

GOF — Generations of Faith  
 JER — Jericho  
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 RM — Rooms

# ST. LUKE PARISH

Confession: Saturday 4:15-4:45pm  
 Liturgies:  
 Saturday — 5:00pm  
 Sunday — 8:30 & 11:00am  
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:00am  
 Mass in Church  
 Thursday — 11:00am Windsor

## February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 First Friday Home Visits  7:30 Choir Practice	2  All Masses Blessing of Candles & Throats
3 9:40 - 10:50 RE rms 1 - 4 & 7  Cash Card Orders Due	4	5 8:00 - 4:00 Lifeline Screening JER	6	7 6:15 Bell Choir rm 4	8 7:30 Choir Practice	9 RE Bake Sale -All Masses  All Masses- Cash Card Pick Up
10 Father Danny's Birthday 9:40-10:50 RE rms 1-4 & 7 Anniversary Mass & Recep- tion 11:00	11	12 7:00 VFW rm 1	13	14 6:15 Bell Choir rm 4	15 7:30 Choir Practice	16 2:00 Baptism
17	18  Office Closed	19	20	21 6:15 Bell Choir rm 4	22 7:30 Choir Practice	23 All Masses- RE Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales
24 11:00 Mass Anointing of the Sick  12:00 - 2:00 GOF all rms	25	26	27	28 6:15 Bell Choir rm 4		

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

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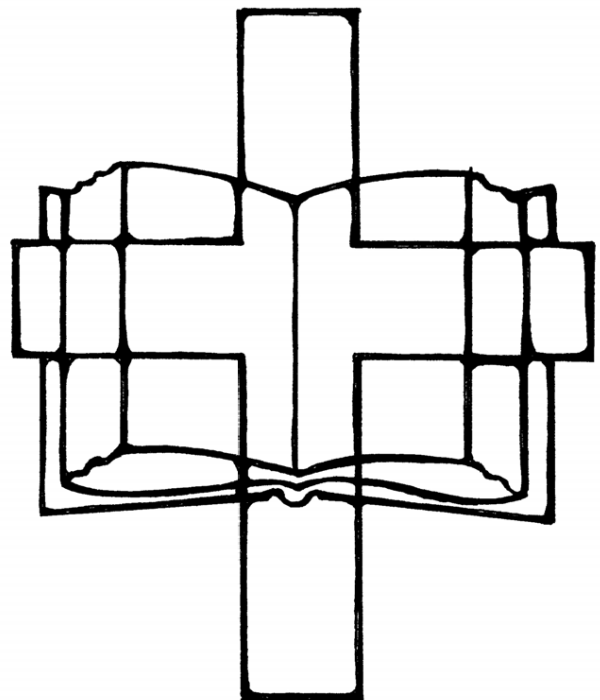
## TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

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**MASSES CELEBRATED**

**DURING THE WEEK**

**ARE HELD**

**IN THE CHURCH**

**SATURDAY — JANUARY 26**

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

**SUNDAY — JANUARY 27**

8:30am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

11:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**MONDAY — JANUARY 28**

Mass will not be celebrated today

**TUESDAY — JANUARY 29**

8:00am — Pura Celis Beatingo req. by Jun Delfin

**WEDNESDAY — JANUARY 30**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**THURSDAY — JANUARY 31— WINDSOR PARK**

11:00am— The Intentions of the Celebrant

**FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 1**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 2**

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — Edward & Marcella Schultz req. by their family

**SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 3**

8:30am — Alfred Rossi req. by St. Luke Council of  
Catholic Women and for The People of  
St. Luke Parish

11:00 — Carol Thompson req. by Mary Breinig



Please pray for the sick in our parish, especially Pat Angelo, Yecenia Bosley, Adele Coplen, Don Dewar, Disabled Vets, Angel Faulkner, John Rossi, Laura Lee Tegtman and Ray Young.

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

**LOVE IN OUR WORKS**

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.

—Teresa of Ávila

**BROKEN BRIDGES**

When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.

—George Herbert

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

**Second Reading**—In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body(1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14,27] )

**Gospel** — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30



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## HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Father Soriano is setting up a time to visit our parishioners who are homebound. If you or a member of your family is homebound and would like a visit and receive communion from Father, please notify the office. The name will be added to the list.

The visits will be scheduled for the first Friday of the month. You can call the office at 630/668-1325 or email at [stloff@aol.com](mailto:stloff@aol.com). Please put homebound in the subject line.

## ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2019 11:00 AM

A Tradition continues ...

Married couples who are parishioners of St. Luke are invited to attend this very special Mass. Couples who will celebrate a wedding anniversary divisible by five, such as 5th, 10th, etc. during 2019 and those celebrating 50 plus years are invited to be part of our celebration. Also, if this is a significant anniversary or extenuating circumstances, you are welcome to participate. A special invitation is extended to couples married in 2018 who will be celebrating their first anniversary in 2019.



Fill out the form and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass or call the parish office at 630/668-1325. Please respond by February 3rd.

On February 10th, please arrive by 10:40 and come to Jericho to check in. **Please bring a wedding photo in a frame so we can display them. We would like to keep them for a week and place in the hallway. Put your name on the back.** Couples will process into church with Father. You can sit wherever you want with your families.

After Mass please come to Jericho along with your children and family members for a small reception.

## ANNIVERSARY MASS FEBRUARY 10, 2019 11:00

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years Married \_\_\_\_\_

## 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).



Thanks to everyone who came to  
[CCW Spring Hospitality](#)

We enjoyed meeting and visiting with you while you munched on those delicious doughnuts.

A special thank you to all those who picked a heart from the giving trees—you  
#Love 2 give #Give 2 love

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden Numbness
- Difficulty Speaking
- Severe Dizziness
- Loss of Coordination
- Sudden Loss of Vision
- Sudden Intense Headache
- Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by participating in the Life Line Screening health screenings that will be at St Luke Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 5th. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation.

**In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1/888-653-6441 or text the word circle to 797979 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).**

## RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Exciting news! Resurrection Catholic Church is hosting "Mass Confusion", Tuesday, January 29th at 7:00pm. A Catholic comedy for all ages!

Lighten up folks with the Doug and Dave Show's "Mass Confusion". Mass Confusion is an inter-active musical catechetical comedy featuring the wit and wisdom of the "Man of Many Faces" Doug Brummel and his cast of characters along with accomplished musician and songwriter David Wilson. The two share a passion for their faith, family, humor, and music in spreading the joy of the gospel. This new presentation engages, entertains, evangelizes and catechizes all at the same time. It's like a Catholic casserole with a blended mix that tickles the faith and nourishes the soul.

Perfect for all ages and backgrounds. Invite your family and friends of all faiths. He is excited to offer this ministry show to our community. It's guaranteed to tickle your faith and nourish the soul. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be taken to help support this ministry effort.

Get ready to celebrate our Faith in a way you will not soon forget. Mark your calendar now for this not-to-be-missed event. Visit their website at [www.DougandDaveShow.com](http://www.DougandDaveShow.com).

## ARE YOU DIVORCED OR IN THE PROCESS OF DIVORCE?

You are invited to attend "Divorce & Beyond", a 10-week, faith based peer support group. The next session will begin at St. Michael Church, Wheaton on Wednesday, February 6th (6:30pm – 8:00pm). It will be located on the East End of the Narthex in the Family Room.

The self-help group meets weekly and is focused on working through the grief and mourning process. The objective is to facilitate the process of healing and growth.

Registration is required and limited spots available, therefore, please contact Deacon Dan L. Aderholdt at [dladerholdt@gmail.com](mailto:dladerholdt@gmail.com) or 630/234-8704.

## MICHAEL O'NEILL, "THE MIRACLE HUNTER"

Michael O'Neill, considered a foremost authority on Miracles, will present at a Parish Mission hosted by St. Irene Catholic Church, 28W441 Warrenville Rd., Warrenville 630/393-2400. <https://www.st-irene.org>

O'Neill, well-known for his *Relevant Radio* program "The Miracle Hunter", and Host and Creator of EWTN's "They Might be Saints", has been a guest on *The Today Show*, *Fox and Friends*, *Live Science*, and *The Dr. Oz Show*.

The Parish Mission, scheduled for three evenings, February 11th-13th from 7:00-8:00pm, will cover the topics of Marian Apparitions, Eucharistic Miracles, and other phenomena throughout Church history. Free Admission; All are welcome.

## REFLECT

Celebrating 15 years  
of Catholic Retreats  
for Mid-life Singles  
2004 – 2019



**Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (northern suburbs) on February 22nd-24th. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), call 630/222-8303 or email [reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com) for details.

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## THANK YOU NOTE

Just a note to "thank you" all for your thoughtfulness and generosity towards our Veterans. Recently all our Veterans were adopted by your parish for "Veteran's Day". They all received items that they requested, plus more! Everyone was so appreciative of their gifts, it really made their day.

The DuPage Care Centers' Veterans Group



## TOP 5 FLU PREVENTION TIPS FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES

A recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that most people get the flu in February. So it's important to stay vigilant and not too late to get immunized!

Here are a few things you can do in your house of worship to help keep each other healthy.

1. Teach and model healthy lifestyles of good nutrition, stress management and hygiene. Reinforce that self-care is good!
2. If your faith tradition includes rituals that involve sharing bread or other foods, or drinking from a common cup, consider arranging for individual servings.
3. Consider the fist bump when greeting each other instead of shaking hands or hugging. Bumping elbows is even better!
4. Pay special attention to the protection of the most vulnerable, like frail elderly or people with chronic illnesses. Can everyone get to the doctor or clinic to get a flu shot? Is there anyone who cannot afford a flu shot?
5. One of the best places for people to get immunized and learn more about preventing flu is in the trusted and convenient environment of their own house of worship. If you would like to host a flu clinic for your members and community, especially those who are not insured, contact Nathan Lim at Walgreens (nathan.lim@walgreens.com) and he will connect you with your local Walgreens representative who can set up a clinic in your house of worship.

**Prayer:** *God of healing, you create our bodies with the ability to resist infection and illness. Let us be good partners with you in keeping ourselves and others healthy. Amen.*

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## THE ULTIMATE ROAD MAP

Tired of going in circles, I wanted to stop and ask for directions to the Kennedy Library in Boston. My husband, the driver, did not. Eventually I won out. A store clerk was happy to provide a map and point us on our way.

Many of us Christians act like my husband did that day, blithely going on our way, turning here, backtracking there, never really finding what we want in life, but sure that if we follow our nose we'll get there eventually.

The Bible is exactly what we need on our journey: a road map to guide us on our way, to help us around the inevitable wrong turns and errors—and, in the end, to show us the direct path to eternal life with God in heaven.

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### LESSONS IN WISE FAITH

"The Magi teach us true faith," said Martin Luther. Given the obstacles they encountered, we would understand if they had given up altogether!

First, the travelers were "off the mark," coming to Jerusalem to seek a newborn king in a "royal palace." Then, directed to Bethlehem, the wise men found a sight "so utterly out of keeping with a king" — a poor young woman and child, in a "poor hut" — that one might expect them to head straight home. "But," declares Luther, "with a great, strong and full faith they ... follow the word of the prophet and the witness of the star in all purity of heart," bowing to worship and honor the Savior.

—Based on Luther's sermon for the Festival of the Epiphany (1522), *Luther's Works*

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