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Carol Stream Parish Welcomes Priest and Community Back

St. Luke Parish, 421 Cochise Court, Carol Stream welcomes back their Parish Administer, Father Michael Pennock on May 1 and 2, 2021. Fr. Pennock was scheduled to preside at the parish in May of 2020. A world- wide pandemic prevented Fr. Pennock from returning earlier. The community will celebrate with Fr. Pennock on May 8 after the 5:00pm Mass and on May 9 after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses. Due to COVID restrictions, only saying hello in a receiving line will be available.

“Fr. Pennock first came to serve at St. Luke Parish in July of 2019. During a busy four month stay, Fr. Pennock built relationships with our 200 families. He presided over the sacraments such as baptisms and daily Mass. He shared his vast knowledge of the saints with all of us,” stated Mary Lou Gabl, St. Luke Administrative Assistant.

Fr. Pennock left St. Luke’s in October of 2019 as he was scheduled to serve 6 months at a parish in Florida. His planned return to Carol Stream in April 2020 could not happen due to the pandemic’s health and travel restrictions. In his absence, Fr. Asirvadam Dandu, Fr. Marek Jurzyk, Fr. Tri Tran and Fr. Marty Gabel provided support to St. Luke Parish faith community.

“We are excited for Fr. Pennock to return to say our Masses in our newly renovated worship space! We had a fire in our sanctuary right after Christmas 2019. The space was devastated but not our parishioners. During the rebuild, we met in our community room and in classrooms. In the summer of 2020, in the middle of COVID, the Joliet Diocese’ renovation was far enough along for us to move back in to our beloved worship space for Mass celebrations. Fr. Pennock has only seen the space online. He’ll get to see the restored altar, pews and statues. Our new sound system is great, too,” said Mary Lou Gabl.

Fr. Michael Pennock, a COVID survivor and Chicago suburb native has been serving as a long- distance parish leader of St. Luke Parish since September 2020. Staff will no longer need to meet by internet with him. Parishioners will now have the opportunity to talk to Fr. Pennock in person rather than via, email, phone or video. The parish will offer three weekend Masses with Fr. Pennock’s return beginning May 8, 2021.

Due to COVID restrictions, reservations and a face mask are required to attend the 5pm Saturday Mass, 8am or 10:00am Sunday Mass. Visit www.stlukemasses.eventbrite.com to reserve a Mass ticket. Call the parish office at 630-668-1325 for more information.

“Fr. Pennock will be living at the rectory for the next 6 months instead of the Clearwater Beach area in Florida. We cannot wait to say ‘welcome back’, Mary Lou Gabl stated.

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Fr. Michael Pennock

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