Communion	Taste and See	# 334 MI
Parting	God of Day and God of Darkness	# 637 MI

Mass Schedule, Meetings and Events

Regular Sunday Mass Sundays 10:00 AM
Loaves and Fishes Feb. 14
Next Council Meeting Feb. 15 6:30 p.m.

	Readi	ngs for February 5 through February 11	Collection	n: Ja	n. 29
Sunday	2/05	<u>Is 58:7-10/Mt 5:13-16</u>	Cash Plate	\$	88.00
Monday	2/06	Gn1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56	Envelopes	\$	1375.00
Tuesday	2/07	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13	Coffee	\$	12.00
Wednesday	2/08	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23	Total	\$	1475.00
Thursday	2/09	Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30	Weekly Need	\$	2,000.00
Friday	2/10	Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37	Loan balance	\$	59,938.13
Saturday	2/11	Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10	Assessment raised to date	\$	2,040.00

See us online at www.stleonardmn.org or Facebook Council Chair: Ed Howard ediflowerd@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, Irene Donohue. Mantener en sus oraciones estos miembros de la parroquia que están enfermos

Black History Month

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

Parish Council: St Leonard of Port Maurice Next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Feb. 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Any items to be considered for the agenda must be sent to Ed Howard at edfhoward@gmail.com by Feb. 1st to be added to the agenda.



Dear St. Leonard's family,

Thank you SO much for celebrating the baptisms of Eli and Thomas with us last Sunday! What a joy it was to be together again on such a special day. Thank you to everyone who welcomed our family and friends so warmly, those who helped with the ceremony, to everyone who helped with the wonderful meal (and cleanup!) afterwards, and all those little things that went on behind the scenes. And a special thank you to Liz Pierson for the beautiful keepsake baptismal garments. You all know how to love well!

If you're interested in following our new adventure (including Jed's recent trip to South Africa and Swaziland), please check out our blog at theheubners.blogspot.com. If you want to get periodic email updates, just let us know by emailing brooke@us.handsatwork.org.

We'll see you again, soon we hope! Love, Jed, Brooke, Eli and Thomas Heubner

NOTE: the bulletin is now being posted on our website if you want to see the Heubner's picture in color or easily link to their blogspot.

Grocery help: Do you know someone who will be struggling to get groceries into their home this winter? Store To Door is a nonprofit dedicated to helping seniors remain living independently in their homes. Grocery shopping and delivery services are offered to seniors and people with disabilities throughout the Twin Cities. Store To Door clients work with a friendly volunteer order taker who regularly calls to take their grocery order over the phone. Volunteer shoppers fill the order at a designated grocery store, and a consistent Store To Door staff person delivers the groceries into the client's kitchen. Clients pay for the groceries, along with a service fee, when they receive the groceries. The service fee is on a sliding scale, based on the client's income level. To inquire or register for Store To Door or to learn how you can help, please call 651-642-1892. Visit www.storetodoor.org for more information.

King Field Empty Bowls: This year's "Empty Bowls" event will be held on Feb. 9 from 4-8 p.m. at King Park. The event that brings the community together to share a meal of soup and bread donated by local restaurants out of handmade bowls donated by local artists. All profits are given to Nicollet Square. For a suggested donation of \$20, community members eat dinner and take the bowl home as a reminder of our many neighbors who are in need of food and shelter. This event drew over 850 people last year, and raised almost \$10,000 for Nicollet Square. The facility at 3700 Nicollet Av. S. is home to 42 formerly homeless youth. For more information, contact: Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA executive director, at sarah@kingfield.org or 612-823-5980

Parishioners in Need: St Leonard's has a ministry that sends get well or sympathy cards in the name of the St. Leonard community to people who are experiencing health issues, loss or other difficulties in their lives. 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.

Another marriage weekend: Give each other and your family a Valentine gift that will keep giving for generations to come! Sign up for the February 18-19 Marriage Encounter. Register at www.marriages.org. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional dates and information or call 651-454-3238.

Memory Loss Support: Family and friends who have a loved one experiencing Alzheimer's or a related dementia are welcome to attend either of two regularly scheduled memory loss caregivers support groups. One group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Av. S. The contact for this group is Pam Gerber at pgerber@bethlehem-church.org or 612-312-3366. The other group meets on the first Thursday at 7 p.m. at Mayflower UCC, 106 E. Diamond Lake Rd. The contact for this group is Mayflower at 612-824-0761 and Mary Margaret Lehmann and Mary Lenard are co-facilitators.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Reflection by Fr. Leo

Jesus tells his disciples in Matthew's gospel this morning, that they are salt of the earth and light of the world. This is Christ's message to us, who choose to be his disciples. I think the hardest part of Jesus' message for all of us is to accept that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

For many of us, the spiritual life is an absorption in our weakness and failures. This leads us to be self-absorbed and distant from God. Knowing God's love for us and his ability to transform us into his light, escapes us if we focus on our faults. Not that we don't have them. We need to believe in God's love and forgiveness.

The Lord, like any parent, wants us to focus on our chosen-ness, God desires that we accept his love and let his Spirit transform us into effective disciples. When we accept God's mercy, we can be merciful. When we accept God's unconditional love, we can love unconditionally.

This last week the gospel for Monday was about Jesus incredible freeing of the possessed man and the swine running into the sea. The people were so astonished that they asked Jesus to leave that area. I think we too, fear God and don't trust that he wants to make us whole like the possessed man, who becomes an apostle to his family when they find him in his "right" mind when he returns home.

Let us ask the Lord this week to help us accept his call and his gifts of the Spirit, that we may become the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Birthdays: Feb.6: Tom Powers To add your birthday, e-mail the parish at slpm3949@msn.com

<u>Bulletin:</u> The February editor is Pat Berg. 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