



ST. LEONARD
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

**3318 Clarence Ave.
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JANUARY 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am English 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm en Español

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 5:15 pm English & 7:00 pm Thursday/Jueves Spanish Mass/Misa en Español

Confessions/Confesiones

Fridays/Viernes 6:00pm-8:00pm

Saturdays/Sábados 8:30am-10:00am or by appointment / o por cita

John said, "I am baptizing you with water,

but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

~ Luke 3:16

My dear St. Leonard family,

One of my goals for the New Year is to write more frequently! Journaling, letter writing, correspondence, even essay writing are all tasks that require us to slow down a bit in order to collect our thoughts and focus our mode of self-expression. It's a craft that I've always appreciated when it's done well, but often resisted the time that it takes to do it. And so, we start off 2022 with the good intention of trying to offer more substance for our weekly bulletin.

This month brings a significant development on the Renew My Church front. I've been rather silent in this regard over the last number of weeks both because of the priority of the holiday season and because there's been very little to report. Throughout November and December, the fruits of our conversations here at the local level (the feedback report from the discernment team) has made its way through the various channels and committees of the Archdiocese who will weigh in on the final recommendation given to the Cardinal. It's important to remember that our discussions here were just one part of a much larger and more complex puzzle, and the Cardinal is free to ultimately make whatever decision he believes is best for the whole Church in Chicago.

All that said, it seems as though much of that process has been completed. Just before Christmas, the RMC team reached out to us as pastors and asked us to reserve the date of **Thursday, January 27** as the day when our grouping's decision will be announced. This is a public Zoom meeting that you are welcome to be a part of - I will give you the links and information as it becomes available. As pastor, I will find out the Cardinal's decision a day or two before so that I can make some preparations to help our community to receive his decision. Naturally, there are some nerves that always come along with the unknown, especially when there is certainty that some changes will happen in our area. However, there is much greater confidence in the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, and God's love, which remains constant even amidst change. I am convinced that your spiritual growth as committed disciples of Jesus over these last few years will help us to remain focused on the urgent mission of proclaiming the Gospel to our neighborhood, regardless of whatever new structures emerge from RMC. We cannot waver in the task of facilitating that life-changing encounter with our Lord that the world is so desperately looking for right now.

Though I do not have a crystal ball to know how the Cardinal will ultimately weigh in, I want to remind you that some sort of combination of parishes is highly likely in our area. And while it might disrupt some of our schedules and routines, it also comes with some really exciting new prospects, because the Holy Spirit always has abundant blessings in store for those who look for them! When I was moving from St. Bede to St. Leonard, and saddened by having to leave behind some of the amazing relationships I formed there, my spiritual director wisely counseled me, "Who knows, you might meet your best friend at St. Leonard. You never know what God has in store." I believe his words have been prophetic in the friendships I've made over the years here at St. Leonard, and am comforted to know that some of the same promises await us in whatever post-RMC reality our parish will encounter! Let us pray for one another and our community!

Mi querida familia de San Leonardo,

¡Uno de mis metas para el año nuevo es escribir con más frecuencia! Cuando escribes un diario, o una carta, o aún un ensayo, la tarea requiere que vayas más despacio para enfocarte bien y afinar tus pensamientos para expresarte mejor. Es una habilidad que siempre he admirado cuando está hecha bien, pero a menudo he resistido el tiempo que se requiere para hacerlo. Entonces, comenzamos el 2022 con la buena intención de ofrecer más substancia para nuestro boletín semanal.

Este mes nos traerá unas noticias del proceso final de Renueva Mi Iglesia. No he hablado mucho de ese tema en las últimas semanas tanto por los días de fiesta como también porque básicamente no he tenido mucho para reportar. En Noviembre y Diciembre, los frutos de nuestra conversación aquí en nuestra agrupación (el informe que hicimos con el grupo) ha corrido los varios canales y comités de la arquidiócesis y ellos también tienen que darle su opinión al Cardenal. Es muy importante que recordemos que nuestro informe es solamente una pieza que forma parte de un rompecabezas muy complejo, y el Cardenal es completamente libre para tomar la decisión que él siente que sea para el bien de toda la Iglesia aquí en Chicago.

Dicho esto, se me hace que han terminado la mayoría de ese proceso. Antes de la Navidad, el equipo RMC se comunicó con nosotros párrocos para pedir que reserváramos la fecha del **Jueves, 27 de Enero** como la fecha cuando se va a anunciar la decisión final para nuestra agrupación. Será una junta pública por Zoom y estás bienvenido a unirse a esta junta - te paso la información y los enlaces cuando están disponibles. Como párroco, me van a avisar unos dos o tres días antes para poder prepararme a ayudar a la comunidad a recibir la decisión. Naturalmente, hay muchos nervios que siempre vienen junto con los cambios, especialmente cuando estamos seguros que habrán cambios en nuestro área. Pero también hay mucho más confianza en la gracia y el poder del Espíritu Santo, y en el amor de Dios, que permanece constante aún entre cambios. Estoy totalmente convencido de que el crecimiento espiritual que has hecho como discípulo de Cristo en los últimos años te preparará bien para permanecer enfocado en la misión urgente de proclamar el Evangelio a nuestro vecindario, sin temer las nuevas realidades resultantes de RMC. No podemos vacilarnos en la tarea de facilitar el encuentro con nuestro Señor que cambia toda la vida y que el mundo tanto necesita ahora.

Aunque no tengo una bola de cristal para poder discernir exactamente como decidirá el cardenal, te recuerdo que alguna combinación de parroquias es muy probable en nuestro área. Y aunque pueda interrumpir algunos de nuestros horarios y rutinas, también vendrá con unas posibilidades muy emocionantes, porque el Espíritu Santo siempre tiene bendiciones abundantes preparadas para aquellos que las busquen. Cuando estuve cambiándome de San Beda para San Leonardo, estuve muy triste por tener que dejar algunas amistades y relaciones que había formado allá. Pero mi director espiritual sabiamente me comentó, “¿Quién sabe? Hasta puedes conocer en San Leonardo a tu mejor amigo. Nunca sabes lo que Dios te tiene preparado.” Sus palabras han sido como una profecía para mí aquí en nuestra parroquia y las amistades que he formado. Estoy convencido que grandes cosas nos esperan en comoquiera que resulte la decisión del Cardenal. Oremos juntos por nuestra comunidad.



A Catholic Education Can Be Affordable

You have an opportunity to send your child to St. Leonard School through Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarships. These scholarships are for students from low and middle income households in grades K-12 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Scholarship opportunities are being distributed by two Scholarship Granting Organizations (Empower Illinois and Big Shoulders) and can cover up to 100% of tuition and fees for the 2022-23 St. Leonard School year.

Thanks to these programs, St. Leonard School has been fortunate enough to have 20 students enroll and learn in a faith-filled environment, gaining knowledge, and building on their faith in Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please call Lauren DeLonjay, Marketing Coordinator at St. Leonard School to receive further instructions at (708-749-3666) or email at: Idelonjay@stleonardschool.org. You can also go to <https://schools.archchicago.org/tax-credit-scholarships> for more detailed information.

Usted tiene la oportunidad de inscribir a su hijo/a en la escuela de San Leonardo por parte de la Beca "Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarships". Esta beca es para familias con bajos y medianos ingresos que tengan hijos/as de la dad de Kinder - 12° grado para el año escolar de 2022-2023.

Dos organizaciones que otorgan becas ("Empower Illinois" y "Big Shoulders") están distribuyendo oportunidades de becas y pueden cubrir hasta el 100% de la colegiatura y honorarios para el año escolar 2022-2023 en san Leonardo. Gracias a estos programas, la escuela de San Leonardo ha tenido la suerte de tener 20 estudiantes inscritos y aprendiendo en un ambiente lleno de fe, creciendo en sabiduría lo mismo que en su propia fe, en las Escuelas Católicas de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago.

Si usted desea aprovechar esta oportunidad, favor de llamar a Daisy Quevedo en la Rectoría de San Leonardo para recibir instrucciones adicionales al (708-484-0015) o por correo electrónico a: dquevedo@stleonard.org También para obtener información más detallada puede ir a <https://schools.archchicago.org/tax-credit-scholarships>



Apply

Apply for a state tax credit with the Illinois Department of Revenue



Designate

Designate your donation to St. Leonard



Educate

Your donation makes it possible for students in need to receive their education at St. Leonard

JANUARY 30, 2022 11:30AM-1:30PM

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE



JOIN US AT OUR 10:00 AM FAMILY MASS AND ATTEND OUR OPEN HOUSE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS

As Catholic educators, we are committed to nurturing this potential and guiding your child's spiritual and academic progress.

We start by recognizing your child's unique needs and cultivating a curiosity that leads to a lifelong love of learning. God's love and friendship provides a firm foundation for growth, and we seek to give your child a vibrant encounter with Him through the family of the Church and powerful experiences of the sacraments.

At St. Leonard School, our supportive environment helps students feel a sense of belonging and trust, encouraging them to ask questions, tackle challenges and take risks. We know your child will feel at home here, part of the pride of St. Leonard School.

For more information and financial aid possibilities, please contact Lauren DeLonjay at Idelonjay@stleonardschool.org or call us at: 708/749-3666

Como educadores católicos, estamos comprometidos a nutrir este potencial y guiar el progreso espiritual y académico de su hijo.

Comenzamos reconociendo las necesidades únicas de su hijo y cultivando una curiosidad que lleva a un amor de aprendizaje de por vida. El amor y la amistad de Dios proporcionan una base firme para el crecimiento, y tratamos de dar a su hijo un encuentro vibrante con ÉL a través de la familia de la Iglesia y experiencias poderosas de los sacramentos.

En la Escuela San Leonardo, nuestro ambiente de apoyo ayuda a los estudiantes a sentir un sentido de pertenencia y confianza, animándolos a hacer preguntas, enfrentar desafíos y tomar riesgos. Sabemos que su hijo se sentirá como en casa aquí, parte del orgullo de la Escuela San Leonardo.

Para obtener más información y posibilidades de ayuda financiera, comuníquese con Lauren DeLonjay en Idelonjay@stleonardschool.org o llámenos al: 708/749-3666 para inglés, o para español comuníquese con Daisy Quevedo en dquevedo@stleonard.org o llámenos al 708-484-0015.



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NEW DATE/ NUEVA FECHA

FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT

February 5, 2022

9 am - 1:30 pm

St. Leonard School

3322 Clarence Ave, Berwyn IL

NEW DATES/ NUEVA FECHA

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation (Last Name A-M)

Thursday, February 10, 6pm

First Reconciliation (Last Name N-Z)

Friday, February 11, 6pm

St. Leonard Church

This training will be conducted by Zoom only.

The in-person meeting has been cancelled due to the pandemic.



Accompanying & mentoring training program

January 12, 2022
from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: [Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID: **916 761 2543**
Passcode: **1**

For more information please contact:
Julie O'Reilly-Castillo
(708) 484-0015
jcastillo@stleonard.org

Pastoral Migratoria
Southwest Cluster



Pastoral Migratoria Southwest Cluster (St. Mary of Czestochowa, in Cicero, St. Leonard, in Berwyn and Ascension, in Oak Park) invites you to participate in our collaborative project with ICDI (Interfaith

Community for Detained Immigrants) and other parishes and organizations.

The Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants' newest program, Harbor Hospitality is a community-based housing and case management program designed specifically for people seeking asylum. Their trauma-informed care model is a globally recognized replacement to immigration detention. To accomplish this, they coalesce three community-supported components that make the Harbor Hospitality program work. Communities may be matched with other communities to pool resources that include: no-cost housing, supportive mentor teams, and a monthly financial stipend.

Please join us and learn more about how can you participate and volunteer on this collaborative project.

Este es el programa más nuevo de la comunidad interreligiosa para inmigrantes detenidos, Harbor Hospitality. Este es un programa de administración de casos y de vivienda en la comunidad, diseñado específicamente para personas que buscan asilo. El modelo de atención es basado en el trauma que experimentan las personas. Es un programa reconocido mundialmente como una alternativa a la detención migratoria. Esto se logra uniendo tres componentes apoyados por la comunidad, lo cual hace que el programa Harbor Hospitality funcione. Las comunidades colaboran con otras comunidades para compartir recursos que incluye: vivienda sin costo, equipos de mentores de apoyo y un estipendio financiero mensual. Unase a nosotros y aprenda más sobre cómo puede participar y ser voluntario en este proyecto colaborativo.

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Immigration Ministry | Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity

IMMIGRATION FILM FESTIVAL 2022

Join the Immigration Ministry of the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity as we pray, learn and discuss issues of migration in a respectful virtual environment. As missionary-disciples, we explore how we can respond to Christ's call to give welcome. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35).

Each session includes prayer, a documentary viewing and moderated group discussion.

For Webinar Registration go to: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G1tJjp88Td2hW_LS_x_koA

For more information, contact Mary Lou Matheke at mmatheke@archchicago.org.

Oh Mercy | Thursday, January 6 | 7 p.m. CST

In 2019 the US imposed a regulation requiring immigrants crossing the border to stay in Mexico until the date of their hearing. This is formally called the Migrant Protection Protocols but is best known as the "Stay in Mexico Policy." This film shows the severe hardship suffered by the people affected by this policy. Join us after the film for discussion and Q&A with filmmaker Robert Bilheimer.

Ameen: A Portrait of Work and Faith | Wednesday, January 12 | 7 p.m. CST

Share the simple sincerity of Ameen, a humble Muslim man who integrates his faith and work seamlessly. Join us after the film for discussion and Q&A with filmmaker Cristian Murphy.

Terror and Hope: The Science of Resilience | Thursday, January 20 | 7 p.m. CST

Lessons of baseball and war. The effects of and healing from toxic stress in immigrants from war zones.

Diary of an Outsider | Thursday, January 27 | 7 p.m. CST

A dramatization of the pulls of culture on an immigrant living in Chicago

ST. LEONARD PARISH



3318 CLARENCE AVENUE (just east of MacNeal Hospital)
BERWYN, IL 60402
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SERVICE DAYS AND HOURS:

Open every Tuesday, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
(enter off alley at the back of the rectory building)

Service to Berwyn residents ONLY.
Please be prepared to present proof of residence.

People in need can receive food assistance once/month.

Saint Leonard Holy Name

The Saint Leonard Holy Name Society will be holding its annual Big Game party on February 13th.

Please mark your calendar for a good day of fine dining and fun with fellow parishioners.

Food and Beer will be served. Pools for the game will be available for purchase.



The Holy name continues to support the scouting programs and sports programs for the Parish.

In this time of uncertainty please consider attending or even providing a donation to help support the men's club.

Jose Munoz - President of Holy Name

DESPENSA de COMIDA – IGLESIA SAN LEONARDO

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DIAS Y HORAS de SERVICIO: Todos los martes de 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (entra por la parte atrás de la Rectoría; por el callejon)

Servicio Solamente a Residentes de Berwyn
Favor de traer identificación con prueba de su dirección en Berwyn
Se puede recibir ayuda una vez por mes.

Our Lady of Charity Parish
and Renew My Church
Cordially invite you to attend an

Evening Gala
Appreciation Dinner Dance
Saturday, January 29, 2022

•family style dinner •open bar •raffles and DJ

for more information or to buy tickets please contact
Nilsa Aguilera at nnievesaguilera@archchicago.org or (708) 652-8824
Alejandro Aguilera at (708) 652-8824



Iglesia Nuestra Señora de la Carida
y Reneva Mi Iglesia

Cordialmente le invitan a que nos acompañe a la

Noche de Gala
Cena Baile de Reconocimiento
Sábado 29 de enero del 2022

•cena estilo familiar •barra abierta •rifas y DJ

Para más información favor de comunicarse con
Nilsa Aguilera: nnievesaguilera@archchicago.org o (708) 652-8824
Alejandro Aguilera at (708) 652-8824

The Mayfield Banquet
6072 S Archer Ave. Chicago, IL.
6PM - 12AM

Mass Intentions
Intenciones de la Misa

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 am Paul Cervantes +
Jeniffer Bartose +

10:00 am Mary Sedlacek +
Alberto Acosta +

1:30 pm Blanca Torres, Guadalupe Gutierrez,
Antonio Bravo
Victor Moreno + & Julia Hernandez

7:00 pm Por la Gente de San Leonardo

Monday, January 10

5:15 pm Virginia Cuartelon Cagandahan +

Wednesday, January 12

5:15 pm For the people of St. Leonard

Thursday, January 13

7:00 pm Por la Gente de San Leonardo

Friday, January 14

5:15 pm The needs and the Intentions of the Iskali
Community
Karen Prokes-Bachner +

Saturday, January 15

4:00 pm Maria Cortez+ 9 Years since passing

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am For the people of St. Leonard

10:00 am Mary Sedlacek +

7:00 pm Por la Gente de San Leonardo



SCAN ME

If you would like to support our parish ministries with a donation, you could donate by using the parish envelopes, Pushpay, or text 1-833-846-8272 with the keyword "STLEONARD" and the amount you want to contribute. Every little bit helps! God bless you!

Thank you for your support!

<https://pushpay.com/g/stleonardcatholicchurch>

Si desea apoyar a nuestros ministerios parroquiales con una donación, puede donar usando los sobres parroquiales, o Pushpay

*o el texto 1-833-846-8272 con la palabra clave STLEONARD y la cantidad que desea contribuir. ¡Cada pedacito ayuda!
¡Dios te bendiga!*

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