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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 saintluke.eureka@gmail.com



*"I know who you are -
the Holy One of God!"*

Mk 1:24

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *January 28, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

The deepest desire of every human heart is love; to be wanted and cherished simply because of who I am. We seek this love in the web of our human relationships, but we always remain aware something is wanting. The love we crave and are restless until it is attained is perfect, total, all-encompassing, a love no mere human can provide. It is the love of God we long for.

The desire for God's love is universal, because it is at the core of human nature. However, the effects of sin can misdirect our longing to false substitutes: people, respect, possessions, pleasure, etc... We can even come to fear God, recognizing the love He offers by necessity requires us to set aside these substitutes. We know they do not satisfy, but they are also the greatest source of comfort we are familiar with. Like the toddler crying out for their binkie, we resist maturing and moving on to greater things.

At Mount Sinai the Israelites met God and saw the manifestations of His power: fire, smoke, lightning, and an earthquake. They heard God speak to Moses as the sound of mighty thunder. Coming face to face with such power, they are afraid, because their hearts are divided. They know God's presence will bring an end to their current life, with all its false loves. So they beg Moses, "Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die."

The Israelites are behaving like the demons. When Christ casts them out, they cry, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?" Their pride and disobedience, which they have given themselves to entirely, cannot stand before the Lord. They must either change or lose the last shred of life remaining to them. Neither are tenable, so they flee.

It goes without saying, but we do not want to be like the demons. If we ever shrink away in fear from God, our hearts have gone astray. The psalmist encourages us to come into "His presence with thanksgiving" and "joyfully sing psalms to Him." This is possible only with a heart that to at least some degree wishes to be formed by God, a heart that wishes to change.

The rub is that our Lord has a marvelous way of putting His finger right on the spot we most wish He wouldn't. That sin we really don't want to let go of. That apology we need to make. The confession we've been putting off. Whatever our version of a binkie is, we hold fast to it. When we get too close to God we sense Him telling us it's time to move on. We can outright reject Him like the demons, keep Him at a distance like the Israelites, or listen to Him. The latter requires change, to in some sense die, but sets us free to rejoice in the Lord. "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

In Christ,
Fr. Mattingly


Mass Schedule & Intentions

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	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am at St. Luke	Richard Ashbrook by Dave & Paula Hise
10:00am at St. Joseph	Pro Populo
Monday, Jan. 29	Weekday
8:00 am at St. Luke	Emily Black by Randy & Mary Ragains
Tue, Jan. 30	Weekday
8:00 am at St. Luke	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Wed, Jan. 31	St. John Bosco
9:00 am at St. Luke	Greg McAllister by Mary McAllister
Thur, Feb. 1	Weekday
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Fri, Feb. 2	The Presentation of the Lord
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Sharon Gries by Myron & Sylvia Monge
Sat, Feb. 3	Vigil for Sunday
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Bert & Rita by Rhoman Marion Tompkins
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Intention of the Celebrant
Sunday, Feb. 4	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am at St. Luke	Pro Populo
10:00am at St. Joseph	Roger Weber by Mark & Ruth Ann Martino



UPCOMING EVENTS

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)
Monday, January 29
8:30 am Rosary (St. Luke)
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus (St. Joseph)
Wednesday, January 31
8:00 am Adoration (St. Luke)
6:30 pm Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph)
Sunday, February 4
9:00 am Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke)
9:00 am Coffee & Donuts (St. Luke)
9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)
11:00 am Faith, Food & Friends Potluck (St. Joseph)
11:00 am Choir Practice (St. Joseph)



Ash Wednesday
February 14
Mass Times

8:00 am - St. Luke
5:30 pm - St. Joseph

STEWARDSHIP		
Weekend of January 21		
Week: 29		
	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,723.76	\$ 1,144.74
Building Fund Offerings	<i>see Roof Fund</i>	\$ 20.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 2,723.76	\$ 1,164.74
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 79,068.84	\$ 42,583.75
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 67,124.13	\$ 41,325.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 11,944.72	\$ 1,258.75
Thank YOU for your Generosity!		

ST. LUKE'S ROOF FUND
(\$45,000 GOAL)
DONATIONS this week \$.
TOTAL -To-Date \$ 35,936.11
Percentage 79.9%

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will hold a meeting on January 29. There will be a meal served at 6:00 pm. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Growing in Faith



The parish Lenten study will begin on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 at St. Luke's. Check the upcoming bulletins for more information!

FOOD, FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

Mark your calendars! St. Joseph's next Food, Faith and Fellowship potluck will be on February 4 following the 10:00 AM Mass. The main dish will be Italian Beef.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the delicious food and great company!



ADULT EDUCATION



St Luke Adult Education will start Sunday February 18 with a Lenten study called *No Greater Love* by Edward Sri. We meet after Mass in the cry room area, To obtain study materials go to Ascension Press. All are welcome!

TRAVELING?



When traveling, you can still keep up to date on parish news and events by going to the parish website at <https://www.stsjlj.com/>. Please travel safely and know of our prayers for you! We look forward to your safe return!

COFFEE & DONUTS



Coffee and donuts will be served on Sunday, February 4 after the 8:00 am Mass at St. Luke's.

*The
Kingdom
of God
is at hand.*

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LENT

Lent is quickly approaching. Are you getting prepared? Below is a simple prayer that can help us prepare our hearts and minds.

Lenten Prayer for Transformation

Loving Father, I invite you into my life today and make myself available to you. Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself by seeking your will and becoming a living example of your love in the world. Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order for me to carry out the mission and experience the joy you have imagined for my life. Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging. Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish. Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning. Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision. Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church to become all you imagined it would be for the people of our times. Amen.

Source: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/prayers-for-lent>



'When Jesus spoke to the people again, he said: I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the light of life.' (John 8:12)

The light of the candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world and how we should follow that light by stepping out of the darkness of sin and into the 'light of life.' Lighting a candle at church is a symbol of your sincere and prayerful intentions. Know that if you light a candle, our community will join you in prayer, multiplying the voices in petition with you. You can light a prayer candle as a memorial, for someone who is sick or in need of prayers, or in thanksgiving for blessings received.

It is customary to donate \$4.00 as an offering to cover the cost of the candle. There are envelopes by the prayer candles at St. Joseph's which can be placed in the collection basket. At St. Luke's, there is a money container to the left of the prayer candles for you to place your offering.

Morning Offering Prayer

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.
Amen.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/morning-offering>



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**



Clarity and Love

Register now for a morning of Clarity and Love to understand the Church's response to abuse and divorce, annulments, and find spiritual and emotional healing.

Saturday, February 17, 2024, 8:30 -12, Spalding Pastoral Center, Peoria. Featuring Dr. Emma Bucher, Psy.D., Patty DeCapp, Office of the Tribunal, and Msgr. Jason Gray, J.C.D., Judicial Vicar. To register, email name and email address to afandel55@gmail.com. \$10.00 donation at the door. Sponsored by the Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Please join us even if these are not part of your experience. If we are informed Catholics, we can bear the truth to others.

