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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

Easter Sunday *March 31, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

A most blessed and grace filled Easter to you all! As Christians, this day is the center point of the entire year, for Christ is risen. The worst that the devil and the world have to offer, hatred, suffering, and death, has been overcome by the Son of God. Our Lord turned what appeared to be absolute and final defeat into victory. In doing so, He has also washed away our sins and the damnation they justly deserve by His blood. We can now rise with Christ to eternal life with God in heaven.

The blessing and joy of Easter are so great they are difficult for us not only to grasp them, but even to believe it's possible. We throw around terms like eternal life, God's love, mercy, forgiveness, etc..., but we don't fully know what they mean. If we did, we would never be unhappy again because the joy of the gospel would overcome any cause of sorrow. Of course, we do still experience sorrow, but only because who God is and what He has done for us are so momentous that we struggle to let them permeate our hearts.

The first disciples also struggled to really understand. After the terror of the passion, they are slow to recognize the resurrection. Mary Magdalene thinks someone has stolen the Lord's body and even mistakes Him for a gardener. The apostles don't believe the women who tell them of the empty tomb. Thomas doesn't believe the other apostles who see Christ. The first reaction confusion, even skepticism. Men don't rise from the dead and Christ certainly died, so they instinctively resist the idea that He lives.

Only when the disciples encounter the risen Lord are they able to overcome the fear of disappointed hope. Abandoning what's reasonable, they dare to believe that Christ is truly risen and has conquered death. Only then do they experience the joy of Easter.

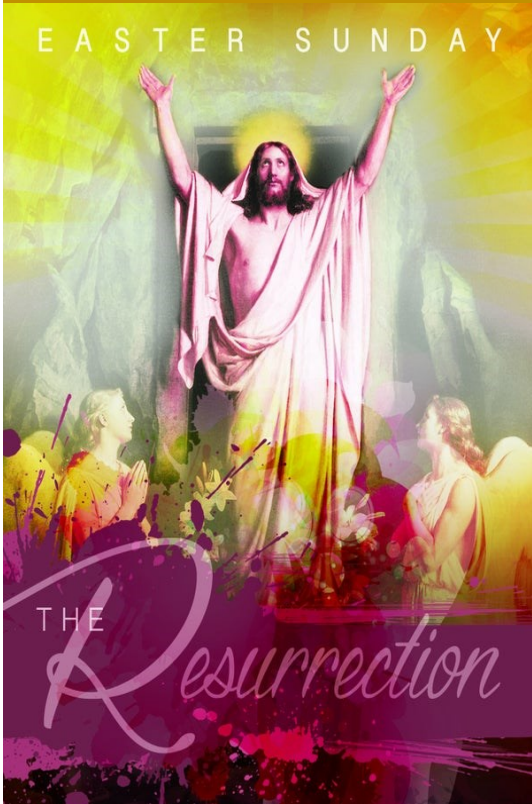
Like those first disciples, we must encounter the Lord if we are to have a faith strong enough to believe all He has promised us. We encounter Him in a variety of ways, but above all in the sacraments, and especially in the Eucharist. However, the dulling effect of routine and the sins of ourselves and others can make us lose sight of Him. Christ lives and is present, but we can forget.

If our hearts are not bursting with joy today, it is a sure and certain sign we need to encounter the Lord. With intentionality, we must seek Him in our prayer, the Eucharist, and if necessary, in confession. Only the experience of His presence and goodness can instill within us the confidence to believe in the miracle of the resurrection. My prayer is that each one of us may meet Him today, for only the Lord Jesus can give us the daring to be happy in a broken and all too often harrowing world. He lives! May we truly live too.

In Christ,
Fr. Mattingly

E A S T E R S U N D A Y

THE
Resurrection



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat, March 30	Holy Saturday 7:35 pm at St. Joseph Intention of the Celebrant
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday 8:00 am at St. Luke Pro Populo 10:00am at St. Joseph Intention of the Celebrant
Monday, April 1	Monday within the Octave of Easter 8:00 am at St. Luke Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Tue, April 2	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter 8:00 am at St. Luke Mary Testmeyer by Randy & Mary Ragains
Wed, April 3	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter 9:00 am at St. Luke Richard Ashbrook by Richard & Lucy Twait
Thur, April 4	Thursday within the Octave of Easter 8:00 am at St. Joseph Rose & Gloria Riviere by Mark & Ruth Ann Martino
Fri, April 5	Friday within the Octave of Easter 8:00 am at St. Joseph Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Sat, April 6	Saturday within the Octave of Easter 4:00 pm at St. Luke Sharon Gries by Joseph & Barbara Pitlik 5:30 pm at St. Joseph Pro Populo
Sunday, April 7	Divine Mercy 8:00 am at St. Luke Intention of the Celebrant 10:00am at St. Joseph Gioletti Family by Ann Gioletti

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 31	9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)
Monday, April 1	8:30 am Rosary (St. Luke)
Wednesday, April 3	8:00 am Adoration (St. Luke) 6:30 pm Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph)
Sunday, April 7	9:00 am Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke) 9:00 am Adult Education (St. Luke) 9:00 am Coffee & Donuts (St. Luke) 9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph) 11:00am Food, Faith & Friends Potluck (St. Joseph)



STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 24
Week 38

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,691.09	\$ 1,068.34
Building Fund Offerings		\$ 50.00
Votive Candles Offerings		
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 2,691.09	\$ 1,118.34
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
CDOP Collections - Holy Land & Eastern Europe	\$ 60.00	
Local Collection - Easter Flowers	\$ 110.00	\$ 220.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 98,993.08	\$ 53,340.50
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 87,955.75	\$ 54,150.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 11,037.33	\$ (809.50)

Thank YOU for your Generosity!

CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS

There will be a wine and cheese celebration on March 30 after the Easter Vigil at St. Joseph's. Along with wine and cheese, there will also be lemonade, water and light snacks for all ages!



FOOD, FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

Food, Faith and Fellowship potluck will be on April 7 after the 10 am Mass at St. Joseph's. The main dish will be fried chicken. Bring a dish to share or simply come and enjoy great food and fellowship!



COFFEE AND DONUTS



Coffee and donuts will be served Sunday, April 7 at St. Luke's after the 8:00 am mass. All are invited to attend.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education will meet Sunday April 7 at St Luke in the cry room area, after the 8am Mass. Topic is A Word Made Flesh, a video by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CRF. Come pray, listen and discuss with us. No books-no homework. All are welcome.



We do not pretend that life is all beauty.

We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery – the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. “We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!” We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love, that respects the “fundamental duty of love of neighbor, without which it would be unbecoming to speak of Joy.” We realize that joy is demanding; it demands unselfishness; it demands a readiness to say with Mary: “Be it done unto me according to thy word.”

St. Pope John Paul II

The pope delivered this message on a visit to Australia on Sunday, November 30, 1986.



THANK YOU

Thank you to the generous donations we received for the Easter flowers that help to make our churches beautiful throughout the Easter season!

Lynn & Julie Harper
 Tom & Elaine Harms

Ed & Donna Chioni

John & Michele Boland

Bob & Barb Cherveney
 Steve & April Wagner
 Natalina Schrock
 Dean & Jennifer Peterson
 Donna Reese

Mick & Gladys Simenc
 Dorita Bechtel

In memory of Harper and Reinhart families
 In memory of Jim and Ella Manley
 In memory of George and Dorth Harms
 In memory of Herman and Elise Waldschmidt
 In memory of Victor and Ann Chioni
 In memory of Henry and Evelyn Noe
 In memory of Russ and Julie Boland
 In memory of family members
 In thanksgiving of all our blessings
 In memory of Ralph Schrock
 In thanksgiving of all our blessings
 In memory of Renee and Bud Stratton
 In thanksgiving of all our many blessing
 In memory of Simenc and Balcani Families
 In memory of Wayne Bechtel



St. Thomas Job Opening

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is looking for a full or part time bookkeeper with accounting experience. This position will be responsible for managing receivables and payables, tuition, tracking donations, preparation of monthly financial statements and preparing the annual budget.

If interested, please send a resume to parishoffice@stthomas-church.net or call Terri at the parish office at 309-688-3446.

St. Mary of Lourdes Presents:

SACRED HEART FAMILY DAY

Join us for a day of family fun and togetherness! There will be speakers, prayer, Mass, dinner and games!

June 15

Check-In 12:30pm
 Welcome: 1:15pm
 Mass: 4:30pm
 Day officially ends at 8pm

This event is open to all Catholic families. We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP BY May 25

\$5/person or \$25/Family

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



Catholic Women's League Bus Trip

Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux in Darien, Illinois
 Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Depart 7 am - Return 5:30 pm (Peoria Charter Bus departs from St. Philomena Church Parking Lot - Peoria)

Cost Per Person - \$120 (Includes Bus, Guided Tour, Mass, Hot Lunch, and Travel Snacks)

Make check payable to Catholic Women's League and send to:

Bonnie Stroot
 111 W. Corrington, Peoria, IL 61604
 (309) - 688-8063

Limited Capacity - RSVP by May 1, 2024 (Full Payment To Reserve Seat)
 *** All Women and Men are Welcome

