

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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KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as “the persistent mother.” She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine then to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church’s greatest scholars.

Today’s readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, tells his disciples to “ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes when bishops are consecrated, they are not given the care of a diocese as an “ordinary.” A very old tradition, however, assures that they are invested with a “see,” a link with a local church. Many hundreds of places around the world were dioceses at one time, but are no longer. In England, for example, some of the historic dioceses such as London, Salisbury, and Manchester ceased to be Catholic at the Reformation and their cathedrals passed to the Church of England. The reestablishment of the Catholic Church in the nineteenth century meant that new dioceses had to be created, such as at Liverpool and Westminster. Similarly, in Scandinavia the ancient Catholic dioceses vanished under Lutheranism. In North Africa, tiny dioceses disappeared under the sands or were swept away by Islam.

In the United States, some original dioceses never really developed as population centers, such as the old dioceses of Bardstown, Vincennes, Sault Ste. Marie, or Walla Walla. The tradition of “titular sees” assures that the ancient churches are always held in prayer, as the bishop celebrates Mass in its memory a few times a year.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

*Lord,
teach us to*



PRAY

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

SATURDAY — JULY 23

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

SUNDAY — JULY 24

8:30am — James Curnock req. by Marge Cline
11:00 — Ron Zenarosa req. by Mary Breinig

MONDAY — JULY 25

Mass will not be celebrated today

TUESDAY — JULY 26

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY — JULY 27

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

THURSDAY — JULY 28

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

FRIDAY — JULY 29

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SATURDAY — JULY 30

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

SUNDAY — JULY 31

8:30am — The People of St. Luke Parish
11:00 — William Denton req. by Jack & Audrey Race



Please pray for the sick in our parish especially, Pat Angelo, Philip Austin, Bill Clift, Disabled Vets, Angel Faulkner, Emily Giovingo, Fr. Daniel Hessling, Colleen and Evelyn Ireland and Archbishop Peter Sartain.

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



July 17, 2016

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| REG. CHURCH SUPPORT | |
| 127 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS | = \$3,316.21 |
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| AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION | = \$ 31.58 |

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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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;
Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31,
33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ask. Seek. Knock. Do you know someone who is just so relentless? He tirelessly makes his point! She keeps at it and does not back down. They ask...and ask again...and yet again! Abraham, the merciful one, is just like that — reread of his persistence in Genesis 18:20-32. The friend is just like that, too, in Luke 11:1-13. And Jesus tells all who hear, and that is us today a well, be just like that in addressing God. Ask. Seek. Knock. Few words, fewer actions, great persistence.

- How will my prayer be persistent this week?
- For whom and for what will I pray?
- How can I respond like God and open my door (and my heart), give food to the hungry, bargain for the innocent?

HOPE FLOATS: A CRUISE FOR CHARITY!

Join Catholic Charities' Board of Young Professionals as they cruise along the Fox River on Saturday, August 6th from 6:30pm – 9:00pm. The boat leaves from 2 North Avenue in St. Charles. Cost is \$50 per ticket for an evening filled with gourmet food, open bar and live entertainment. Tickets are available at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or 815/724-1140.

This event will directly benefit the mission of Catholic Charities to serve the neediest in our community. Last year, Catholic Charities served over 51,000 individuals through-out Will, DuPage, Kendall, Grundy, Kankakee, Ford and Iroquois counties.

For more information, questions, and sponsorship opportunities, contact Edith Avila Olea at eavilaolea@cc-doj.org or 815/724-1220.

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL TOURS

Visit St. Francis High School this Summer. St. Francis is offering summer tours to interested families at all grade levels.

To schedule your private visit, please contact Beth Wiborg at bwiborg@sfhscollegeprep.org or 630/668-5800 x 1140.

LOOK AROUND YOU

To see the world in a grain of sand
and a heaven in a wildflower,
hold infinity in the palm of your hand
and eternity in an hour.

—William Blake

THE MARK OF THE MAKER

If things created are so full of loveliness, how resplendent must be the One who made them! The wisdom of the Worker is apparent in such handiwork.

—St. Anthony of Padua

BY GLENN CJ BYER, MA SLD

Today we hear readings that help us with our life of prayer. When we see Abraham try God's patience again and again, it becomes clear that asking for the same thing again and again can be a sign of faith, of trusting that God will be patient with us as we keep asking for what we believe we need. The Psalm supports us in our faith that God will answer all our needs and the Gospel presents Jesus' understanding of prayer. This aspect of the life of the Savior is one that we marvel at more than just about any other. To have a relationship with God that is so intimate and so trusting - that is what we should all strive for. But what is most important to understand from today's readings is that it is possible. God is really that patient, God is really that ready to answer our prayers, God is really that good to us in our need. And to complete the picture, consider the words of Saint Paul, who tells us that God does not even wait until we are good or saved or holy, we can be in that relationship of prayer with God in any circumstance of our life. God is there, God is here: where are you?

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BY PAUL COVINO, FROM TODAY'S LITURGY 2007

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the prayer that we know as the Lord's Prayer. In some communities, drawing on the ancient posture for Christian prayer known as "orans," members of the assembly raise their hands during the Lord's Prayer. In other communities, all join hands during this prayer. Church documents say nothing about such gestures during the Lord's Prayer, so they remain local customs that are neither mandated nor explicitly prohibited.

David Philippart, in a wonderfully balanced commentary in *U.S. Catholic* magazine, said "because hand-holding denotes a specific kind of intimacy in our culture—romantic love, or the love of parent and child, for example—some people feel uncomfortable holding hands at Mass. It's best to respect this. Yet if it is parish custom, those who balk may need to ask themselves 'Does it really hurt me to grasp hands for a few minutes?' Every parish has a personality, just like every family or household does. Some families or households are very physical in expressing affection: lots of touching, hugging, kissing. Others are more reserved physically: love is expressed in words and deeds but maybe not very often in hugs and kisses. There's no right or wrong here. What's essential is that we pray the words of Jesus' with sincerity and love." Read Philippart's complete commentary at uscatholicclaretiansorg/site/News2abbr=usc_&page=NewsArticle&id=5985.

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