



April 21, 2024

Budgeted Sunday Support

\$3,780.77

<i>Regular Sunday Envelopes</i>	<i>\$3,367.00</i>
<i>Parish Projects</i>	<i>\$65.00</i>
<i>Candles & Votives</i>	<i>\$29.31</i>
Total	\$3,461.31

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of St. Luke Parish!



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Luke Parish

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to the parish for our needs.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>\$20,400.00</u>
<u>Amount Pledged</u>	<u>\$13,196.00</u>
<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>\$9,174.00</u>
<u>Remaining Balance</u>	<u>\$4,022.00</u>



"The country Parish in the Heart of DuPage"

ST. LUKE INFORMATION

401 COCHISE COURT
CAROL STREAM, IL 60188

Clergy:

Rev. Michael Pennock - *Administrator*
Rev. Marty Gabel - *Weekend Associate*

Parish Office:

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm
Friday CLOSED
Phone: 630-668-1325

Anointing after hours: 630-866-6815

Email: parishofficestluke@gmail.com

Website: stlukecarolstream.org

Social Media: Find us on Facebook & Instagram

Religious Education:

Classes are on Sunday's, beginning with Mass

Joe & Mary Liptak - *Coordinators*

Email: religiousedstluke@gmail.com

Parish Staff:

Roxanne Sleszynski - *Administrative Assistant*
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Melissa Rubino - *Bookkeeper*
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Chris Colangelo - *Director of Buildings & Grounds*

Welcome to St. Luke Parish

401 Cochise Court; Carol Stream, IL 60188



Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2024

Confessions available:

Monday - Friday at 7:30 am, Saturday at 4:15 pm & Sunday at 9:30 am

Masses celebrated: Friday at 10:00 am, Saturday at 5:00 pm, & Sunday at 10:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sunday Reflection - Fifth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be-the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see Sirach 24:17-24). In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist. Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine -His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see Matthew 7:16-20). We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us-as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see Hebrews 12:4-11). We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see Colossians 3:16), and by always seeking to do what please Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

Taken from <http://stpaulcenter.com/>

Readings for the Weekend:

Acts 9:26-31 Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32
1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

Mass Readings for the week and beyond:

Can be found at
<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>



Please pray for the sick in our parish:

*Karen Belmonte, Mike Bryant, Nestor Cruz,
Harold Ellingsworth, Angel Faulkner,
Carole Hible, Cyndi Holich, Tiffany Jacobelli,
Angie Ortiz, Abby Peck, Bernadine Savage,
Marge Zilinsky*

Please remember our beloved dead and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.

Mass Intentions for April 27 - May 3

Saturday, April 27

People of St. Luke Parish

Sunday, April 28

St. Luke Memorial Society

Joy & Elsie McIntyre

Monday, April 29

Intentions for Ascension of our Lord Parish

Tuesday, April 30

Intentions for St. Jude's Parish

Wednesday, May 1

People of St. Luke Parish

Thursday, May 2

Intentions for St. Thomas the Apostle

Parish

Friday, May 3

People of St. Luke Parish



WELCOME

Join us for a day of golfing fun and support a good cause!

The Director's Classic is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a round of golf with friends and family. Proceeds benefit the Saint Stephen Fund, which provides financial assistance for deacons in need. All are welcome!

JOIN US

- **10:30 AM** REGISTRATION & DRIVING RANGE OPEN AT PRAIRIE BLUFF
- **11:15 AM** LUNCH DISTRIBUTION, HEAD TO HOLES
- **11:30 AM** SHOTGUN START
- **5 PM** OPEN BAR, WINE PULL & RAFFLE AT BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER
- **6 PM** DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY
- **8 PM** EVENT ENDS

Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course
19433 Renwick Road
Crest Hill, IL 60403

Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, IL 60403

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Office of the Diaconate



June 19 2024

DIRECTOR'S CLASSIC

A day on the links

Our golf event will begin at Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course in Crest Hill and will include a box lunch, a swag bag at registration, and a special gift for each golfer. The day of fellowship will continue into the evening with a reception, raffle, dinner, and awards presentation at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill.



GOLFERS & GUESTS

GOLFERS \$150/person, \$500/foursome
GUESTS \$30/person for dinner only

Mulligans are available for purchase during registration (see below). Awards will be given for lowest foursome score, hole-in-one, closest to the pin, and longest drive.



SPONSORSHIP & UNDERWRITING

Thank you for your generous support of the Director's Classic! See the event website for descriptions of sponsorship benefits.

\$2,500 Presenting Sponsor
\$1,250 Director's Tournament Sponsor
\$1,000 St. Stephen Sponsor
\$500 Hole Sponsor
\$250 Putting Green Sponsor

\$1,500 Dinner Underwriter
\$1,000 Lunch Underwriter
\$1,000 Open Bar Underwriter
\$750 Gift Bag Underwriter
\$550 T-Shirt Underwriter



REGISTRATION

Scan the QR code or visit vocations.diojoliet.org for details and registration. Golf, dinner and sponsorships can be purchased online.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Confirmation Hospitality

Last Sunday, our Confirmation candidates hosted hospitality for all our parishioners. This event was sponsored by the Boosters. All had a fun time! Thank you for supporting our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for their Confirmation in May.



Into the Desert

UNDERSTANDING OUR PSYCHOLOGICAL & SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Thursdays at 6:00pm
3040 Finley Rd., Suite 200, Downers Grove

Starting March 14th

Join us for a new co-ed counseling group for young adults (ages 18-30).
Questions? Email counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org

Scan to Register!

We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.

Fr. Mike shares a quote from St. Augustine of Hippo: *“No man has a right to lead such a life of contemplation as to forget in his own ease the service due to his neighbor; nor has any man a right to be so immersed in active life as to neglect the contemplation of God.”*

Stop Assisted Suicide

A Better Way Forward – A Message from the Catholic Bishops of Illinois

Legislation has been introduced to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. SB 3499 makes it legal for a physician to prescribe an array of lethal drugs to a person diagnosed with a terminal disease who requests to end his or her life. The Catholic Bishops of Illinois oppose this legislation; there is a better way forward for our state.

Assisted suicide disregards the Hippocratic Oath, “Do No Harm,” and sends the wrong message about the role of medical professionals. We cannot say it any better than the American Medical Association: “Physician assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would provide serious societal risks.”

This legislation brings a range of possible abuses. It should alarm us that in states with legalized assisted suicide there are documented cases of people being offered inexpensive lethal drugs to end their life rather than being provided more costly treatment. The poor and those with disabilities are particularly in jeopardy because they are the most vulnerable to abuses. Every major national organization that represents people with disabilities is opposed to assisted suicide.

In Oregon, where assisted suicide has been legal since 1997, data show that pain is not among the top five reasons why a person wants to end their life. Loss of autonomy, feelings of being a burden and being less able to engage in activities that make life enjoyable are most often cited as reasons for choosing assisted suicide. A better way forward is to expand mental health coverage and strengthen social supports such as community programs to help those dealing with depression and feelings of hopelessness.

No one wants to suffer or experience a loved one’s suffering. Fortunately, there are effective ways to alleviate suffering or make a person more comfortable at the end of life through palliative care. This relatively new specialty area of medicine cares for the whole person — physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually — to relieve symptoms and stress that often accompany serious illness or side effects of treatment. A better way forward is to expand the number of palliative care locations and services in all areas of Illinois.

RESOURCES FROM THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF ILLINOIS

Assisted suicide is not a compassionate solution for those who suffer. There is a better way forward that offers compassionate care and compassionate choices.

Visit ilcatholic.org to find out how to contact your local elected officials to tell them to vote NO on SB 3499.

There you will also find:

- Information on assisted suicide
- Frequently asked questions
- Prayers and novenas to combat suicide
- Webinar on assisted suicide

ilcatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide



Jeremiah Day

FOR BOYS IN GRADES 7-10

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
MUNDELEIN SEMINARY



The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God’s plan for us.

For boys (Grades 7-10) to enjoy a day to grow closer to God and visit a seminary. The activities include a tour of Mundelein Seminary, talks about how God calls us, recreation time and open gym, and Mass.



Highlight this QR code on your phone to sign up today!



Questions, or to have forms emailed to you, please send an email to vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

DIocese of Joliet
vocations.diojoliet.org

All the ends of the earth shall
remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall
worship
before you.

PSALM 22:27, ESV



Morning Mass Schedule

Please note the following changes for the morning Mass schedule:

NO MORNING MASSES ON:
Mon. April 29 & Tues. April 30

Prayers Needed for First Eucharist & Confirmation Students

Please pray for the children preparing for First Eucharist and Confirmation. We have 3 First Communicants and 9 Confirmation candidates. We look forward to celebrating their special days in early May.

Are You Called to the Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Joliet has begun the process of inviting men to discern the call to the diaconate through a number of informational sessions:

Information Sessions

St. Peter Church - June 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 p.m.
551 N Rush St, Itasca, IL 60143

St. Margaret Mary Church - June 12, and 18 at 7:00 p.m.
1450 Green Trails Dr, Naperville, IL 60540

St. Joseph Church - June 10, 17, and 24 at 7:00 p.m.
211 N Center Ave, Bradley, IL 60915

Online Information Sessions
June 13, 20, and 27



Discover More with a Simple Scan!



Bishop Ronald Hicks

No registration is required and wives are welcome.



Quo Vadis

Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Avenue
Mundelein, Illinois

Sun., July 28 - Wed., July 31, 2024

Open to middle school graduates (13-18 yrs. old) who want to grow in their relationship with the Lord and learn more about the priesthood.

This 4-day/3-night camp is filled with dynamic talks, small group discussions, prayer, sports, board games, fires/s'mores and so much more.

Questions?

Email: vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

COME, LET US ADORE HIM

Octave of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Monday, June 3 - Sunday, June 9, 2024 | West DuPage Deanery



SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND EUCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 3 AT 5:30 P.M. | *St. John the Baptist, Winfield*

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 AT 6:00 P.M. | *St. Walter, Roselle*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 AT 6:00 P.M. | *St. Mary, West Chicago*

THURSDAY, JUNE 6 AT 6:00 P.M. | *St. James the Apostle, Glen Ellyn*

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 AT 6:00 P.M. | *St. Matthew, Glendale Heights*

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 AT 5:00 P.M. | *St. Michael, Wheaton*

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 AT 10:00 A.M. | *Corpus Christi, Carol Stream*

All are invited to join the West DuPage Deanery in the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival as we celebrate the Octave of Corpus Christi. During the Octave, six parishes will hold an evening Mass, followed by a Eucharistic Procession. The conclusion of the Octave will be held on Sunday, June 9th at Corpus Christi Parish in Carol Stream, with Bishop Ronald Hicks presiding at the 10 A.M. Mass, and leading the solemn blessing to four altars. Immediately following Sunday's procession, all are invited to a parish picnic with food, music and entertainment for families.