


GOF - Generations of Faith
 JER - Jericho
 PCC - Parish Center Chapel
 PCCR - Parish Center Conference
 room
 RE - Religious Education

St. Luke Parish

March 2017

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday 12:00 & 4:00 Service & Ashes 7:00pm Mass & Ashes	2 7:00pm Choir Practice	3 8:30 - 10:00am Stations of the Cross in Church Home Sick Visits	4
5 9:40 - 10:50 RE all rooms 9:30-11:00 Bible Study - PCC	6	7	8 7:00pm Parish Council mtg - PCCR	9 7:00pm Choir Practice	10 8:30 - 10:00am Stations of the Cross in Church 7:00 Finance Meeting PCCR	11 All Masses CCW Cash Card Pick up & DuPage County Family Collection
12 Daylight Savings Time Starts 9:40 - 10:50 RE all Rooms 9:30 - 11:00 Bible Study - PCC	13	14 7:00 VFW - rm2	15 6:30pm CCW Board mtg m 4 4:00 - 8:00 VFW Dinner JER	16 7:00pm Choir Practice	17 8:30 - 10:00am Stations of the Cross in Church 	18 2:00pm Baptisms 6:00 Confirmation Spaghetti Dinner JER
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26 9:30 - 11:00 Bible Study - PCC	27	28	29	30 7:00pm Lenten Penance Service 8:00pm Choir Practice	31 8:30 - 10:00am Stations of the Cross in Church 11:00am Windsor Pen- ance Service	

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“The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation.” Other languages make do with “Holy Friday.” In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it “Long Friday,” a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

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DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, “Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes.” He says, “Don't worry.” Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that “Your heavenly Father knows” all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day “good”? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name “God's Friday.” The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as

MASSES CELEBRATED

DURING THE WEEK

ARE HELD

IN THE CHURCH

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 25

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — Tom McCarthy Jr., req. by Patti Schwartz

SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 26

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

11:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant

MONDAY — FEBRUARY 27

Mass will not be celebrated today

TUESDAY — FEBRUARY 28

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

ASH WEDNESDAY — MARCH 1

12:00pm — Service & Ashes

4:00pm — Service & Ashes

7:00pm Mass & Ashes — The Intentions of the Celebrant

THURSDAY — MARCH 2

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

FRIDAY — MARCH 3

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SATURDAY — MARCH 4

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

SUNDAY — MARCH 5

8:30am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

11:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant



Please pray for the sick in our parish especially, Pat Angelo, Father Robert Coleman, Disabled Vets, Jim Erickson, Angel Faulkner, Ed Jones, Tom McCarthy III, Nora Porter, John Rossi, Miles Wagner and Jim Wright.

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

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31
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

LENTEN REGULATIONS AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM:

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is 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 Christian 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.



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HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

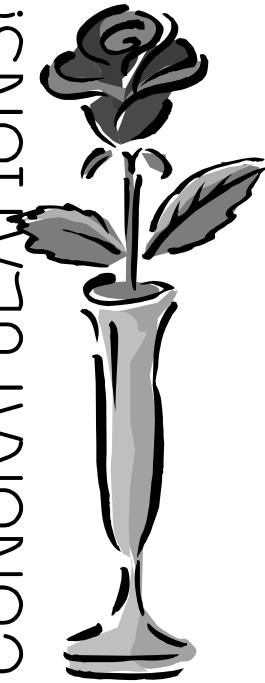
Father Soriano is setting up a time to visit our parishioners who are homebound. If you or a member of your family is homebound and would like a visit and receive communion from Father, please notify the office. The name will be added to the list.

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. Please put homebound in the subject line.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us for 6 Sundays as we learn more about the books of Luke and Acts. We meet from 9:30 to 11:00am on Sundays. (You can come directly from 8:30 mass or leave in time for 11:00 mass.) The sessions run from February 26th to April 2nd and there is no fee. All are held at the Parish Center. No previous Bible study experience needed. Sign up and information for the first session are hanging in the church entry. We hope you will join us.

CONGRATULATIONS!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following couples who renewed their vows at the Anniversary Mass on February 12th..

Tom and Cathie Biebel	30 years
Kevin and Darlene Donahoe	35 years
Claude and Kathleen Brown	40 years
Mark and Jeannette Donovan	40 years
Mark and Karen Ladendorf	45 years
Paul and Merlyn Pasion	45 years
Jack and Audrey Race	45 years
Bob and Kathy Sarley	45 years
Bob and Gail Beml	50 years
Leon and Lois Moore	55 years
Bill and Pat Kenneally	58 years

A big THANK YOU to all the people who helped with the anniversary celebration that was held in honor of these couples. Your generous help was greatly appreciated and made this a huge success whether providing baked goods, appetizers, help with setup, serving or cleanup.

CCW CASH CARDS

Cash Card orders are due back next weekend. Please place them in the box in the back of church. Extra forms can be found in the back of church. Orders will be available for pick up March 11th & 12th. Extra cards will be on hand for purchase. Please stop by the tall table in the hallway.



March into Spring with a cash card purchase for you or a friend. Say Thank You with a Cash Card gift.

CCW COLLECTION FOR DUPAGE FAMILY CENTER

On March 11th & 12th, after all masses, St. Luke CCW is asking for donations of new or gently used toys, books, school supplies, and arts and crafts items to be used by children when they attend sessions at the DuPage County Family Center. The Family Center strives to enhance relationships in families struggling with significant disruptions in their lives. This is an opportunity during the Lenten season to make a giving connection to the children in our area. Boxes will be available in the hallway for collections of all donations.

**“SUPPER WITH THE SISTERS”
AND
BISHOP CONLON!**

As a single Catholic Teen or Young Adult Woman have you ever considered being a Sister?

If you have had the slightest inkling that God may be calling you to religious life come and enjoy prayer, pasta, and possibilities and explore religious life with Sisters of the Joliet Diocese, Wednesday, March 8th, from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Parents are welcome.

Location:

St. Walter Parish/St. Francis Hall, 130 W. Pine St., Roselle

For more information and to register, contact:
Linda Wasserstrom at
630/894-2461 by March 1st.





AMERICAN LEGION PASTA DINNER

Come and enjoy a pasta dinner and help raise the flag for Memorial Park.

When: Thursday, March 9th from 5:00-8:00pm

Where: The American Legion, 570 S. Gary Ave., C.S.

Cost: \$10 includes pasta, salad, bread and dessert
Cash bar additional

ST. ISIDORE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Friday, March 10th
9:00am – 11:00am
Preschool 3 – Grade 8

Full-Day Kindergarten
Full Day Multiple Age Preschool
AM Half-Day Preschool Sessions
“Before and After School Care” Program

Cyndi Collins, Principal
cyndicollins@saintisidoreschool.org
431 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108
630 529-9323 * stisidoreparishschool.org

Original Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate and
Fee needed to Register on March 10th

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS – MALE AND FEMALE

If you have earned your Catholic Religious Recognition for your age group then come and get it blessed at the Annual Religious Recognition Ceremony to be held on Saturday, April 22nd at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill.



The event is free and open to ALL Scouts (male or female). No pre-registration is needed.

For information, visit: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on ‘Events’ from the main page.

SENIORS INVITED TO DEFER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2016 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Qualified senior citizens aged 65 years and older are invited to apply for the Senior Citizen’s Real Estate Deferral Program offered by the State of Illinois through the DuPage County Treasurer’s office. This program allows qualified senior citizens to defer up to \$5,000 of their current property tax amount. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues 6 percent simple interest until the amount is either paid back or the property is sold. To qualify, the senior citizen’s household income cannot exceed \$55,000. Additionally, the property must be used exclusively for the owner’s primary residence.

The application period closes March 1st. You may either call the DuPage County Treasurer’s office at 630/407-5900 or go online at treasurer.dupageco.org for more information.

IN ALL HIS GLORY

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, many Christian churches celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. After telling his shocked, uncomprehending disciples that he would die and rise again, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain. Suddenly Jesus appeared to be glowing! “He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light” (Matthew 17:2, ESV).

Moses and Elijah appeared, and a voice said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (verse 5). Jesus’ disciples fell to the ground, overcome by fear. But Jesus touched them, told them not to be afraid and led them down the mountain.

The disciples witnessed firsthand the glory and Godhood of Jesus, who would soon die for the sins of the world and rise again to give us life.

THE NEED FOR CHARITY

The ancient English word for selfless, agape-type love is charity, points out John Ortberg in *Love Beyond Reason* (Zondervan). It means expressing love in the form of pure gift, though it now has condescending connotations. “No one wants to be a ‘charity case,’” Ortberg writes. “But in the final run, the ultimate love comes to us as a gift.”

Agape love is necessary in human relationships too, writes C.S. Lewis, because “only the lovable can be naturally loved.” He notes, “All who have good parents, wives, husbands or children may be sure that at some times they are receiving charity, are not loved because they are lovable but because Love Himself is in those who love them.”

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PLEASE PARTICIPATE! YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

This weekend at each Mass you will be asked to participate in our diocesan-wide Commitment/In-Pew Weekend for the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). The CMAA is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a one-time gift or pledge your gift over ten (10) months to support the good works of the Diocese.

A gift to the CMAA will touch the lives of many in our Diocese in a positive way. Each gift makes a difference! Together, the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed education, ministry and services to those who need it most. As you listen to Bishop Conlon’s homily today, please reflect on God’s gifts to you. We are all “Held in God’s Hands” and he has given you all that you have. We can give thanks to Him for our blessings through a gift to the CMAA.

For those of you who were unable to make a decision about your commitment this weekend, please prayerfully consider doing so online at jolietchurchappeal.org or by returning a Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelope to our parish next week. If you received a pledge form in the mail, you may return it via mail.

After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of \$21,694 in paid pledges, 70% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

