



ST. LEONARD'S LEDGER---MAY 2026 ISSUE

A group of Marianist Religious Brothers and Priests live at St. Leonard's in Centerville, not far from Dayton. These men had quite a life of being administrators in parishes, high schools, universities, retreat centers, the missions, and teachers and even positions of Administration of the Religious Order. They are now here to get the necessary cares and concerns that they need. We are here for prayer and service.

What follows is what we are doing!

Friday, May 1st: We celebrated two birthdays: Jack Somerville (April 29th) and Pat Tonry (May 2nd). We had nice celebration with social and dinner (ribs). We had invited guests: Annie and Bob Cunningham (Annie is our activity leader) and also Mr. Tom Wittmann (father of Chris Wittmann).

Saturday, May 2nd: Bill Grundish enter hospice and was anointed. His sister Louise (a Sister of Charity) and Sister Vivian were to visit Bill. The community with Fr. Pat Tonry presiding at the Anointing of the Sick.

That evening the community had their usual movie night under the direction of Jack Somerville.

The week of May 3rd:

Tuesday, (May 5th) some the brothers journey over to the election center on St. Leonard's property;

Wednesday (May 6th) about 13 brothers had lunch at Cracker Barrel –they had an enjoyable meal.

During each week the Brothers are invited to Activity time with Annie Cunningham eg. Play Bocce ball, and other activities (exercise time on Friday is available with Donna Armerbrout). St. Leonard puts out a monthly calendar of activities and events.

We are here for prayer and service. Daily in our community life and our personal prayer life we are praying for many intentions. Service –this past Thursday (May 7th) our dining room was set up assembly line in making 50 bags for homeless men (eg. Sandwich, water, snacks, socks, etc.). We show our appreciation to our nursing staff by remembering them on their birthdays and holidays.

Saturday, May 9th: Movie night (Schindler’s List—Part 1). Other movies that were seen in the “Somerville Theatre”—“Hidden Figures” and “Apollo 13” (we saw these due the recent space trip). A different movie that we saw was “The Age of Adeline”!!! We also watch the movie “Miracles” (USA hockey beating the Russians in the Olympics). On the evening of May 17th we finished the movie, part 2 , of “Schindler’s List!.

On Mother’s Day we remembered our Mothers at the Mass—each of us received a carnation, then after the homily we each name our mother and the carnation was placed on the altar.

May 18th The University of Dayton honor our Bro. Bob Hughes for his many years of service in the Print Shop. Several members of our community help Bob celebrate this special occasion.

Saturday, May 23rd, 13 members of the community attended the Profession of Perpetual Vows for Sr. Emily Sandoval, FMI at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church (Dayton) followed by a reception.

Pentecost Sunday—the Community celebrated this feast in our Chapel—the beautiful decorations around the altar (by David Betz) and homily by Pat Tonry and music led by Jack Somerville and David Betz. We hosted several guests.

Monday, May 25th was three celebrations. Mass for the day (1) Mary Mother of the Church, (2) Mary, Help of Christians (Anniversary of the foundation of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate—1816; (3) Memorial Day. We used the readings for Mary, Help of Christians. Hymns covered the Marian feast and a special song sung by Jack; also gave his reflections at this Mass. Later in the day (supper time) we had a social and cookout done by Chef Charlie Johnson.

Wednesday—found the Brothers getting their haircuts by Debbie.

Thursday found 10 brothers playing darts. Friday, a group of Brothers had lunch at the Station House (a restaurant on the St. Leonard’s property).

Saturday (5/30) was movie night enjoying “Mrs. Delafield Wants to Marry”.

Every other Thursday Novice Paul Pruski joins our community in morning prayer meeting with the community in some activity or a one on one.

Please let us know if you have any intentions you would like us to pray for:

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