

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

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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. You can reach him on his cell at 630/200-2501. 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's, 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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of life on earth. '[There is] a time to be born, and a time to die' (Eccl 3:2). We change, we grow old, and even death seems appropriate after a full life. 'And the dust returns to earth as it once was, and the life breath returns to God who gave it' (Eccl 12:7)." (USCCA, p. 153)

Q. WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

"Eternal life begins with Baptism. It continues through death and will have no end. Even when we are simply in love, we want this state of affairs to last forever. 'God is love', says the First Letter of John (1 Jn 4:16). 'Love', says the First Letter to the Corinthians, 'never ends' (1 Cor 13:8). God is eternal because he is love; and love is everlasting because it is divine. If we are in love, we enter into God's endless presence." (YouCat, Q.95)

CATECHISM CORNER

"Only the divine identity of Jesus' person can justify so absolute a claim as 'He who is not with me is against me'; and his saying that there was in him 'something greater than Jonah,... greater than Solomon,' something 'greater than the Temple'; his reminder that David had called the Messiah his Lord, and his affirmations, 'Before Abraham was, I AM'; and even 'I and the Father are one.'" (CCC, n. 590).

"The Christian who unites his own death to that of Jesus views it as a step towards him and an entrance into everlasting life. When the Church for the last time speaks Christ's words of pardon and absolution over the dying Christian, seals him for the last time with a strengthening anointing, and gives him Christ in viaticum as nourishment for the journey, she speaks with gentle assurance..." (CCC, n. 1020)

"The final article of the Creed proclaims our belief in everlasting life. At Catholic funerals we sometimes hear this prayer: 'Go forth, Christian soul, from this world.... May you live in peace this day, may your home be with God in Zion, may you see your redeemer face to face' (Prayer of Commendations). Death is the natural and inevitable end



PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD:

Selections from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Laudato Si* [=LS]

"A spirituality which forgets God as all-powerful and Creator is not acceptable. That is how we end up worshipping earthly powers, or ourselves usurping the place of God, even to the point of claiming an unlimited right to trample his creation underfoot. The best way to restore men and women to their rightful place, putting an end to their claim to absolute dominion over the earth, is to speak once more of the figure of a Father who creates and who alone owns the world. Otherwise, human beings will always try to impose their own laws and interests on reality." (LS, n. 75).



Please pray for the sick in our parish especially, Pat Angelo, John Capezio, Bill Clift, James Curnock, Disabled Vets, Angel Faulkner, Teresa Seidel and Ron Zenarosa

Please remember our beloved dead, especially Louis Cardin, Deacon Ronald Whitman and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.



April 10, 2016

REG. CHURCH SUPPORT	
149 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$4,112.56
LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$ 343.25

TOTAL COLLECTION	= \$4,455.81
AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION	= \$ 27.60

EXPENSES	= \$3,481.08
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Thank you so much for your on-going 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.

**MASSES CELEBRATED
DURING THE WEEK
ARE HELD
IN THE CHURCH**

SATURDAY — APRIL 16

2:00pm—Baptisms
4:15 — 4:45 — Confessions
5:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SUNDAY — APRIL 17

8:30am — The People of St. Luke Parish
11:00 — St. Luke Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY — APRIL 18

Mass will not be celebrated today

TUESDAY — APRIL 19

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY — APRIL 20

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

THURSDAY — APRIL 21

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

FRIDAY — APRIL 22

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SATURDAY — APRIL 23

4:14 — 4:45pm — Confessions
5:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SUNDAY — APRIL 24

8:30am — Rose Doyle req. by Bob & Kathy Sarley
11:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

JOB DESCRIPTION

Do not feel totally, personally, irrevocably responsible for everything . . . That's my job.

--God

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

THE GIFT

The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work.

--Emile Zola

THE SHEPHERD'S FLOCK



In Christian art, the earliest depictions of Jesus Christ were not of his crucifixion or of his resurrection. The first known renderings of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd, the image put before us in today's readings. In the Gospel passage Jesus reveals that he is the shepherd and his followers are his "flock."

In the first and second readings, we are told more about the flock. The passage from Acts assures us that both Jews and Gentiles are called to follow Jesus. It is faith, not birthright, that makes us part of the company of believers. In the passage from the book of Revelation we learn that the flock that follows this Lamb of God will also be washed in his blood. They will endure a time of trial before they enjoy eternal life. Be assured of the promise, we are told, but know there is a price to be paid.

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SPRING "SOUPER" ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendars! CCW will again be hosting it's annual Spring "Souper" Ice Cream Social in Jericho on Sunday, April 24 after the 11:00 Mass. Don't miss this opportunity to come and enjoy a complimentary cup of hot soup and make your favorite ice cream sundae with other members of our parish family. Hope to see you there!





CATHOLIC CHARITIES' BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR NEEDS YOUR HELP

Dear Parishioners,

Once again I am appealing to you for support of the 26th Annual Back to School Fair. This year we are in dire need of donations as we are unable to finalize location due to the Illinois budget crisis. As such, we need YOU to help us carry out our mission. Many families are counting on this fair and the need in our community is increasing. Please consider donating today. Although the fair is months away, we are already falling behind due to our financial situation.

This totally free event is open to any DuPage County family who lives near or below the poverty level. Over 5,000 children and their families will receive a variety of health and human services, including dental and vision screenings. Catholic Charities, in collaboration with the Regional

Office of Education, will also give each school-age child school supplies and/or a \$10 certificate for the exclusive purchase of school supplies.

Please help support of the annual Back to School Fair. This event is a successful collaboration of over 100 public and private agencies dedicated to improving the needs of low-income families. It costs over \$30,000 to operate the fair and we need your help to make sure every child is prepared for school this fall.

DuPage County is the third most affluent county in Illinois which contributes to a widespread misperception that there is no poverty in DuPage County. In reality, over 60,000 persons have income below the federal poverty level.

Donations may be mailed to Catholic Charities, Back to School Fair, 26 W. St. Charles Road, Lombard, IL 60148 or made online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Thank you!
Amy Lambert
DuPage County Back to School Fair Coordinator

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If sufficient funds are raised in your area, remaining donations may be used to help children of low income families prepare for a new school year at another Catholic Charities' Back to School Fair within the Diocese of Joliet.

LET US GUIDE YOU IN CONTINUING YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH...

You are cordially invited to Spring Open House at Catholic Cemeteries (see locations on next page)

Saturday, April 23rd
10:00-1:00pm

A brief presentation will begin at 11:00am. Complimentary Pre-Planning Burial Workbooks will be provided and refreshments will be served.

Take Advantage of these Special Discounts during our Open House Event!

- \$1000 Savings on Companion In-ground Burial Package
- \$500 Savings on Individual In-ground Burial Package
- \$750 Savings on Companion Cremation Niche Package
- \$500 Savings on Individual Cremation Niche Package
- Special 0% Financing

Join us for our open house for Peace of Mind for your family's future!

All Saints Cemetery & Mausoleum
1839 W. State Hwy 102, Bourbonnais 815/933-2342

Assumption Cemetery & Mausoleum
1S510 Winfield Ave., Wheaton 630/668-3313

Resurrection Cemetery & Mausoleum
200 W. Romeo Rd.(135th), Romeoville 815/886-0750

Risen Lord Cemetery
1501 Simons Rd.(127th St.) 630/554-7590
Oswego/Plainfield/SW. Naper/W. Joliet & Fox Valley Area

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Our summer camps are:

- Open to students entering grades 3-12
- Curricular and Co-Curricular (63 camps)
 - o Sports
 - o Theater
 - o Band
 - o Choir
 - o Academic
 - o And more
- June 6th through July 31st (multiple sessions)

To browse the available camps, please visit:
<https://sfhs.8to18.com/dashboard/catalog>

Any questions, contact Janet Thelen at 630/668-5800
x1145 or jthelen@sfhscollegeprep.org.



ROSARY GARDEN

Come and pray the rosary with us between the Sunday masses on May 1st. We will be in the Rosary Garden on the west side of the parish center. If you need help finding it, someone will be in front of church to direct you. Prayers will begin at 10:00 am and will be finished in time for 11:00 mass. No previous experience necessary. Join us as we pray for our mothers, our country and for our young people who will be celebrating their First Communion that day. Please sign up in the back of church.

First Holy Communion
will be celebrated on

SUNDAY MAY 1ST AT 1:00.

Please pray for our children as they prepare to
receive Jesus for the first time.



RUN/WALK TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN DUPAGE COUNTY

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet will benefit from The Human Race 5K run/fitness walk in Downers Grove. This fun event is on April 30th and starts at 9:00am at Esplanade at Locust Point (1901 Butterfield Rd.). Register at www.dupagehumanrace.org and please choose "Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet" to receive your donations. Money raised will help fund vital programs to help the poor and vulnerable in DuPage County. Not able to join us on race day? You can make a donation by sending a check to Catholic Charities, 26 W. St. Charles Rd., Lombard, IL 60148. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Catholic Charities Mission

We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RAMBLINGS

We are now finishing up with our Sunday Religious Education Classes.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

There will be Generations of Faith sessions on Wednesday, April 20 and Saturday, April 23 at 6:00pm. Please join us. A light dinner will be served.

IMPORTANT DATES:

First Communion Rehearsal is Tuesday April 19 at 6:30 in Church.

First Communion is Sunday, May 1 at 1:00

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



The good news of the Gospel reminds us that we are God's people, the sheep of his flock! Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we are given the ultimate gift of eternal life and are held tight, safe and secure in God's hand! Let these amazing and life giving truths fill you and your marriage relationship with His love and peace. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are June 10-12, 2016 or August 12-14, 2015 or October 7-9, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

EARTH DAY: APRIL 22, 2016

"God saw all that He had created, and it was very good" – Genesis 1:31

What can you do?

- ☐ Volunteer at a community garden or forest preserve
- ☐ Plan a hiking trip and enjoy God's creation as a parish community
- ☐ Host a discussion about creation and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*
- ☐ Host a prayer service and highlight the lives of the saints: St. Francis, St. Kateri, St. Pope John Paul II, etc.
- ☐ Utilize resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Climate Covenant
- ☐ Include Mass intentions for the environment and the poor, who suffer the most from climate change
- ☐ Include a prayer and/or article in your bulletin
- ☐ Consider offering a JustFaith module on Climate Change
- ☐ Consider taking the St. Francis Pledge
- ☐ Contact the Office for Human Dignity to schedule a speaker on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and Care for Creation
- ☐ Donate to organizations that promote sustainable agriculture, such as Catholic Relief Services
- ☐ Take Action!

Have other ideas? We would love to hear your ideas and what is happening at your parish regarding care for creation.

Interested in learning and doing more for the environment? Contact Kayla S. Jacobs, Justice and Peace Coordinator, at: [kjacobson@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:kjacobs@dioceseofjoliet.org) or 815/221-6252.

