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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)



*“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.”*

Lk. 24:46

## *3rd Sunday of Easter* *April 14, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

The collect (opening prayer) for the 3rd Sunday of Easter is: “May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.” The phrase that really jumps out to me is youthfulness of spirit.

The young tend to be optimistic. Every new generation thinks they are going to be the ones to fix all the problems their forebears created. This is partially a result of the typical arrogance of youth and a certain naivete that goes along with inexperience, but it also stems from a real daring. The young have the courage to think even long shots are possible.

As one ages, the benefits of experience give them a greater ability to accomplish their goals, but there is also the risk of becoming jaded or cynical. Having grown accustomed to how things are, we begin to think they will never change. Instead of revolutionizing the world, the old are more likely to try to secure their place within it.

I’m certainly not an old man, but I’m also no longer in the early stages of youth. As the years have gone by, I can feel that constant tug to make my peace with the world as it is; the whisper that change will be limited or non-existent, so there’s no point in beating my head against the wall. While tempting, such an attitude leaves us feeling stuck.

The Christian cannot live this way. To believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead necessarily means we believe God has conquered. The world, and even the Church, may seem to be stuck in the dreariness of sin, but it’s not true. Every person can turn to Christ and receive new life, which will endure for all time. The apparent victories of evil are temporary sallies of an already defeated foe.

I used to visit a woman in Streator who lived this way. She was home bound, had lots of pain, and her husband had died quite a few years ago. Humanly speaking, there wasn’t much to rejoice in and no hope of it getting better. Yet every time I visited her, she would gush about how good God had been to her and how grateful she was. Instead of cheering her up, I was the one who left encouraged. I was also humbled, because she had the youthful spirit I all too often lacked.

We are not victims of chance or poor things left to our own devices. We are children of our heavenly Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. May we never forget that and allow ourselves to become crusty, dreary souls.

In Christ,  
Fr. Mattingly

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Sat, April 13</b> 4:00 pm at St. Luke 5:30 pm at St. Joseph	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b> Pro Populo Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Sunday, April 14</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke 10:00am at St. Joseph	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Richard Ashbrook by Nancy Sales Intention of the Celebrant
<b>Monday, April 15</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke	<b>Weekday</b> Jim Meares by Marilyn Weidner
<b>Tue, April 16</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke	<b>Weekday</b> Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Wed, April 17</b> 9:00 am at St. Luke	<b>Weekday</b> Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Thur, April 18</b> 8:00 am at St. Joseph	<b>Weekday</b> Battista & Dorthy Martino by Mark & Ruth Ann Martino
<b>Fri, April 19</b> 8:00 am at St. Joseph	<b>Weekday</b> Richard Ashbrook by Steve & April Wagner
<b>Sat, April 20</b> 4:00 pm at St. Luke 5:30 pm at St. Joseph	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b> Intention of the Celebrant Teresa Martino by Lannie Ashbrook
<b>Sunday, April 21</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke 10:00am at St. Joseph	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Irene Keyine by Dorita Bechtel Pro Populo

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday, April 14</b> 9:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am	Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke) Adult Education (St. Luke) Rosary (St. Joseph)
<b>Monday, April 15</b> 8:30 am	Rosary (St. Luke)
<b>Wednesday, April 17</b> 8:00 am 6:30 pm	Adoration (St. Luke) Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph)
<b>Sunday, April 21</b> 9:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am	Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke) Adult Education (St. Luke) Rosary (St. Joseph)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Wednesdays at St. Luke  
8:00 am - 9:50 am  
Daily Mass follows at 9:00 am

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 7

Week 40

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,615.14	\$ 1,363.74
Building Fund Offerings	<i>see Roof Fund</i>	\$ 95.00
Votive Candles Offerings	\$ 31.00	
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,646.14</b>	<b>\$ 1,458.74</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,314.63</b>	<b>\$ 1,425.00</b>
<i>CDOP Collections - Holy Land (Good Friday)</i>		\$ 35.00
<b>Year to Date Total</b>	<b>\$ 102,978.66</b>	<b>\$ 56,230.58</b>
<b>Budgeted INCOME YTD</b>	<b>\$ 92,585.00</b>	<b>\$ 57,000.00</b>
<b>Surplus or Deficit YTD</b>	<b>\$ 10,393.66</b>	<b>\$ (769.42)</b>

**Thank YOU for your Generosity!**



## THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped make the Triduum liturgies so beautiful. The musicians, the decorators and liturgical ministers all added to the beauty of the liturgy.



### Easter Flower Donations



Lesa Mahaffey donated in memory of Jim Detweiler, Rick Detweiler and Steve Mahaffey.

Thank you!

"Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and the end of the war."

Words spoken by our Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

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## Ross Clymer & Friends with Eureka Teamsters 4-H Club COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENT

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Luke's Catholic Church  
904 Reagan Drive, Eureka, Illinois 61530**

**9:00 a.m. – Noon or until full  
(or until bins are full)**

**\$20 Charge for all TV's & Monitors (Everything else is Free)**

**No checks or cards accepted on day of event.**

**Accepted Electronic Items**

More information is located on the information boards in both parishes.

## Do you have time on your hands?

Below is information on two organizations that are a part of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria in need of volunteers as well as donations. If you are interested, you can get more information from their websites that are listed below their information.



Has God put a call in your heart to help us? Your willingness to serve those less fortunate will be rewarded in heaven. We welcome all who come ready to work, to serve and to love our fellow man. Our mission statement can be summed up in a single word: NOURISH. We seek to give as much nourishment as we can to both the bodies and souls of those who are hungry.

Almighty Father, Help us to love And serve those Who are hungry. Use us to feed their souls and bodies In accordance with the teachings Of God's Holy Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

<https://www.catholicpeoria.com/Sophia'sKitchen>



**CatholicCharities**  
DIOCESE OF PEORIA  
PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE.

Catholic Charities has always had a mission focused on the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to shelter the homeless, to clothe the naked, to visit and ransom the captive, and to visit the sick. Advocacy is also an important aspect of Catholic Charities mission. We serve other individuals, meeting them where they are at, fostering an awareness, speaking out, and encouraging others to do the same.

Catholic Charities is currently on the lookout for people (or groups) who would like to offer their time, talent and skills to volunteer.

<https://cdop.org/catholic-charities/>



# The Fire Is **SPREADING**

## A HISTORIC JOURNEY

Throughout the National Eucharistic Revival, local communities are gathering tinder in response to God's invitation for renewal, calling on the Holy Spirit to bring the flame.

In keeping with this vision, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way. Then, at the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024, all these flames will blaze together.

**Explore the interactive map** at <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/> to follow the four routes across the United States and register for one of the many free events coming to an area near you!

The St. Junipero Serra Route will leave Mission Dolores Basilica in San Francisco, California on May 18 and will have several stops in Illinois. The closest to our area will be in Springfield.

<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

## St. Andrew of Crete - A Saint Devoted to the Eucharist

St. Andrew of Crete (650-c.726) also known as St. Andrew of Jerusalem, was born in the Syrian city of Damascus to devout Christian parents. According to his hagiographers, he was mute until he was 7 years old and miraculously cured after he received his First Holy Communion.

As a young teenager, Andrew entered a monastery near Jerusalem. His exceptional qualities quickly caught the attention of his superiors, leading to his appointment as Archdeacon by Theodore, the Patriarch of Jerusalem at the time. The Patriarch of Jerusalem is the head bishop of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Theodore also sent Andrew to represent the Church at the Sixth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople called by Emperor Constantine, playing a role in addressing the heresy of Monothelism. This Sixth Council was pivotal in establishing that Jesus had both divine and human nature.

St. Andrew of Crete would go on to become an influential theologian, bishop, and hymnographer. Around the year 700 he was appointed Archbishop of the city of Gortyn, on the island of Crete. His service to the Church included charitable work for the poor and orphaned and he is credited with introducing the canon, a new form of hymn, into the liturgy.

His most renowned work, the Great Canon, is a masterpiece that guides the faithful through repentance and a return to God. To this day, the Great Canon is chanted twice a year in Eastern Orthodox liturgies during Lent. It takes around three hours to complete and includes more than 200 full-body prostrations along with its many odes, litanies, and refrains.

While the exact date of Andrew's death remains uncertain, it is known that he passed away on the island of Mytilene while returning to Crete from Constantinople. St. Andrew of Crete, pray for us!

