

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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long been closed. Although he approved them for a period of only three years, they were never formally removed from the *Sacramentary* and have been incorporated into the new Roman Missal.

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Earlier this autumn, we looked at how our Eucharistic Prayers have been enriched by the approval of several new prayers to augment the old Roman Canon. For us, there are the four standard prayers, three for Masses with Children, and the most recent addition, the former Swiss Eucharistic Prayer with four alternative forms (now known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions).

We also have two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. The source for these two prayers is the request by many bishops for a special prayer for the "Holy Year" of 1975. Originally, the committee in charge was commissioned to write a single prayer, but the theme proved so rich that it gave rise to two. The first is based on and develops biblical texts on reconciliation. The second starts with the experience of living in today's fractured world, and how the Spirit calls us to reconciliation and peace. Not everyone was happy with all this creativity, saying that if too many were published, it would be difficult for the Vatican to control further requests. Everyone thought the pope would put strict limits on the prayers, but in the end he said he was willing to open doors that had



MASSES CELEBRATED

DURING THE WEEK

ARE HELD

IN THE CHURCH

SATURDAY — NOVEMBER 18

2:00pm — Baptisms

4:15 — 4:45 Confessions

5:00 — Patrick Daly req. by Michael & Deborah Mero
and for Anthony Slonina req. by Slonina Family

SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 19

8:30am — Stan Solkowski req. by Ann Solkowski

11:00 — John Capezio req. by Gail and Bob Bemis and
for The People of St. Luke Parish

MONDAY — NOVEMBER 20

Mass will not be celebrated today

TUESDAY — NOVEMBER 21

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY — NOVEMBER 22

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

THURSDAY — NOVEMBER 23 — THANKSGIVING

9:30am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

FRIDAY — NOVEMBER 24

Mass will not be celebrated today

SATURDAY — NOVEMBER 25

4:15 — 4:45pm Confessions

5:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 26

8:30am — Herbert Bowe req. by Patrick & Kathleen
Elder

11:00 — Danny Pieroni req. by Mary Breinig



Please pray for the sick in our parish especially, Marge Austin, Yecenia Bosley, Disabled Vets, Angel Faulkner, Carole Hible, Terri Miceli, and Audrey Race.

Please remember our beloved dead, especially Father John Ducaji, Jim Erickson, Maria Gargol and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.



November 12, 2017

REG. CHURCH SUPPORT

135 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS = \$3,242.00
LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS = \$ 173.00

TOTAL COLLECTION = \$3,415.00

AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION = \$ 25.29

FAITH COMMITMENT = \$2,810.00

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS = \$ 522.81

FINANCIAL FREEDOM = \$ 360.00

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 woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Still being prepared. This parable today is of talents, trust and service. New Testament "talents" are big piles of money. But in this story, they are God-given free gifts and baptismal charisms. Given to be used. For the benefit of others. Not to be hidden. Fear of doing something wrong can lead to inactivity. Lack of action and playing it safe are not kingdom of God behaviors.

- How does God make me worthy?
- What does God have in store for me?
- How will I stay busy (not be lazy)?

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.

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 thru Thursday between 9:00-4:00 or Friday between 9:00-12:00 to request a Mass.

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, whatever good you do and suffering you endure, heal your sins, help you grow in holiness, and reward you with eternal life. Go in peace.

- Rite of Penance, no. 93

PREPARATION: Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37,39)? As a help with this, “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).

GREETING: The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (*give days, months or years*) since my last confession.”

CONFESSION: Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”

PENANCE: The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

ACT OF CONTRITION: After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

(*Rite of Penance, no. 45*)

ABSOLUTION: The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”

PRAISE: The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance, no. 47*).

DISMISSAL: The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Friday, December 1st at 7:00pm in church. All are welcome.

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CCW CORNER

At our October Board meeting, CCW voted to fund and bring back a “Get Well Card” project. Beginning in November, parishioners placed on the parish’s prayers for the sick list will receive a card from the parish. This will assure fellow parishioners that prayers and thoughts from those they worship with each week are with them as they experience illness. As a familiar hymn states, we are “companions on the journey.” A CCW Volunteer will coordinate this.

Also, CCW will be initiating a **Book Nook Lending Library**. Anyone will be able to borrow a book from the shelf located by the east door. The library will consist of gently used books donated to CCW. The goal of this sharing ministry is to encourage deeper reflections on spiritual, theological and faith topics. Have you read a helpful book about our faith? Has a favorite religious author introduced

you to new ways to experience faith? Do you have a favorite prayer or meditation book? Are they gathering dust? If so, please consider taking it off your bookshelf and donating it to CCW's new **Book Nook Lending Library**. This new project will be completed soon. If you have a gently used or new book to donate please drop it off in the donation box by the front door. Children's books are most welcome! Thank you.

CCW BLOOD DRIVE

CCW will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, November 26th from 8:00-1:00pm in Jericho. Aside from helping in the care of 3 patients, a donation also enables you to call Lifesource a few days after your donation to see what your cholesterol level was on the donation day—for free!

Please help us meet our quota of 25 donations by scheduling an appointment. We really need to make our quota or will no longer be able to have these drives! This can be done several ways:

- * In person after Mass on the weekends 11/11-11/12 and 11/18-11/19
- * online at www.lifesource.org
 - * click on make an appointment
 - * follow prompts to login
 - * search for our event using sponsor code CS42
 - * schedule the appointment
- * Walk-in as your schedule allows on the day of the event. Last minute appointments are welcome!

All donors are entered in a drawing for a gift card.

CCW'S CHILDREN TO CHILDREN TOY COLLECTION

St. Luke CCW is once again participating in the Annual Children to Children Toy Collection. This is a fantastic way for the families of St. Luke to show their gift of generosity to families in need in the Carol Stream community. During all Masses on December 9th & 10th, please bring new unwrapped toys to Jericho. Then join us after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, December 10th for a festive wrapping and pizza party. Please don't forget to bring scissors, tape, and wrapping paper to share. And as a special treat, SANTA will be joining our party this year!!! All Parishioners are invited to come share some cookies with Santa after the 11:00am Mass.



COME TO SANTA'S WORKSHOP



Cookies

Set your calendars and enjoy "Cookies with Santa!" Bring your camera for Sunday, December 10th after the 11:00am Mass and join us in Jericho.

Come decorate a Christmas stocking, get a picture with Santa and have a cookie or two. Everyone is invited.

CCW is also having their "wrap party" so you can help wrap some presents for children if you would like to. I am sure Santa would like that!

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SNOW ANGELS ARE NEEDED

We are looking for people who can help clear our walk ways when it snows.

The more Angels we have, the less work for each of you. We have shovels and snow blowers, we just need the people. If you can help out, please call the office at 630/668-1325 and let us know or e-mail at stloff@aol.com and put snow angel in the subject line.



Thank you!!

CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND

A farewell Mass in Bishop Siegel's honor will be held at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, 604 N. Raynor Ave., Joliet on Sunday, November 26th at 11:00am. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be served after Mass.

"SINGLE THROUGH LOSS" GATHERING FOR MEN AND WOMEN

After the loss of a spouse through death or divorce, even those well on their way to an adjusted lifestyle can find the holiday season challenging. Please join us on Saturday, December 9th for a festive Christmas tea and a presentation by Sr. Joanne Vallero, CSJ, pastoral associate at St. Dennis Parish in Lockport, entitled "**Holy Season, Sacred Journey**". The program begins 1:00pm (check-in starts at 12:30pm) and concludes with a Vigil Mass at 4:00pm.

This event will take place at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill on December 9th. The \$15 fee which includes assorted sandwich items, sweets and beverages can be paid at the door with cash or a check payable to Diocese of Joliet. To register, call **815/838-5334**, email familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or register online at <http://conta.cc/2hkJLiU>. Reservations are required by December 1st.

Single Through Loss (STL) is an inter-parish committee of the Office of Family Ministry of the Diocese of Joliet whose members include support group leaders of "Divorce and Beyond, the "Joyful Again" widowed ministry, and other peer support groups in the diocese. Events are rotated at various locations throughout the diocese.

STL's mission is to provide spiritual enrichment and networking opportunities for widowed and divorced Catholics who have passed through the initial stages of grief and are ready to begin a new chapter in their lives. **STL** meetings are open to individuals of all denominations who are respectful of faith-based values.

VILLA ST. BENEDICT

All are invited to come out and enjoy the Friends of Harmony Chorus on Tuesday, December 12th at 1:30. Enjoy the beautiful blended voices of this female chorus. Performing all holiday music, we are happy to have this wonderful group back to our campus. Great opportunity to get to know residents an experience life at VSB.

There will be a Holiday Open House on Friday, December 15th at 2:00. The Villa Center will be all dressed up for the holidays! Visit our apartments and villa homes and listen to live music from singer Petra Van Nuis. Seasonal refreshments will be served.

Villa St. Benedict
5450 Subiaco Dr.
Lisle

PLEASE HELP ST. VINCENT DEPAUL OF ST. LUKE CAROL STREAM

Greeting Parishioners,

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Luke has a food pantry. When a phone call comes in for help from within the borders of our parish, our members respond the best we can to help. The pantry contains cereal, soup, tea, paper products, canned veggies, peanut butter, jelly, some shampoo, laundry detergent, hand soap and toothpaste. Sometimes a toothbrush. Those we serve also need help to buy milk, pay deductibles for medical help, pay electric bills and at times some rental support.

THE BOXES inside the church and at the main entry to the church are asking you to help. Donations are fully tax deductible, so a check will help you keep record of your donations. When members of our parish call us for help, we need your prayers, volunteer help and financial assistance in order to help them.

PLEASE HELP WITH YOUR PRAYERS, YOUR TIME AND FINANCIALLY IF YOU CAN.