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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

The First Sunday of Lent *February 18, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

When families gather for holidays and other celebrations, it's a time of joy as they enjoy each others' presence. However, there are often underlying tensions lurking beneath the surface. I think most families are affected by some type of dysfunction, which is usually not acknowledged, but everyone knows is there. The elephant in the room doesn't necessarily ruin the time together, but it does create a sorrow that goes along with the joy.

Our desire for connection, for true, unadulterated love, bemoans the barriers that keep us apart. I have known many people who love their families dearly and desperately wish their relationships could be different. The difference between their hopes and the reality is a source of great pain.

I began thinking about all this during my retreat last month. I was praying about Growing Disciples and the fact parishes would be closing. It occurred to me we are witnessing the effects of dysfunction in the Church. As faith, morality, and community have declined, the relationship between God and His people has too. We have now reached the point that so many people have separated themselves from the Church difficult decisions must be made.

Of course, this is a heartbreaking situation. We have all freely acknowledge how hard this is for everyone involved, from the bishop, to the priests, to the people in the pews. But I have noticed that we have paid very little to no attention to one particular individual: Jesus Christ. If we are pained by what is happening, what He must feel? Not only does He suffer with us in our sorrow, but He also experiences the rejection of all those who have left.

The presence of a loved one gives us strength and encouragement when we suffer. Not only can we draw encouragement and consolation from the Lord's closeness to us when the cross appears, we can also offer the same to Him. The rejection and faithlessness of His people, on top of our general sinfulness, hurts our Lord deeply. In what is known as reparation, we can offer Him acts of love, a yes to Him that helps alleviate the pain of all the no's. This Lent, one of our Sunday Masses will be offered in reparation for the sins of the Church. I am also praying a Divine Mercy chaplet each day as an offering of love to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and invite you to join me.

The Church is a family, and in our time and place, the family is struggling. Programs, pastoral planning, and reforms will only be fruitful when they are built on the foundation of love between Christ and each of His people. By making reparation, we reach out to our Lord with love, paving the way for the renewal He wishes to bring.

In Christ,
Fr. Mattingly



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

Mk 1:15

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat, Feb. 17	Vigil for Sunday
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Abbott Hugh R. Anderson by Ed Hoekstra
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	In reparation for the sins of the Church
Sunday, Feb. 18	1st Sunday of Lent
8:00 am at St. Luke	Pro Populo
10:00am at St. Joseph	Teresa Martino
Monday, Feb. 19	Weekday
8:00 am at St. Luke	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Tue, Feb. 20	Weekday
8:00 am at St. Luke	Virginia Foresman Connors by Dave & Paula Hise
Wed, Feb. 21	St. Peter Damian
9:00 am at St. Luke	Sharon Gries by Joseph & Barbara Pitlik
Thur, Feb. 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Ginger Hoekstra by Ed Hoekstra
Fri, Feb. 23	St. Polycarp
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Sat, Feb. 24	Vigil for Sunday
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Pro Populo
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	George Girardi Family by Jean Girardi
Sunday, Feb. 25	2nd Sunday of Lent
8:00 am at St. Luke	Donna Purfield by Ed Hoekstra
10:00am at St. Joseph	In reparation for the sins of the Church

2023 Annual Diocese Appeal (ADA) results:

St. Luke has a goal of \$21,388, with \$20,150 (94%)
PLEGGED

44 families of our 88 families pledged so far this year.

St. Joseph has a goal of \$9,583, with \$7,880 (82%)
PLEGGED

33 families of our 75 families pledged so far this year.

THANK YOU

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 18

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)

Monday, February 19

8:30 am	Rosary (St. Luke)
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Wednesday, February 21

8:00 am	Adoration (St. Luke)
6:30 pm	Lenten Study (St. Luke)

Sunday, February 25

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)

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 am	Adoration (St. Luke)
6:30 pm	Lenten Study (St. Luke)



St. Joseph's received a memorial for Teresa Martino. May her soul rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon her.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of February 11

Week: 32

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$1,478.09	\$1,791.54
Building Fund Offerings	<i>see Roof Fund</i>	
Votive Candles Offerings		\$ 9.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$1,478.09	\$1,800.54
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$2,314.63	\$1,425.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 84,855.61	\$ 46,524.97
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 74,068.00	\$ 45,600.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 10,787.61	\$ 924.97

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**

Didn't Vatican II get rid of this?

Actually, no. Nowhere in the documents of Vatican II (nor in any other magisterial documents before or since) has the Church ever directed the priest to face "versus populum" (Latin, "toward the people") for the entire duration of the sacred liturgy. In fact, the current edition of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the priest's "instruction book" for Mass) presumes the "ad orientem" posture because it directs the priest to turn and face the people at certain points, implying that he had not been facing them beforehand.

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

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.

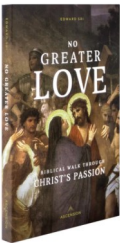


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will hold a meeting on February 26. There will be a meal served at 6:00 pm. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

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!

"By voluntary submission to His Passion and Death on the Cross, Jesus Christ atoned for our disobedience and sin. He thus made reparation to the offended majesty of God for the outrages which the Creator so constantly suffers at the hands of His creatures. We are restored to grace through the merits of Christ's Death, and that grace enables us to add our prayers, labours, and trials to those of Our Lord "and fill up those things that are wanting of the sufferings of Christ" (Colossians 1:24). We can thus make some sort of reparation to the justice of God for our own offences against Him, and by virtue of the Communion of the Saints, the oneness and solidarity of the mystical Body of Christ, we can also make satisfaction and reparation for the sins of others."

Catholic Encyclopedia



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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays at 5:30 pm**

- February 23 - St. Luke
- March 1 - St. Joseph
- March 8 - St. Luke
- March 15 - St. Joseph
- March 22 - St. Luke (*6:30 pm)



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.

How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* and followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. Optional Opening Prayers

St. Faustina's Prayer for Sinners

O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, I call upon You and I beg Your mercy for poor sinners. O sweetest Heart of my Lord, full of pity and unfathomable mercy, I plead with You for poor sinners. O Most Sacred Heart, Fount of Mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, I beg of You light for poor sinners. O Jesus, be mindful of Your own bitter Passion and do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of Your most precious Blood. O Jesus, when I consider the great price of Your Blood, I rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners. Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equalled. Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, and place its hope in His mercy. God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted. Oh, what immense joy burns in my heart when I contemplate Your incomprehensible goodness, O Jesus! I desire to bring all sinners to Your feet that they may glorify Your mercy throughout endless ages (*Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, 72).

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

4. Hail Mary

5. The Apostles' Creed

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with **Holy God** (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayers

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy — to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your [Son's] final coming — that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven (*Diary*, 1570).

