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Diocese of Peoria  
Bishop Louis Tylka

Pastor  
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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  
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*He walked along a little further, and saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They too were in a boat, mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.*

*Mk 1:19-20*

## *The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time* *January 21, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

Assyria invaded Israel several times, inflicting great destruction and carrying away thousands of Israelites as captives. To the Israelites, the Assyrians had three strikes against them as a result: they were gentiles, they were enemies of the people, and they were enemies of God. As the capital, Nineveh was a symbol of not just the Assyrian empire, but also a stand in for all that is evil in the world. Not exactly a city that seems ripe with potential for conversion.

When God sends Jonah to warn the Ninevites of their doom unless they repent, they miraculously listen. Fearing the destruction, the entire city repents with fasting and sackcloth and are spared. What could cause such a remarkable change of heart? The first and most obvious answer is the grace of God. Only an incredible outpouring of grace can explain why the city believed Jonah's prophecy of destruction.

The second answer is that having accepted what Jonah says as truth, the Ninevites gained a new perspective. All the things they committed, their crimes to obtain wealth, power, slaves, etc..., were suddenly worthless. What good does a pile of gold do if I about to die? All that matters now is turning from evil to the good. Everything else is pointless.

The awareness that their time is running out changes the way the Assyrians approach life. We are not facing imminent doom, but we too know "the time is running out." St. Paul is referring to the second coming of Christ, the end of all things as they currently are. Christians see time as something bookended by two key events, creation and the second coming. Anything that happens between those two events is ultimately unimportant, except insofar as it affects our readiness to meet the Lord.

Living by this perspective gives us the capacity to live in the world without being of the world: "buying as not owning" and "using the world as not using it fully." We see an example of what this looks like in practice in the gospel. Simon, Andrew, James, and John all leave their jobs, possessions, and families when Christ calls them. These fishermen are of the world, but at the same time they are not absorbed by it.

The detachment of the future apostles makes them free to say yes to God. They encounter Christ and without hesitation begin to follow Him because their hearts are not tied down to earthly, temporary things. Their hearts are set on the things that endure forever. They thus stand as an example for us to emulate when considering how to live St. Paul's warning: "I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out... For the world in its present form is passing away."

In Christ,  
Fr. Mattingly

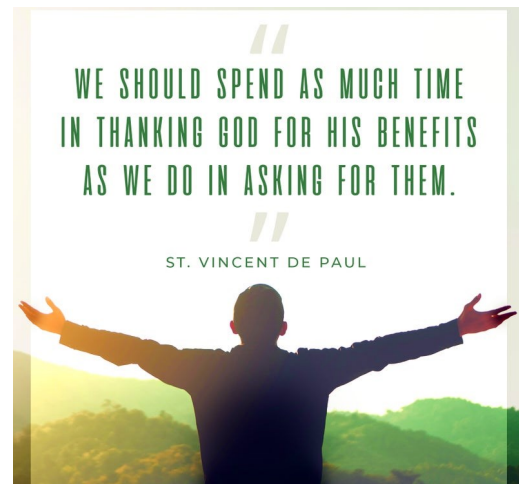
## Mass Schedule & Intentions

- 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**      **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 am at St. Luke      Pro Populo  
 10:00am at St. Joseph      Alan Anderson by Ann Gioletti
- Monday, Jan. 22**      **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**  
 8:00 am at St. Luke      Brian Knoblauch by Randy & Mary Ragains
- Sat, Jan. 27**      **Vigil for Sunday**  
 4:00 pm at St. Luke      Intention of the Celebrant  
 5:30 pm at St. Joseph      Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
- Sunday, Jan. 28**      **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 am at St. Luke      Richard Ashbrook by Dave & Paula Hise  
 10:00am at St. Joseph      Pro Populo



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, January 21**  
 9:00 am Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke)  
 9:00 am *Archbishop Fulton Sheen - Servant of All* (St. Luke)  
 9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)
- Monday, January 22**  
 8:30 am Rosary (St. Luke)  
 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus (St. Joseph)
- Wednesday, January 24**  
 8:00 am Adoration (St. Luke)  
 6:30 pm Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph)
- Sunday, January 28**  
 9:00 am Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke)  
 9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)  
 11:00 am Choir Practice (St. Joseph)



## STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 14  
 Week: 28

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,034.12	\$ 486.14
Building Fund Offerings	<i>see Roof Fund</i>	
Votive Candles Offerings		\$ 20.00
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,034.12</b>	<b>\$ 506.14</b>
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 76,345.08	\$ 41,439.01
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 64,809.50	\$ 39,900.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 11,535.58	\$ 1,539.01

**Thank YOU for your Generosity!**

## ST. LUKE'S ROOF FUND

(\$45,000 GOAL)

DONATIONS this week \$ 16.00  
 TOTAL -To-Date \$ 35,936.11  
 Percentage 79.9%



**CHESTERTON ACADEMY**  
 OF THE SACRED HEART  
 A JOYFULLY CATHOLIC, CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## 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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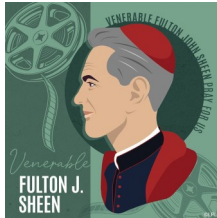
**Discover**  
**Chesterton**





## Archbishop Fulton Sheen - Servant of All

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



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will hold a meeting on January 22. There will be a meal served at 6:00 pm. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30PM at Emmaus House. Contact Fr. Chase ([chilgenbrinck@cdop.org](mailto:chilgenbrinck@cdop.org)) for more information about how you can get your young men plugged in.

## Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all,  
you adorn all creation  
with splendor and beauty,  
and fashion human lives  
in your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart  
reverence for the work of your hands,  
and renew among your people  
a readiness to nurture and sustain  
your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and ever.

Amen



## JOIN THE CHOIR

You are invited to join the St. Joseph's Choir. The choir will sing at Sunday Mass and special holidays.

Practice will be at the piano after the Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

Everyone is welcome to join!



“As the family goes,  
so goes the nation,  
and so goes the  
whole world  
in which  
we live.”

ST. JOHN PAUL II

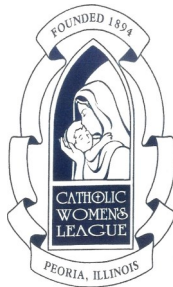
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January 22, 2024

## Save The Date!

The Catholic Diocese Office of the Tribunal and the Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Present A Morning of Clarity and Love, Information and Support, Saturday, February 17, 2024, 8:30 - 12:00 at the Spalding Pastoral Center in Peoria, IL. First Keynote Address: The Church's Response To Abuse, Divorce and The Truth About Annulment followed by breakouts on Abuse, Divorce, Annulment. Second Address: Divorce and Abuse by Dr. Emma Bucher, Psy.D., followed by Q&A Breakouts.

Please join us even if these are not part of your experience. As informed Catholics we can bear the truth to others.



*A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.*

POPE FRANCIS | CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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# 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](mailto:office@ncbu.org)



## Catholic Schools Week



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

The annual observance of National Catholic Schools Week starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2024 is January 28th to February 3rd. Schools typically celebrate with Masses, open houses and activities for students, families, parishioners, and the community at large. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our Church, our communities, and our nation. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2024 is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.” As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education, and it is intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Catholic Schools Week celebrates the good news of Catholic schools and congratulates the many stakeholders who make it possible.

Please pray for the students, teachers and staff of the Catholic schools in our diocese.