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Diocese of Peoria  
Bishop Louis Tylka

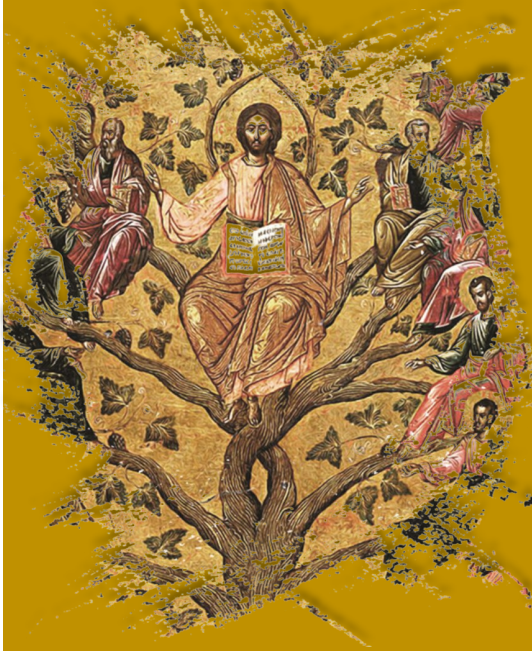
Pastor  
Father Ryan Mattingly

### 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)



*“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”*

*Jn 15:5*

## *5th Sunday of Easter* *April 28, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

As part of the Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Tylka had a special monstrance commissioned to be used for a holy hour at every parish in the diocese. St. Luke’s and St. Joseph’s turn is coming up on May 2nd and May 6th respectively. If you’ve never been to adoration before, it’s a privileged time to be before Christ in the Eucharist and enter into a loving dialogue with Him. Some of the most powerful moments of prayer in my life have occurred during adoration.

Adoration is one of the forms of prayer and sacraments by which we remain connected to our Lord. Christ uses the image of a vine and branches to describe why staying united to Him so important. Just as a branch cut off from the vine withers and dies, so does our spirit if cut off from Christ. The branch receives its vital energy and sustenance, its very life, from the branch. Likewise, our souls are vivified, made truly alive, by union with Christ. “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”

Remaining with Christ is not a feeling of closeness or even desire. It is an objective fact called the state of grace which begins at baptism and continues so long as we remain free of mortal sin. When we live in grace, Christ is sustaining us with His presence within us, giving us His strength and His Spirit. We may not be aware of it at any given moment, but it is nonetheless very real and has tremendous effects on us. I’m not usually aware of my heart beating, but it is and things would go south very quickly if it weren’t.

The state of grace gives us a greater capacity to live as we ought, which in turn opens us up to even greater grace in a never ending positive feedback loop. The only way this process stops is by our choice of sin, which cuts us off from the Lord. Even in this case when we have thrown away God’s gifts, we can still seek forgiveness through confession and begin again. Christ’s mercy restores us to our union with Him and will continue unless we sin again. “Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them.”

We need our Lord’s help because His commandments are challenging. Like most great accomplishments in life, being good is not easy. In the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples welcome Saul after realizing he is no longer trying to kill them. This man who had persecuted the Church, reviled the name of Christ, and caused the death of their friends becomes a part of the community and even a leader within it. Where did the disciples find the strength to forgive when every human instinct and rationale screamed not to? Through the strength of God dwelling within them. They were branches securely united to the vine and so they could live not as men do but as God does.

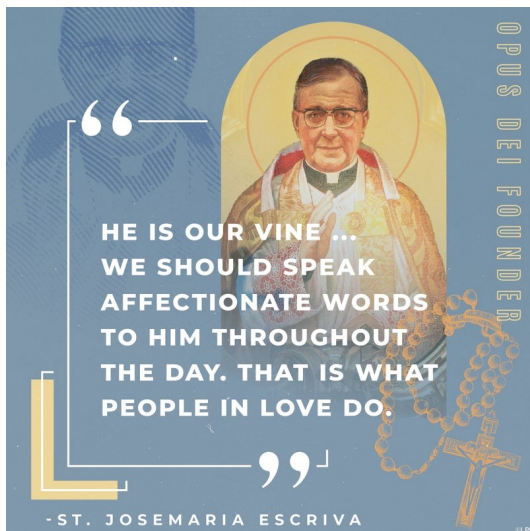
In Christ,  
Fr. Mattingly

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Sat, April 27</b> 4:00 pm at St. Luke  5:30 pm at St. Joseph	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b> Gerry Meares by Marilyn Weidner Intention of the Celebrant
<b>Sunday, April 28</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke 10:00am at St. Joseph	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Pro Populo Rosemary Heininger by Mark & Ruth Ann Martino
<b>Monday, April 29</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke	<b>St. Catherine of Siena</b> Sharon Gries by Joseph & Barbara Pitlik
<b>Tue, April 30</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke	<b>St. Pius V, Pope</b> Richard Ashbrook by Richard & Lucy Twait
<b>Wed, May 1</b> 9:00 am at St. Luke	<b>St. Joseph the Worker</b> Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Thur, May 2</b> 8:00 am at St. Joseph	<b>St. Athanasius</b> Teresa Martino
<b>Fri, May 3</b> 8:00 am at St. Joseph	<b>Sts. Philip and James</b> Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Sat, May 4</b> 4:00 pm at St. Luke 5:30 pm at St. Joseph	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b> Intention of the Celebrant Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Sunday, May 5</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke 10:00am at St. Joseph	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Irene Kerwin by Dorita Bechtel Pro Populo

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday, April 28</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 29</b> 8:30 am	Rosary (St. Luke)
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b> 8:00 am 6:30 pm	Adoration (St. Luke) Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph)
<b>Thursday, May 2</b> 6:30 pm	Eucharist Adoration (St. Luke)
<b>Sunday, May 5</b> 9:00 am 9:30 am	Adult Education (St. Luke) Rosary (St. Joseph)
<b>Monday, May 6</b> 6:30 pm	Eucharist Adoration (St. Joseph)



## STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 21

Week 42

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,726.79	\$ 854.54
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 20.00	
Votive Candles Offerings		\$ 10.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 1,746.79	\$ 864.54
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
<i>CDOP Collections -</i>		
Year to Date Total	\$ 106,650.54	\$ 58,196.46
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 97,214.25	\$ 59,850.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 9,436.29	\$ (1,653.54)

**Thank YOU for your Generosity!**

## EUREKA AREA FOOD PANTRY

The month of May is St. Luke's month to support and donate to the food pantry. There will be a collection basket in the foyer of the church throughout the entire month. The pantry has asked that we concentrate on collecting these needed items for them; hamburger helpers, canned beef stew, instant puddings and jello mixes - sugar free, dish soap, and bar soap. Monetary donations are also needed which allows the food pantry to purchase specific needed items to stock their shelves. Please make your check out to the Eureka Area Food Pantry & place in an envelope in the basket. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Hise (309.303.2334) or Dennis Kroll (309.467.4348). Thank you for your support!



## 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.

## 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org), calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or calling or texting Julie Blunier at 309-712-7491.



## Knights of Columbus

The KC's will meet on May 20<sup>th</sup> due to Memorial Day. Meal will be at 06:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 07:00 pm. Topic of the meeting will be the future of the Council. Members are encouraged to attend.



# Knights of Columbus®



Students from St. Joseph's Faith Formation learn about the Passover Meal

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Catholic Spirit Radio continues to broadcast in English here on our local radio frequency 89.5 FM. You can also go to the website [catholicspiritradio.com](http://catholicspiritradio.com) and click the Listen Live tab or use the Catholic Spirit Talk Radio app



## EUCCHARIST ADORATION

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 the 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.



All Women and Girls of All Ages  
In the month of our Mother Mary  
**Join us Saturday, May 11**  
**9:30 am**  
for a Morning of


## Prayer, Honor, and Blessings


St. Mary of Lourdes & Grotto  
424 Lourdes Church Rd. Germantown Hills, IL 61548

As we immerse ourselves in beautiful music, song, and liturgy surrounded by the beauty of St. Mary's of Lourdes Church and Grotto, we will honor Mary, all women, and graduates of the diocese.  
*"Blessed are you among women; blessed in turn all women, too."*

The morning will include:  
Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary with prayer and song  
Procession with Mary bringing flowers to the altar  
Holy Mass-Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink officiating  
Rose Award Presentation  
followed by a Morning Tea  
Honoring all Mothers and Graduates

More information can be found on the information board in the vestibules of each parish.



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# PRIDE and PREJUDICE

May 2 @ 7:00 pm  
May 3 @ 7:00 pm  
May 4 @ 2:00 pm  
May 4 @ 7:00 pm

\$10 / person or \$40 / family  
Chesterton students free.

Doors open 1/2 hour before.  
Tickets sold at the door.

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