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# COME *Grow* WITH US

St. Leonard Faith Community

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The Twenty-sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

**Presiding Today:**

Fr. Bill Thomas

**September Announcements:**

Council - Maureen Josenhans

**In Today's Mass We Pray For:**

Joyce Stauffer, Mary Scullion,  
Mary Jane Gross, Mike Cleary  
& Mary Ellen Hagan  
by - Jim & Marcelline  
Kennedy

**Proclaimers of the Word:**

Jim & Marcelline Kennedy

**Today's Collection Counters:**

Gene Gross & Tom Stauffer

**Mass Schedule:**

St. Leonard Faith Community  
Religious Education Classes,  
9:00AM (September– May)  
Sunday Mass, 10:30AM

**Senior Living Community**

Communion Service,  
Monday 9:00AM  
Mass: Tuesday - Friday,  
9:00AM, Saturday 4:00PM  
and Sunday 9:00AM

## Welcome!

September 28, 2014



St. Leonard Chapel

*St. Leonard Faith Community is a freely formed Catholic community sharing in the Franciscan heritage. We are committed to creating, through active worship and the offering of our individual and collective gifts, a spiritual environment which opens us to the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit. Through a variety of ministries, we reach out to respond to the needs of others with love. Our mission will be to live our Christian Faith, to grow spiritually, and to be actively involved in the community and St. Leonard Faith Community.*

**Worshipping with us for the first time?** During the preparation of the gifts we follow the gift bearers to gather around the altar to receive Our Lord as a Community. If you would like to learn more about our Community with the possibility of becoming a member, information packets are available at the back pew.

**Collections:** We do not pass a collection basket during the Liturgy. Collection baskets are available on the ledge behind the back pews/chairs for donations that will assist in the operation of the Faith Community. Please make checks payable to: "St. Leonard Faith Community."

**Collection September 21, 2014:** \$2,317.00      **YTD Collections:** \$35,304.00  
**Weekly Budgeted Collection:** \$3,615.00      **YTD Budget:** \$39,765.00  
Technology Total Collection: \$2,600.58      Goal \$3,300

**Readings for the Week of September 28, 2014**

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51  
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24  
Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**September Religious Education (PREP) Schedule:**

28-PREP Classes in Session

**October Religious Education (PREP) Schedule:**

5-Classes in Session

12-Rosary Activity Day; Classes in Session

19-Classes in Session

26-Class in Session

**September Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) :**

28-CLOW in Session-Linda Niehoff

**October Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) :**

5-CLOW in Session-Mrs. Corbett

12-CLOW in Session-Jim McGee

19-Family Sunday -NO CLOW

26-CLOW in Session-Monsita Corbett &amp; Victoria Clement

(adult observer: Mrs. Corbett)

**Religious Education Registration Forms are Past Due**

Religious education registration forms were due Sunday, **September 7th**. If you missed the deadline but would still like to register your children for religious education classes, then please contact Meghan Neumeier at [937.435.3626](tel:937.435.3626) or [slfc.dre@gmail.com](mailto:slfc.dre@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

**Family Prayer Aide Online**

The "Christ at the Center" Home Edition Family Prayer Aide (Ordinary Time: August 31 - October 5) is an excellent family resource. The prayer aide helps families pray together and discuss the Sunday Gospel readings together. To access the prayer aide, go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/>, and select "Family & Home" under the "Christ at the Center" heading.

Forgiveness  
Reconciliation  
Conversion  
Penance  
Confession  
Forgiveness  
Conversion

**Attention Parents  
First Reconciliation/  
First Eucharist Students**



Eucharist

We will celebrate the rite of Enrollment for this year's First Reconciliation/First Eucharist students at the 10:30AM Mass on **Sunday, October 5th**. First Reconciliation/First Eucharist students and parents are expected to attend this Mass. Parent Meeting before Mass on **Sunday, October 5th at 9:00AM for students of First Reconciliation** in the Knights of Columbus room. Please contact Meghan Neumeier at [slfc.dre@gmail.com](mailto:slfc.dre@gmail.com) or 937.435.3626 with questions or concerns.

**Parenting Series with Dr. Gregory Ramey**

Dr. Gregory Ramey, Child Psychologist and Executive Director of the Dayton Children's Hospital Center

for Pediatric Mental Health Resources, will share his parenting expertise in two sessions. Session I, "Secrets of Effective Parenting," will be held on **Thursday, October 23**, from 7-8:30PM. Dr. Ramey will discuss the keys to raising happy, responsible, and moral children. Session II, "Special Topics in Parenting," will be held on **Thursday, November 6**, from **7-8:30PM**. Topics may include helping kids manage their electronic worlds, maintaining a balance to avoid over-scheduled kids, and understanding the role of faith in your child's development. Both sessions will be held at St. Henry Parish Activity Center, located at 6696 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH, 45449. Admission is free of charge, although donations will be welcome. Childcare will be available. To register for one or both sessions, contact Vicki Hume at 937.433.0128, x206, or [vhume@sfacc.org](mailto:vhume@sfacc.org). Registration is due the Monday before each presentation.

**Attention volunteers who work with children:** If you have taken the VIRTUS Child Awareness Training Session, then you are required to complete monthly training bulletins online. Failure to complete three or more consecutive training bulletins will require you to retake the VIRTUS Child Awareness Session. You must be registered on [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) in order to access the bulletins. A bulletin reminder will arrive by email from [system@pub.virtus.org](mailto:system@pub.virtus.org) on the first Sunday of each month. When you are ready to read your bulletin, follow these directions:

1. Go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). Enter your user ID and password.
2. Click on "Training" at the top toolbar.
3. Click on "Training Bulletin Report" box on the right side of the screen to see your complete report.
4. Under "Type," click on "Click here for details."
5. Read each bulletin listed. Answer the question at the bottom of each bulletin, and click "Submit."

Please contact Meghan Neumeier at [slfc.dre@gmail.com](mailto:slfc.dre@gmail.com) or [937.435.3626](tel:937.435.3626) with questions.

**Vibrant Faith @ Home**

Are you looking for resources to make your home a place of faith? Check out [www.vibrantfaithathome.org](http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org), where you will find tools, tips, and resources to talk about your faith as a family, prayer together, ritualize important moments, and reach out in service. Vibrant Faith's simple, yet powerful, faith-forming activities are seasonally based with 60 brand new faith-forming activities uploaded each Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer.

## Respect Life Collection

Each of us is a masterpiece of God's Creation! A collection for the Archdiocesan Respect Life Funds Grant will be **October 5th**. Even the weakest and the most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

- Pope Francis

There will be two collections October 5th. A regular weekly collection for the Faith Community and the Respect Life



*Changing Lives*

*Creating Futures*

## Champions for Youth Fundraising Event

**Wednesday, November 5, 2014**

**The Mandalay Banquet**

**Breakfast Fundraiser 8:00-9:00AM**

**Luncheon Fundraiser noon-1:00PM**

St. Leonard's Outreach has been providing support to Daybreak for many years. The above events will give you a chance to hear more about the Daybreak story and how your past donations have been used. Attendance at the Breakfast or Luncheon is FREE due to the generous support of Battelle Rippe Kingston LLP. However, you will be asked to consider making a further donation to continue the services and support of Daybreak's many programs for youth. You may sign-up after Mass on **October 5 and 12**. More information is available by contacting:

Pat Dolan at 937.436.0532 or  
Suzanne Crippen at 937.885.6204.

## Mary Ellen Hagan

Mary Ellen Hagan, a long time member of the Faith Community who just recently moved to Roswell, GA., passed away Wednesday. Cards can be sent to: Bill Hagan, St. George Village Apt. 2304, 11350 Woodstock Rd., Roswell, GA. 30075. Viewing and funeral will be in Atlanta, GA. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS



### 60th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulation to Robert and Genevieve Schmid who will be celebrating their 60th wedding Anniversary **Thursday, October 2nd**.

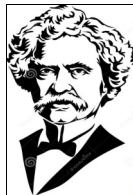
## Congratulation to Gene Gross

Gene Gross was selected as "*Knight of the Year*" and was awarded the "*Ray Mock Service of the Year Award*" by St. Leonard's Knights of Columbus council. Congratulations!

## A Message to the Community

As promised in a theme of our women's retreat, *God's love has surrounded us* - as soups, fruits and casseroles were delivered and served by faithful community members; and as hugs, tears, visits and calls. We are so grateful for this love as we grieve Mike's death, reflecting on Emily Dickinson's words: "*Parting is all we know of heaven, and all we need of hell.*" Thank you all for bringing us to the realization of heaven even in the pain of loss. - Barb Cleary and family

## Thoughts on Today's Readings...



The great American humorist Mark Twain once said: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us a story about two sons who were asked by their father to go work in the vineyard. One refused but later changed his mind and did his father's will. The other promised but failed to keep his word.

Our pride can sometimes blind us to the wisdom of Jesus when He invites us to work toward building the kingdom. We may shrug Him off, claiming that we are already doing enough, or that we don't have time.

Today's Gospel is good news. It gives us hope. We can have a second chance; we can always change our mind and obey Jesus' call.



## NIGHT AT THE RACES

St. Leonard's Knights of Columbus Council 10215 will be hosting a "*Night at the Races*" party. Post time is **Friday, October 10, 2014**, in the auditorium.

Dinner is from 6-7:00PM with horse racing and betting from 7:00PM - till? Your ticket includes dinner by Chef Michael, a ticket in a reverse raffle for \$500.00 and a chance for 2 Bengal game tickets. There will also be raffles for a gift basket and a second pair of Bengal tickets.





# Choosing Forgiveness

Finding Solace in Mercy, Not Revenge

Wednesday, October 15  
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
4500 Ackerman Blvd., Kettering, OH 45429

Cost: \$10  
(suggested donation)

5:30 pm Light Dinner  
6:30 pm Music  
7:00 pm Presentation by  
Mr. Bud Welch

**For reservations  
and information,  
call 800-300-2937 ext.  
1141 or visit [www.  
cssmv.org/events](http://www.cssmv.org/events)**

Students are welcome to attend  
the event at no charge.



Interpreter for  
hearing impaired

## Featuring: *Bud Welch*

*On April 19, 1995, Bud Welch's 23-year old daughter, Julie, and 167 others were killed in the bomb blast that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah building in Oklahoma City*



Welch had always opposed the death penalty, but Julie's death prompted bouts of hatred and revenge. He longed to see Timothy McVeigh dead, but after months of agony, he realized that nothing positive would arise from McVeigh's execution. "It was hatred and revenge that made me want to see him dead and those two things were the very reason that Julie and 167 others were dead," he says. He also remembered Julie's comments that executions were only "teaching children to hate."

Welch has appeared on "Good Morning America," the "Today Show," CBS's "60 Minutes" and "Dateline NBC." He has written pieces for both *Time* and *Newsweek*. He received the "Abolitionist of the Year" award from the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.



Sponsored by Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley and Catholic Social Action Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati with additional support provided by the Weavers of Justice

**Event proceeds will benefit local families in need who are assisted by the Mission Services Department of Catholic Social Services.**

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# Healing and Hope

with  
IMMACULÉE  
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS  
POWERFUL RETREAT!

*NY Times best-selling author and Rwandan genocide survivor, Immaculée is a world renown speaker on faith, prayer, and the power of forgiveness.*

She will speak and share about overcoming struggles, the power of forgiveness, the miracle of the rosary, and so much more!

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 4:00-5:00pm Registration
- 5:00-6:30pm Session One
- 6:30-7:30pm Break
- 7:30-9:00pm Session Two

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 8:00-9:00am Check-in/  
Bookstore Open
- 9:00-10:30am Session Three
- 10:30-11:00am Choir
- 11:00-12:00pm Break
- 12:00-1:30pm Session Four

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## REGISTRATION COSTS

- \$57 Single
- \$95 Single + Guest
- Special Family Rate
- Contact Lisa Donigian

[www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com)

- Click Events • Click Retreats • Select Dayton, OH
- Scroll down to Register Now



**SOCIAL JUSTICE - Bob Niehoff**  
niehoff29@woh.rr.com

**Distinguished Speaker.** Our speaker this year is Bud Welsh. Bud's 23-year old daughter was killed in the Oklahoma City bomb blast of the Alfred P. Murrah building. Bud will speak about his journey through anger, pain, hatred, and revenge to ultimately reach forgiveness and a strong desire to end the death penalty. He has appeared on Good Moring America, Today Show, 60 Minutes and Dateline NBC. His talk, "Choosing Forgiveness" will be presented at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on **Wednesday, October 15**; a simple dinner (optional) will start at 5:30PM; music at 6:30PM and the talk at 7:00PM. See Bob Niehoff for complementary tickets.

**Care of the Environment.** The upcoming feast of St. Francis, patron saint of ecology and lover of all Creation, provides us an ideal time to reflect on how our faith calls us to be stewards of God's gifts. Join us in the St. Francis of Assisi parish JPIL room on **October 2 at 7:00PM** as we view a multi-media presentation on how climate change affects the world's poor.

**The Catholic Climate Covenant.** invites us to take the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor. The pledge is a promise and a commitment by Catholic institutions and individuals to live our faith by protecting God's Creation and advocating on behalf of people living in poverty who face the harshest impacts of global climate change. Who's under your carbon footprint? You can pick up a pledge card today at the back of church on your way out while the supply lasts. The feast day for St. Francis of Assisi is **October 4**.

**Immaculee Retreat Weekend.** St. Luke's parish is the site for a 2-day retreat, **Friday evening, October 17** and **Saturday morning, October 18**, featuring a world renown speaker on prayer, faith and the power of forgiveness, Immaculee Ilibagiza. She is a Rwandan genocide survivor who escaped the Hutus by hiding silently in a cramped bathroom of a local priest with seven other women for 91 days. She will speak about overcoming struggles, the power of forgiveness, the miracle of the rosary and much more. More than 200 have already registered and will soon be closed, so if you are thinking of attending register now. Details in left column.



### Special prayers are requested:

Joe Bensman, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee (mother of Alberta Guise), Conor Crippen, George Cruise, Terrie Dawson, Kerry DeLuca, Grace Detling, Gina Gentry, Betty Gillespie, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Jim & Bill Kiefer, Kelly King, Brandon Le, Dennis McCormick, Michael Morrison, Beverly Mullins, Michael Mustaine, Anita & Doug Nelson, Fr. Joe Rigali, Angela O'Reilly, Kacey Risher, Ann Marie & Scarlett Schmitz, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Marvin Skeens, Payne Sigman, Sarah (Bauer) & Baby Thieben, Marlene Vorherr, Charlie Weigel, Kent Wingate, Baby Luke

A prayer list is published in the bulletin to inform the Community of those with special needs. Persons may be placed on the prayer list by calling the office and will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Hospitals do not notify our office when a parishioner is admitted. Please contact the church office if you would like to make it known that a family member is in the hospital.

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### Ministries Of The Church

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Justice & Service	Bob Niehoff	Alphonse Karangwa
Faith Formation	Noel Bauer	John Nelson
Community Life	Shirle Speaks	Bonnie Bengé
Pastoral Care	Judy Lamers	Darryl McGill

### Calendar of Events

#### October:



- 1-Wednesday, Prayer & Worship mtg. boardrm 7:00PM
- 2-Thursday, "Care of the Environment", St. Francis of Assisi, 7:00PM
- 5-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Enrollment Mass 10:30AM/PREP & CLOW/Parent mtg. 9:00AM KofC room/Rohr Chats, KofC room, 10:00AM/ Intergenerational Team Mtg. after Mass, classroom 1
- 5-Sunday, **Respect Life Collection** (2 collections)
- 10 -12, Spirit of the Season retreat
- 12-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/Distribution of Discipleship Materials for ministry sign-ups/Rohr Chats, KofC room 10:00AM/ Confirmation Class after Mass
- 15-Wednesday, St. Charles Borromeo, Kettering "Choosing Forgiveness" SJ Dinner 5:30PM, Speaker 7:00PM
- 17 & 18-Friday & Saturday, Immaculée Retreat, St. Luke Catholic Church, Beavercreek
- 19--Family Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/PREP/Rohr Chats 10:00AM KofC room/**NO CLOW**/Discipleship Sunday, ministry sign-ups after Mass
- Oct 23- Parenting series 7-8:30PM St. Henry Parish



### Pastoral Care Services, Sacraments and Funerals:

Requests for pastoral care services, Sacraments or any other needs should be made to the Community Office. If the office is closed and you have a pastoral care need, please call David Weickert at 513.633.9145.

Scheduling Mass Intentions: Requests for Mass intentions may be made by contacting the Community Church Office @ 937.435.3626.

### Bulletin announcements:

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