



The Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist

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true pastoral effort to help draw everyone into the praise of God.

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POWER STRUGGLE

Power struggles occur on every level of society, from the world stage to relationships at work, to our own homes. We struggle for position in the hierarchy of power: Who has power over whom? How do they wield it? What is the source of that power? What is the healthy response?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading the Pharisees engage Jesus in a power struggle over whether Jews should show tribute to Caesar by paying taxes. Jesus' response puts this and every struggle for power into perspective. In harmony with the words of Isaiah and Paul, Jesus teaches us that God is the ultimate source of all power—the power of earthly rulers, the Pharisees, Jesus, the Church, and the power within ourselves.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What makes the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children different from the others? First, there is the intended assembly, which is described as comprised of mostly children of school age. There are three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children available to us now in the missal. The first one has a very simple form, easily grasped by even a young child. The second has a great deal of participation by the assembly—repeated sung acclamations. The third has a number of variations that can be tricky for a priest to handle if he hasn't prepared carefully.

All of this work does point to a true treasure of our tradition: children are part of the Sunday assembly, precisely because they are baptized members of Christ's body. By contrast, the churches of the Reformation tend to look upon children as members in training, and see worship as an adult activity. Sunday school happens downstairs while the adults celebrate Holy Communion upstairs. In a phrase, that's not Catholic. Children belong to Christ and to the assembly. So, the desire to care for the children in the assembly, to draw them into the prayer, and to adapt our rituals and texts to their needs is deeply Catholic, a



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MASSES CELEBRATED

DURING THE WEEK

ARE HELD

IN THE CHURCH

SATURDAY — OCTOBER 21

2:00pm — Baptisms

4:15 — 4:45 Confessions

5:00 — Joseph Wleklinski req. by Betty Wleklinski

SUNDAY — OCTOBER 22

8:30am — Robert Doyle & Robert Sarley req. by
Bob and Kathy Sarley

11:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

MONDAY — OCTOBER 23

Mass will not be celebrated today

TUESDAY — OCTOBER 24

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY — OCTOBER 25

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

THURSDAY — OCTOBER 26

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

FRIDAY — OCTOBER 27

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SATURDAY — OCTOBER 28

2:00pm — Wedding of Kirsten Bescher and
Andrew Williams

4:15 — 4:45 Confessions

5:00 — Daniel Pieroni req. by Richard and Marianne
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SUNDAY — OCTOBER 29

8:30am — Louise Blunt req. by Betty Wleklinski

11:00 — Denis Holich req. by Cyndi Holich and for
The People of St. Luke Parish



Please pray for the sick in our parish especially, Pat Angelo, Marge Austin, Yecenia Bosley, John Capezio, Joe Cavanagh, Disabled Vets, Jim Erickson, Angel Faulkner, Mark Faulkner, Shannon Hayes, Carole Hible, Terri Miceli, Audrey Race, John Rossi and Jim Wright.

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



October 15, 2017

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| REG. CHURCH SUPPORT | |
| 102 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS | = \$3,094.00 |
| LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS | = \$ 143.00 |
| TOTAL COLLECTION | = \$3,237.00 |
| AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION | = \$ 31.74 |

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 — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77,
93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;
1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Acting for the benefit of others. Prophet Isaiah tells this story of God calling Cyrus, the king of Persia, by name. God calls him to bring the Chosen People from Babylonian exile back home. St. Matthew tells another story, a setup. It is the discussion between the Pharisees and Jesus on paying taxes. Jesus says: Give Caesar what's his. Give God what is God's.

- How will I act for the benefit of others?
- What belongs to God?
- How will I give that back, give that away?

ST. LUKE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Family of St. Luke Parish, are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in our Lives and Sacraments. We were chosen and sent by Christ to live gratefully the life God has given us and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. In the Spirit of **Faith, Service and Community**, we bring people closer to God and each other.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES

Don't forget Ten Thousand Villages is bringing their one of a kind shopping experience to St. Luke next weekend! They will set up shop in Jericho on October 28th & 29th so you can select items to purchase after all Masses. Why not set aside a little time to purchase a special gift or even items for yourself.

Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit social enterprise that partners with small scale artisan groups in developing countries to bring their wares to market. This pioneering fair trade organization works with more than 20,000 makers in 30 countries in an effort to provide these artisans with a fair wage, respect and dignity. Come shop. Come share.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MORN FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

Each year on November second, the church honors all those who have transcended this life to the next. This year at St. Luke Parish, we will celebrate a special Mass and Memorial Service to remember all those who have died. If you have lost a loved one or friend through death either recently or some time ago, we encourage and invite you to attend this special Mass and Memorial Service on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00pm.

You are encouraged to bring a framed photo of your deceased loved one(s) to display from October 28th to November 12th. Pictures can be dropped off at the Parish Office or when coming to Mass.

After the Mass, our Council of Catholic Women (CCW) invite you to a reception of beverages and desserts in Jericho. Please join us for fellowship as we honor those who have passed before us. "LIFE IS CHANGED - NOT TAKEN AWAY". (Words taken from the Mass of the dead).

CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKET DONATION ITEMS

CCW is now collecting Party Themed items for baskets to be auctioned at the annual Christmas Dinner. Join the party and provide some goodies for these fun baskets. Wine, craft beers, liquor, and uniquely themed items will be combined to create one-of-a-kind Party Baskets. From Game Day to Holiday – pick a theme and drop your donations in the collection boxes in the hall. Please provide all basket items by Sunday, November 5th. The very last day to drop off basket donations is November 12th. Thank you!



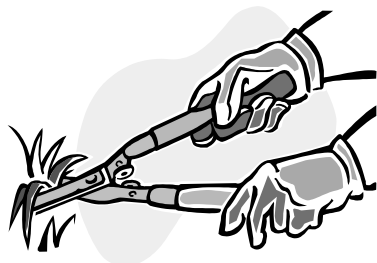
CHRISTMAS DINNER TICKET SALES

Tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner go on sale next weekend. This year's dinner auction is Friday, November 17th and will feature Party Themed baskets. A bountiful catered meal, beverages, auctions and raffles will be included in the festivities. Tickets are \$20. Ticket sales are limited so don't miss out.

FALL PARISH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

Come and help get the outside of the parish grounds in shape for the fall and winter holidays. We will be doing a grounds clean up on Saturday, October 28th from 9:00 am until noon. We need people to cut and rake our perennials and people to move and spread wood chip mulch on the beds. Please bring rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows if you

have them. Wear working clothes and gardening gloves. If you can't come for the whole time, any help would be appreciated. Call Gail (630/690-9468) if you have any questions. No gardening experience is needed to help with this task.



JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT/WORKSHOP WEEKEND FOR WIDOWED MEN & WOMEN

Feeling "stuck"? Need something to help you as you try to become whole again after the loss of your spouse? Come and see how to make inroads into your new life.

Upcoming weekend dates:
October 28th & 29th—Batavia
November 11th & 12th—Lemont

Includes overnight and meals. Space limited – register early. To register by phone call 708/354-7211, email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com or visit our website www.joyfulagain.org.

WHAT IS A MASS INTENTION?

A person may ask for a Mass Intention for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, the most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

If you would like to request a Mass for someone, we request at least a week notice. We understand the importance of having a Mass said and want to make sure we do right by everyone. The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

If you want to make sure it appears in the bulletin, we need at least 2 weeks.

You can call the office at 630/668-1325 Monday through Thursday between 9:00-4:00 or Friday between 9:00-12:00 to request a Mass.

YOU HAVE BREAST CANCER, NOW WHAT?

Hearing the words “you have breast cancer” will literally stop you in your tracks. It can be overwhelming, confusing and downright emotional. It’s important to take a deep breath, clear your mind of all the negative thoughts and focus on getting well again.

“I advise all of my patients to take a set back and remember that knowledge is power. The more you know about your disease and treatment options, the better you will feel about your decisions and be equipped with the tools you need to fight your disease,” says Dr. Gale England, an Advocate Medical Group breast surgeon at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, IL.

Gain a better understanding of your stage of cancer. Sit down with your doctor and go over the pathology report together. This will provide important information so that you can make the best decisions for your recovery, such as:

- Type and aggressiveness (grade) of the cancer
- If it’s invasive
- If it’s spread to the lymph nodes or other organs
- Hormone-receptor status
- Develop a treatment plan. Your doctor may suggest several treatment options from local therapy, such as surgery, to systemic therapy, such as chemotherapy. Ask questions about the risks and benefits of each option. Consider each option carefully.

Dr. England suggests women consider a second opinion. “A second opinion can confirm the diagnosis and help you make a decision about treatment options. Some centers may even have different treatment options that could be beneficial to your treatment plan,” says England.

Assemble a support team. Remember that you are not alone. Your spouse, parents, family members and friends want to support you throughout this journey. Consider joining a support team at your treatment facility so you can get all of your questions answered along the way.

Finally, receive the support and care of your faith community. We are often reluctant to share what we are going through or to ask for help. Prayer, practical help, periodic check-ins from congregation members, or talking with your

faith leader will connect you with your Source and feed your spirit for the journey of healing.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

WHAT! But it’s so early to talk about Christmas! Not really. Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday we have **CHANGED** the Sunday weekend schedule so we wanted everyone to be aware of it ahead of time. Please keep this handy so you know when to attend Mass.

If you are a minister or past minister and can help with the holiday Masses please call the office at 630/668-1325 or email us at stloff@aol.com. The sooner the better so we know how many ministers we will still need to find. Thank you ahead of time for your assistance.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – 2017

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, December 1.....7:00pm

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, December 23
Mass.....5:00pm

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24
NO MORNING MASSES
Masses.....4:00 and 6:00pm

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25
Masses.....8:30 & 11:00am

NEW YEAR’S MASSES

Saturday, December 30
Mass.....5:00pm

Sunday, December 31
Masses.....8:30 & 11:00am

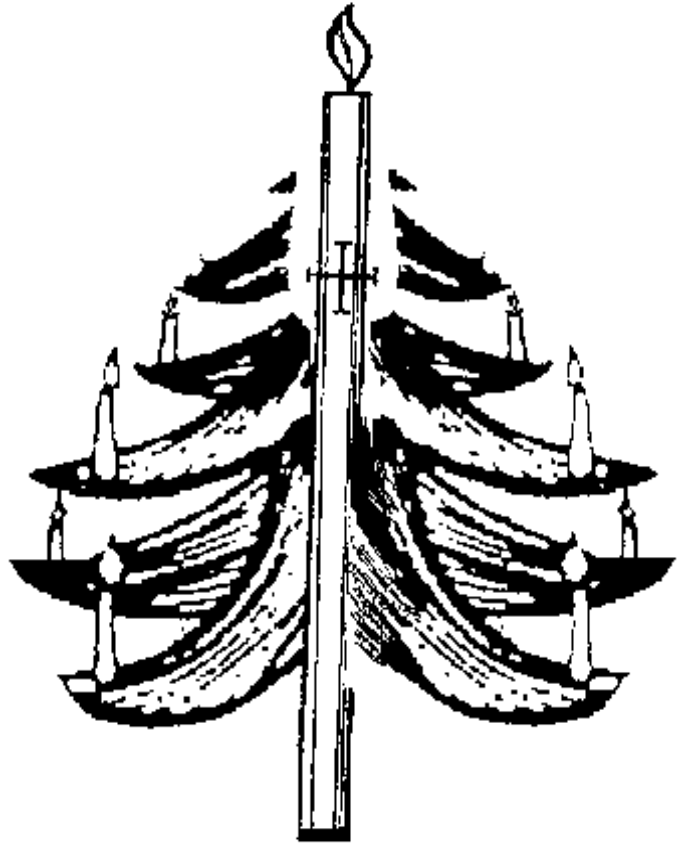
New Year’s Eve, Sunday, December 31
Mass.....5:00pm

New Year’s Day, Monday, January 1
Mass.....11:00am

TREE OF LIGHT INFANT MEMORIAL MASS

On Sunday, November 5th all families and individuals are welcome to attend this Mass at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill. This beautiful liturgy will remember babies who have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, other pregnancy losses or early childhood death. At 2:00pm a special tree blessing ceremony for family members to commemorate these babies will precede the mass. Family members may wish to arrive at 1:30pm to sign in and to gather in the chapel. A reception with light refreshments will be served immediately following.

To register online, go to <http://conta.cc/2f4CvXS> or call 815/838-5334 by *November 1st*. If you are not able to attend but would like your baby remembered, please call us.



TREE OF LIGHT MEMORIAL MASS

Sponsored by the Office of Family Ministry, Diocese of Joliet
Please RSVP by November 1.

Please estimate number attending _____ Babies being honored: _____

Baby Name (s) _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ PARISH _____

E-MAIL (for map & confirmation) _____

Return information by email,
return form by mail or fax,
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