

Welcome to

The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples



FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-6

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. Lk2:10-11

Reflection: Reflect upon/Share about a time when you were told about something that was too good to be true. How did you check it out? Was it true? Where is the truth for you in Luke's story about Jesus being your savior and Lord? What does that mean to you?

Alternative: When have you felt out-of-place in a group or situation. Why was there "no room" for you in that group or situation? What did you do? What did the others do? What can you do to make sure you never run out of room for the Lord in your life?

The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2016



The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.

-- John 1:5

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
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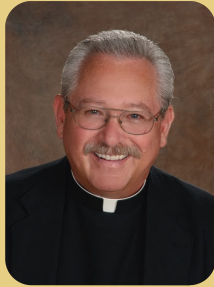
PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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
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Richard Venancio

From the Pastor



Dear parishioners,
People like to say that “He is the reason for the season.” It has a nice ring to it and it makes us feel good but I’m not sure it is such a good attitude. Actually, I think, we are the reason for the season.

Jesus did not come for our accolades. In spite of the name of the rock musical, he is not a superstar. That is not what his life is about. That is not what he wants. Leave that up to sports and entertainment personalities.

Jesus came, not for himself, but for us. We are the reason for the season. Jesus is God who humbled himself to become human out of pure love for us. He gave us the gift of his very self in order that we might be drawn into relationship with Him. He wants relationship, not adulation.

If I’m right, and I’m sure I am, the question is how do we respond appropriately to his advances. The answer is, I think, that we open ourselves to relationship with Him. Like relationship with any other person, it requires attention. And like other relationships, it requires attention more than once a year or once a month or once a week. Relationship is ongoing and living or it’s not relationship at all.

In our tradition, we gather as a community of his friends once a week. In John 15:15, Jesus told his disciples that he no longer calls them slaves because “a slave does not know his masters business”. He calls them “friends” because He has revealed everything to them. To be his friend we have to allow Him to reveal everything to us. For that we have to stay in contact with him. We do that through our communal prayer life on Sundays and through other communal and private religious practices.

This Christmas, as we celebrate our Lords gift of self to us, let’s consider what our response has been and what our response should be. Let’s make our Thank You for this great gift a commitment to stay in relationship with him throughout the year.

Merry Christmas,

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 Mussumeli, 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 12/18/16

Plate:	\$	720.00
Envelope:	\$	6,798.00
Total Collection Basket:	\$	7,518.00

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 Manager. <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: Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 4:00pm Parishioners of St. Luke
7:00pm Dominic Mazzeno RIP

10:00pm Harvey Marshall RIP

Sunday: 9:00am Joe & Mary Orrantia RIP

Tuesday: 5:00pm Communion Service

Wednesday: 7:30am All families affected by Cancer

Thursday: 7:30am Margaret Taburnal

Friday: 7:30am Austin Gatus Spec. Int

Saturday: 5:00pm Judy Nickel RIP

Sunday: 9:00am Judy Nickel RIP

11:30am Parishioners of St. Luke

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

TODAY: The Nativity of the Lord

Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins

Tuesday: St. John

Wednesday: The Holy Innocents

Thursday: St. Thomas Becket; 5th Day within the Octave of Nativity of the Lord

Friday: The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve Seventh Day within the Octave of Nativity of the Lord

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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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Thank You Bulletin Ad Sponsors! Help Still Needed!

Kjirsten Finnegan was with us this past week securing advertisers for our new Bulletin. We would like to thank you all of the advertisers who have generously committed to the Bulletin for this year. We still have space available and humbly ask that you consider advertising your business or remembering a loved one in our weekly bulletin.

Our parish bulletin is one of our main communication tools to our parish members. It provides inspirational words from Father, Mass intentions, news, and events for the week ahead. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost thanks to the generous advertising support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. Please let us know if you can help. Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our church family, who in turn respond by supporting our sponsors! If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact

Kjirsten at **(402) 312-9955** or **KFinnegan@4LPi.com**.

Thank you!

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
in the Parish Hall**

☞ **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 I/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 I/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

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

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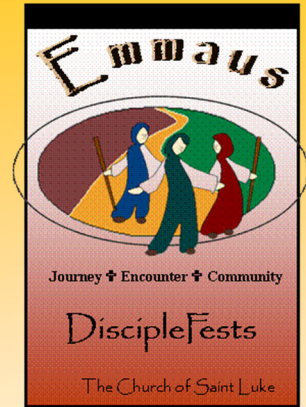
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Mark Your Calendar!

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.*