

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

# ST. LUKE PARISH

## January 2020

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11:00am Mass	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 7:00pm Parish Council Mtg PCCR	9	10	11
12 9:40 - 10:50 RE rms 1-4, 7 & 8  12:00 Bunco & Brunch JER	13 6:30pm CCW Board Meeting	14 7:00pm VFW rm1	15	16 6:15pm Bells rm 3	17	18 2:00pm Baptism CCW hospitality all Masses Expectant Parent Blessing all Masses
19 9:40 - 10:50 RE rms 1-4, 7 & 8  8:00 - 12:00 Blood Drive JER	20 Office Closed  	21	22	23 6:15pm Bells rm 3	24	25 6:00pm Chili Cook-off JER
26 12:00 - 2:00pm GOF JER	27	28	29	30 6:15pm Bells rm 3	31	

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Let me tell you a story about a young lad named 'Johnny'. There is something broken in Johnny. No, he didn't fall off a roof, nothing like that. However, without a doubt there is something broken in him; he's suffering from feelings of rejection. When a young person is rejected something inside of him breaks. Johnny is fifteen years old, the second youngest in a family of seven. He grew up in a large urban area. Ten years ago, his father left them. The mother did the best she could, but it wasn't enough. Johnny was sent to his granny's to make room at home. There he had a room to himself and as much food as he wanted, but it wasn't home. He felt rejected.

He was in trouble from the age of ten, fighting, trouble in school, shop-lifting, and so on. Granny did the best she could to control him, but she was getting on in years. He was able to fool her easily.

At fourteen, he was into house-breaking. As he was small and able to squeeze into small spaces, the gang to which he belonged called him 'the weasel'. By this time, he was also drinking. Next, it was on to joy-riding in stolen cars. Soon he was well known to the juvenile court.

On one occasion he was sent to a reformatory for six months, but when he came out, it was back to his old ways once more. He was sent to another place. Here he had not just one, but a team of professionals looking after him, all so-called experts in fixing broken kids. There was a doctor, a nurse, a psychologist, a psychiatrist, a welfare officer, a house father and mother, and so on. Each year it cost the state a staggering £40,000 to keep him there.

Will all those experts succeed in fixing Johnny? I suppose that it's remotely possible. Though, here is something we all know. Their very professional work could be done, and done far more effectively, by just two people! Two people? Yes, two people: a man and a woman. Not the Six Million Dollar Man and the Bionic Woman, just two very ordinary people – two parents. If Johnny had only had two parents who loved him and cared for him in the first place, he would never have been broken and he would never have needed all those experts.

The story shows what could happen to any child if his parents don't love and care for him, especially when he is young. At the same time, it shows what a splendid job parents do – when they endeavor to do it.

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

My dear family of St. Luke,

The first reading (Ecclesiasticus 322-6. 12-14) can be seen as a brief commentary on the commandment to honor one's parents. This entails not only obeying them when we are young, but looking after them when they are old. It emphasizes that kindness shown to them will be rewarded.

The second Reading (Colossians 3: 12-21) stresses the atmosphere of love that should reign in a Christian family. St. Paul lists several simple virtues like compassion, kindness, lowliness, and mutual forgiveness.

In the Gospel (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23), we see the love of Mary and Joseph for the child Jesus. They willingly uproot themselves and go into exile in order to protect him from Herod.

If you look at a landscape, it may be covered with snow or with green grass and wild flowers. It all depends on the presence or absence of the sun. In the same way, if you look into a home where there are young children, you will find signs of neglect or signs of care, depending on the presence or absence of love.

Of all our experts, they are the best and the most necessary. To succeed at their job, they don't need long years of training or lots of letters after their names. All they need is a caring heart. From the heart comes the sunshine in which their children will grow. **No family is perfect in this world, but each family which looks to the exemplary family, the Nazarene Holy Family, tries its level best to become perfect**

Ideally a child needs two parents, two parents of course, who love one another. Parental love must not be over-possessive. The bond must be liberating for the parents and for the child. We need to give less importance to having a nice home than to having a loving home. What use is a warm house, if people are cold with one another? What use is a beautiful house, if it lacks tenderness and friendship?

'The greatest gift parents can give their children is their love for one another'.

Today, the feast of the Holy Family, shows how Jesus needed a family in order to grow to maturity. The Christian community is our wider family. It reminds us that we have a common Father, and that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. We cannot reach maturity in isolation from others. Let us pause to reflect on our ties with this community. Amen.

Father Asirvadam Dandu



Please pray for the sick in our parish, especially John and Pat Angelo, Yecenia Bosley, Disabled Vets, Angel Faulkner, Joe Francione, Susan Hendron, Tiffany Jacobelli, Kristin, Tom Mattingly, Jeff McKinney, Joel Munroe, Abby Peck, John Rossi, Wanda Slupik, and Laura Lee Tegtman.

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

## MASSES CELEBRATED

### DURING THE WEEK

### ARE HELD

### IN THE CHURCH

#### SATURDAY — DECEMBER 28

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant

#### SUNDAY — DECEMBER 29

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

11:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant

#### MONDAY — DECEMBER 30

No Mass

#### TUESDAY — DECEMBER 31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00pm — The Intentions of the Celebrant

#### WEDNESDAY — JANUARY 1 — NEW YEAR'S DAY

11:00 am — Doyle & Sarley families req. by Bob & Kathy Sarley

#### THURSDAY — JANUARY 2

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

11:00 — Windsor Park

#### FRIDAY — JANUARY 3

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

#### SATURDAY — JANUARY 4

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions

5:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

#### SUNDAY — JANUARY 5

8:30am — David Jones req. by Monica Blum

11:00 — Bill Breinig req. by Mary Breinig



December 15, 2019

WEEKLY REQUIRED SUNDAY SUPPORT	= \$4,039.00
REG. CHURCH SUPPORT	
115 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$4,002.00
LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$ 246.00

<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>= \$4,248.00</b>
<b>AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>= \$ 36.94</b>

<b>ONLINE DONATION</b>	<b>= \$ 50.00</b>
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<b>RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS</b>	<b>= \$ 90.00</b>
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<b>FAITH COMMITMENT</b>	<b>= \$ 100.00</b>
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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.

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH,

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14. Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Colossians 3:12-21. Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

**Every Family Is Holy.** Pope Francis was not the first to urge us to see and be holy people. Saint Paul, in Colossians 3:12-17, calls us holy and beloved – and lists holy behaviors. It recalls the Old Testament covenants and the very peak of creation told in Genesis – human life.

- ◆ How will I, in phone call or letter, speak words of love to my siblings and parents?
- ◆ How will I be ever more holy this day?
- ◆ How will I help families who grieve or hunger or want?

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

**Second Reading** — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

**Gospel** — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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### HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Father Dandu 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 and third Friday of the month. You can call the office at 630/668-1325 or email at [stloff@aol.com](mailto:stloff@aol.com). Please put homebound in the subject line.

## CCW BUNCO & BRUNCH

CCW invites you to our annual Brunch and Bunco on Sunday January 12th at noon. Come in from the cold and join us for this complementary meal of breakfast casseroles, donuts, coffee cakes and more. Plus enjoy a lively game of Bunco!! You may even pick up prize. All are welcome so please join us.

## BLOOD DRIVE

CCW will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday January 19th from 8:00-1:00 in Jericho. Aside from helping in the care of 3 patients, a donation also enables you to call Vitalant 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 of January 4th & 5th or January 10th & 11th
- online at [www.Vitalant.org](http://www.Vitalant.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!



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## CCW DONATION TO CAROL STREAM ROTARY COAT DRIVE

Early in December St. Luke's Counsel of Catholic Women (CCW) reached out to the Social Services Division of the Carol Stream Police Department to donate \$250 in gift cards for the purchase of children's coats and other Winter wear for those in our community in need at this very special time of year. Our contacts in Social Services recommended that we direct our donation to the Carol Stream Rotary Club's Annual Coat Drive. This guaranteed that local kids with demonstrated need got help quickly. Below is a picture of new coats purchased with our donation.

A portion of our cash card profits made it possible for CCW to make this contribution. Therefore, we want to send a special THANKS to all who use our cash cards!

THANK YOU for helping us do "all we do".



## THANK YOU FROM DUPAGE CARE CENTER

Dear Parishioners of St. Luke Parish,

Thank you so much for your very thoughtful and generous gifts! My father really likes the American Flag socks and t-shirt. He was especially happy to receive the Ohio State t-shirt! What a wonderful program you have! We are so happy and proud that my father was a recipient of your kindness!

Sincerely, Richard and Nancy

## HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Join us on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Morning or Evening Prayer and Reflection from 9:00am to 10:30am or from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Nazareth Spirituality Center, 717 North Batavia Avenue, Batavia, IL 60510.

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

**TOPIC:** Hospice and palliative care touches many lives in the care of the critically and terminally ill. Join us for an informative and practical presentation on hospice and palliative care and how it supports patients and their families in a wholistic way.

**PRESENTER:** *Nancy Flowers, Rainbow Hospice*

**COST:** Free Will Donation

**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Call Linda Isleib at 630/879-1296 or just stop by.

Visit our website at [www.sscm-usa.org](http://www.sscm-usa.org) for more information on upcoming programs at *Nazareth Spirituality Center*.

## ANNULMENT SUPPORT DAY

Working on annulment papers alone without support can be emotionally painful, overwhelming, and frustrating.

The Office of Family Ministry offers this one-day workshop designed for divorced persons who have petitioned the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal to begin the annulment process, have submitted the Matrimonial Fact Sheet for their case, but have not yet submitted the long questionnaire. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to attend, whether remarried or not.

This day will include time for questions and input regarding annulments and the relational issues dealt with in the questionnaire. Participants will be able to begin or continue filling out the questionnaire within a supportive atmosphere. Pastoral ministers will be available for private consultation. The day will also include a time for prayer, as we focus on beginning to turn painful memories into sources of new life.

Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-4:00 (check in at 8:45)

at Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill, IL.

The \$25.00 fee includes morning coffee, lunch and materials. Pre-registration is required by January 20<sup>th</sup>. To register please call the Office of Family Ministry at 815/838-5334 or register online at <https://conta.cc/2DSt3PV>.

## JOYFUL AGAIN!

Widowed and feeling stuck?  
Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life.



Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry program presents a Retreat/workshop for men & women on March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at the Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont

To register call 708/354-7211, email us at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org) (incls.video).

## SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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**SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)**

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.

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**WINTER WILD**

It was winter wild  
While the Heav'n-born child  
All meanly wrapt in the rude manger lies.

—John Milton, *On the Morning of Christ's Nativity*

**NEW YEAR**

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton



Symbols of the *season*

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

*Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.*



shepherd's staff

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tree that keeps its leaves

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shines to lead the way

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green for eternal life,  
red for Jesus' blood

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sounds to announce  
good news

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has no beginning or end

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Answer: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath.  
Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV