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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)



*He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."*

*Mk 1:38*

## *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time* *February 4, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

Poor Job is having a rough go of things. In a short span he lost his herds, children, health. It's no wonder Job is in such a negative frame of mind. "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?... I shall not see happiness again." Job wrestles with understanding why all this is happening to him and ultimately concludes the ways of the Lord are too mysterious for him to grasp. He continues in faith and ends up with more than he began with.

Simon's mother in law is having a toned down Job experience. Incapacitated with a fever, it's easy to imagine she wasn't in the cheeriest of moods. She almost certainly wasn't expecting Christ to arrive out of the blue and heal her, but that is what happens. A problem she had resigned herself to just having to endure is suddenly resolved.

The same is true for the crowd of sick and possessed people that come to our Lord that evening. Some may have had minor maladies, but there were surely many with serious, longstanding afflictions they had given up hope of being freed from. They are going about their day, unsuspecting anything out of the ordinary is happening, and Christ makes a dramatic entrance into their life.

We can see a clear pattern of God working in and through the events of our life, even the ones that seem incomprehensible to us. He is always working for our good, using even the evil we suffer to our benefit if we have faith. The end of our gospel reading shows this even more clearly. The people are looking for our Lord, wanting Him to remain with them, but He leaves to preach to other towns. From their perspective, Christ has left them on their own. But in reality, He is continuing the work of salvation, working so they can be restored not just to physical life, but to everlasting life with God.

At every moment of our life, a whole slew of forces are working for our good: God, the angels, the saints in heaven, our family and friends, and even the prayers of strangers. Some of this assistance we see, but much of it is invisible to us. However, that does not make it any less real. We may not feel grace or others' prayers or we may not know someone is working things out for us behind the scenes, but it is still happening.

If we're having a Job period when everything seems to be going wrong and everything looks bleak, it is good to remind ourselves of this fact. We are not alone. Far from it. The Lord Jesus, the saints and angels, and entire Church on earth are behind us. Anticipating the time when things will turn around, either in this life or the next, we can take Job as our model. His faith brought him through the dark night to a glorious dawn. Our faith will do the same.

In Christ,  
Fr. Mattingly

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Sat, Feb. 3</b>	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b>
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Bert & Rita by Rhoman Marion Tompkins
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Intention of the Celebrant
<b>Sunday, Feb. 4</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Pro Populo
10:00am at St. Joseph	Roger Weber by Mark & Ruth Ann Martino
<b>Monday, Feb. 5</b>	<b>St. Agatha</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Ginger Hoekstra by Ed Hoekstra
<b>Tue, Feb. 6</b>	<b>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Wed, Feb. 7</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am at St. Luke	Donna Purfield by Tom Purfield
<b>Thur, Feb. 8</b>	<b>St. Jerome Emiliani</b>
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Judy Deffenbaugh by Dean & Jennifer Peterson
<b>Fri, Feb. 9</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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)

### Monday, February 5

8:30 am	Rosary (St. Luke)
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### Wednesday, February 7

8:00 am	Adoration (St. Luke)
6:30 pm	Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph)

### Sunday, February 11

9:00 am	Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke)
9:30 am	Rosary (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 28

Week: 30

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,722.09	\$ 819.34
Building Fund Offerings	<i>see Roof Fund</i>	
Votive Candles Offerings		
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 1,722.09	\$ 819.34
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 80,774.93	\$ 43,423.09
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 69,438.75	\$ 42,750.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 11,336.18	\$ 673.09

**Thank YOU for your Generosity!**

### ST. LUKE'S ROOF FUND

(\$45,000 GOAL)

DONATIONS this week \$ .

TOTAL -To-Date \$ 35,935.41

Percentage 79.9%





### COFFEE & DONUTS

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

### 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!



### SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

The Scriptural Rosary will be prayed at St. Joseph's Wednesday, February 7. It is a beautiful way to begin to prepare our hearts for Lent which will begin the next week.



### 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!

### 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!

St. Mary's of Lourdes - Germantown Hills  
Men's Club Pancake & Sausage Breakfast  
February 11

The Men's Club will be hosting both their Pancake & Sausage Breakfast along with their sausage sale on Sunday February 11th from 7:00 AM to 12 Noon. Please call or text Bill Kessler @ 309-645-7795 if you wish to pre-order sausage. \$4.00 per pound (Bulk or Link). Last day to pre-order sausage is Sunday, February 4th.



### 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

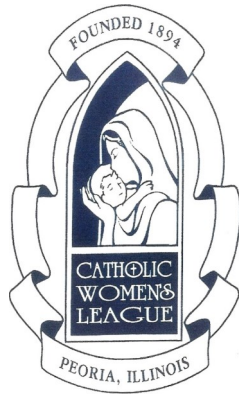
**Fridays at 5:30 pm**

- February 16 - St. Joseph
- February 23 - St. Luke
- March 1 - St. Joseph
- March 8 - St. Luke
- March 15 - St. Joseph
- March 22 - St. Luke (\*6:30 pm)



## 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](mailto: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.



### Excerpt from Pope Francis' Angelus Address St. Peter's Square January 28, 2024

This is how the devil acts this is the way he acts: he wants to take possession of us in order to "enchain our souls." To enchain our souls: this is what the devil wants. We must be careful with the "chains" that suffocate our freedom, because the devil always takes away our freedom. Let us try to name some of the chains that can shackle our hearts.

I am thinking of addictions, which enslave us and make us constantly dissatisfied, and which devour our energies, goods, and relationships. Another chain I am thinking of is dominant trends that encourage the pursuit of impossible perfectionisms, consumerism, and hedonism, which commodify people and spoil relationships. And yet more chains: there are temptations and conditionings that undermine self-esteem, that undermine peacefulness, and the ability to choose and love life. Another chain is fear, which makes us look to the future with pessimism, and dissatisfaction, which always blames others. Then there is a very ugly chain, which is the idolatry of power, which generates conflicts and resorts to weapons that kill or uses economic injustice and thought manipulation.

Many are our chains, there truly are many in our lives.

And Jesus came to free us from all these chains. Jesus has the power to drive out the devil. Jesus frees us from the power of evil but – let us be careful – he drives out the devil but he never negotiates with him! Jesus never negotiated with the devil and when he was tempted in the desert, Jesus' responses were always words from the Bible, never a dialogue. Brothers and sisters: with the devil there must be no dialogue! Be careful: with the devil there can be no dialogue, because if you start speaking to him, he will always win. Be careful.

So, what should we do when we feel tempted and oppressed? Negotiate with the devil? No: there must be no negotiating with him.

We must invoke Jesus: let us call on Him from those places where we feel that the chains of evil and fear are tightest.

Let us ask ourselves: Do I really want to be freed from those chains that shackle my heart? And also, am I capable of saying "no" to the temptations of evil before they creep into my soul? Finally, do I invoke Jesus, allowing Him to act in me, to heal me from within?

May the Holy Virgin guard us from evil.

\* The complete message can be found at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2024/documents/20240128-angelus.html>

