

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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latter. Therefore St. Augustine rightly says, 'Love, and do what you will.' Which is not at all as easy as it sounds. That is why charity, love, is the greatest virtue, the energy that inspires all the other virtues and fills them with divine life." (YouCat, Q. 309)

PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD:

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

"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made' (Ps 33:6). This tells us that the world came about as the result of a decision, not from chaos or chance, and this exalts it all the more. The creating word expresses a free choice. The universe did not emerge as the result of arbitrary omnipotence, a show of force or a desire for self-assertion. Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things: 'For you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made; for you would not have made anything if you had hated it' (Wis 11:24). Every creature is thus the object of the Father's tenderness, who gives it its place in the world. Even the fleeting life of the least of beings is the object of his love, and in its few seconds of existence, God enfolds it with his affection. Saint Basil the Great described the Creator as 'goodness without measure, while Dante Alighieri spoke of 'the love which moves the sun and the stars'. Consequently, we can ascend from created things 'to the greatness of God and to his loving mercy'." (LS, n. 77)

CATECHISM CORNER

"Jesus makes charity the new commandment. By loving his own 'to the end,' he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love.' And again: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.'" (CCC, n. 1823)

"Love alone, set adrift from moral direction, can easily descend into sentimentality that puts us at the mercy of our feelings. Popular entertainment romanticizes love and tends to omit the difficult demands of the moral order." (USCCA, p. 318)

Q. What is charity?

"Charity is the power by which we, who have been loved by God, can give ourselves to God so as to be united with him and can accept our neighbors for God's sake as unconditionally and sincerely as we accept ourselves. Jesus places love above all laws, without however abolishing the



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



SATURDAY — APRIL 23

4:15 — 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

MONDAY — APRIL 25

Mass will not be celebrated today

TUESDAY — APRIL 26

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY — APRIL 27

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

THURSDAY — APRIL 28

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

FRIDAY — APRIL 29

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SATURDAY — APRIL 30

4:14 — 4:45pm — Confessions
5:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

SUNDAY — May 1

8:30am — The Intentions of the Celebrant
11:00 — Ross & Jo Marie Ferraro 50th Wedding
Anniversary req. by their family
1:00pm — First Communion Mass

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 Deacon John Leonas and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.



April 17, 2016

REG. CHURCH SUPPORT	
137 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$3,617.71
LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$ 142.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	= \$3,759.71
AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION	= \$ 36.41

EXPENSES = \$2,453.29

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the churches (Acts 14:21-27).

Second Reading — John's vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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 May 7/8th. Extra cards will be on hand for purchase. Please stop by the tall table in the hallway.



For that number 1 mom in your life give a gift card and support the women of our parish.



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 24th 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!



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 10:00am 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.





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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



In today's Gospel Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as He had loved them. Do we reflect this love in our lives and relationships, especially our marriage relationship? Let God show you how to love your spouse and others as He loves you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are June 10th—12th, August 12th—14th, or October 7th—9th, all at Elk Grove Village. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630/577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The French Revolution swept the church in France away in an astonishing way, stripping the nation of every possible vestige of the faith, not merely shuttering churches, but using them as staging areas for pagan raves and romps. While millions of faithful simply went underground and hung on for the ride, even the seven-day week was demolished along with the names of the months. What emerged from the chaos was the Napoleonic Code of 1792 governing church life, and therefore marriage law in France, French Canada, and elsewhere. The code makes civil marriage mandatory for all citizens.

In practice, when the faithful marry, they go first to the City Hall. There, the mayor performs the civil marriage, usually accompanied by a patriotic speech about the duties of the citizen, particularly in the rearing of children. Then, typically after a lunch, everyone goes off to change into more festive attire for the wedding liturgy, featuring consent, the exchange of rings, and the nuptial blessing. Sadly, only a minority of citizens today celebrate even the civil form of the rite, and a fraction of those continue on to the church. For those who do celebrate the liturgy of marriage, however, there is near certainty that the spouses are active worshipers, and that they will later present their children for baptism.

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TRUE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Can you imagine a world such as the one put before us in today's scripture readings? Communities of believers everywhere would support and encourage one another and be identified as Christians by the way they love each other. It would be a world with no tears, no death and mourning, no crying out in pain. "Behold, I make all things new," we hear the Son of God say in the second reading from the book of Revelation (21:5).

Is this world of John's vision only imaginary? Are these faithful followers for whom Jesus prayed only a savior's dream? Today they are put before us as a worthy goal. How much closer can we come to this vision of a true Christian community in our lives today?

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