

**SAINT LUKE PARISH**  
**“THE COUNTRY PARISH IN THE  
HEART OF DUPAGE”**

**421 Cochise Court, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188**

**Tele: 630/668-1325**

**[www.stlukecarolstream.org](http://www.stlukecarolstream.org)**

**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.



## St. Luke Parish

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### 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Behold The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"*

My dear Family of St. Luke,

#### **Fire incident and Miracle:**

I would like to share with you the incident that took place on the 30th of December in our sacred church. I came out of the rectory for the class called "Protecting God's Children" facilitated by Mark Donovan. It was 3:45 p.m. when I arrived at the entrance of our church. Jim Benzin came running and informed me **"Father! There was a fire in the church."** Mark Donovan, who with Jim had discovered the fire, telephoned the Carol Stream Fire Department. The fire fighters arrived within 3 to 4 minutes. The fire had gone out on its own.

So, I could say Mark Donovan and Jim Benzin were our saviors on that day. Mark, protecting our children by his teaching, and Jim and Mark protecting our church. I sincerely appreciate them.

Meantime class was going on, Jim, Mark, and I were called by police and firemen out of the Jericho many times with many questions.

All these questions were posed to us by fine people like Chris Diebold, (Fire Investigation Team Coordinator). I was bit afraid when answering their questions. Meantime, two persons had arrived from the Diocese of Joliet, having been called by Mary Lou Gabl.

Soon after the class, I informed Father Tri, another administrator of our St. Luke parish. He advised me to the faithful by going to Mass at the neighboring parishes. I answered immediately. We have Jericho as an alternative to have services until our church gets repaired. It was night, so he told me that he would come and see Jericho the very next morning. He arrived and saw that Jericho would be a good place to perform services for the time being.

That night I could not sleep. I took my Rosary and recited the Sorrowful Mysteries while walking in the Rectory. That night I thanked God for not hurting anybody from our St. Luke's family. The rest of our church was saved. Even the Firemen were amazed. They had not seen anything like this in all their years of experience. Many thought it was a miracle. Yes, there was a second miracle. Even though, the Christmas manger crib set had melted like wax. The baby Jesus survived. You can see it in the pictures on outside wall.

As you know, experience is a good teacher. My experiences have proved many times in my life that God gives warning with small incidents to avoid big accidents. These days I have been preparing for Road Written Test. Just as we have warning signs which indicate to a driver possible danger is ahead. So also, we earthly drivers to eternity need warning signs. We need to drive carefully, following Jesus to reach God when our time comes.

So, friends! I believe through this fire incident God personally gave you and me this warning sign to be careful in our day-to-day lives. God is testing my faith and your faith, too.

Every day while celebrating Holy Mass, when I come across the words after Our Father, "Deliver us Lord from every Evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety." I pray these words very meaningfully and very devotionally. That is how God has been protecting me from not falling into sin at each moment of my life ever since I have arrived in the USA until this very day. If I feel I need to go for reconciliation, I do it as early as possible because I be-

lieve very strongly this sacrament of reconciliation gives me strength and peace not to commit sin.

Today, we see John the Baptist testifying that Jesus indeed is the Son of God and the Son of man. Jesus is walking by him and John, seeing him pass by, he says, "**Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**"

What John has in mind is something much deeper, something much more important.

He is telling his disciples that this is the sacrificial lamb, offered at the time when the people were under the slavery of Egypt. And the lamb was offered that terrible night and his blood was placed upon the doorposts of all the children of Israel and the lamb became the sacrifice by which all of them were freed.

This is the lamb who is the sacrificial lamb. This is the Messiah who does not come with great armies. This is the Messiah who comes to us as a sacrificial lamb and, as John says, who offers his whole life that sins might be forgiven.

Sin is a very interesting word and what it means at its essence is that you have failed to love. God has given us His love and we have turned our backs on Him. God has given us Jesus and he becomes a lamb led to the slaughter to show us the depth of God's love and to make us understand the words we say, "I have sinned." We have not broken a commandment; we have broken a promise; we have broken a person; we have nailed him to the cross.

For when Jesus enters the River Jordan waters, he becomes one with us, he walks with us through life, feeling the things we feel, hoping the things we hope. He is every bit a human being when he does all this. He came so that he might take away all sin. For if sin is a sin against the love of God, Jesus redeems us by his great love, not only for God his Father, but for all of us.

And so when you go to confession, you come in contact, not with the judgment of God, you come to understand that, when Jesus offered himself on the cross for all mankind in the greatest love that a God-made man could offer his Father, that all was forgiven to all for all. This is the message that the gospel teaches us today, and this is the message we often forget. This is why Jesus came and this is why today we say with great gratitude, "**Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**"

Amen.

Father Asirvadam Dandu

## MASSES CELEBRATED

### DURING THE WEEK

### ARE HELD

### IN THE CHURCH

#### 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

#### MONDAY — JANUARY 20 — OFFICE IS CLOSED

No Mass

#### TUESDAY — JANUARY 21

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

#### WEDNESDAY — JANUARY 22

8:00 am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

#### THURSDAY — JANUARY 23

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

11:00 — Windsor Park

#### FRIDAY — JANUARY 24

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

#### SATURDAY — JANUARY 25

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

#### SUNDAY — JANUARY 26

8:30am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

11:00 — Antonio Santarro req. by Sunny Zenarosa



January 12, 2020

WEEKLY REQUIRED SUNDAY SUPPORT	= \$4,039.00
REG. CHURCH SUPPORT	
116 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$3,371.74
LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$ 120.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>= \$3,491.74</b>
<b>AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>= \$ 29.59</b>

**FAITH COMMITMENT** = \$ 150.00

**PARISH IMPROVEMENT** = \$ 300.00

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.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6. Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10. 1 Corinthians 1:1-3. John 1:29-34.

**What Baptism Makes of Us.** We begin Ordinary Times this liturgical year full of baptismal reminders. Jesus ranks ahead of John the Baptist and all of us. But though greater, he, in his good Spirit, remains with all of us. In Baptism, we are God's servants, ordained to show God's glory (and not our own), and be about God's saving plan. And like Saint Paul and the Corinthians, we are called to be holy.

- ◆ How will I cherish Baptism today and rest in Christ loving me?
- ◆ How will I manifest God's glory in some simple word or work?
- ◆ How will I be holier today than I was yesterday?



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

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

## THE FUTURE OF ST. LUKE

On Wednesday, January 8th the insurance company was back out to look over the damage in the church. Just about everything in the church has been removed for either cleaning or disposal.

We are waiting for the determination on how to proceed with the repairs and or cleaning that need to be made.

This is all in the hands of our insurance company. We will keep you informed as details progress.

Once again, NO ONE is allowed in the sanctuary. The air quality is not where it should be.

### ST. LUKE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Family of St. Luke Parish, are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in our Lives and Sacraments. We were chosen and sent by Christ to live gratefully the life God has given us and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. In the Spirit of **Faith, Service** and **Community**, we bring people closer to God and each other.

## WHAT IS THE ST. LUKE CIRCLE OF PRAYER

The Circle of Prayer is a list of names given to the office for people that need our prayers daily.

Who does the praying? It is a group of people who pray for others in need of prayer. Any member of our parish can be in the Circle of Prayer. It is a simple ministry, but one that is so very important. They pray for people on a list that is mailed to them. The office will update them on names that need to be added or deleted. This is done by a phone calling tree or email.

We can always use more people to pray. You pray at any time of day or night that best suits your circumstances. Prayer is accomplished in many different and unique ways. You might have special prayers that are your favorite. Just being silent and aware of the presence of God while sitting outside or walking is a form of prayer. Remembering those in need of prayer as you go about your daily routine is a form of prayer.

So please, consider being one who prays for others everyday and know what a blessing you are to them...and to your parish.

Call the office at 630/668-1325 and ask for Debbie or Mary Lou or email [stlgof@aol.com](mailto:stlgof@aol.com) or [stloff@aol.com](mailto:stloff@aol.com).

## WHAT IS A MASS INTENTION?

A person may ask for a Mass Intention for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, the most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

If you would like to request a Mass for someone, we request at least a week notice. We understand the importance of having a Mass said and want to make sure we do right by everyone. The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

If you want to make sure it appears in the bulletin, we need at least 2 weeks.

You can call the office at 630/668-1325 Monday thru Thursday between 9:00-4:00 or Friday between 9:00-12:00 to request a Mass.

## CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, you can visit [www.usccb.org/latin.america](http://www.usccb.org/latin.america).

## TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES

Ten Thousand Villages has reached out to thank St. Luke for a successful Christmas sale. Your generosity provided \$942.98 for these wonderful and deserving artisans.

## THANK YOU

CCW wants to thank all who participated in our Luminaria program this year. Special thanks to those who assembled, put bags out on Christmas Eve, lit the candles, and cleaned up the bags on Christmas morning. It was so beautiful and we could not do it without all your help. Blessed New Year to all.

## CASH CARD DATES



- February 8/9** Cash Cards for sale. No pre-orders  
**February 29/March 1** Order forms available  
**March 7/8** Order forms due. Think Spring Break, St. Patty's and St. Joseph needs.  
**March 14/15** Pickup orders & purchase.  
**April 4/5** Purchase cards for Easter!  
**May 2/3** Order forms in bulletins  
**May 9/10** Order forms due  
**May 16/17** Pickup orders & purchase cards for summer!



## CURSILLO CORNER

**MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST!**

### Ultreya- February 8th

Saint John the Baptist will host an Ultreya in Sebahar Hall on Saturday, February 8th, following 8:30am Mass in the chapel. Our speaker will be Adele Dunn from St. John's. Please bring a friend! This is a great way to introduce others to the movement and help in their discernment process for attending a future weekend.

### Opportunities for Piety, Study or Action

#### St. Monica Intercession

Prayers for fallen away Catholics are offered every Thursday morning immediately following 8:15am Mass at St. Elizabeth Seaton in Naperville. We ask for St. Monica's intercession with the first name of those who have fallen away from our faith. For more information, please call Aida Jacoby at 630/244-0192.

#### Wonders of Our Blessed Mother Mary

**Cathedral of St. Raymond, 604 N. Raynor Ave., Joliet — Thursday, January 23rd, 7:00pm**

Speaker James Littleton – Author, Evangelist, Retreat Master. Free-will offering.

#### Super Sunday Viewing Party & Fundraiser

**St. Elizabeth Seton, 2220 Lisson Road, Naperville, Sunday February 2nd at 4:00pm**

Join us for fun and fellowship. Main dishes will be provided, please bring an appetizer or dessert.

Please consider donating a raffle basket individually or with your group reunion Raffle Baskets are being coordinated by Aida Jacoby [aidabell@gmail.com](mailto:aidabell@gmail.com). Proceeds from the raffle will help defray the cost of the Cursillo Weekend for our future candidates.

One more thing ... BRING A FRIEND!

#### 2020 Cursillo Weekend Schedule

Weekends are held at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien Illinois

April 16 – 19 Women's 131st  
 June 25 – 28 Men's 139<sup>th</sup>  
 July 16 – 19 Women's 132nd  
 Oct 8 – 11 Men's 140th  
 Nov 5 – 8 Women's 133<sup>rd</sup>

*For those interested in learning more about the Cursillo movement or attending a Cursillo Weekend, please visit [www.jolietcursillo.org](http://www.jolietcursillo.org) or contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at: [amythe1@att.net](mailto:amythe1@att.net).*

you can email Joan Neville at [nevillejoan1@aol.com](mailto:nevillejoan1@aol.com) or call her at 847/397-9643 or visit the website at [anewstartclub.com](http://anewstartclub.com).

Everyone is welcome (Including other groups) Invite your friends!!



### SENIORS INVITED TO DEFER PROPERTY TAXES

Qualified senior citizens, aged 65 years and older are invited to apply for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. The program allows participants to defer property tax payment until the property is sold. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues 6 percent simple interest until paid. To qualify, the applicant's household income cannot exceed \$55,000.00. Additionally, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes.

The application period closes March 2nd. For more information, contact the DuPage County Treasurer's Office at 630/407-5900 or [www.dupageco.org/treasurer](http://www.dupageco.org/treasurer). Gwen Henry, Treasurer.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Don't miss out on the upcoming enrichments for married couples and religious during February 2020. The enrichment begins with a private weekend experience including 11 presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and provides ongoing enrichments after the weekend from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter community.

For information on applying, please go to [wwme-chicagoland.org](http://wwme-chicagoland.org) and say YES TODAY, to God's call to love one another!

### A NEW START DANCE

### VALENTINE'S DANCE

Saturday, February 8th from 6:00 – 10:00pm.

St. Peter Church, 202 E. Schaumburg Rd. in Schaumburg



Specific food will be served between 6:30 - 7:30pm

Come, and enjoy!

DJ Tom from 6:30-10:00pm

Soft Drinks, water, Coffee, Tea, will be available. Bring a snack to share.

Tickets: \$12.00 per Person

For additional information



### DEAR FATHER DANDU AND THE PEOPLE OF ST. LUKE PARISH

We are so very grateful for the many ways you serve the spiritual needs of our residents. May God Bless you all in 2020 and beyond!

Merry Christmas  
 Bunny Mirrilees  
 Windsor park