

SAINT LUKE PARISH
“THE COUNTRY PARISH IN THE
HEART OF DUPAGE”
421 Cochise Court, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188
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All Masses are celebrated at St. Luke Church, 401 Cochise Ct.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS: 5:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES: 8:30 & 11:00am

HOLY DAY MASSES: As announced in bulletin

WEEKDAY MASS: Are in the Church at the times announced

BAPTISMS: Parents are expected to be practicing Catholics, and registered in the parish. Baptisms are celebrated at the times scheduled.

MARRIAGE: Marriages should be arranged at least 6 months in advance. If either party is under 19 years of age, Diocesan policy requires special instruction and a date cannot be given until the instructions have been completed and the Chancery Office has granted permission. **CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE MADE FIRST.** Hall and other social arrangements are to be made after the Church date has been set. Weddings are not performed on Sundays.

FUNERALS: Arrangements for a funeral must be made with the Parish office by the Funeral Director before publication of notice in the newspaper and the time or date is set for the Funeral.

SICK CALLS: Call the Parish Office at any time. If there is anyone at home who cannot get to Mass or the Sacraments because of illness or advanced age, please let Father know. Family members may request to take communion to other members confined at home.

HOSPITAL CALLS: If you or one of your Catholic neighbors is entering the hospital, please let us know. Time and distance permitting we will do our best to visit you.

SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION: Confession is available at any time upon request, and at times announced in the bulletin.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Our heart is big enough for all. Our parish accepts those who wish to be enriched with the Good News of Jesus. Go where you are fed. If you wish to have your spirit fed at St. Luke we ask that you commit yourself to our community. We invite you to try us and join us if you are willing to commit to sharing your journey of Faith with us. Please introduce yourself to Father and call the parish office to register.

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH: For questions and instructions in the faith or to become a part of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), please call the Religious Education Office at 630/665-2322.

ST. LUKE'S MEMORIAL FUND: Bequests or special donations to our Parish Memorial Fund may be made by contacting the Parish Center.

We are a parish committed to Stewardship. This means that every parishioner with an income is invited to use a Sunday envelope, since we expect to meet our needs from our Parish Collection at the Offertory of the Mass. Your time and talent is also a very important part of belonging to your parish.



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In the same way, friends, each one must live in our community according to our given name. Then you and I are fulfilling our mission on earth in our community according to the meanings of our names given by our parents on the Day of our Baptism. I often pray this beautiful prayer keeps me on the right track.

“Father, you created me and put me on this earth for a Purpose.

Jesus, you died for me and called me to complete your work.

Holy Spirit, you inspire me here and now for that which I was created and called “

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This day brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan.

Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. Christ himself did not need the baptism of John. He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves". He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

In Jewish religious tradition baptism is a ceremonial purification of a person who has been defiled under Mosaic Law. It is also admission of a person into the community. The baptized person undergoes a personal conversion - demonstrated by the means of the ritual cleansing - and gets a new identity and a new name.

For Jesus, however, the rite is a sign of initiation into the mission that he is going to undertake. There is a relation between the baptism of Jesus which took place two thousand years ago and ours. At Christ's baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our baptism, the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism, Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our baptism, we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

My dear family of St. Luke,

Friends, some of you might have been to the Holy Land and have seen the River Jordan. I am happy to share with you that last year in September, 2019, I visited the Holy Land. God granted me the opportunity to go with 46 of my parishioners. We were taken to the River Jordan on the 3rd day.

As soon as I got down from the bus, I rushed eagerly towards the river to see it. I was in awe when I touched the flowing water. I reflected, while I imagined the scene from today's Gospel. I then prayed and thanked God who brought me to that Holy place where Jesus Himself was baptized by John the Baptist. Then I reflected on my baptismal vows along with my parishioners.

My first name is Asirvadam and my second name is Dandu. The meaning of Asirvadam is a blessing in our Telugu, local language. We give lot of preference and priority to our names. It is good. We should give our names respect. Therefore, I must live in our community as a blessing to our faithful to fill their spiritual needs. If I fail in that, then I am not leading my life according to my Name.

the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism, Jesus prayed; after our baptism, we must pray to avoid actual sin because a baptized person belongs to Christ forever. So, during Eucharistic celebration let us reflect on our baptismal commitment.

Father Asirvadam Dandu

THE FUTURE OF ST. LUKE

We will survive!! We will renovate our church. The structure of our church is still solid, as are we. And we will get through this.

We have had calls from our Apostolic Administrator Bishop Richard E. Pates and from Father John Balluff—our Vicar. Both expressing their sympathy and prayers for us during this difficult time.

We will have to postpone all of our activities, except for Religious Education for the month of January since we are holding church in Jericho.

We will keep you up to date as we get more information on when we can be back in our sacred space.

Please pray for those who are helping us with this clean up that they know how much we care about our church and want nothing more than to be together again to worship in our space.



Please pray for the sick in our parish, especially John and Pat Angelo, Yecenia Bosley, Dinah Canada, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, Disabled Vets, Angel Faulkner, Susan Hendron, Jackie Kulp, Tom Mattingly, Clara McKinney, Jeff McKinney, Joel Munro, Abby Peck, John Rossi, Wanda Slupik, Laura Lee Tegtman and Sunny Zenarosa.

Please remember our beloved dead and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.

MASSES CELEBRATED

DURING THE WEEK

ARE HELD

IN THE CHURCH

SATURDAY — JANUARY 11

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — St. Luke Parish Memorial Society

SUNDAY — JANUARY 12

8:30am — The People of St. Luke Parish

11:00 — Ann Neff req. by Mary Breinig and Antonina & Cenesio Datuin req. by Beminda Datuin-Pal

MONDAY — JANUARY 13

No Mass

TUESDAY — JANUARY 14

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY — JANUARY 15

8:00 am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

THURSDAY — JANUARY 16

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

11:00 — Windsor Park

FRIDAY — JANUARY 17

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SATURDAY — JANUARY 18

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SUNDAY — JANUARY 19

8:30am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

11:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish



January 5, 2020

WEEKLY REQUIRED SUNDAY SUPPORT	= \$4,039.00
REG. CHURCH SUPPORT	
116 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$3,045.00
LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$ 147.61

TOTAL COLLECTION	= \$3,192.61
AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION	= \$ 27.52

ONLINE DONATION = \$ 100.00

SOLEMNITY OF MARY = \$ 31.00

FAITH COMMITMENT = \$ 330.00

PARISH IMPROVEMENT = \$ 515.00

Thank you so much for your ongoing generous financial support of St. Luke Parish! Every amount contributed helps, so we respectfully ask that you continue to regularly use your church support envelopes. It is your generosity that allows us to do what we do. Please give as your financial needs allow.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7. Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,3, 9-10. Acts 10:34-38. Matthew 3:13-17.

No Partiality. Saint Peter declares this truth: God shows no partiality. God may be my God, but God does not love me—or only mine—the best. God is not only on my side. God is on every side. God loves everyone and everything. On this day recalling the Baptism of Jesus, we cherish our own Baptism into him. Baptism calls us to discipleship and to mission.

- ◆ How will I, like Jesus, go about doing good this day?
- ◆ How will I, like Jesus, bring forth justice—even in some small way?
- ◆ How will I be at peace?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

BE KIND AND MERCIFUL

All parishioners will receive a mailing from the Diocese of Joliet this month about the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Our annual appeal is vitally important to not only the diocese, but also to our parish as well. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish and allow us all to *Be Kind and Merciful* to the most vulnerable in our community.

Our parish's goal for the 2020 CMAA is \$20,000.00 and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and then prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

BLESSING FOR ALL EXPECTANT PARENTS

Since our parish family consists of many young couples expecting new arrivals, there will be a **special blessing for all expectant parents (Moms and Dads) at all the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, January 18th & 19th.** Also, any **adoptive parents** expecting the arrival of a newcomer to your family are welcome to come forward for this blessing.



*When children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
When children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
When children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.
When children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
When children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.
When children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
When children live with security, they learn to have faith.
When children live with fairness, they learn justice.
When children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.
When children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
When children live with acceptance and friendship,
They learn to find Love in the world.*

Linda Knowles

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Join us on Wednesday, January 15th at the Morning or Evening Prayer and Reflection from 9:00am to 10:30am or from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Nazareth Spirituality Center, 717 North Batavia Avenue, Batavia, IL 60510.

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TOPIC: Hospice and palliative care touches many lives in the care of the critically and terminally ill. Join us for an informative and practical presentation on hospice and palliative care and how it supports patients and their families in a wholistic way.

PRESENTER: *Nancy Flowers, Rainbow Hospice*

COST: Free Will Donation

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Linda Isleib at 630/879-1296 or just stop by.

Visit our website at www.sscm-usa.org for more information on upcoming programs at *Nazareth Spirituality Center*.

ANNULMENT SUPPORT DAY

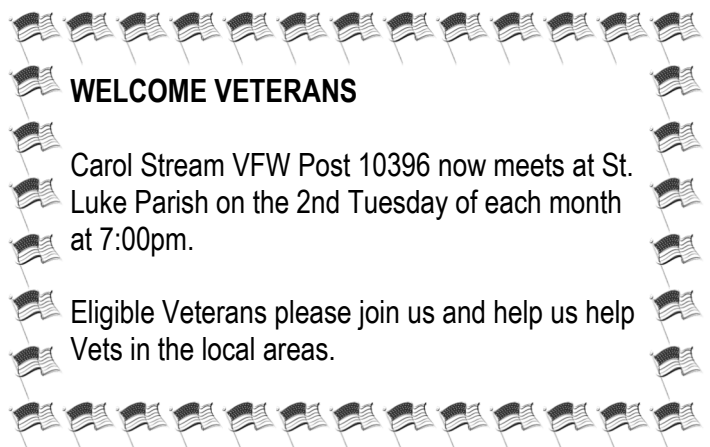
Working on annulment papers alone without support can be emotionally painful, overwhelming, and frustrating.

The Office of Family Ministry offers this one-day workshop designed for divorced persons who have petitioned the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal to begin the annulment process, have submitted the Matrimonial Fact Sheet for their case, but have not yet submitted the long questionnaire. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to attend, whether remarried or not.

This day will include time for questions and input regarding annulments and the relational issues dealt with in the questionnaire. Participants will be able to begin or continue filling out the questionnaire within a supportive atmosphere. Pastoral ministers will be available for private consultation. The day will also include a time for prayer, as we focus on beginning to turn painful memories into sources of new life.

Saturday, January 25th from 9:00-4:00 (check in at 8:45) at Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill, IL.

The \$25.00 fee includes morning coffee, lunch and materials. Pre-registration is required by January 20th. To register please call the Office of Family Ministry at 815/838-5334 or register online at <https://conta.cc/2DSt3PV>.



WELCOME VETERANS

Carol Stream VFW Post 10396 now meets at St. Luke Parish on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.

Eligible Veterans please join us and help us help Vets in the local areas.