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Diocese of Peoria
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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



"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep."

Jn 10:14-15

4th Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are." St. John is in awe at the very idea that we are children of God. Known as divine filiation, understanding and living this profound relationship with God is the foundation of our interior life.

Lest we be tempted to reduce becoming like children to a nice idea without substance, two saints who lived their divine filiation (childhood) well reveal the truth. St. Therese of Lisieux's and St. Josemaria Escriva's lives were both marked by suffering and yet they lived with a constantly renewed youthfulness of spirit because they knew who their Father was and knew Him well.

St. Josemaria considered being a child of God to be the core of our Christian identity: "...anyone who does not realize that he is a child of God is unaware of the deepest truth about himself." (Friends of God 26) He also explains why: "We must try to be children who realize that the Lord, by loving us as his children, has taken us into his house, in the middle of the world, to be members of his family, so that what is his is ours, and what is ours is his, and to develop that familiarity and confidence which prompts us to ask him, like children, for the moon!" (Christ is Passing By 64)

St. Therese's little way consists of doing ordinary things with extraordinary love. Spiritual childhood is the root of her teaching that even very small acts bring great joy to our Father if they are done with great love. Shortly before her death, while bedridden and struggling to breathe, Therese was asked what it meant to be a little child before God. She replied, "It is to recognize our nothingness, to expect everything from God as a little child expects everything from its father; it is to be disquieted about nothing... I've always remained little, therefore, having no other occupation but to gather flowers, the flowers of love and sacrifice, and of offering them to God to please Him." (St. Therese of Lisieux, Her Last Conversations p. 139)

A father's heart is moved by his child's love first and foremost. The same is true of our Father God. If our lives are failures by any objective measure, but we have lived them with great love, then in our Father's eyes they are tremendous successes and we can be at peace knowing that God is not only with us, but delights in us. Every day I ask St. Therese to help me live my childhood like her by praying, "help me to follow your little way by doing small things with great love. Help me to be little, so I can throw my self into the arms of my Father with total abandonment and love and serve the people He has placed in my life." May she intercede for us all to be graced with living as a true child of God. St. Therese of Lisieux, pray for us.

In Christ,
Fr. Mattingly

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat, April 20	Vigil for Sunday
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Teresa Martino by Lannie Ashbrook
Sunday, April 21	4th Sunday of Easter
8:00 am at St. Luke	Irene Keyine by Dorita Bechtel
10:00am at St. Joseph	Pro Populo
Monday, April 22	Weekday
8:00 am at St. Luke	Sharon Gries by Joseph & Barbara Pitlik
Tue, April 23	St. George
8:00 am at St. Luke	Richard Ashbrook Steve & April Wagner
Wed, April 24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
9:00 am at St. Luke	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Thur, April 25	St. Mark
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Special Intention
Fri, April 26	Weekday
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Teresa Martino
Sat, April 27	Vigil for Sunday
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Gerry Meares by Marilyn Weidner
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Intention of the Celebrant
Sunday, April 28	5th Sunday of Easter
8:00 am at St. Luke	Pro Populo
10:00am at St. Joseph	Rosemary Heininger by Mark & Ruth Ann Martino



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 21
9:00 am Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke)
9:00 am Adult Education (St. Luke)
9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)
Monday, April 22
8:30 am Rosary (St. Luke)
Wednesday, April 24
8:00 am Adoration (St. Luke)
6:30 pm Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph)
Sunday, April 28
9:00 am Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke)
9:00 am Adult Education (St. Luke)
9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)
Thursday, May 2
6:30 pm Eucharist Adoration (St. Luke)
Monday, May 6
6:30 pm Eucharist Adoration (St. Joseph)



STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 14

Week 41

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,945.09	\$ 1,096.34
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 15.00	
Votive Candles Offerings		\$ 5.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 1,960.09	\$ 1,101.34
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
<i>CDOP Collections -</i>	<i>\$ 45.00</i>	
Year to Date Total	\$ 104,923.75	\$ 57,331.92
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 94,899.63	\$ 58,425.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 10,024.13	\$ (1,093.08)

Thank YOU for your Generosity!

THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone that donated Easter cards for the nursing home and homebound parishioners. The cards were very much appreciated and brought a special joy to those who received them.



Please pray for St. Luke's Confirmation Candidates. They will be Confirmed Sunday, April 21 at The Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria. The Confirmands are:

Penelope Albertson
Owen Cahil
Payton Flannery
Breanna Lehman
Brennan McAllister
Jacob Schulz
Noah Stokowski



God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Presentation of Gifts



Presentation of gifts to St Luke's high school graduates and Confirmands by St. Luke's Ladies Guild will be after the 8 O'clock Mass on Sunday, April 28.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

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

Saturday, April 27th

**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.

You are invited to dig deeper. Join us for a group study of the encyclical

"On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church"



**Group Zoom Sessions
every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
from April 9th - July 2nd.**

We will be using a study guide from the National Council of Catholic Women. All parishioners from the Diocese of Peoria are welcome to participate.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN.

For more information and to receive the Zoom link and free study guide, please contact Peoria DCCW Spirituality Commission Chair Kim Padan at (217)898-5256 or kim@gabrielsmom.com

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday May 7 from 12:30-5:30. It will be held at Thompson Community Center (the park building) in Roanoke.

Donors can register by going to www.redcrossblood.org, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or calling or texting Julie Blunier at 309-712-7491.





Bishop Lou has commissioned a monstrance to be used for a holy hour in each of the churches in the diocese over the course of National Eucharistic Revival. The route began with a holy hour at the Cathedral in November. It travels to at **St. Lukes on Thursday, May 2** and **St. Joseph's Monday, 6**. There will be a Holy Hour from 6:30 - 7:30 at each parish. There will be time for quiet reflection and the Litany of the Eucharist will be prayed during that time.



"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Prayer Before Meditation

My Lord and my God, I firmly believe that you are here; that you see me, that your hear me. I adore you with profound reverence; I beg your pardon for my sins, and the grace to make this time of prayer fruitful. My Immaculate Mother, Saint Joseph my father and lord, my guardian angel, intercede for me. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is quiet time spent with Jesus. A time of prayer and reflection. A time when we see him face to face and share with him our prayers, concerns and gratitude. As we spend time with him, he gives us wisdom and strength to live as his disciple and minister to the people he places in our lives.

The church has long testified to the benefits of Adoration. The following are two teachings from the Catechism of the Catholic Church that speak to the benefits of Eucharist Adoration.

Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. "I look at him and he looks at me": this is what a certain peasant of Ars in the time of his holy curé [St. John Vianney] used to say while praying before the tabernacle. This focus on Jesus is a renunciation of self. His gaze purifies our heart; the light of the countenance of Jesus illumines the eyes of our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and his compassion for all men. Contemplation also turns its gaze on the mysteries of the life of Christ. (CCC, 2715)

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. (CCC, 1380, quoting St. John Paul II's letter *Dominicae Cenae*, *The Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist*)

"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ." — Saint John Paul II