



May 5, 2024

Budgeted Sunday Support

\$3,780.77

<i>Regular Sunday Envelopes</i>	<i>\$3,918.00</i>
<i>Parish Projects</i>	<i>\$360.00</i>
<i>Candles & Votives</i>	<i>\$37.52</i>
<i>Holy Day - Ascension</i>	<i>\$130.00</i>
Total	\$4,445.52

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>\$13,631.00</u>
<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>\$9,269.00</u>
<u>Remaining Balance</u>	<u>\$4,362.00</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
Email: parishofficestluke@gmail.com
Website: stlukecarolstream.org
Social Media: Find us on Facebook & Instagram

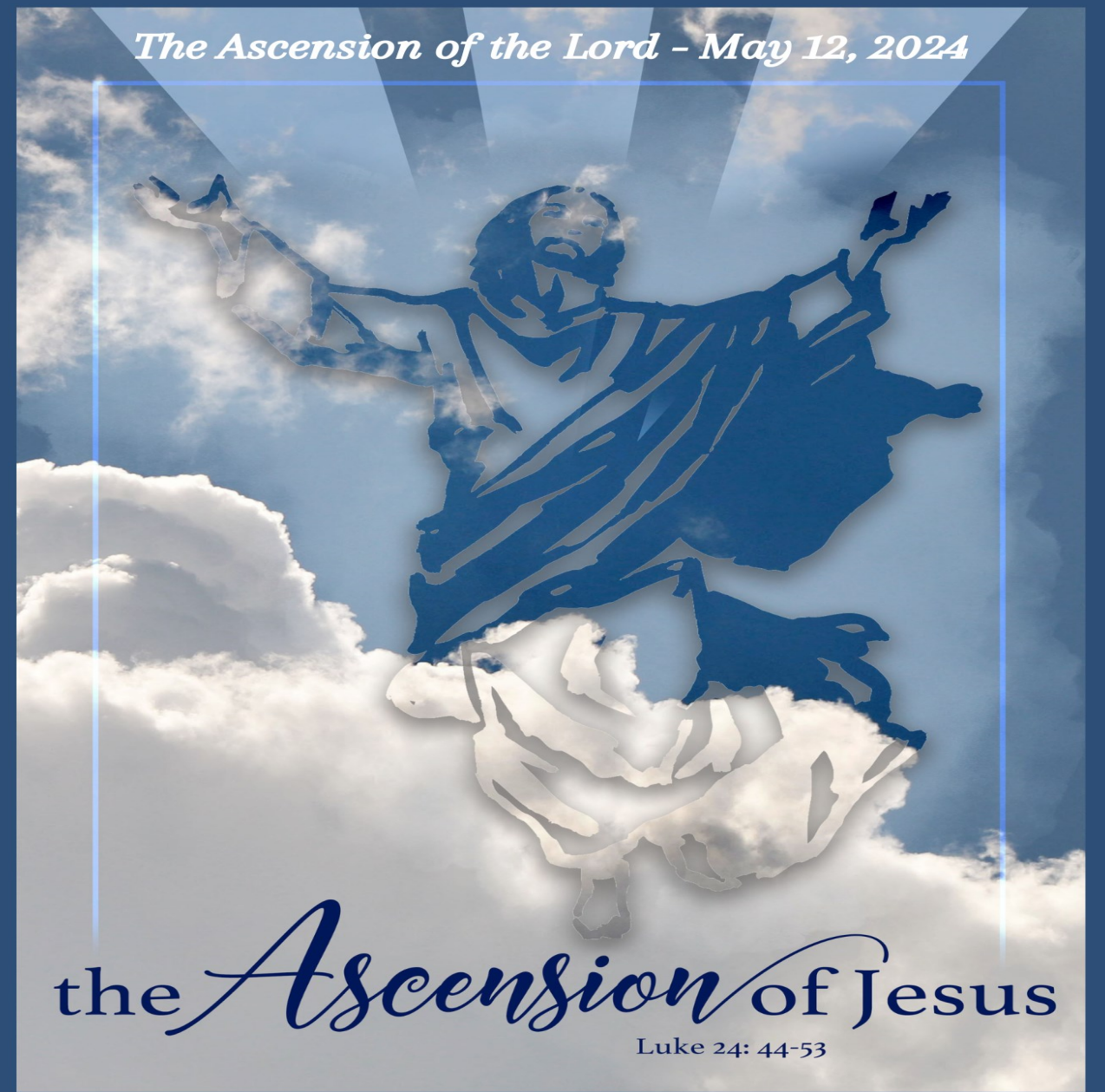
Religious Education:

Classes are on Sunday's, beginning with Mass
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Email: religiousedstluke@gmail.com

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Chris Colangelo - *Director of Buildings & Grounds*

The Ascension of the Lord - May 12, 2024



Confessions available:

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

Masses celebrated:

Monday - Friday at 8:00am , Saturday at 5:00 pm, & Sunday at 10:00 am

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

Sunday Reflection

In today's first reading, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and he has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see Hebrews 4:14-15). Indeed, his intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the first reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attentions forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through baptism. The responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal times for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" (see, for example Hebrews 10:32) because of the light that came with God's saving grace. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with him at the Father's right hand. This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the first Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

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

Readings for the Weekend:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Psalm 98: 1-4
1 John 4:7-1 John 15:9-17

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, Ron Erickson, Angel
Faulkner, Alex Greiff, Carole Hible, Cyndi Holich,
Tiffany Jacobelli, Abby Peck, Debbie Rubino,
Bernadine Savage, Marge Zilinsky*

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



Bishop Hicks' Column

May 2024
Valuing Life, No Matter Where You Live



Recently, on April 17, 2024, I traveled to the second annual "March for Life" in Springfield, Illinois. The morning began as over 1,500 people gathered for Mass at University of Illinois' Sangamon Auditorium in Springfield. We started the day fittingly through, with and in Christ, to be strengthened and nourished by the Word and Sacrament, the real and true Bread of Life. Among this large crowd, I concelebrated Mass on the stage with many bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians from all six dioceses in the state of Illinois. I had the honor and privilege to deliver the homily.

As I preached, I could not help but notice the youthful spirit of the assembly. It was encouraging to see so many young Catholics present to celebrate, promote, and pray for the gift of life. Those who are my age and older were heartened and reassured to witness the baton of this important pro-life ministry being passed on to and embraced by the next generation.

In my homily, I began by asking everyone to raise their hands according to the diocese they lived in. It was uplifting to see representation from all six dioceses, including Belleville, Chicago, Joliet, Peoria, Rockford, and Springfield. After that quick survey, I inquisitively asked, "Do those of you who live in one diocese have more value than those who live in another?" They instantaneously responded, "No!" I affirmed their response and added, "You are right! Those of you who live in one diocese do not have more value than those who live in another diocese."

And here is my point: One's value should not depend on where one lives! Likewise, one's value should not depend on whether one lives inside the womb or outside of the womb.

Too many people support a culture that claims that human life only has value once he or she is living outside of the womb. However, in the Catholic Church, we support a counter-cultural point of view. Namely, we value life from conception to natural death. God is the creator and author of life, and life itself is a gift from God. Therefore, we respect, support, pray, promote, and value life both inside and outside of the womb.

There are people who would prefer we not gather at events like the March for Life with our prayers, our voices, and our advocacy. Yet Pope Francis has stated, "I urge civil authorities to be especially attentive to children who are denied their fundamental rights and dignity, particularly their right to life." And that is exactly what happened on April 17th in Springfield: together we urged civil authorities to be especially attentive to children who are denied their fundamental rights and dignity, particularly the right to life.

Let me extend a word of gratitude to those of you who support the gift of life through your prayers. Thank you, too, to those of you who put your faith into action through your donations, support, advocacy, and care to assist with those choosing life for the unborn child, especially in crisis situations. We are grateful to those involved with ministries of accompaniment, by supporting post-abortive women and men, through counseling, retreats, and compassionate support groups.

The month of May is often associated with the arrival of Spring and the renewal of life. During this time, we also turn to Mary in a special way, celebrating her "YES" in bringing forth new life through Jesus Christ. Through her Son's life, suffering, death, and resurrection, we have been given the gift of life eternal. We acknowledge one's value should not depend on where one lives, because life is a gift from God both inside the womb and outside of the womb. And with Easter joy, we continue to celebrate that eternal-life is a gift from God for those who believe and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Mercy, Life-Giving Spring, pray for us. And let us celebrate our mothers - those on this earth and those in heaven – with prayers of love and gratitude this Mother's Day.

(To view photos from this year's March for Life in Springfield, I encourage you to visit our website at www.diojoliet.org)



Mother's Day Blessing

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Congratulations

Congrats to our First Communion students who celebrated this past Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass. Lord Jesus, Bless these children who have received Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Fr. Mike shares a quote from St. Therese of Lisieux: *“The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of one poor little person to save a multitude of others, redeemed like her at the price of His Blood.”*



Mass Intentions for May 11 - May 17

Saturday, May 11
People of St. Luke Parish
† Rita Lewek

Sunday, May 12
† Ann Neff
† Bienvenido & Rogelio Datuin
† Kathleen Opalinski
† Elaine Rosser
† Mike Janc

Thursday, May 16
† Ronald Kulesza

Pentecost Novena



The Original Novena begins this Friday, May 10th. The Pentecost Novena, also called the Novena to the Holy Spirit is a nine day Novena of daily prayers which concludes on Saturday, May 18th, the day before the celebration of Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

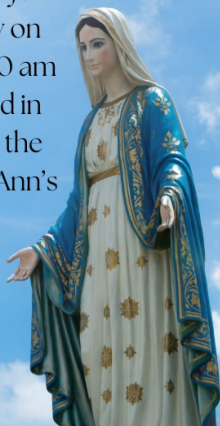
This Novena imitates the preparation for the Holy Spirit by the early Church. For nine days immediately after Ascension of Jesus, the early Church gathered together in prayer, as is seen in Acts 1:14, “All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus...”

Since the Blessed Virgin Mary is mentioned by name in Acts Chapter 1, the Blessed Virgin Mary is an excellent prayer companion for this (and any other) novena. You can look up one of the many Pentecost Novenas on the internet, or simply pray a small number of Hail Mary’s daily - slowly and with attention - and include any of your special intentions, allowing her to prepare you for Pentecost.

Outdoor Living Rosary

Sunday, May 19 after the 10:00 am Mass

In honor of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, we invite you to join us for an outdoor living rosary on Sunday, May 19th after the 10:00 am Mass. The rosary will be prayed in our Rosary garden located on the west side of the parish near St. Ann's Convent. All are welcome

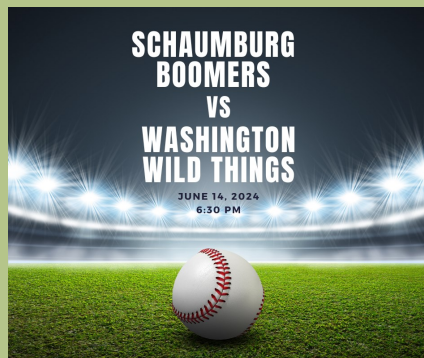


Joyful Again—Retreat
Are you widowed and still hurting?
Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women

Where: St. Julie's Parish
7399 W. 159th St., Tinley Park, IL 60477
When: June 23 & June 24th
For further information, call 708-354-7211
Email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com or
info@joyfulagain.org
Or visit www.joyfulagain.org.

CCW CASH CARDS

The next cash card orders are coming! Order blanks will be available in the back of the Church the weekend of May 11/12. Orders will be due back the weekend of May 18/19 with pickup on the weekend of May 25/26. Just a reminder that the proceeds from this sale will be donated to Father Dandu for his continued support of his school/orphanage in India. Next sale will be the weekend of August 3/4 in time for the new school year.



Boosters Baseball Game

Join the Boosters for a baseball game on Friday, June 14th at 6:30pm at the Schaumburg Boomers Stadium. Bring the whole family. There will be fireworks after the game.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of May 18/19, May 25/26 and June 1/2.

EVERYONE runs the bases after the game!

Stick around after the game because EVERYONE has the opportunity to run the bases after every Boomers home game!

Food will be available for purchase at the stadium.



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



Bishop Ronald Hicks

No registration is required and wives are welcome.

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!

