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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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## *The Fifth Sunday of Lent* *March 17, 2024*

From an Easter letter by Saint Athanasius, bishop

The Word who became all things for us is close to us, our Lord Jesus Christ who promises to remain with us always. He cries out, saying: See, I am with you all the days of this age. He is himself the shepherd, the high priest, the way and the door, and has become all things at once for us. In the same way, he has come among us as our feast and holy day as well. The blessed Apostle says of him who was awaited: Christ has been sacrificed as our Passover. It was Christ who shed his light on the psalmist as he prayed: You are my joy, deliver me from those surrounding me. True joy, genuine festival, means the casting out of wickedness. To achieve this one must live a life of perfect goodness and, in the serenity of the fear of God, practice contemplation in one's heart.

This was the way of the saints, who in their lifetime and at every stage of life rejoiced as at a feast. Blessed David, for example, not once but seven times rose at night to win God's favor through prayer. The great Moses was full of joy as he sang God's praises in hymns of victory for the defeat of Pharaoh and the oppressors of the Hebrew people. Others had hearts filled always with gladness as they performed their sacred duty of worship, like the great Samuel and the blessed Elijah. Because of their holy lives they gained freedom, and now keep festival in heaven. They rejoice after their pilgrimage in shadows, and now distinguish the reality from the promise.

When we celebrate the feast in our own day, what path are we to take? As we draw near to this feast, who is to be our guide? Beloved, it must be none other than the one whom you will address with me as our Lord Jesus Christ. He says: I am the way. As blessed John tells us: it is Christ who takes away the sin of the world. It is he who purifies our souls, as the prophet Jeremiah says: Stand upon the ways; look and see which is the good path, and you will find in it the way of amendment for your souls.

In former times the blood of goats and the ashes of a calf were sprinkled on those who were unclean, but they were able to purify only the body. Now through the grace of God's Word everyone is made abundantly clean. If we follow Christ closely we shall be allowed, even on this earth, to stand as if we were on the threshold of the heavenly Jerusalem, and enjoy the contemplation of that everlasting feast, like the blessed apostles, who in following the Savior as their leader, showed, and still show, the way to obtain the same gift from God. They said: See, we have left all things and followed you. We too follow the Lord, and we keep his feast by deeds rather than by words.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*

*Jn 12:23-24*

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Sat, March 16</b>	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b>
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Tisdale Family
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	In reparation for the sins of the Church
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Pro Populo
10:00am at St. Joseph	Ray & Mary Ruth Riviere by Mark & Ruth Ann Martino
<b>Fri, March 22</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Teresa Martino by Michele Boland & Gia
<b>Sat, March 23</b>	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b>
4:00 pm at St. Luke	In reparation for the sins of the Church
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Sharon Gries by Steve & April Wagner
10:00am at St. Joseph	Pro Populo

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday, March 17</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>Monday, March 18</b>
8:30 am Rosary (St. Luke)
<b>Friday, March 22</b>
4:00 pm Fish Fry (St. Luke)
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross ( St. Joseph)
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>
9:00 am Adult Education (St. Luke)
9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)
11:00 am Choir Practice (St. Joseph)



March 28 - Holy Thursday 7:00 pm (St. Luke)
Altar of Repose 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
March 29 - Good Friday Service 3:00 pm (St. Luke)
March 30 - Easter Vigil 7:35 pm (St. Joseph)
March 31 - Easter Sunday 8:00 am (St. Luke)
10:00 am (St. Joseph)



## STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 10

Week: 36

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,032.27	\$ 1,918.09
Building Fund Offerings	<i>see Roof Fund</i>	
Votive Candles Offerings		
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,032.27</b>	<b>\$ 1,918.09</b>
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
<i>CDOP Collection - Holy Land</i>	<i>\$ 420.00</i>	<i>\$ 92.00</i>
<i>Local Collection - Easter Flowers</i>	<i>\$ 120.00</i>	
<b>Year to Date Total</b>	<b>\$ 93,993.20</b>	<b>\$ 51,548.62</b>
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 83,326.50	\$ 51,300.00
Surplus or <b>Deficit</b> YTD	\$ 10,666.70	\$ 248.62

**Thank YOU for your Generosity!**



### Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in helping with the fish fry in any way, contact Josh Hoekstra at 309-258-0214 or email at hoeky80@hotmail.com Thank you.

### FISH FRY

St. Luke's Fish Fry: Friday, March 22 from 4-6:30 pm. We will be serving all you can eat fish, potato salad, green beans and hush puppies for \$14.00. Carry outs available. Ladies Guild will be selling desserts.



### DESSERTS NEEDED

St Luke's Ladies Guild will be providing desserts at the Men's Club fish fry on March 22, 2004. There is a sign up sheet in the church foyer for workers, pies, and cakes that will be needed.

### DONATIONS NEEDED

St. Luke's Confirmation Class is partnering with the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Chicago to supply personal care items to immigrant refugees and the homeless. There will be a collection bin in the lobby of St. Luke's to gather the donated items. Your help is greatly appreciated. The deadline for donations is Saturday evening March 23. Here are the items being collected:

Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Deodorant, Lip Balm, Chewable Multivitamins, Comb/Small Brush, Nail Clipper, Dental Floss, Band-aids 3/4 X 3, Feminine hygiene products.

Questions?: Text or call Mark Albertson 309-531-2702

### Easter Card Ministry

St. Joseph's is collecting Easter cards for parishioners that are in the nursing home or homebound. The cards can either be homemade or purchased. Please write a short note of cheer or encouragement and sign the cards from "Friends of St. Joseph's Catholic Church." If you wish, feel free to also sign your name.



Please put the cards in the box in the vestibule by March 24, Palm Sunday. They will be delivered during Holy Week.

If you know someone that would benefit from receiving a card, please put their name and address in the box.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for sharing the joy of Easter with those who are unable to join us in person.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



As we continue our Lenten journey, consider joining us in praying the Stations off the Cross on Friday at 6:30. Communion will be offered following the Stations.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 6:30 pm

March 22 - St. Luke 6:30 pm

HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY

“ I FEAR  
NOTHING,  
BECAUSE  
OF THE  
PROMISES  
OF HEAVEN.”

APOSTLE OF IRELAND

- ST. PATRICK

**CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES  
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Bishop Lou Tylka and Catholic Charities of Peoria invite you to the Blessing of the Mother Cabrini Center and Grand Opening

**MOTHER CABRINI CENTER**

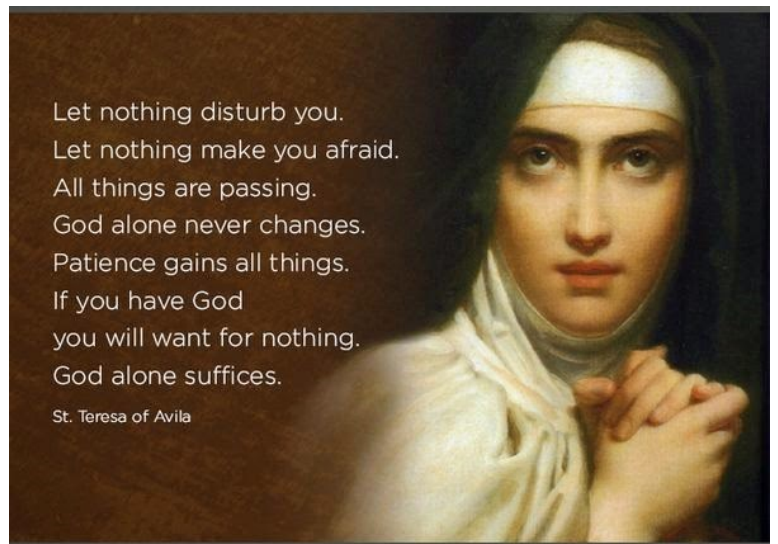
615 N. E. Jefferson St., Peoria, IL 61603  
Monday, March 18, 2024  
3:30 pm Blessing by  
Bishop Lou Tylka  
Followed by  
Open House and Reception  
Until 7:00 pm  
(Parking in the back of the building)



**MAY THE ROAD  
RISE UP  
TO MEET YOU**

IRISH BLESSING

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Let nothing disturb you.  
Let nothing make you afraid.  
All things are passing.  
God alone never changes.  
Patience gains all things.  
If you have God  
you will want for nothing.  
God alone suffices.

St. Teresa of Avila

**Easter Flower Donation**

The beautiful flowers and church decorations are a special part of our celebration at St. Luke's and St. Joseph's. Parishioners are invited to share in this through a special memorial gift which helps assist the Church with the cost of Easter flowers. This special donation is a wonderful way to give thanks or remember loved ones. Please fill out the form and return in the collection basket.



**Lenten Reflections**

Sister Diane shared a wonderful Lenten Reflection with the women of St. Luke and St. Joseph's.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving of:

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: St. Joseph    St. Luke