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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](mailto:saintluke.eureka@gmail.com)



*A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."*

*Mk 1:40-41*

## *The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time* *February 11, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

The distinction between clean and unclean was a fundamental concept of the Old Covenant which we have no real analogue for today. Sins could make one unclean, but so could a variety of circumstances which had nothing to do with sin. Ritual uncleanness was contagious like a disease. Touching something unclean made you unclean as well. For this reason, unclean people were required to let others know so they could stay away. As a result, being chronically unclean brought along with it a feeling of unworthiness and isolation.

Leprosy was thus both a physical and spiritual affliction that radically upended someone's entire life when they contracted it. Community, employment, social activities, and housing were all lost. The leper was unclean and doomed to a long, terrible illness ending in death. Leprosy also became a powerful symbol of man's state in general. Every person born is tainted by original sin and is destined to suffer and die.

As we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, it is important for us to keep this in mind. You and I were brought into the world as lepers: isolated from God, each other, and ourselves by sin. We cannot solve the problem because we are what's broken. An outside force must intervene on our behalf to break the prison bars of death if we are to truly live.

Lent is a time when we come to our Lord like the leper in the gospel. We realize that He and He alone can make us clean. The cleansing has already taken place in baptism, but we still have the lingering effects of sin that must be dealt with. Not only our sins, but the sense that not everything is right within us that anybody with self understanding knows so well, make us seek Christ out. As an act of faith and abandonment to His love, we too say, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

The penance we practice during Lent is an expression of that faith. We are not embarking on a self improvement program. We are heading out into the desert by relinquishing some of the good things of this world and offering them to God. By fasting, praying, and giving alms, we are acting as if we really believe God is enough for us; that He has the power to raise us up.

As we prepare for Lent, take some time to prayerfully consider what our Lord is inviting you to do this year. I always suggest making three resolutions: give something up (fast), spend more time with God (pray), and give some of your money away (give alms). Ask our Lord what in each of these three areas will help you detach from the world and grow closer to Him. Lent is a season of profound grace and growth and good resolutions help us be open to both.

In Christ,  
Fr. Mattingly

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Sat, Feb. 10</b>	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b>
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	James Bailey
<b>Sunday, Feb. 11</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Sharon Gries by EJ & Ann Lenart
10:00am at St. Joseph	Pro Populo
<b>Monday, Feb. 12</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Joseph and Vera Leonard by Thomas
<b>Tue, Feb. 13</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Wed, Feb. 14</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm St. Joseph	Rick Fordy by Steve & April Wagner
<b>Thur, Feb. 15</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Fri, Feb. 16</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Sharon Gries by Myron & Sylvia Monge
<b>Sat, Feb. 17</b>	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b>
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Abbott Hugh R. Anderson by Ed Hoekstra
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Intention of the Celebrant
<b>Sunday, Feb. 18</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Pro Populo
10:00am at St. Joseph	Theresa Martino



**Ash Wednesday**  
**Mass Times**  
 8:00 am - St. Luke  
 5:30 pm - St. Joseph

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning Friday, February 16 we will pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 5:30. Communion will be offered following the Stations. Please join us as we contemplate the Passion of Christ through this spiritual pilgrimage.

February 16 - St. Joseph  
 February 23 - St. Luke

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday, February 11</b>
9:00 am Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke)
9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)
11:00 am Choir Practice (St. Joseph)
<b>Monday, February 12</b>
8:30 am Rosary (St. Luke)
<b>Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday</b>
8:00 am Mass (St. Luke)
5:30 pm Mass (St. Joseph)
<b>Sunday, February 18</b>
9:00 am Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke)
9:00 am Adult Education (St. Luke)
9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)
11:00 am Choir Practice (St. Joseph)
<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>
8:00 am Adoration (St. Luke)
6:30 pm Lenten Study (St. Luke)



A Funeral Mass for Teresa Martino was celebrated on Monday, February 5 at St. Joseph's. May her soul rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon her.

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of February 4  
 Week: 31

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$2,602.59	\$ 1,226.34
Building Fund Offerings	<i>see Roof Fund</i>	\$ 75.00
Votive Candles Offerings		
Total Weekly Collection	\$2,602.59	\$ 1,301.34
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 83,377.52	\$ 44,724.43
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 71,753.38	\$ 44,175.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 11,624.15	\$ 549.43

**Thank YOU for your Generosity!**

### ST. LUKE'S ROOF FUND

(\$45,000 GOAL)

DONATIONS this week \$ 150.00

TOTAL -To-Date \$ 36,086.11

Percentage 80.2%

**Ad What-em?:  
Common questions about celebrating  
Mass ad orientem**

What does “ad orientem” mean?

“Ad orientem” is Latin for “toward the East.” It refers to the direction that the priest faces during particular moments in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Historically, Catholic churches and cemeteries have always been built along an East-West axis whenever possible. This is because the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is not merely a closed-circle, communal event taking place between the priest and people, but a heavenly mystery encompassing the whole cosmos: “In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God...”

(Sacrosanctum Concilium, paragraph 8).

<https://www.ccwatershed.org/2021/02/13/ad-orientem-explained/>



**Most Reverend Louis Tylka**  
Diocese of Peoria  
Office of the Bishop

February 2024


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout his pontificate, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has often spoken of the need for Christians to evangelize others through accompaniment. Through listening patiently, and being mindful of others' dignity, we can help one another encounter Christ's merciful love. For Central and Eastern Europeans living in countries that experienced 70 years of communist oppression, the Church needs to accompany people to an encounter with Christ that is patient, understanding, and filled with hope instead of fear, anger, and anxiety.

In Slovakia, the Alexis Counseling Center has accompanied nearly 2,500 women and their loved ones with devotion. In addition to promoting psychological healing, the center also helps vulnerable women who have experienced miscarriages and abortions to find housing, material and financial assistance, and support groups.

Ministries of accompaniment such as the Alexis Counseling Center are made possible with monies raised through the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. When you participate in the collection, you help the Church in more than 25 other countries accompany people who still experience the hardships and wounds caused by communism. Your support for and promotion of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus.

Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
  
✦ Most Reverend Louis Tylka  
Bishop of Peoria

**The Eucharist: The Answer to our Prayer**



God knows our needs and desires better than we do and has provided for all of them in the revelation of His Son and the work of His Church. Join us for three classes as we explore the Our Father as the perfect prayer expressing all our needs, the Eucharist as the answer to our prayer, and Confession as a key part of our response to Christ's gift of Himself.

The parish Lenten study will begin on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 at St. Luke's.

**ADULT EDUCATION**



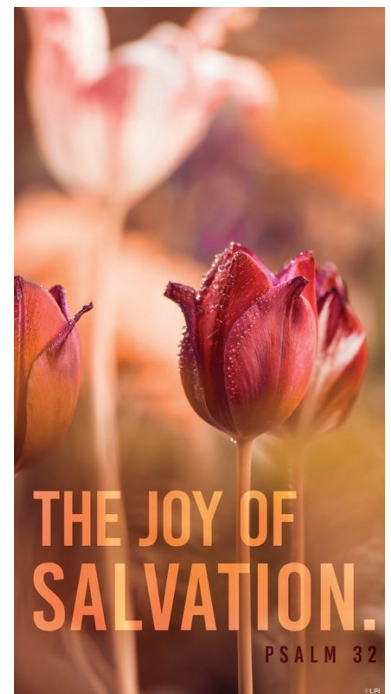
St Luke Adult Education will start Sunday February 18 with a Lenten study called *No Greater Love* by Edward Sri. We meet after Mass in the cry room area, To obtain study materials go to Ascension Press. All are welcome!

**Lenten Disciplines of  
Fasting & Abstinence**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.





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February 1, 2024

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into this Lenten season, the Church once again invites us to use this opportunity to share more fully in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. It is essential that we cultivate a deeper sense of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to better offer our lives to Our Lord.

As we make our way through the Triduum and to that glorious day of the Lord's Resurrection, I pray that all of us will be ever more attentive to our spiritual devotions and especially to the Word of God during these forty days. May the guidance of the Holy Spirit assist us in our Lenten journey.

### **REGULATIONS FOR LENT AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.

Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and Good Friday, March 29, 2024.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

May our Lenten journey bring us closer to the cross and our Resurrected Savior.

Peace and Prayers,

+ *Louis Tylka*

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