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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 9:15 - 9:45 am

Bulletin announcements and calendar changes should be typed and submitted by Tuesday to the parish office or emailed to  
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He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand.'  
Mark 7:14

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*August 29, 2021*

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most powerful questions we encounter in life is why. Even as children, we intuit that the world should have purpose and meaning. That's why kids are always asking why. The idea that everything is just a collection of chance encounters without rhyme or reason is abhorrent to us; we feel deep down that there must be more.

Ironically, as we get older, we also tend to stop asking why so often. We either simply accept things as they are without going any further, or we give up on the idea of deep meaning and purpose altogether. This is certainly easier in some respects, but it also leaves us dissatisfied. Life becomes about routine, or comfort, or security, but we lose all of the drama and excitement.

The Pharisees in the gospel absolutely abandoned the search to find out reasoning behind God's commandments. Originally, God gave the Jews the Mosaic law as a way to set them apart from other people. It also was very clear and simple, allowing the Jews to maintain their sense of being chosen by God. In other words, it was meant to help the Jews during their state of spiritual infancy to maintain their relationship with God.

Now, in the fullness of time, Christ has something greater for not just the Jews but for all people. The Holy Trinity will dwell within the soul of each of His followers, allowing Christians to live a new and powerful intimacy with God. The fruits of this relationship will be love of neighbor and a new purpose and meaning to life.

Unused to focusing on the why of things, the Pharisees are disgruntled. They refuse to let go of their cherished customs, not because they really think they bring them closer to God, but simply because that's what they have always done. In the long history of Christianity, there has been a constant struggle not to lapse into the same error. When Christians begin to pay more attention to what they are doing rather than why they are doing it, their love grows tepid, their faith falters, and they drift away from God.

Taking some time in prayer to reexamine the basic elements of your life and faith can be very fruitful. Why did God create you? Why are you Catholic? Why are you a husband or wife? The more we are able to answer these questions with conviction, the more we will go through life confident of our Father's love and His plan for us. May the Lord Jesus send His Holy Spirit upon each one of us to show us why.

In Christ,  
Fr. Mattingly

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Sat, Aug. 28,</b> 4:00 pm at St. Luke	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b> Ferdinand & Mary Shierer Family by Dale Alig
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Pro Populo
<b>Sunday, Aug. 29,</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke	<b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Fr. Harold Schmitt by Fr. Mattingly
10:00 am at St. Joseph	George Girardi Family by Jean Girardi
<b>Mon, Aug. 30,</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke	<b>Weekday</b> Fr. Gerald Verdun by Fr. Mattingly
<b>Tue, Aug. 31,</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke	<b>Weekday</b> Donald H. Brogly by Don & Marcia Brogly
<b>Wed, Sept. 1,</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke	<b>Weekday</b> Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Thu, Sept. 2,</b> 8:00 am at St. Joseph	<b>Weekday</b> August & Lucy Sacarro by Natalie Schrock
<b>Fri, Sept. 3,</b> 8:00 am at St. Joseph	<b>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</b> Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Saturday, Sept. 4,</b> 4:00 pm at St. Luke	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b> Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Fr. Neri Greskoviach by Natalie Schrock
<b>Sunday, Sept. 5,</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
10:00 am at St. Joseph	Pro Populo



Faith Formation will begin on September 12. Classes meet at St. Luke's from 9:15—10:15 and St. Joseph's from 9:00—9:55.

## Upcoming Events

- Monday, August 30**  
8:30 am Rosary group (St. Luke)
- Tuesday, August 31**  
9:00 - 11:00 am Mom Wrap (St. Luke)
- Wednesday, Sept. 1**  
6:30 pm Rosary group (St. Joseph)
- Sunday, Sept. 12**  
Faith Formation
- Tuesday, Sept. 14**  
**6:30 pm** Ladies Guild (St. Luke)

Make sure to check the bulletin and calendar on line for upcoming events masses.

Coming to St. Luke's the second Sunday in September: Bishop Robert Barron's new series "The Mystery of God. Who He is and Who He is not." To register please call Ann Dwyer at 309-208-8179 or email at [anpanther@gmail.com](mailto:anpanther@gmail.com) so I know how many Study Guides to order. Thanks. All are welcome, including High School students. We hope to see you there.

**A**uthentic **C**atholic **T**een's High School Youth Group will have a kickoff gathering Sunday, September 12, at Eureka Lake from 5:30 – 7:00. There will be fellowship, food and fun! All high school students are invited to attend. A great year is planned!! If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Bilow at 309-831-6344 or contact the parish office.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated to the ACT School Supply Drive! The school supplies were delivered to schools in Roanoke-Benson and Eureka. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



## How Can We Pray FOR You?

Prayer Chain is a ministry of committed prayers. We believe Jesus hears our prayers and wants to meet our needs. If you have a prayer request, please call Dorita Bechtel at 309-467-2188, Janis Plattner at 309-467- 6936, or April Wagner at 309-264-2177 You can also email Janis at [jmplattnr@live.com](mailto:jmplattnr@live.com), April at [awagner61@hotmail.com](mailto:awagner61@hotmail.com). You may also phone or email prayer requests to the parish office. All prayer requests will be confidential.

There is always a need for more prayer warriors. If you would like to join a prayer chain, please contact one of the ladies above.

A prayer from King David that we can make our own.



A clean heart create for me, God;  
renew within me a steadfast spirit.

Psalm 51:12

**Woodford County Heartline and Heart House** will be having our annual Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, September 2nd. It will be a drive-through event at 1009 Adams Street in Eureka, IL. The supper will be from 3:30pm-7:00pm. The cost is \$8 per person.

**Peoria Dining Tour coupon books** will be available again this fall from Central Illinois Right to Life, Inc. The cost is \$30. The book contains over 250, two for one coupons for use at local restaurants and other businesses. Contact CIRTL at 645-8000 for more information. All net proceeds will go to support Pro Life work. Thanks to all who have purchased these books in the past. Please continue to support Central Illinois Right to Life!

# Stewardship

weekend of August 22

Week : 8

Weekly Offerings
Building Fund Offerings
Votive Candles Offerings
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection</b>
<i>LOCAL - School Supplies</i>
<i>CDOP Collection - Lebanon Fund</i>
<b>Year to Date Total</b>
<b>Budgeted INCOME YTD</b>
<b>Surplus or Deficit YTD</b>

St. Luke	St. Joseph
\$ 1,353.00	\$ 1,865.00
	\$ 200.00
	\$ 14.00
\$ 1,353.00	\$ 2,079.00
\$ 1,855.38	\$ 1,156.15
\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00
\$ 12,789.50	\$ 8,851.00
\$ 14,843.08	\$ 9,249.23
\$ (2,053.58)	\$ (398.23)

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