



Double Scoop January 2012

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Our Catholic Identity A Joyous New Year

By Father BJ Breen

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"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks to all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

As we begin another new year what we all pray for is a joyous 2012. True joy, however, is not so easy to find. Some people who would appear to have all the ingredients for happiness- wealth, fame and power- do not seem happy at all.

I remember chatting with a woman one time. She was always a happy go lucky person. And so, I asked her what makes you so happy all the time? With that question she broke down and started crying, and started telling me all her woes. Boy, did I open the flood gates, and is probably the reason I went to the seminary. As we begin this New Year

hoping for a lot of rejoicing, it is worth pondering the true nature of rejoicing.

If we imagine happiness as a recipe, like baking a cake or a favorite dish, what would be the essential ingredients? Then, how would you combine those ingredients, and in what amounts? How would you serve it?

A lot of churches and different organizations, as a fund raiser, will create a cook book of favorite recipes from their members and then sell the cook book. I opened one recently and the very first recipe of that cook book was called "The Best of Life Pie" It went like this:

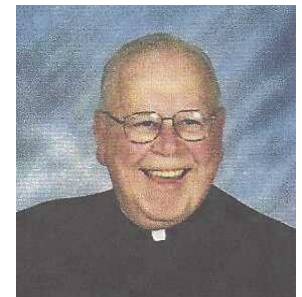
Into your heart,

Blend in a daily chapter of God's work with a full cup of the Holy Spirit.

Stir frequently with prayer.

Add a large measure of God's love and a handful of grace until life is smooth. Allow to rise.

Top with friendship and sprinkle with fellowship.



Serve your family, your world and yourself a slice of the best of life.

It is unspeakable and full of glory for the Lord, yourself, family and friends.

St. Paul said to "rejoice always" and Jesus comes so that "your joy may be complete." Starting a new year is a time to follow and proclaim the Lord's ancient recipe for "Joy to the World."

We pray that joy may be in us. May we rejoice at the Lord's coming in glory and serve his recipe for happiness to all. A blessed New Year to you all!



Tammy—You're a Winner!

As you can see we have a name for the St. Frances of Rome and St. Leonard joint "Newsletter". It will be called "Double Scoop". I want to thank all those who entered a name. There were over 100 entries.

This is how the winner was chosen: I took the 100 en-

tries to my priest support group which meets monthly, and had each priest rank two picks. I added up total and the entry that got the most votes was the winner. Tammy Shoemaker, our Administrative Secretary at St. Leonard had the winning entry with "Double Scoop". Congrats to Tammy!

Stewardship

A steward is one entrusted with managing the property of another; Jesus outlines some of the responsibilities of a steward in the parable of the talents. "A steward must maintain and protect, nurture and develop the 'talents' or property of the Master." It is that time of year for us to think about stewardship in our parishes. We are all responsible for God's work in our lives and in the lives of others. This month (January) we will begin sending out stewardship packets to all our active families. Everyone is needed and has a talent to share. Stewardship is beyond just going to Mass on Sunday. Stewardship is a blessing. Your blessings could include your time, talent or financial freedom. All people can live a life of stewardship.

We ask you to give some prayerful consideration to the ways you can help your parish.

Please contact:

St. Leonard at 502-897-2595 or
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if you have a new address, phone number, or no longer wish to be included on our parish list. God bless you.

Making the Advent/Christmas AND New Year Season Holy and Sacred for Families



The season began with an Advent Workshop for families at St. Frances of Rome, led by Pam Berry (pictured right), former Director of Religious Education at St. Martha's parish on November 27th. Pam shared reflections on ways families can be sacred and holy during this Advent/Christmas season...and into the new Year.

SFR 5th Grade Religious Formation Students Enjoy Celebrating Las Posadas

By Alice Baldwin

The tradition of Las Posadas is a simple one. In Mexico the children go from house to house with figurines of Mary and Joseph and ask to enter, and a place to stay. The persons within are scripted to say no, until finally at one house they say yes, and everyone enters for a fiesta and celebration. The lucky household gets to keep the figures of Mary and Joseph until the next night, when again they go in search of a place to stay. This continues for nine days during Advent.

This custom resonated with Ms. McConnell's fifth grade Religious

formation class, and they decided to incorporate the spirit of Las Posadas in a holiday event on the third Sunday of Advent. Each child brought treats to share with the other classes, and the class caroled their way through the Clifton Center building, asking to enter each classroom. They wished everyone a Merry Christmas, shared their treats, then returned to their classroom for Sopapillas (tortillas with sugar, cinnamon and honey) and a lively discussion of their own Holiday traditions.



Left to right:
Dennis Gabriel
Emma
Heironimus
Carol McGee
Susan
McConnell



Left to right:
Rudy Vogt
David Absher
Andrew Marchal
Baby Alexander
Sister Mary Jo

St. Leonard Religious Education

By Janice Barry

St. Leonard 8th grade students learned about St. Therese of Lisieux this fall. They learned that she found the best way to holiness is not by doing great things for God but doing loving things. We, members of the school community, have participated in many activities in just a few short months that encourage this way of living. As we often do, the children and parents have been very generous in making donations of paper products and baby items to Casa Latina, money to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Association, Toys for Tots and canned goods for Dare to Care. The children have also responded generously to the challenge to donate one tenth of their own Halloween candy to St. Joseph's Children's Home.

All of these gifts were grate-

fully accepted by the sponsoring organizations.

We have shown love in our prayers also. We have counted the days of Advent on our Advent tree by reading scripture verses everyday. We had special songs and prayers for the Veterans on Veterans Day. We gratefully acknowledged Fr. Cass Volpert for coming so faithfully to say mass on Tuesday for the school children. And, we had a lot of fun welcoming Fr. B. J. back: Fr. B.J. Breen has many friends. I am one of them and so are you! So let's say WELCOME BACK! - (a special song which was sung for him at his first Mass back).

It has been a busy time, packed full of blessings!



Why Catholic?

By Joan Boehnlein & Joanne Pfeiffer

St. Frances of Rome is getting ready to begin our 3rd session of the Archdiocese of Louisville's "Why Catholic?" program. The program began Lent 2011 with a 6 week session on the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. A total of 16 small groups were formed to accommodate the 168 people who signed up for this 1st session.

The second "Why Catholic?" session was held five weeks before Advent. St. Frances of Rome acquired DVDs from the Archdiocese of Louisville which explained the history of the Mass from the time of Jesus to the present. The final DVD addressed the changes of the Roman Missal. The sessions were held at the Clifton Center in large groups breaking into small groups for questions and answers.

In our next session to begin during Lent, 2012, we will be returning to our small group format and resuming our study with the Sacraments of Penance, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders. Consider joining a Why Catholic? small group for this 6 week Lenten session. You will find these small group settings a way to increase your knowledge of our Catholic faith and share your own thoughts within your small faith community. Watch the bulletin for more information!

REACHING OUT!

St. Leonard & St. Frances of Rome—Christmas Caroling at Mercy Sacred Heart Village



Families and Friends from St. Frances of Rome and St. Leonard join in caroling at Mercy Sacred Heart Village December 18, 2011

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September 29, 2011

Dear Father Breen and Parishioners of St. Frances of Rome Church,

It is great to see the end of September in Jamaica, without any Tropical Storm or Hurricane so far. We cannot celebrate too early, though, as last year Hurricane "Tomas" almost beat us in November.

This year, we have done some repairs at the rectory. With the help of a few masons, young adults and youngsters from the church, we have replaced windows that had been shattered by Hurricane Dean (2007) and have removed the poor quality folding outdoors of the upper rooms and replaced them with proper sliding windows, which make the rectory more "waterproof" in the case of Hurricanes. We painted half the rectory as well, which was quite needed after 15 years!

In early April, the youngsters of the parish were attempting to make their first successful pizzas. Their goal was to teach themselves (with the help of the internet) how to make professional pizzas. On Mothers' Day they had their 1st Pizza Sale, where they raised US\$90. On August 28, they had their 2nd Pizza Sale fundraising, which this time brought up US\$210. With that money from the 2 sales, 8 youngsters/children purchased their shoes to go back to school. The next 5 youngsters will have to wait until the end of October to have their shoes paid by the next Pizza Sale.

Besides the pizza making, some of us have started to do our own bread, pasta, peanut butter, cookies. Because the cooking gas is getting more and more expensive, we are trying to substitute it with the use of charcoal, and hopefully solar. Don't take me wrong: it might be easy to get 250F from a homemade solar oven, but... 350F is another story!

Financially, it is getting more and more difficult here. The worldwide economical crisis has a greater repercussion in a country that is already impoverished. The fact that our Basic School has been broken into by thieves 2 nights ago proves it (this is the 2nd time in 6 weeks). It shows also that the time we spend as a church to learn about cheaper ways of living through solar technology & culinary art, is not only justified, but a must!

Let us keep praying for Haiti, our neighboring country where I spent 7 weeks in May and June to do 3 solar projects at 2 nursing homes cared by the Sisters of Mother Teresa. As we say, you never count your blessings, until you see somebody else's misery.

Let me conclude this letter saying thanks for your contribution to our Parish, it is so helpful. The parishioners have their own ways to say thanks, some give their free time to maintain the church grounds, clean the church, etc. Others come for the daily Mass and pray the rosary at your intentions.

F. Francis Dupuis
Father Francis Dupuis
(Pastor)



Left:

Maura Appleberry, Violinist and Mom, Bridget at Mercy Sacred Heart Village

Christmas Visits to the Homebound:

Donna Taxes with Beth Ress



Father BJ with Mary & Joe Bernzweig



Deanna Hipwell with Kay Kirwin



School News

Linda Kinderman
Principal - St. Leonard School



We have had a wonderful and successful first half of the school year. The students have excelled in many areas and looked forward to their well-deserved Christmas break! There are so many exciting things happening at our school each and every day. I am so proud of my staff that helps make St. Leonard School one the best kept secrets in town! Thank you to the St. Leonard Community that supports our school in so many ways! We are getting ready for our upcoming school **OPEN HOUSE on FEBRUARY 1, 2012** from 9am-12noon and 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Please invite any prospective students to attend. That being said, I would like to share with you our Mission Statement and some highlights of our wonderful school...

Mission:

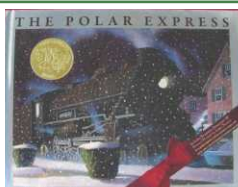
Saint Leonard Parish School teaches Catholic values and educational essentials to preschool through eighth grade children. Together with parents and guardians, we develop young people to become good stewards of God's gifts and teach them the intellectual leadership skills necessary for success in life.

- Advanced technology including Smartboards in every classroom, Computer Lab w/ instruction, Edline (online grading/ assignment postings)
- Foreign language offered K-8th grade
- Enrichment classes including Art,

Drama, Music, Library, P.E., & technology

- 3 & 4 year old Preschool program
- Accelerated Reader program
- All CSAA sports & Extracurricular including: Scouts, Environmental Club, Archery, Drama Club, Quick Recall, Book Bee & Governor's Cup
- 100% participation in community service in all grades Pre-K through 8th
- House Program to incorporate team-building throughout all grade levels
- 16:1 Student/Teacher Ratio

Thank you again for all of your support. We are truly blessed to have such large opportunities in a small school environment!

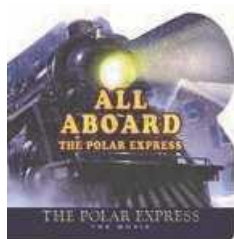


The Polar Express with Father BJ!

On Tuesday, December 6, our very own Father BJ changed from Pastor to Train conductor for the day for the St. Leonard Pre-K children. The kids all snuggled in their pajamas with a warm cup of cocoa, gathered to hear Conductor Breen read the famous **Polar Express** story.



The kids were mesmerized by Conductor Breen as he brought the story of a young boy struggling to believe in Santa Claus to life. The boy hops on a train to the North Pole and the magic begins.



Conductor BJ ends the story with this:

“The bell will always ring for those who believe!”



Our Rome'n Seniors and Leos on the Go

By Deanna Hipwell

Happy 2012 everyone!

Let's make this brand new year a fulfilling one for each of us by enjoying one another's friendship as we do things together, sharing our stories, giving our time to help others (especially with a good visit), taking some time to discuss our faith, and sharing some quiet reflection time together.

We've already got a few things planned. On Wednesday, January 18th, we will spend an afternoon at my

home, planning for the year and enjoying coffee and dessert. And, on Sunday, January 22nd, a group of us will meet at KT's for an early dinner and then head to the Kentucky Center to see the long-time Broadway hit, "Fiddler on the Roof."

BUT...I want for YOU to decide what we want to plan for the rest of the year...what we want to repeat from past years, and, NEW IDEAS, for things to do together. If you are unable to make it to our planning gathering, please stop me at church or give

me a call to share your ideas.

One of my 2012 New Year's resolutions is to do more visiting to our home-bound parishioners. Please let me know if you would like to go along on visits. It's always fun to have "old friends" along to share stories from the past while catching up on old friendships and family.

Enjoy our 2011 pics and be sure you're along to be in one of our 2012 photos!!!

Watching a movie at the Masonic Home:



Left: Enjoying the 2011 Fall Senior Day at Churchill Downs

Rita Teasdale, Diane Boehnlein & Mike daub presenting a door prize at our annual Sacred Heart Home coffee & dessert visit...



Lunch at the Bistro after the movie...



Nancy Graeser & Mary Adele Rowan enjoying the STL/SFR Book Club's Christmas gathering at Liz Pottinger's home



New Year's Eve Bash

Friday, December 30th

The first annual New Year's Eve Bash was held Friday, December 30th in the **St. Leonard** gym. Although we had room for more, the ones who attended had a great time—wonderful food, entertainment, music and fellowship—all adding up to **Fun-Fun-Fun!**

And, of course, the big raffle prize winner was **St. Leonard School**, thanks to the **Jim Kirchdorfer** family.—**Congratulations & let's do it again next year!**

- ★ Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres
- ★ Dinner buffet catered by **My Sister's Place**
- ★ A magical hypnosis show **Darshwood the Conjurer**
- ★ Karaoke and DJ
- ★ \$5,000 Raffle



Welcome

*St. Leonard (STL) and St. Frances of Rome (SFR) parishes
welcome the following new members to our faith community:*

- Ms. Barbara Anderson (SFR)
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boone (SFR)
- Mr. Ryan Bryant & Family (STL)
- Ms. Christine Butorac & Family (STL)
- Ms. Constance Cogswell (SFR)
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cronan (SFR)
- Ms. Julia Dietrich & Ms. Barbara Powers (SFR)
- Ms. Katherine Garbarino (SFR)
- Ms. Ashley Graves & Family (STL)
- Sr. Martha Jacob, OSU (STL)
- Ms. Margaret La Rocca & Family (STL)
- Ms. Jennifer Petro (SFR)
- Mr. & Mrs. Philip Pogue (SFR)
- Mr. William Reed (SFR)
- Mr. & Mrs. Steven Scharre & Family (STL)
- Ms. Patricia Sexton (SFR)
- Ms. Kathleen Speevack (SFR)
- Mr. & Mrs. Steve Taxes (SFR)
- Mr. & Mrs. Dylan Wagner & Family (STL)

Baptized Children of God



William Henry Samuel Hunter (SFR)
September 17, 2011

Hadley Ann Hardin (SFR)
October 22, 2011

Owen Carson Webb (STL)
November 12, 2011

Sawyer Isaac Todd (SFR)
November 13, 2011

Addison Jane Ising (STL)
October 8, 2011

Benjamin Owen Burch (STL)
November 12, 2011

Ellie Paige Cornett (SFR)
November 13, 2011

Campbell Cathryn Lowe (SFR)
November 20, 2011

Kindly remember the

Homebound and Sick

Of our St. Frances of Rome (SFR) and St. Leonard Community (STL)
in prayer...

Bud Apel (SFR) ♦ Marj Baker (SFR) ♦ Joe & Mary Bernzweig (SFR) ♦ June Bissmeyer (SFR)
 Carolyn Breen (SFR) ♦ Mary Anne Bryant (STL) ♦ Louise Cassidy (SFR) ♦ Mary Rita Coy (STL)
 Sara Edwards (STL) ♦ Wilma Emerson (STL) ♦ Marea Gardner (SFR) ♦ Vincent & Alberta Giegerich (STL)
 Bill Gillespie (SFR) ♦ Elizabeth Hickey (STL) ♦ Dr. John Keaney (STL) ♦ Angela Kendall (SFR)
 Kathryn Kirwan (SFR) ♦ Peg Kleinert (STL) ♦ Mary Langnehs (SFR) ♦ Mary Lehan (SFR)
 Francoise Meguire (STL) ♦ June Morton (STL) ♦ Muriel O'Brien (STL) ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pearce (STL)
 Ruth Ratterman (STL) ♦ Ed Read (SFR) ♦ Kitty Russell (STL) ♦ Mary Sansbury (SFR)
 Gisela Schlatter (STL) ♦ Flossie Settles (STL) ♦ Jennie Staugas (STL) ♦ Jo Theobald (SFR)
 Mary Vaughan (STL) ♦ Nancy Weickel (SFR) ♦ Dixie Westerman (SFR)

Prayer for Healing

Bless us O Lord with your healing powers.
 Restore our lives, our shattered hearts,
 Our fragmented hopes, our broken health, our scattered dreams.
 Restore our lives, for You alone can make us whole.

Our Loved Ones Who Are Now Enjoying Eternal Life



Mary B. Kessinger (STL)
August 25, 2011

Anna Louise Friday (SFR)
September 24, 2011

Mary Lou Sideras (SFR)
October 4, 2011

Natalie Jo Pask (SFR)
October 17, 2011

Rebecca Ann Cooper (STL)
October 22, 2011

William F. "Bill" Huber (SFR)
November 20, 2011

James "Hall" Baker (STL)
November 20, 2011

Joseph A. Zimlich, Jr. (SFR)
November 22, 2011

Margaret Harper Duerr (SFR)
November 25, 2011

Mary Powell Torpey (SFR)
November 27, 2011

Dorothy Baker (STL)
November 28, 2011

Deadline for receiving information to be placed in the next **Double Scoop**: **Friday, March 2, 2012** *(to be mailed mid-March)*.
 This is YOUR newsletter and I invite everyone to submit articles or newsworthy items. Please include your name and contact phone number. Items will be included depending on appropriateness and space available.

Submit to: Colleen at St. Frances of Rome or Tammy at St. Leonard parish offices.

Calendar of Events

St. Leonard

<u>January 2012</u>		
21 World Day of Prayer Prep Meeting Library	10 AM	
21 7th & 8 Grade Mixer Café	7 PM	
22 Enrollment Mass for 1st Eucharist Church	10 AM	
23 Joint Staff Meeting at St. Leonard Parish Office	12:30 PM	
January 29—February 1 Catholic Schools Week		
<u>February 2012</u>		
2/3 School Closed		
4/5 Stewardship Testimony	Weekend Masses	
11 Taste of St. Leonard	Watch Bulletin	
18 First Communion Church	4:30 PM	
22 Ash Wednesday	Watch Bulletin	
<u>March 2012</u>		
11 Time Changes (Spring Forward)		

St. Frances of Rome

<u>January 2012</u>		
21 Frisch—Brent Wedding	1:30 PM	
23 Joint Staff Meeting St. Leonard Parish Office	12:30 PM	
26 Worship Meeting Parish Office	6 PM	
30 Merton Reflection Church	7 PM	
<u>February 2012</u>		
01 Ministers Meeting Clifton Center—Parish Room	Noon	
02 Pastoral Associates Meeting Clifton Center—Parish Room	9—11 AM	
4/5 Stewardship Testimony	Weekend Masses	
18 First Communion St. Leonard Church	4:30 PM	
21 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Clifton Center—Parish Room	6 PM	
22 Ash Wednesday	Watch Bulletin	
<u>March 2012</u>		
09 SFR Feast Day—Mass & Pot Luck	6 PM	
10 Morelli—Hammond Wedding	1:30 PM	
Nursery available during 8:30 and 11:30 AM Liturgy		

