

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.

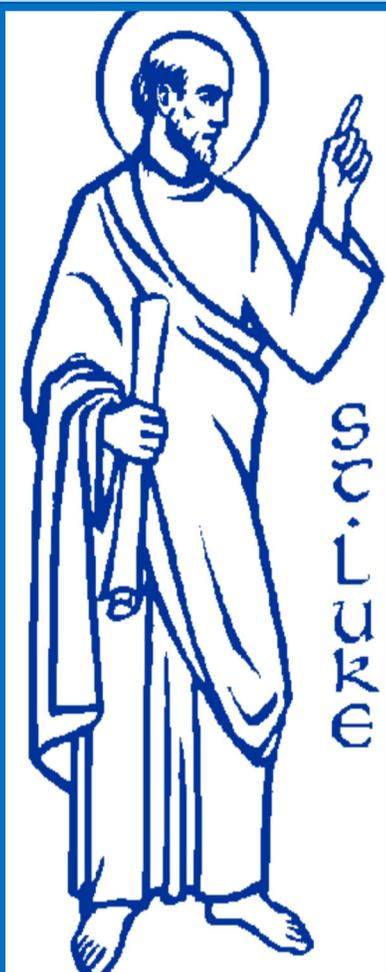
SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION: Confession is available at any time upon request, and at times announced in the bulletin.

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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CAA COMMITMENT SUNDAY

“Be kind and Merciful”

so

Rejoice and be Glad

The call to Holiness

My dear family of St. Luke,

Are only the saints and maybe some priests called to be holy? Do we ever think that being holy can make us happy?

We live in a world that promises excitement and distraction. We may think that holiness is out of reach and, perhaps, out of touch as well. Pope Francis disagrees. Holiness is a spiritual adventure that comes with “risks, challenges and opportunities” and leads to true joy and real happiness. Each one of us is called to be holy.

Our daily Lives: Often we are tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. But we are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing the witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.

Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the church.

Do you work for a living? Be holy by laboring with integ-

rity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. **Are you a parent or grandparent?** Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus.

So, for every Christian, our mission on earth is to discover our path to holiness. seeking God’s will for us, discerning his call and responding to it with an open and generous heart. This is how we attain holiness. Real happiness comes from fulfilling our mission.

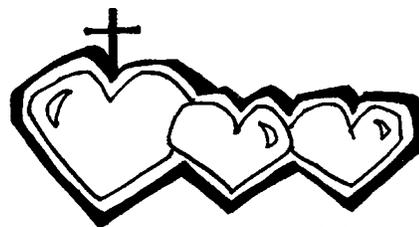
The path of holiness is outlined in the list of beatitudes that is in the gospels of Matthew (5: 3-12) and Luke.6: 20-23). Pope Francis calls them “a Christian’s identity card.” All the 8 beatitudes illuminate the path of holiness for each one of us.

Seeing Christ in others: These beatitudes are challenging us. “We can only practice them if the Holy spirit fills us with His power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride”. The pope says, “Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel.” We are asked to help the suffering individual and to seek social change.

Holiness leads to true Joy and real happiness: What we do for others is the basis on which our lives will be judged. The pope says, “Mercy is how God determines **who His children are.** The Pope also reminds us of the example of Mother Theresa, who said that God “depends on us to love the world and to show how much He loves it.”

Please, kindly listen also to the video of our Bishop Daniel Conlon’s homily, this Commitment Sunday, about how our diocese of Joliet is serving Catholic Ministries through different ways and means. By doing our share, we can achieve holiness and be happy in our lives as Catholics.

Father Asirvadam Dandu



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

— *Leviticus 19:2b*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18. Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13.
1 Corinthians 3:16-23. Matthew 5:38-48.

“The Lord is kind and merciful” [Psalm 103]. Jesus still teaches on the mount today. He moves from the “blessed are” to the “I say to you.” He says today: Do not hate. Do not get even. Do not retaliate. Do not insult. Love your neighbor, domestic and foreign. He ends with this: “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Clear. To the point. Hard but doable with God’s help.

- ◆ How will I be kind, be merciful today?
- ◆ Whom shall I stop hating?
- ◆ How can I shape my less-than-perfect behavior in the perfection of God?

Lent begins on Wednesday, 26 February 2020.

MASSES CELEBRATED

DURING THE WEEK

ARE HELD

IN THE CHURCH

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 22

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions
5:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 23

8:30am — The People of St. Luke Parish
11:00 — In Thanksgiving req. by Beminda Datuin-Pal

MONDAY — FEBRUARY 24

No Mass

TUESDAY — FEBRUARY 25

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

ASH WEDNESDAY — FEBRUARY 26

12:00pm — Service and distribution of ashes
4:00 — Service and distribution of ashes
7:00 — Mass and distribution of ashes For Pauline Koza on the 2nd Anniversary of her death req. by the Koza family and for Luke Joseph on his birthday req. by Grandma

THURSDAY — FEBRUARY 27

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant
11:00 — Windsor Park

FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 28

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 29

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions
5:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

SUNDAY — MARCH 1

8:30am — The Intentions of the Celebrant
11:00 — Teresa Miceli req. by Mary Breinig



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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

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FORGIVENESS

People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven.—George Herbert

THE FUTURE OF ST. LUKE

We are now on to the next step. We are getting bids for the floor, walls and alarm system.

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

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 or stloff@aol.com.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CHAPEL

Since we are not able to be in our church during Lent, we will be having Stations of the Cross in the Parish Center Chapel.

You can come anytime between 9:00am—10:30am on Fridays. We have books available for you.

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.

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.

FROM THE CHANCELLOR

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.



EASTER FLOWERS

Many parishioners at Christmas and Easter have in the past remembered deceased loved ones with a plant to decorate the Sacred Space in our church. What a lovely thought.

The response at Christmas was wonderful! Again at Easter a special envelope for this purpose is being provided. We encourage you to use them. Putting the deceased loved one's name on the envelope will again assist us in keeping better track of the names.

This also enable us to have a more accurate idea of the number of plants being provided by donors and how many more may need to be ordered. It will also save you from going to or calling the florist and also allow sufficient planning and ordering time.

Please be sure to put this envelope in the Sunday collection by the weekend of March 8th.

PLEDGE YOUR GIFT TO THE CMAA

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its goal of \$20,000.00

This year's CMAA theme is *Be Kind and Merciful*. In this spirit, the 30 ministries our CMAA supports help us do God's work here on earth. Providing these ministries is not only beyond the means of any one parish, the ministries benefit all of us, including our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Seventy percent of the amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. Please make a commitment to the CMAA today by completing a pledge envelope available in the pews.

A REMINDER

Cash Card order forms are available NEXT weekend on February 29th/ March 1st. So, start your shopping list as this is your chance to order specific cash cards that meet the needs of your family. You pick the quantity. We deliver to you after Mass. Do you need a spring haircut? Order with Great Clips and CCW gets 8% donated back to us. Love a good yet easy dinner? Get a Honey Baked Ham in Bloomingdale and CCW gets a donation from them of 12%. You can order gasoline cards, grocery cards and Fannie May. Don't forget to order cards for any upcoming birthdays or for graduation gifts. Need a wedding gift? Bed, Bath & Beyond donates 7% and many brides register there You can even order cards to use on vacation.



Check out the order form NEXT weekend on February 29th/March 1st. They are due back on March 7th/8th.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

**You are invited to
Help prepare food packs at
Feed My Starving Children
on
Saturday, March 14 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Feed My Starving Children Facility
555 Exchange Court, Aurora
There's a job for everyone – even kids!
Sign up in the foyer TODAY Space is limited**

- Wear clean, comfortable clothing and closed-toed shoes.
- Leave jewelry at home, we're not allowed to wear it in the packing room.
- The only exceptions are newly pierced ears and medical alert jewelry.
- Be advised that we will be packing with soy.
- Children age 5 and up are welcome with their parents.

For information or to sign up, please contact Carole at 630.217.1868.



RETRouvaille

No matter how much you're hurting...**No marriage is beyond hope.**

IS YOUR MARRIAGE MISERABLE? Retrouvaille is a life-line for couples in struggling marriages who are suffering from a lack of connection and poor communication. Retrouvaille helps heal marriages on the brink of separation of divorce.

RETRouvaille CAN HELP YOU SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE! Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples facing difficulties in their marriage restore their connection and rebuild a loving relationship. This marriage-saving program provides couples with actionable steps they can take to improve communication, build a stronger marriage and help them reconnect.

TAKE THE FIRST STEP...ATTEND A WEEKEND! For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program or to register for our March 13th—15th weekend in Darien, call 815/246-2080, email retrouvaillejoliet@gmail.com, follow us on Facebook (@retrouvaillejoliet) or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

JOYFUL AGAIN WIDOWED MINISTRY

The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life's journey. "I felt welcome." "Found hope." "Am more at peace." Please join us at one of the following events which are designed to help the widowed sort out challenges and learn to find joy in living again, while treasuring memories of their spouse.

◆ March 14th & 15th - Mt. Assisi Center in Lemont
For more information or to register contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry at 708/354-7211. Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com or visit our website at www.joyfulagain.org.

LENTEN FAMILY FISH FRY NIGHT

Baked fish, fried batter cod, mac-n-cheese, Father Tri's fried rice, French fries, salad & dessert. All you can eat!!

Adults 21 and over \$18pp or two for \$35
Youth 13 to 20 \$13pp
Kids 6 to 12 \$10pp, under 5 free

Seniors over 65 \$13pp or two for \$25
Cash or check accepted
Beer, wine, soda and water included.

Where: Resurrection Catholic Church, Marvin Hall,
30W350 Army Trail Rd., Wayne

When: Friday, February 28th & March 13th from
5:00-8:00pm

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DOWNERS GROVE COUNSELING SERVICES

Openings available for clients with Medicaid.

Counseling services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet at their Downers Grove office are immediately available for clients with Medicaid. The office is located at 3130 Finley Road (suite 520) in Downers Grove and appointment hours include evenings and weekends.

Catholic Charities Counseling Services provides outpatient counseling. Individual, group, family, and couples therapy are offered, in addition to specialized services such as anger management groups and preventative education programs. To make an appointment, call 815/723-0331. To learn about Catholic Charities, catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

KATHY PAULSEN HOPE HOUSE

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet operates an 18 bed homeless shelter in Villa Park called the Kathy Paulsen Hope House. We are looking for volunteers to prepare and serve meals at the shelter. The ingredients will be provided, but volunteers are welcome to supplement the menu with other spices and ingredients. An adult must be present to supervise individuals/groups that include children/teenagers.

This is a great opportunity to help homeless families as they move toward self-sufficiency. Please contact Joy Newburn at jnewburn@cc-doj.org or 630/519-6547 for more information.