

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

St. Luke Parish

September 2018

Confession: Saturday 4:15-4:45pm
 Liturgies:
 Saturday — 5:00pm
 Sunday — 8:30 & 11:00am
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00am
 Mass in Church
 Thursday 11:00am at Windsor

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 | 3 No Mass Office Closed  | 4 | 5 7:00pm Parish Council mtg PCCR | 6 6:15-7:15 Bells rm 4 7:30 Choir Practice Church | 7 | 8 CCW Cash Card Order forms availa- ble |
| 9 10:00-10:50 RE & Parent mtg all rooms 11:00 Mass for RE Fami- lies | 10 | 11 7:00 VFW rm 1 | 12 | 13 6:15-7:15 Bells rm 4 7:30 Choir/ Filipino Practice Church | 14 | 15 2:00 Baptism All Masses Cash Card orders due |
| 16 9:40-10:50 RE all rooms 3:00 Confirma- tion | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 6:15-7:15 Bells rm 4 7:30 Choir Practice Church | 21 5:30-8:30 Girl Scouts rm 4 | 22 All Masses CCW Hospi- tality All Masses Cash Card pickup & sale |
| 23 9:40-10:50 RE all Rooms 30 12:00-2:00 GOF JER | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 6:15-7:15 Bells rm 4 7:30 Choir Practice Church | 28 | 29 11:00 Pet Blessing 5:00 Mass Cash Cards available 6:00 Bunco |

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedication directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the *mensa*, or “altar table.” Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today’s rite states a clear preference for “martyr,” and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition’s desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means “witness” in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

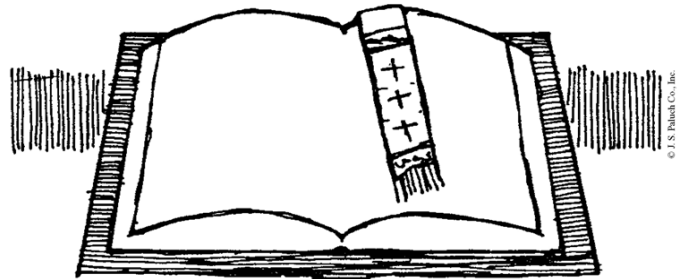
From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn’t count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr’s tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a “cult”) was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains “the seed of the Church.”

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

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others’ attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

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MASSES CELEBRATED

DURING THE WEEK

ARE HELD

IN THE CHURCH

SATURDAY — SEPTEMBER 1

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — Marlene Lantz req. by Mary Olczyk

SUNDAY — SEPTEMBER 2

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

11:00 — St. Luke Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY — SEPTEMBER 3 — LABOR DAY

Mass will not be celebrated today

TUESDAY — SEPTEMBER 4

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY — SEPTEMBER 5

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

THURSDAY — SEPTEMBER 6 — MASS AT WINDSOR

11:00am — The intentions of the Celebrant

FRIDAY — SEPTEMBER 7

8:00am — The intentions of the Celebrant

SATURDAY — SEPTEMBER 8

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — Antonio DiGiulio req. by his Family and Edward
& Marcella Schultz req. by Jean Schultz

SUNDAY — SEPTEMBER 9

8:30am — Chuck Harley req. by Laurabeth Palermo

11:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish



Please pray for the sick in our parish, especially Pat Angelo, Yecenia Bosley, Darlene Bull, Disabled Vets, Angel Faulkner, Billy James Gage, John Laurie, John Rossi, Margie Rothchild and Ray Young.

Please remember our beloved dead, especially Father George Kuryvial, OMI, Senator John McCain and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.



August 26, 2018

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| REG. CHURCH SUPPORT | |
| 140 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS | =\$3,908.08 |
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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 — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Second Reading — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

RE RAMBLINGS

Welcome back to religious education! We have a very busy month for St. Luke RE.

First, our Confirmation Class which has been preparing for two years will be making their **Confirmation** this month on **Sunday, September 16th at 3:00**. Bishop Conlon will be here to celebrate the Mass and Sacrament with our students. Everyone in the parish has really helped these children in so many ways. We would like to invite the parish to attend this Mass. We would also like to see our new Confirmation class attend this Mass so they know what they are going to work so hard for the next two years.

Next, we are changing the time of Generations of Faith (GOF). We will still have GOF 4 times during the school year. All families must attend GOF. It is not optional. We will meet only once during each of the four months. In the past, we have met on Wednesday and Saturday from 6:00-8:00pm. **Now we will only meet on one Sunday from 12:00-2:00pm during the month.** We will serve a light lunch. Our hope is that all the families can attend the GOF session.

We will still have our weekly Religious Education (RE) sessions on three Sundays a month. The Second Sunday we would like all families to attend the 11:00 Mass together. Our parishioners enjoy celebrating the Mass with the RE students.

September 9th -10:00 - 11:00: RE Class & Parent Meeting
September 16th - 9:40 - 10:50: RE Class
September 23rd - 9:40 - 10:50 RE Class
September 30th -12:00 - 2:00 First GOF

RAFFLE FOR JERICO!



We are having a raffle that will benefit Jericho. Tickets can be purchased now. You can also sign out tickets to sell to family, friends and co-workers. Please help us by taking home a group of tickets. You can pick up tickets after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday. You can also pick up tickets in the Parish Center Office. Tickets will be available through the end of September. They are \$25.00 each. Please help us pay off Jericho.

Prizes are:

First Place: \$500.00
Second Place: \$300.00
Third Place: \$100.00

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NAZARETH RETREAT HOUSE

Did you know that there is a retreat house in Batavia? Nazareth Retreat House is on the grounds of the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, 717 N. Batavia Avenue. (Route 31 just south of Fabyan)

We are having an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, September 9th, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

Stop in to see the building, meet and greet, and pick up information on ways to be part of our community.

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY

PRAYER BREAKFAST

WHAT: Join us at the Prayer Breakfast as we begin our day in prayerful reflection on relevant topics to our lives.

SPONSORED BY: *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*

WHERE: Nazareth Spirituality Center, 717 North Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL 60510

WHEN: Wednesday, September 12th -- 9:00am to 10:30am.

PRESENTER: *Patrick J. Winn* – Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Rockford, IL, since September 2011. Mr. Winn is a Rockford native, a graduate of Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and the University Of Iowa College Of Law.

TOPIC: *From “Know Nothings” to “Know-It-Alls”: The Impact of Catholic Social Teachings on American Elections.*

COST: Free Will Donation -- Continental Breakfast will be available.

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Linda Isleib at 630/879-1296

2018 AUTUMN SILENT RETREAT

WHAT: A retreat open to all women who desire to enrich their spiritual growth. ***This will be a Silent Retreat.*** We will have communal prayer services to begin segments of the Retreat. Scripture passages for personal use will be given to each and the presence of Spiritual Directors for one-on-one visits will be provided.

SPONSORED BY: *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*

WHERE: Nazareth Spirituality Center, 717 N. Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL 60510

WHEN: The retreat begins at 7:00pm on Friday, September 21st (does not include dinner) and ends at 2:00pm on Sunday, September 23rd (includes a noon meal).

COST: \$100 per person.- A \$20 deposit is required with registration. Deposit is refunded if cancellation is received 5 working days prior to the retreat.

TO REGISTER: Call Linda Isleib at 630/879-1296, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm.



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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.

THE ORIGINAL CURRENCY

Labor was the first price, the original purchase-money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased.

—Adam Smith

FORGIVERS

A happy marriage is a union of two good forgivers.

—Anonymous

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Want a special gift for your spouse? Get away for a weekend devoted to each other.

WWME is having an enrichment weekend on October 12th-14th, at Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village.

WWME begins with a private weekend experience including presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and continues with ongoing enrichments in the community after the weekend. Learn more and apply online today!

For more information call 630/577-0778, email applications to applications@wwme.chicagoland.org or go to the website wwme-chicagoland.org.

THE 31ST ANNUAL BISHOP'S MASS WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

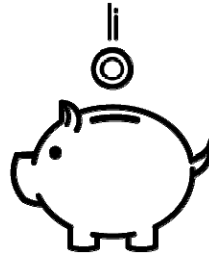
All are welcome to attend the Mass at Noon on Sunday, September 16th at Holy Family Catholic Church, 600 Brook Forest Ave, Shorewood, IL. The celebrant will be Bishop R. Daniel Conlon.

An interpreter for the deaf will be provided.

Luncheon to follow for persons with disabilities, families and friends.

For information please contact Gina Perez-Giblin at 815/221-6229 or email at ggiblin@dioceseofjoliet.org.

WHAT'S UP WITH THE CCW CASH CARD PROGRAM?



This program is a simple way to get donations for St. Luke Parish from retailers and restaurants.

- You purchase retailer gift cards from our Council of Catholic Women (CCW);
- You spend the cards' complete value and
- the merchants give us a cash rebate with NO strings attached.

This makes for less pain to our personal donation budgets! You get money donated to CCW just by making everyday purchases. Do you fill your tank at Speedway? Use a cash card this week and Speedway will give CCW 4%. Getting new school clothes? Old Navy donates 14%. Jewel and Mariano's donate 4%. Sam's Club/Wal-Mart donate 2.5%. Hungry? Maggiano's and Chili's give us 11% Want a quick special meal? Honey Baked Ham is now giving a 12% rebate! Check out the other offers on the order sheets!

Pre-order the cash cards you want by using the order form available September 8th/9th. Forms are by the exit doors. Return your order form with payment on September 15th/16th. Pick up your order the weekend of September 22nd/23rd. Extra cards will be sold at the table in the hallway on September 22nd/23rd and 29th. Proceeds help remodel Jericho. Questions? Call Maryellen at 630-508-1624. Thank you!



CURSILLO CORNER

MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST

Please join fellow Cursillistas in attending the next Ultreya hosted by St. John the Baptist Church in Winfield.

8:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel

Witness Talk & Grouping; immediately following Mass in Sebahar Hall

Witness Speaker: Janet Mayer- St. Alexander's Parish –Villa Park

Continental breakfast served

Bring a friend! This is a great way to introduce others to the movement and help in their discernment process for attending a future weekend.

Cursillo Weekend Schedule - 2018-2019

Men's 136th: September 13-16, 2018 at *Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.*

Women's 128th: Nov 8-11, 2018 at *Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.*

Men's 137th: March 7-10, 2019 at *Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.*

Women's 129th: April 25-28, at *Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.*

Spanish Women's 5th: September 27-30 at *Our Lady of the Angels in Lemont.*

Spanish Men's 5th: November 8-11 at *Our Lady of the Angels in Lemont.*

For those interested in learning more about the Cursillo movement or attending a Cursillo Weekend, please visit www.jolietcursillo.org, or contact Amy Serritella at amythe1@att.net.

