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Diocese of Peoria  
Bishop Louis Tylka

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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)



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*His disciples recalled the words  
of Scripture,  
Zeal for your house will  
consume me.*

Jn 2:17

## *The Third Sunday of Lent* *March 3, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lord is not a violent man. Nor is He given to outbursts of temper. The gospels reveal quite the opposite in fact. He is remarkable patient and gentle with sinners of all types. Which makes the event in today's gospel all the more striking. Seeing the merchants and money changers plying their trade in the Temple, Christ fashions a whip and drives them out with physical force.

The merchants were there to sell the animals the pilgrims needed for the Passover sacrifices. The money changers took secular coins, which often had idols engraved on them, and gave ritually pure shekels in return. Without their services, pilgrims would have nothing to sacrifice and no way to pay the fees. The merchants and money changers are providing a critical service that allows God to be worshipped rightly.

So why does Christ drive them out? The problem is not what they are doing, but the manner in which they are doing it. They have set up shop in the Court of the Gentiles, the outermost part of the Temple, but still part of the Temple nonetheless. The space set aside exclusively for worshipping God has now become a marketplace. What is most sacred is being treated as profane (in the sense of common, not offensive).

Our Lord's response makes it clear this is not acceptable and will not be tolerated, a lesson we ought to take to heart. We are not likely to set up shop in the church building, but there are ways we can be tempted to treat God and the things of God as something less. The most common is to turn God and religion into a means rather than an end. Instead of seeking God and putting Him above all else, we try to use Him to accomplish our will.

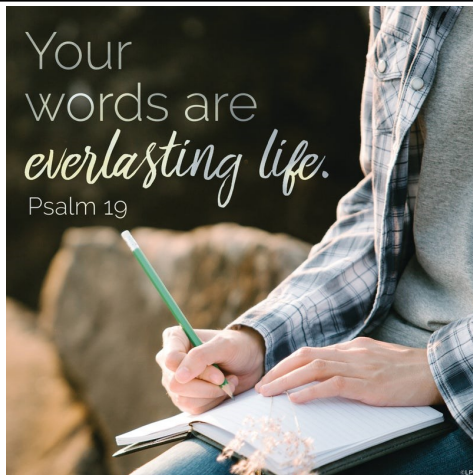
For example, someone who practices the faith because they think it will make them happy or God will bless them with prosperity or for the respect of others is not treating God as God. They are trying to use God and in the process are treating what is most sacred as if it was profane. In other words they are behaving like the merchants and money changers.

When we first come to faith, our motives are almost always mixed. Inevitably, we begin at least partly for our own sake. That is fine at first, but if we never progress, we are in a precarious position. A child who cares for their parents solely to get their share of the inheritance cannot be said to be acting out of love. Likewise with a Christian who attends to God and their religious duties solely for the hope of some reward. Christ did not trust Himself to the crowd, because He knew their hearts. He knows our hearts as well. May he purify us, giving us the grace to love Him for His own sake, to always treat God as God and never anything less.

In Christ,  
Fr. Mattingly

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Sat, March 2</b>	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b>
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Bert & Rita Rhoman by Marion Tompkins
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Pro Populo
<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	In reparation for the sins of the Church
10:00am at St. Joseph	JoAnn Beer by Mark & Ruth Ann Martino
<b>Monday, March 4</b>	<b>St. Casimir</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Sharon Gries by EJ & Ann Lenart
<b>Tue, March 5</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Wed, March 6</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am at St. Luke	Dorothy Johnson by Dave & Paula Hise
<b>Thur, March 7</b>	<b>Sts. Perpetua and Felicity</b>
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Fri, March 8</b>	<b>St. John of God</b>
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Jeanne Peterson by Dean & Jennifer Peterson
<b>Sat, March 9</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	Denis Gioletti by Ann Gioletti
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00 am at St. Luke	Richard Doran by Marilyn Weidner
10:00am at St. Joseph	Pro Populo



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, March 3

- 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)
- 11:00 am Faith, Food & Friends Potluck (St. Joseph)
- 11:00 am Choir Practice (St. Joseph)

### Monday, March 4

- 8:30 am Rosary (St. Luke)

### Wednesday, March 6

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

### Friday, March 8

- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross ( St. Luke)

### Sunday, March 10

- 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, March 13

- 8:00 am Adoration (St. Luke)
- 6:30 pm Lenten Penance Service (St. Luke)

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of February 25

Week: 34

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
<b>Weekly Offerings</b>	\$2,071.06	\$1,042.74
<b>Building Fund Offerings</b>	<i>see Roof Fund</i>	\$ 20.00
<b>Votive Candles Offerings</b>		
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	\$2,071.06	\$1,062.74
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection</b>	\$2,314.63	\$1,425.00
<i>CDOP Collection - Holy Land</i>	\$ 20.00	
<i>CDOP Collection - Aid to Eastern Europe</i>	\$ 15.00	\$ 166.00
<b>Year to Date Total</b>	\$ 89,632.49	\$ 48,306.85
<b>Budgeted INCOME YTD</b>	\$ 78,697.25	\$ 48,450.00
<b>Surplus or Deficit YTD</b>	\$ 10,935.24	\$ (143.15)

**Thank YOU for your Generosity!**

### ST. LUKE'S ROOF FUND

(\$45,000 GOAL)

DONATIONS this week \$ 60.00

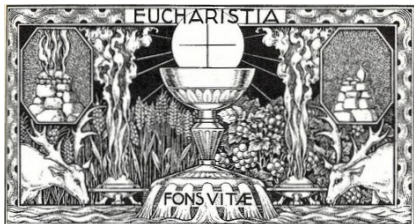
TOTAL -To-Date \$ 36,413.31

Percentage 80.9%

### The Eucharist: The Answer to our Prayer

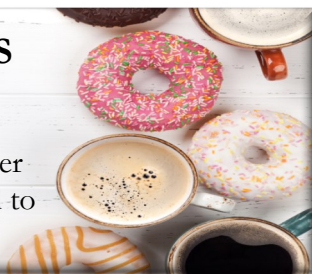
God knows our needs and desires better than we do and has provided for all of them in the revelation of His Son and the work of His Church. Join us for three classes as we explore the Our Father as the perfect prayer expressing all our needs, the Eucharist as the answer to our prayer, and Confession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

The next parish Lenten study will be on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 at St. Luke's.



### COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and donuts will be served Sunday, March 3 at St. Luke's after the 8:00 am mass. All are invited to attend.



### ST. LUKE'S LADIES GUILD

The Guild will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. We will be planning for the upcoming fish fry. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Hostesses are Mary Ragains and Lori Rogers.

### 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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As we continue our Lenten journey, consider joining us in praying the Stations off the Cross on Friday evenings at 5:30. Communion will be offered following the Stations.

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

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



### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

The Lenten Penance Service will be held on March 13 at 6:30 at St. Luke's. There will be visiting priests to hear confession after a brief service.



### Lenten Reflection

Monday March 11- Lenten Reflection at St Luke's. Ladies of St Luke and St. Joseph and guests-come listen to Sister Diane give a talk 10 am till noon followed by a light lunch. Sign up sheets will be at both churches. Cost of \$10 will be collected day of event.

### FAITH, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Food, Faith and Fellowship potluck will be on March 3 after the 10 am Mass at St. Joseph's. The main dish will be sloppy Joe's. Lynn and Julie Harper are hosting. Bring a dish to share or simply come to enjoy great food and fellowship!



### 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.



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.



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



March 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access the sacraments. In addition to aiding those with immediate needs, your support helps long-term efforts to build peace in regions that have been affected by decades of conflict.

Although active fighting in the Korean War ceased with an armistice agreement in 1953, a lasting peace has never been established. In the intervening 70 years, relations among North Korea, South Korea, and the United States have grown in complexity, especially with the increasing recent threat of nuclear weapons.

The Catholic Church stands against the scourge of war and the proliferation of nuclear weapons without exception, as a world mission and voice to build lasting peace in place of war. The Catholic Institute of Northeast Asia Peace (CINAP) was founded in 2015 to strengthen communications among the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Korea, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan, and the Holy See. In 2017, CINAP hosted its first international conference, the Catholic Korea Peace Forum.

The sixth annual Catholic Korea Peace Forum gathered in October 2022 in Washington, DC, bringing together church leaders from North and South Korea and the United States—including the USCCB's International Justice and Peace (IJP) committee chairman—as well as experts, scholars, and government officials from the United States, South Korea, and Japan. As co-organizer of the Forum, IJP was integral to the Church's mission to pray and work for just and lasting peace on the Korean peninsula. This crucial work is made possible with the support IJP receives from The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Louis Tylka*

✦ Most Reverend Louis Tylka  
 Bishop of Peoria

### 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.

### 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 be-



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

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

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

In thanksgiving of:

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

Please circle: St. Joseph    St. Luke