

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

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.

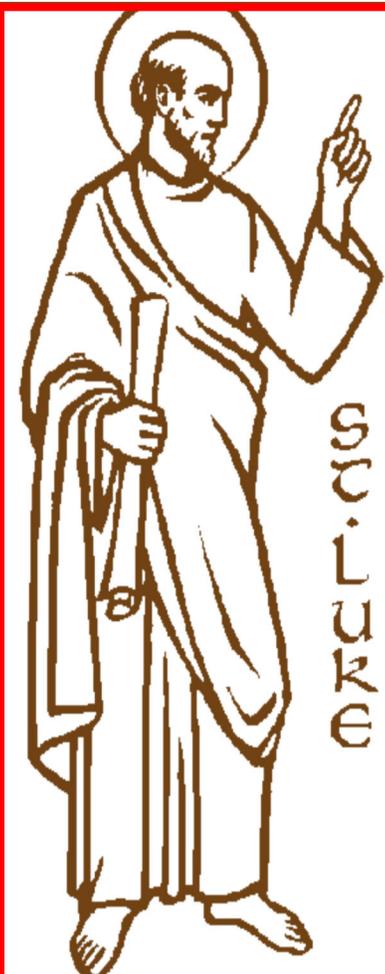
SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION: Confession is available at any time upon request, and at times announced in the bulletin.

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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AUTHENTIC PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES TO GOD

My dear Family of St. Luke,

Today, the universal church celebrates the Feast of the presentation of the Lord.

Story: Julia Duin in the Washington Times Sunday, February 1, 2009 told this story. "Just after midnight on Feb. 3, 1943, an act of extraordinary unselfishness by a group of men became a legend of martyrdom and sacrifice. When the Army ship Dorchester was torpedoed by the Germans just south of Greenland that night, its passengers and crew had 25 minutes to get off the boat. As 902 people went for the life jackets, it quickly was discovered there weren't near enough. Of the 13 lifeboats, only two functioned. In the ship's final minutes, Methodist senior chaplain George Lansing Fox, Rabbi Alexander Goode, Dutch Reformed minister Clark V. Poling and John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic priest, were helping passengers leave the vessel. Then four men appeared all of them without life jackets. The chaplains quickly gave up their own vests and went down with the ship, perishing in the freezing water. Survivors saw them, locked arm in arm, praying and singing the Navy hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" just before the ship dove beneath the waves. It was a night as

dramatic as the sinking of the Titanic but without a blockbuster movie to record the drama. "The Four Immortal Chaplains," as they are now known, have been honoured many times, including on a stamp issued in their honour by the U.S. Postal Service. The first Sunday in February is known as "Four Chaplains Sunday." They presented and offered themselves completely for the well-being of others."

Friends, at this juncture, I'd like to share the decision I took on the day of my ordination that I should present myself totally for the well-being of others; therefore, I was helping the orphans, disabled, and poor children with their education. It reminded me that once upon a time, I too was a poor seminarian. I was helped by a sponsor from Europe until my ordination so I, too, saved from my salary and sacrificed my comforts to help some seminarians and women who were to become nuns. So far one candidate, Sudha Rani, has become a nun, her life consecrated to God. She joined a Benedictine sisters' congregation. Sudha was an orphan. I attended her first profession in the year 2009 at Bhopal in India. Others have not yet become priests.

I know that when I help somebody God gives me much in return. This is very true in my priestly life. This gives me happiness in my life. That is the reason I made a decision that I must continue to help the poor orphan children and seminarians for their education purposes. My salary is meant for that purpose only. I am sacrificing all my comforts and saving for the needy and the poor. I also pray for their well-being every day.

The prophet Malachi today prepares our minds for the coming of the Lord to us: "And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter the temple... yes he is coming..." These are some questions we must ask ourselves today. With what do I meet the Lord? What present have we prepared to offer the Lord when he comes to us in the temple of our being?

The presentation of Jesus reached its climax on the cross. As a toddler, his parents assisted him in beginning the process just as our parents helped us through infant baptism and child dedication. However, as an adult he offered himself by shamelessly going public on the cross.

There are lessons here. There is no limit to which one can present and offer oneself to God and humanity. Our lives,

like that of Christ and the four immortal chaplains in the story above, must be presented and offered as a sweet-smelling sacrifice for the salvation of others. As Christ is presented and offered to God today in the temple. The church also invites us to re-present, re-consecrate and re-dedicate ourselves totally to God. Offering ourselves to God, total submission of our will, intellect and body to God is what pleases Him as Paul admonishes us, "...in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." (Rom 12:1) Amen.

Father Asirvadam Dandu

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

MASSES CELEBRATED

DURING THE WEEK

ARE HELD

IN THE CHURCH

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 1

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 2

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

11:00 — Carol Thompson req. by Mary Breinig

MONDAY — FEBRUARY 3

No Mass

TUESDAY — FEBRUARY 4

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY — FEBRUARY 5

8:00 am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

THURSDAY — FEBRUARY 6

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

11:00 — Windsor Park

FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 7

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 8

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — Ron Kulesza req. by his family

SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 9

8:30am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

11:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish



January 26, 2020

WEEKLY REQUIRED SUNDAY SUPPORT	= \$4,039.00
REG. CHURCH SUPPORT	
121 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$3,218.00
LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$ 153.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	= \$3,371.00
AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION	= \$ 27.86

ONLINE DONATION = \$ 130.00

FAITH COMMITMENT = \$ 100.00

PARISH IMPROVEMENT = \$ 65.00

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.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Money raised will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin American and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit our website at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections. Your gift makes a difference.

THE FUTURE OF ST. LUKE

The abatement process in church has started. Once that is done then we can move on to cleaning and repairing before the remodeling starts .

So, have patience, stay away from the area and keep praying for our church.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3:1-4. Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10. Hebrews 2:14-8. Luke 2:22-40.

Christ Is Present. Hebrews announces what we know: Jesus Christ had to become like us in every way (be human) in order to be high priest (like us in all things but sin). We light and bless candles today to remember that Christ our Light illumines everything and everyone. We listen to Simeon and Anna sing his praise.

- ◆ How will I carry the Light who is Christ with me from Mass today?
- ◆ To whom will I let it shine?
- ◆ How will I sing his praise?



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, Jeff McKinney, Joel Munro, Erman Paraoan, Abby Peck, John Rossi, Wanda Slupik, and Laura Lee Tegtman.

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



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Father Dandu 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. Please put homebound in the subject line.

**ANNUAL WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASS
SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 16th, 2020
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 2020 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 2019 who will be celebrating their first anniversary in 2020.

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 10th.

On February 16th, please arrive by 10:40 and come to room 4 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 room 4 along with your children and family members for a small reception.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS
FEBRUARY 16, 2020
11:00**

Names _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Number of years Married _____

CCW CASH CARDS

A Reminder

Please stop by the hall table next weekend, February 8th & 9th to purchase a cash card or two. Groceries, gasoline, dining and shopping options are plentiful. Keep a card handy for any unexpected gift giving. Cash Cards are great Valentine Card additions! They are simple to wrap, mail or carry. Even better--- CCW earns donations for every card sold and you get full face value. Thank you!



 **FEBRUARY**



January 6, 2020

St. Luke Catholic Church
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Dear St. Luke Catholic Church,

You are such a blessing. Your donation of \$550.00 on December 19, 2019 to Feed My Starving Children on behalf of the CCW Christmas Dinner & Auction is sending 2,291 Manna Pack Meals to those around the world who need it most. Hope is greater because of you.

Every gift matters to a hungry child. You're saving lives. You're providing hope. Its an honor to care for these precious children alongside you.

"...and they will do even greater things than these..." - John 14:12

May God bless you,

Mark Crea
Executive Director/CEO



Reden says "salamat" (thank you)! In his poor community in the Philippines, Reden was malnourished and struggling. His mother Charisse brought him to our partner International Care Ministries (ICM), where she was given

FMSC MannaPack' meals to feed her son. His health stabilized. He gained 10 pounds! "The muscles in his arms and legs grew," Charisse said.

Through your generosity, partners like KM have FMSC meals on hand to instantly provide care and nutrition to 'undernourished children. Your loving gift brings hope to these communities in need. Thank you for feeding kids around the world.

ST. LUKE ADULT ED

How would your life be changed by a personal encounter with Jesus?

Dr. Allen Hunt leads us to examine 8 encounters with Jesus in the Gospel according to John. Join us in a nine-week study of John's Gospel with a goal to personally meet Jesus Christ.

Sessions begin February 2nd from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the Parish Center. Cost of a workbook used in the sessions is \$14.00. Questions? Call Gail at 630/690-9468.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TO BENEFIT FROM FIRST LOOK FOR CHARITY

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, along with 17 other charities, will benefit from First Look for Charity, the official kick-off to the **Chicago Auto Show**. The black-tie event will be held on Friday, February 7th at McCormick Place from 7:00 to 11:00pm.

Guests who purchase tickets through Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet will enjoy an incredible evening on the showroom floor, complete with champagne and hors d'oeuvres from around the world, and first class entertainment. Guests will also be treated to all the amenities of the Catholic Charities hospitality suite including private coat check, open bar, incredible food, free professional photographs, live music, and warm cookies as you depart for the ride home. Plus, when you purchase tickets and attend the event, you are automatically entered to win a new car!



Tickets are \$275 each (tax deductible portion: \$226) and are available at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815/724-1140.

2020 LENTEN WEEKEND RETREAT

WHAT: A retreat open to all women who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Lenten season.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

WHERE: Nazareth Spirituality Center, 717 North Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL 60510.

Retreat Weekend Choices

WEEKEND #1

Begins at 7:00pm on Friday, February 21st and ends at 1:00pm on Sunday, February 23rd

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 17th

WEEKEND #2

Begins at 7:00pm on Friday, February 28th and ends at 1:00pm on Sunday, March 1st

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 24th

COST: \$100 per person. --- Space is limited.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER: Please call Linda Isleib at 630/879-1296.

BUSY PERSON'S LENTEN RETREAT. . . is a retreat open to both men and women that works itself into your busy daily schedule, giving you an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God during the Lenten Season.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

PRESENTER: Kathy Brady-Murfin

WHERE: Nazareth Spirituality Center, 717 N. Batavia Avenue, Batavia, IL 60510

COST: \$30 or Free Will Offering

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Linda Isleib at 630/879-1296 by Friday, February 21st.

JOYFULAGAIN



For widowed men and women

Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry presents a Retreat/workshop for widowed men & Women

All are welcome.

March 14th & 15th *Our Lady of the Angels,
House of Prayer,
(Mt. Assisi Center Bldg.)
13820 Main St., Lemont
(Near Cog Hill)

June 27th & 28th St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Pk.
(near Harlem Ave. and 159th St.)
No overnight available

Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program

Ph: 708/354-7211

P. O. Box 1365, La Grange Park, IL 60526-9465

Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

Go to www.joyfulagain.org to view a short Video about our program.

*Indicates overnight accommodations available on premises.

Important: Register early, space is limited

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. Gwen Henry, Treasurer.