

Welcome to

The Church of Saint Luke

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples



FIRST READING: Numbers 6:22-27
SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7
GOSPEL: Luke 2:16-21

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

*And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart." Lk 2:19*

Reflection: Reflect upon/Share about a time in your life that caused you to reflect. What had occurred? Why did you reflect on this, particularly, rather than other incidents in your life? Did you discover anything about God or about life in general because of your reflections? How can you develop a habit of looking for God's presence in the normal situations of your life?

Alternative: Reflect upon/Share about something that has been hanging around in your heart? What makes that something you are holding on to? How is the Lord, possibly, trying to speak to you through this? How can you learn to listen to the Lord, more frequently, through the happenings in your life?

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2017



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reflecting on them in her
heart. -- Luke 2:19

Mission Statement

The Church of St. Luke is a joyful, welcoming, caring, active family of believers striving to grow in knowledge of and love for God and each other. Challenged by the Word, nurtured by the Eucharist, and enlivened by the Spirit, we seek to live the message of Jesus in serving the needs of others both within our Parish and in the larger community.

Communion Service

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Masses

Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 7:30 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:30 pm
(Also by appointment)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday
9:00 am—5:00 pm



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parish Pastoral Council normally meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Visitors/observers welcome. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda, contact a Council member

to present it for you or contact the Parish Office.

Parish Council Members:

Fr. Ron Cochran
Jane Alfano
Mark Balmert
Amy Cannon
Bob Guarnotta
Linda Jacobson
Anita Leak
Sam Lupo
Don Mercurio
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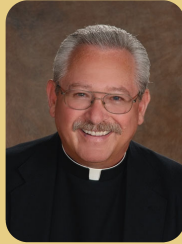
PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Finance Council meets every other 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Parish Finance Council Members:

Fr. Ron Cochran
James Chitkowski
Jim Crockett
George Heidenreich
Jeanne Houghtby
John Krueger
Cathy March
Dave Sapper
Jim Stepovich
Richard Venancio

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

As we go into this new year I am overwhelmed by my awareness of the many negatives in our country right now: fear, anger, negativity itself, division, rampant lying and misinformation campaigns, insistence on forcing one agenda over another. You could probably add more which are heavy in your hearts too. For me, if it wasn't for meeting people in the grace of the confessional, or the Advent reconciliation services, I don't know that I would have much hope.

This year, during the Advent season, there were a handful of confessions from people who brought me down. I tried to react in a loving manner and get to the heart of what was angering them so; they confessed being angry at public figures. I think for the most part, they weren't getting their way or they didn't feel like they were being heard. I don't know if they would still feel like they weren't being heard if the other party did hear them and they still didn't get their way. I do feel that their anger blocked them from hearing anything I had to offer.

On the other hand, I was uplifted by the number of people who seemed to be genuinely trying to become better persons. Many people seemed to look at themselves honestly and have some idea of what they need to do to improve as a human being. They were able to see how the way they live their lives keeps them from having the fullest relationship with God and right relationship with some of God's people.

Many people were hurting. I was touched by the amount of pain that is being experienced. The hurting people wanted the help of God's grace to move forward. I pray that that was the result of their experiencing the sacrament. One in particular left with a look that life had returned to her. She had a smile on her face and voiced her thanks. I think she was given hope by her confession and now had the energy and courage to move forward.

There is more to the story of that last person, though. It was late and there were only people wishing to confess in Spanish remaining in the lines. Since no one was coming to me, I got up to leave. As I passed what appeared to be a husband and wife confused about what to do, I stopped and asked if they needed a Spanish speaking priest. I don't know why I stopped. My Spanish is not good enough to converse with people and I was ready to go home. But I stopped... and I told them that I speak very little Spanish but could give absolution in Spanish if they wanted.

The wife said yes and that was the beginning of a wonderfully graced event for me. When I was questioning her to see if I understood what she was telling me, she switched to English and we had a conversation which I believe God used to pour His graces upon her. I got plenty myself too.

So... I have all these negative thoughts and feeling about the new year and all these wonderful thoughts about people and the wonders that God can do. Because of this, I'm going to walk into the new year with hope and openness to what God can bring upon us. I'm going to try my hardest to not add to the negative things in our society but be a positive force trying to allow God's grace to flow through. That thought in itself gives me hope.

May God bless all of us, individually and in our families, our communities, our country and our world.

In His service,

Fr. Ron



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Al Bowen, Jacob Seilheimer, Joyce Kammer, Theresa Worcholik, Eddie Turner, Cheryl Berry, Natalie Enriquez, Candace Dayton, Harriet, Ladel, Michael Ward, Nina Murphy, Noel Fisher, Mario Chavez, Jason Zdunich, Frances Machado, Karen Bennett, Connie Elba, Blanche Duncan, Charles Brown, Jim Leachman, Christine Banuelos, Jose Orrantia, Dave Johnson, Mina Scannicchio, Jan Lindgren, Carol Petrich, Carey Moore, Jose Azarza, Parker Landis, Joan Smith, Anthony Potito, Kaylee Mikulsky, Arnie Mueller, Jackie, Jeff Rogers, Michelle Tello, Katherine Boomer, Chase Laird, Vera Navetta, Miriam Kaskorkis, Adelaide Fitzwater, Karen Marie Moscar, Candace Solorzano, Alice Zizzo, Luis Orrantia, Maggie Matthews, Sophia Christensen, Steven, Cindy Russell, Karen Walker, Mike Murphy, Ann Mussomeli, Jeanine DeSanti, Joe James Sowards, Vie Liddell, Olivia Dunn, Elda Iavelli, Jennifer Soares, Dorothea Wall, Tony Gonzales, Martina Chiappara Cahill, Antoinette Daquisto-Guidi, Matthew Chu, Bob Weisham, Teri Harrison, Danielle P. Joe Scannicchio, Maria Warcholik, Ruthie Condon, Marin Mejia, Mike Marcon, Theresa & Vito Siragusa, Tracy Weaver, Rick Gores, Corrine Meierbachtol, Sue Sullivan, Rose Camacho, Ray Camacho, Maria Oliver, Al Oliver, Tommy Collet Sr., John Lawton, Justin Hughes, Clara Morrison, Travis Butler, Jordan Garcia, Winston Quitiquit, Gregory S., Joan Hall, Joni Marco, Vern Hubka, Ricky Latorre, Camryn Mayer, Dolores Morrison, Aimee Gatus, Tommy Collet Jr., Thomas Baca, Chuck Moore, Gui Mei Guo, Audrianna Lococo, Karl Viederstein, Carey Moore, John Morrison, Maria Teresa Valquez, Nancy Samayoa, Tyler Parr, Karin Oravetz, Terry McMullin, Mary Morrison, Laura Allen & Family, Ryan Waters, Sam Attisha, Debra Burke, Andrew Mearm, Richard Perricone, John Agostini, Clara Morrison, Austin Gatus, Rosemary Lowe, The Hill Family, Russell Morrison, Frances Colombo, Christina Morrison, Megan Kruer Jones, Zaim Attisha, Laura Lee, Teresa Russo, Lillian Peregud; & all our relatives & friends who are sick.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR PRAYER LIST: If you would like to add a name to our prayer list please contact Nancy Adema. *Also please notify Nancy when a name can be removed.* We appreciate the prompt notification & your

PARISH FINANCES

In order to fulfill our budget, we need to collect an average of \$12,722 in the collection basket each week. Some weeks may be higher and some lower but we need to maintain that average. Additionally, we have budgeted for an average of \$12,802 to be contributed monthly through our Online Giving contribution program. The total amount budgeted through these sources is \$660,095 this year. Our budget includes another \$106,384 expected income from other sources; (Annual Catholic Appeal rebates, Christmas & Easter collections, Sacramental Donations, Interest, One-time gifts & bequests, etc.).

LAST WEEK: **Totals for 12/25/16**
Unavailable at Time of Printing

Plate: \$
Envelope: \$
Total Collection Basket: \$

Online Giving November 2016: \$ 19,024.78 111 users

SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH: *Once you've made a decision on how much you should be giving, decide how to give.*

WAYS TO GIVE: You can use envelopes, as many people do, you can set up automatic donations through your Bank, (forms available in the parish office), you can go to Online Giving on the St. Luke website and set up an online giving plan which you can personally manage or call the parish office to arrange an online giving plan administered by the parish Business Manger. <https://stlukeelcajon.weshareonline.org/>
Online Giving Link: <http://thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com/>
Click on: Online Giving in the center of subject bar. For more information please call the parish office at 442-1697.

PLEASE PRAY FOR DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Marty & Lil Collins 49-years
John & Christine Weisickle 43-years
Martin & Adriana Holguin 15-years
Joe & Pauline Doran 5 years

If you would like to have your Wedding Anniversary placed in the bulletin please call 442-1697

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm Judy Nickel RIP
Sunday: 9:00am 9:00am Judy Nickel RIP
11:30am Parishioners of St. Luke
Tuesday: 5:00pm Communion Service
Wednesday: 7:30am Bruno & Margaret Bubis RIP
Thursday: 7:30am Stefano Finazzo RIP
Friday: 7:30am Alma Bever RIP
Saturday: 5:00pm Dominic Mazzone RIP
Sunday: 9:00am Parishioners of St. Luke
11:30am Frank Asaro RIP

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

TODAY: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday: St. John Neumann
Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm -- All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

Second Reading -- God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel -- The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

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THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God. At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning. Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late! -- James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

February 4th, 2017
3rd Annual

Taste of Saint Luke
International Cuisine

Come join us for delicious samples of Chaldean, Korean, Polish, Mexican and German food that will be served to delight your pallet with a selection of scrumptious desserts to finish off your meal.

Beer, wine and delicious craft beer will be available

\$100 Raffle with mystery gift cards.

TICKETS GO ON SALE

JANUARY 7TH

After all the Masses

Adults \$20.00

Children under 5—\$5.00

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Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray...
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration, Praise, Thanksgiving, Petition
THE REAL PRESENCE: *Jesus' Gift to the Church*

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him" (John 6:56)

Come meet Jesus at a "Happy Hour" of Eucharistic Adoration

The **first Friday** of each month, beginning at **8 am**, is set aside for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament ending, at **5 pm**, with a *Closing Benediction and Prayer for Vocations*. Sign up to spend an hour in prayer with Jesus who is present on the altar in the Blessed Sacrament, or just come by. *Everyone is welcome!* The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on

Friday, January 5.

For additional information call

Cindy Christmas or
Mike Wasyliw

Church of St. Luke River Cruise

St. Louis to Louisville

October 13-20, 2017



Bluegrass Grandeur

French America Line celebrates the cultural and epicurean influences of *la belle France* mixed with warm Southern hospitality and refined, unobtrusive service, as we sail from St. Louis, Missouri, to Louisville, Kentucky, on a premium river cruise.

DAY 1 – ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI Arrive in St. Louis and check in to your deluxe hotel, adjacent to the city's attractions. Wonder at the St. Louis Arch, the imposing Cathedral of St. Louis, and the Anheuser-Busch brewery.

DAY 2 – ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI Breakfast this morning at your hotel and transfer to the *Louisiane*. Settle into your stateroom or suite, head to The Veranda for a light snack and then bid St. Louis farewell. *Bon voyage!*

DAY 3 – CHESTER, ILLINOIS Get tickled by the Popeye Museum and the beloved sailor's statue, found here in the hometown of his creator, E. C. Segar. Journey to Ste. Genevieve and admire the preserved French Colonial architecture.

DAY 4 – CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI Engage with history at this battle site where Union and Confederate soldiers clashed in a fierce barrage of artillery. Study the illuminating murals peppering the town, and visit the lovingly restored Glenn House, a reminder of a more genteel time.

DAY 5 – PADUCAH, KENTUCKY Picture 42,000 Union soldiers boarding 185 ships on their way upriver, and you'll get a sense of the rich local history that is captured at the Floodwall Murals. See the Wacinton Sculpture honoring the Chickasaw Indians and tour the enchanting National Quilt Museum.

DAY 6 – HENDERSON, KENTUCKY Seek inspiration in Henderson, as did both the unequalled naturalist John James Audubon and blues legend W. C. Handy. Visit the John James Audubon Museum, which displays the world's largest collection of Audubon art and artifacts.

DAY 7 – LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY Discover captivating Louisville, named after King Louis XVI of France, as you sip a mint julep and stroll the waterfront. Be sure to head to the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, Churchill Downs or learn about a boxing legend at the Muhammad Ali Center.

DAY 8 – LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY (DISEMBARKATION) Bid *adieu* to the *Louisiane* and begin your journey home**

Complimentary custom-crafted shore excursions in every port of call; Complimentary free-flowing hand-selected spirits, wines, and beers throughout your voyage; Open seating at breakfast, lunch and dinner; Onboard history experts interpret the world around you; Unparalleled onboard entertainment; Complimentary bicycles, helmets and local maps; iPads® in each suite and stateroom; Complimentary 24-hour room service from a select menu

**Optional Kentucky Bourbon Trail extension will include the Abby of Gethsemani, Maker's Mark Distillery, Talbot Tavern, and a Kentucky horse farm.

Cabin Options: Superior Stateroom \$3,599, Deluxe Stateroom \$3,799, French Balcony Stateroom \$4,499, Promenade Stateroom \$4,899, Veranda Stateroom \$5,499, Panorama Stateroom \$5,599, Richelieu Suite \$6,299

**Information night,
Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 6:30 PM**

☞ FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR ☞
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MONDAY AT 12 NOON.
secretary@thechurchofstluke.org

☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞
Month of December/January
(Calendar Events are subject to change)

- Sat 24th The Nativity of the Lord Christmas
4:00pm Children's Choir Mass
7:00pm Mass
10:00pm Mass
- Sun 25th The Nativity of the Lord Christmas
9:00am Mass
10:30am No Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II
- Mon 26th Office Closed
4:00pm No Catechesis Good Shepherd 1/II
5:00pm No Middle School Faith Formation
- Tue 27th Office Closed
5:00pm NO Communion Service
6:00pm NO Outreach Committee Mtg
- Wed 28th 7:30am Mass
4:00pm NO Catechesis Good Shepherd II
7:00pm RCIA Inquiry
- Thur 29th 7:30am Mass
8:30am Centering Prayer
1:00pm Funeral Mass: Milton Salim
4:00pm No Catechesis Good Shepherd I/II
- Fri 30th 7:30am Mass
- Sat 31st Mary, the Holy Mother of God
11:00am Baptism:
Georges Sebastien Gomis
3:30 Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass w/ Children's Liturgy Word
- Sun 1st Mary, the Holy Mother of God
9:00am Mass w/ Children's Liturgy Word
10:30am No Catechesis Good Shepherd I/II
11:30am Mass w/ Children's Liturgy Word
- Mon 2nd Office Closed
4:00pm No Catechesis Good Shepherd I/II
5:00pm No Middle School Faith Formation

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☞ VISIT OUR WEBSITE ☞
For additional calendar and event information.
www.thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com

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Dcn. Jerry Stenovec
Outreach Ministry: Ken Stempien
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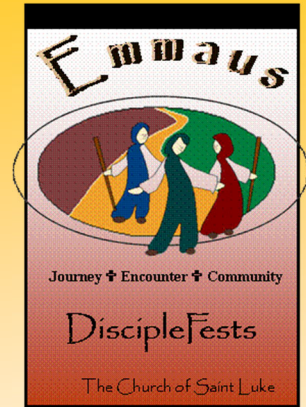
Mike Wasyliv
St. Luke Business Network: Cathy March

Mark Your Calendar!

Our journey continues on Wednesday,
January 4, 2017 from 5:30 - 8 PM

“Developing A Prayer Life”

(Kitchen closes at 6 PM)



We begin with a shared meal and then break out into smaller learning sessions by age groups: Pre-school through Kindergarten, 1st through 5th Grades, Middle School/High School, and Adults.

During this EMMAUS Whole Community Assembly on “Developing A Prayer Life”

In this session we will:

- * Look at prayer as a vital and personal relationship with the living God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- * Value the role of prayer in discipleship, and its ongoing call to conversion.
- * Appreciate a variety of prayer forms that can be used in the life of prayer.

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*Join us as we feast on Chicken Tortilla Soup w/rice and beans,
fruit salad, and a delectable dessert.*

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You're invited to celebrate with us at our future EMMAUS gatherings:

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 5:30-8 PM Wednesday, March 8, 2017 5:30-8 PM

•• Wednesday, April 5, 2017 5:30-8 PM Wednesday, May 3, 2017 5:30-8 PM

•• *A special Lenten Mission will be offered in lieu of our April EMMAUS assembly.*