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Diocese of Peoria
Bishop Louis Tylka

Pastor
Father Ryan Mattingly

Confessions

St. Luke
Saturday before Mass 3:00 - 3:45 pm

St. Joseph
Sunday before Mass 9:30 - 9:45 am

Bulletin announcements and calendar changes should be typed and submitted by Tuesday to the parish office or emailed to saintluke.eureka@gmail.com



“Come, and you will see.”

JN 1:39

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time *January 14, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

In our readings this week we see the origin stories of some heavy hitters. The Lord speaks to Samuel for the first time, setting of his life as a judge and prophet. Samuel will go on to pronounce judgement on King Saul and anoint David as the new king whose kingdom will endure forever. In the gospel, Andrew and John meet Christ for the first time and come away convinced they have found the Messiah.

All three men have the course of their lives radically changed by an encounter with God. Interestingly, all three men are also somewhat flummoxed by the experience. Samuel doesn't understand it is God calling out to Him until the third attempt. Andrew and John are drawn to Christ, but can't clearly explain why or what is happening. When our Lord asks, "What are you looking for?" they have no answer.

Even though all three don't understand the enormity of what is happening, they still come away changed. God unexpectedly bursts into their life and sets them on a new course. These three men will play an instrumental part in salvation history and it all begins with this one moment of encounter.

We should note that although God initiated the encounter, each man was in a position to respond. Samuel is sleeping in the temple where he spends his days serving, close to the Lord's dwelling. Andrew and John are following John the Baptist and listening to his teaching. The three have put themselves near God and are attentive to Him. That attentiveness is absolutely critical. God must initiate the encounter, but it is man's duty to be ready for it.

The world has always had plenty of distractions, but never more than it does today. Picture these encounters playing out in modern times with men not really paying attention. Instead of sleeping, Samuel is laying in bed scrolling through TikTok. Andrew and John have their noses buried in their phones or perhaps one earbud in, only half listening to John. One can easily imagine how things would have been different: God was still present, but unnoticed.

The tools at our disposal make it incredibly easy to fill every moment of the day with activity and noise. The radio or TV always on, our phones beeping incessantly, jumping from distraction to distraction without a second's pause. We must make a conscious effort to create times when we are still; truly present to God and to each other. We do this through the sacraments, our daily prayer, and cultivating periods of silence. Only then will we be able to be attentive and hear God speaking to us, to encounter the divine.

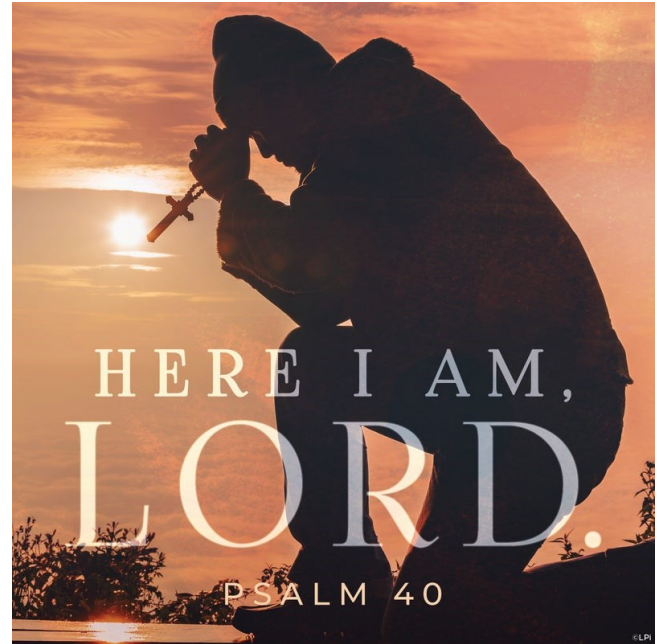
In Christ,
Fr. Mattingly

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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| Sat, Jan. 13 | Vigil for Sunday |
| 4:00 pm at St. Luke | Pro Populo |
| 5:30 pm at St. Joseph | Gioletti Family by Ann Gioletti |
| Sunday, Jan. 14 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 8:00 am at St. Luke | Richard Ashbrook by Dave & Paula Hise |
| 10:00am at St. Joseph | Intention of the Celebrant |
| Monday, Jan. 15 | Weekday |
| 8:00 am at St. Luke | Ed Dwyer |
| Tue, Jan. 16 | Weekday |
| 8:00 am at St. Luke | Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey |
| Wed, Jan. 17 | St. Anthony |
| 9:00 am at St. Luke | Brian Knoblauch by Randy & Mary Ragains |
| Thur, Jan. 18 | Weekday |
| 8:00 am at St. Joseph | Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey |
| Fri, Jan. 19 | Weekday |
| 8:00 am at St. Joseph | Judy Deffenbaugh by Dean & Jennifer Peterson |
| Sat, Jan. 20 | Vigil for Sunday |
| 4:00 pm at St. Luke | Tisdale Family |
| 5:30 pm at St. Joseph | Intention of the Celebrant |
| Sunday, Jan. 21 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 8:00 am at St. Luke | Pro Populo |
| 10:00am at St. Joseph | Alan Anderson by Ann Gioletti |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Monday, January 15 |
| 8:30 am Rosary (St. Luke) |
| Wednesday, January 17 |
| 8:00 am Adoration (St. Luke) |
| 6:30 pm Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph) |
| Sunday, January 21 |
| 9:00 am Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke) |
| 9:00 am <i>Archbishop Fulton Sheen - Servant of All</i> (St. Luke) |
| 9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph) |



STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 7
Week: 27

| | St. Luke | St. Joseph |
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| Weekly Offerings | \$ 2,442.56 | \$ 2,025.68 |
| Building Fund Offerings | <i>see Roof Fund</i> | \$ 75.00 |
| Votive Candles Offerings | | |
| Total Weekly Collection | \$ 2,442.56 | \$ 2,100.68 |
| Budgeted Weekly Collection | \$ 2,314.63 | \$ 1,425.00 |
| Year to Date Total | \$ 75,294.96 | \$ 40,932.87 |
| Budgeted INCOME YTD | \$ 62,494.88 | \$ 38,475.00 |
| Surplus or Deficit YTD | \$ 12,800.09 | \$ 2,457.87 |

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CHESTERTON ACADEMY
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OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 25, 2024

5:30pm—7:00pm

Friday, January 26, 2024

9:00am—11:00am

4020 N. Brandywine Drive, Peoria, IL 61614

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ST. LUKE'S ROOF FUND

(\$45,000 GOAL)

DONATIONS this week \$ 201.00

TOTAL -To-Date \$ 35,920.11

Percentage 79.8%

Archbishop Fulton Sheen - Servant of All

You are invited to a documentary film titled *Archbishop Fulton Sheen - Servant of All*. On Sunday, January 21st after the 8am Mass at St. Luke's in the cry room area. All are welcome.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who joined in the potluck on Sunday, January 7. The food and fellowship were wonderful!

Mark your calendars for the next Food, Faith and Fellowship Potluck. It will be on February 4 after the 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's.



Liturgical Ministers

Mass is supported by liturgical ministers who contribute to our worship through their service and participation in the liturgy. Lectors, choir members, altar servers, ushers, counters and sacristans support the worship life of the parish. These ministers give of their time and talent by acting as stewards of the liturgy for the spiritual enrichment of all who attend.

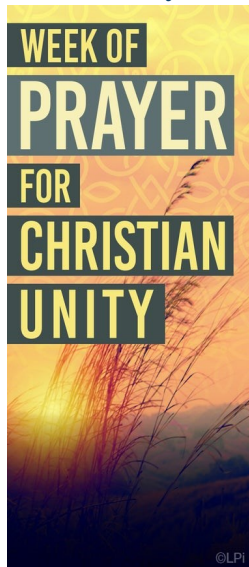
Please prayerfully consider one of the many ministries that our parishes offer. If you have any questions about what opportunities are available or would like more information, please contact the parish office at 309-467-4855.

You can sign up for any ministry by calling or emailing

**"You shall love the Lord your God...
and your neighbor as yourself."**

Luke 10:27

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbor". In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.



<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/week-prayer-christian-unity-2024>



Share Joy With Others

Winter can be a long, cold and lonely time for many people. A card or call can go a long way in cheering up someone's day!

In the same way your light must shine in people's sight, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.

Mt 5:16

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION excerpt from a prayer from St. Bonaventure

Grant that my soul may hunger for Thee, Who art the Bread of angels, the comforting nourishment of all holy souls, our daily and most delectable Bread. May my soul ever thirst for Thee, Who art the source of life, the fount of wisdom and knowledge, the brightness of everlasting light, the flood of all true happiness, the riches of the house of God.

Be Thou alone and evermore my hope; be Thou all my trust; be Thou my wealth, my delight, my joy, my consolation, my rest, my endless peace. Be Thou my food and my refreshment; my refuge and my help; my wisdom; my portion, mine own possession and my treasure. In Thee, O Lord, may my mind and my heart remain fixed and firm, and rooted immovably for evermore. Amen.



Emmaus Knights!

Emmaus Knights is a monthly event bringing the fun, faith, and fraternity of Emmaus Days to 7th-12th grade men year round.

The next Emmaus Knights will be on Sunday, January 28th from 4:30-6:30PM at Emmaus House. Contact Fr. Chase (chilgenbrinck@cdop.org) for more information about how you can get your young men plugged in.



Thank you to all our priests and Key Parish Leaders from across the Diocese of Peoria for hosting Growing Disciples parish meetings to explain the second set of draft models and how parishioners could provide feedback. Gathering information from those parish meetings is a critical element in the ability to move forward in this important pastoral planning process.

The Growing Disciples Core Team received over 2600 electronic and paper surveys. Bishop Tylka received several hundred personal letters from parishioners and community members, sharing their feelings about the process and what our possibilities could be as we look to the future. The feedback has come from all over the diocese and all parishes. Not everyone in every parish, or even every family, agreed on the steps we should take moving forward.

What is clear is that this process is awakening within all of us that desire for us to continue to be the Church and to grow the Church. We are passionate about our faith. We are passionate about our parishes. We are passionate about our mission that Jesus has given to us to share the Good News.

We also know we are living in very different times. The generations that preceded us had their own challenges and opportunities to live out our faith. Ours is a very different time and we must discern a way forward to build a more sustainable, mission driven, vibrant church for tomorrow.

In the coming months, our Growing Disciples Core Team, our Diocesan Commission and ultimately the Presbyteral Council will be discerning recommendations, based on the feedback, to be given to the Bishop, who will make the final decision.

Let us remain a people of prayer: praying for each other and supporting one another as we go through this process.

The Diocese of Peoria is constantly updating the website (growingdisciplescdop.org), so check back frequently. Please continue to pray that all our efforts today will bear fruit for a brighter tomorrow.

Peace and Prayers,

Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria

Benefit Dinner

HOSTED BY THE
ST. JOSEPH NEWMAN CENTER
AT BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

February 8th, 2024
Spalding Pastoral Center

For more details and to RSVP,
scan below or email
office@ncbu.org

hello
WINTER

“The time is always right
to do what is right.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.