



CCW — Council of Catholic Women
 JER — Jericho
 PCCR — Parish Center Conference
 Room
 RE — Religious Education

St. Luke Parish

May 2018

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

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6, 13, 20 * All Masses Boosters Boomer Baseball ticket sales | No daily Mass this week | 1 8:30 - 5:30 Lifeline Screening rms 5-8 | 2 7:00pm Parish Council Mtg PCCR | 3 7:00pm First Communion practice 6:30pm Bell practice rm 4 7:30pm Choir practice | 4 | 5 Cash Card Order Forms available |
| 6 * 11:00 First Communion 9:40-10:50 Last RE 10:00 Outdoor Rosary | 7 No daily Mass this week | 8 7:00PM VFW rm 1 | 9 6:30pm CCW Board Mtg JER | 10 6:30pm Bell practice Church 7:30pm Choir practice | 11 6:00 - 8:00pm Girl Scouts rm 4 | 12 All Masses Cash Card orders due All Masses Blessing of Mothers |
| 13 * All Masses Boosters Boomer Baseball ticket sales Ascension | 14 No daily Mass this week | 15 | 16 Set up for JDCCW | 17 6:00pm JDCCW Mass & Spring Institute Church & JER | 18 | 19 2:00 Baptisms All Masses St. Vincent truck in parking lot CCW Cash Card Sales |
| 20 * All Masses Pentecost Blessing | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 7:00pm Choir practice Church | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Office Closed  | 29 | 30 | 31 6:00pm Children Choir practice Church 6:30pm Bell practice Church 7:30pm Choir practice Church |  | |

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know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

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LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not



MASSES CELEBRATED

DURING THE WEEK

ARE HELD

IN THE CHURCH

SATURDAY — APRIL 28

2:00pm — Wedding of Keeley Moran and Michael Aulert
4:15 — 4:45 — Confessions
5:00 — Norman & Sheila Mero req. by Michael and Debra Mero

SUNDAY — APRIL 29

8:30am — Dolores Hansen req. by Ron Breyne
11:00 — Jim Erickson req. by Patti Schwartz and for The People of St. Luke Parish

MONDAY — APRIL 30

Mass will not be celebrated today

TUESDAY — MAY 1

Mass will not be celebrated today

WEDNESDAY — MAY 2

Mass will not be celebrated today

THURSDAY — MAY 3

Mass will not be celebrated today

FRIDAY — MAY 4

Mass will not be celebrated today

SATURDAY—MAY 5

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

SUNDAY — MAY 6

8:30am — St. Luke Parish Memorial Society
11:00 — The First Communicants



Please pray for the sick in our parish, especially Pat Angelo, Yecenia Bosley, Disabled Vets, Angel Faulkner, Josephine Iemole, Dominick Libro, Danthea Palabrica, John Rossi and Margie Rothchild.

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



April 22, 2018

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| REG. CHURCH SUPPORT | |
| 111 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS | =\$3,338.00 |
| LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS | =\$ 129.00 |
| TOTAL COLLECTION | =\$3,467.00 |
| AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION | =\$ 31.23 |
| JERICHO | =\$ 300.00 |

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial)
Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

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 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17
or Jn 17:11b-19

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Still bearing fruit. Who is the vine, who are the branches, who is the grower? We know this story and the answers by heart. It draws us into the second reading (1 John 3:18-24) about the behaviors of beloved children. We are Easter children who believe and love, who think and act.

- What needs pruning in my life?
- What Word of God, what truth do I need to hear?
- How will I "love one another just as he commands us"?



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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.

PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING

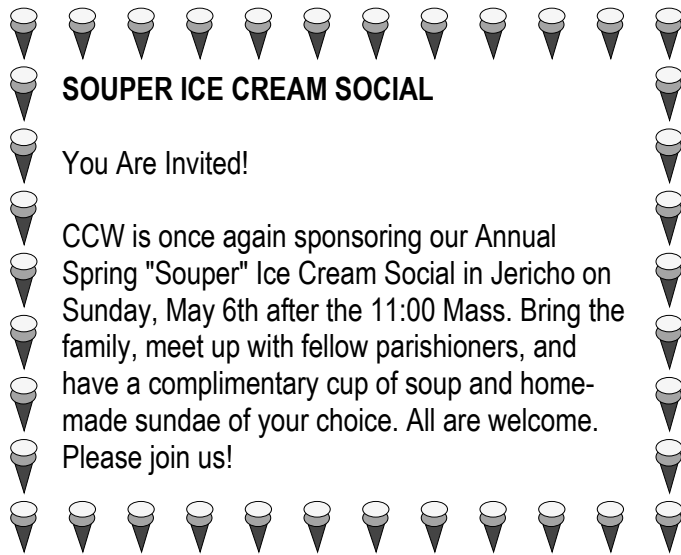
Our parish is a special community. We are all companions on our journey in many ways. Our many volunteers help this happen. Please attend a Parish Town Hall Meeting this Sunday, April 29th at noon in Jericho to hear about our success. Come and share your thoughts about our parish needs. Learn how we are moving forward. A short report from a representative from each of our volunteer groups will be given. You can ask questions:

Did you ever wonder how St. Luke's embraces new families or the bereaved? Are you curious about our grounds and their maintenance? Have you wondered what it may be like to be a greeter or give out communion? What is the Circle of Prayer? Do you have a new project idea for Boosters or CCW? How do we support community activities?

See you this Sunday at noon. Hosted by the Parish Coordinating Council.

HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER DURING THE MONTH OF MAY BY PRAYING THE ROSARY

Come and pray the rosary with us between the Sunday Masses on May 6th. 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 we will be finished in time for 11:00 Mass. No previous experience necessary. We will give you all that you need to participate. Join us as we pray for our children who will be making their First Communion that day, our mothers and our nation. Seating will be available for those unable to stand for the prayers.



SOUPER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

You Are Invited!

CCW is once again sponsoring our Annual Spring "Souper" Ice Cream Social in Jericho on Sunday, May 6th after the 11:00 Mass. Bring the family, meet up with fellow parishioners, and have a complimentary cup of soup and home-made sundae of your choice. All are welcome. Please join us!



BOOSTERS AND BASEBALL

Join the Boosters for a baseball game on Friday, June 1st at 6:30 at the Schaumburg Boomers Stadium. Bring the whole family. There will be fireworks after the game.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses May 5/6, 12/13 & 19/20. They are \$11 each. Don't miss out!

Looney Tunes Night! Imagination & Creativity run amuck at

the ginormous Chuck Jones Big Baseball Draw event presented by The Backyard Experience & Chuck Jones Center for Creativity Chicagoland!

EVERYONE Runs the Bases After the Game! Stick around after the game because *EVERYONE* has the opportunity to run the bases after every Boomers home game!

The Boomers will be playing the Lake Erie Crushers. There is food available for purchase in the stadium.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK IN OUR PARKING LOT

Are you wondering what to do with the clothes that your kids no longer wear?

Do you have some games & toys & books that your kids no longer look at?

Does your basement or attic have some nice items that you know are just taking up space?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has some very nice stores in both West Chicago and Addison. If you need books, knick-knacks, furniture, perhaps work clothes and casuals, luggage and more - you may find exactly what you are looking for.

However, on the weekend AFTER Mother's Day, May 19th & 20th a truck will be in the St. Luke Parking Lot collecting items to sell at their stores. Volunteers will be at the truck to help move things from your vehicle.

Thank you,

St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Luke Parish





FUNDS ARE MATCHED WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES' ANGEL FUND

Each day at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet we assist individuals and families who need an angel -- veterans who have lost their homes, single mothers who seek warm clothes for their children, and seniors who are forced to choose between paying rent and buying food.

Thankfully, we have found someone who is so special and generous... that he is almost like an angel on earth. This anonymous donor wants to team up with **you** to continue to help our struggling neighbors. **For every dollar you donate, our special angel will match it – up to \$50,000.**

Please be generous. This is an opportunity to help someone who will have nowhere else to turn if Catholic Charities isn't there to help.

Please send in a donation by May 31st. Make checks payable to:

Catholic Charities Angel Fund
16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, IL 60403

Donations can also be made at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815/724-1140. Bless you for your support of Catholic Charities. Together we are doing God's work – changing and saving lives! If you can't send a gift, please remember the vulnerable and needy in your prayers.

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.



A mailing will soon be sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the CMAA. Despite the severe February snowstorm we encountered over Commitment (In-Pew) Weekend, we are confident we can still meet our goal if we all partner together. If you have not done so already, I ask

that you please reflect on God's gifts to you and prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA. A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference!

By partnering together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries. Thank you for your support.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ROS-A-REE SCOUT RETREAT

Attention **ALL** Scouts – Male and Female. The Annual Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat/Campout for this year will be held starting on Friday, August 10th, at 5:00pm until Sunday, August 12th at 12:00pm. It will be held on the grounds of St. Mary's church in Plano (901 N Center St). This retreat satisfies the retreat requirement needed for many of the Religious Recognitions. This year a special Ad Altare Dei Orientation class will be held at the Ros-a-Ree for those who **pre-register** for it and the class itself.

The event is open to **ALL** Scouts (male or female) who are entering the 6th grade or higher in the Fall. Registration beforehand is required. For more information and registration forms, visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on 'A-Z Directory' from the main page and from there scroll down the left side menu and click on 'Ros-a-Ree Retreat / Camp Out'.

BE WHAT YOU SEEK

Even as you seek a virtuous, fair, and good spouse . . . it is fitting that you should be the same.

—St. Bernardine of Siena

SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Advocate Health Care

Tomorrow starts today.

CONNECT WELL FOR HEALTH

Social life may play a larger role in a person's health than one might think. A recent study from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill made a concrete connection between living a longer, healthier life, and maintaining social connections.

The first of its kind, the study connected relationships with real measures of physical well-being, including high blood pressure, abdominal obesity and inflammation — health issues that can lead to long-term problems like heart disease, stroke and cancer. The research builds upon previous work that found older adults live longer if they have more social connections. Researchers said the conclusions from this study were even more promising — determining that a person's social relationships play a role in decreasing health risk.

Dr. Sudhir Gokhale, a psychiatrist at Advocate Christ Medical Center and Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL, echoes the importance of social relationships at all stages of life. "The effect of emotional health on physical well-being is being understood more and more clearly as research continues," says Dr. Gokhale. "This particular study points out the importance of quality and supportive relationships in life.

Feeling connected with others seems to be showing a strong positive influence on reducing the risk of depressive disorders," he says. "And now we know it also has a strong impact on various physical parameters." Dr. Gokhale stresses that physicians and health care providers should also emphasize the significance of social relationships on health as much as advocating for eating right and exercising.

Prayer: *Holy One, you created us to live in community. May we take care to nurture our relationships with each other and bring love and care to those who are alone.*

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COMBINE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE AND EXERCISE FOR A HEALTHY HEART

People often look to maximize the benefits of their diet and exercise regimens to make every minute they spend in the gym as beneficial as possible. A new study says that combining two common exercises can drastically help do just that, at least when it comes to lowering heart disease risk factors.

The study by the American College of Cardiology, says that when people with heart disease practiced yoga in addition to aerobic exercise, their blood pressure, body mass index and cholesterol levels went down twice as much as patients who practiced either one alone. In total, researchers looked at 750 patients who had previously been diagnosed with coronary heart disease. Each was assigned yoga and/or aerobic exercise sessions. Those who did either exercise alone saw similar reductions to the various risk factors, but both were dwarfed by the combined group.

Dr. Thomas Discher, cardiologist at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, IL, said he wasn't too surprised by the study's findings. "It makes sense that a program treating the mind, body and soul through routine physical exercise and stress reduction such as yoga would benefit cardiovascular patients," Dr. Discher said. "But the combined effect is great."

As people of faith, we know that our spiritual practices of prayer, meditation, and centering are powerful ways to connect with our Source and find peace. Turns out that these practices help protect and heal our hearts, as well!

Prayer: *God who is bigger than anything we can imagine, may we connect ever more deeply to the peace and stillness that we find in you.*

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