



February 25, 2024	
Budgeted Sunday Support -----	
<i>Regular Sunday Envelopes</i>	<i>\$3,511.00</i>
<i>Parish Projects</i>	<i>\$95.00</i>
<i>Flowers</i>	<i>\$265.00</i>
Total	\$3,871.00

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

Please mail donations to:
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If you have already pledged your support to the CMAA, we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet our parish’s goal of \$20,400.00. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our diocese. *For the Glory of God.* Pledge envelopes are still available in church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70 percent of the amount over goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!



Welcome to St. Luke Parish

Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 2024



Confession & Mass Schedule

Confession available on:

Friday at 9:30 am & Saturday at 4:15 pm

Mass celebrated on:

Monday - Thursday at 8:00 am, 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 by Scott Hahn
Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (see Matthew 5:17)- to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets said would come- to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1-5; Isaiah 56:7). The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5). Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see Psalm 50:7-13).

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices- only that Israel heed His commandments (see Jeremiah 7:21-23; Amos 5:25). His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (see Matthew 22:36-40), perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross (see John 15:13). This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today- the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble. As Paul tells us in the Epistle.

Jesus' body- destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later- is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see 1 Corinthians 3:16) and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see Ephesians 2:22).

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see John 4:23-24). We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see Psalm 50:14, 23). This means imitating Christ-offering our bodies- all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see Hebrews 10:5-7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5).

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

Readings for the Weekend:

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19:8-11
 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

Mass Readings for the week and beyond:

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

Mass Intentions for March 2- March 8

Saturday, March 2

People of St. Luke Parish
 Intentions for Roberto Jr Santo Diaz &
 Michelle Nguyen
 † Bob DiMuzio
 † Kathleen Opalinski

Sunday, March 3

Intentions for Marge Zilinsky
 † Elaine Rosser

Monday, March 4

People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 5

Intentions for St. Anne Parish

Wednesday, March 6

People of the Parish

Thursday, March 7

People of the Parish

Friday, March 8

Intentions for St. Lawrence Parish



Our Lenten Connection
St. Luke & La Libertad
Santa Ana Mission, La Libertad, Honduras
Open Hearts, Open Hands
Give Hope

Dear brothers and sisters of the sister parish,
 Receive a fraternal greeting of peace and all good, may God's grace and mercy be poured over each one of you during this special time that the Lord has given us, WITH SO MANY CHALLENGES IN THIS POST-PANDEMIC TIME!, which has left many health consequences in most of the people in our poor villages.

We express our deepest gratitude to you for the support we have received during this year. Because of your efforts we have been able to respond to the needs that have arisen in our mission. The children and young people are very grateful to each one of you, and happy to be able to count on the very meaningful support for their human, intellectual and spiritual growth.
 We hope that God will continue to bless each of the activities you do for the well-being of so many people! May our Blessed Mother keep you and accompany you always.

Many blessings with love,
 Sister Enelly Ortiz, Maria de la Cruz Hernandez



Sister Enelly (center) with visitors.





National Eucharistic Revival

Our Catholic Church in the United States is in the middle of a three year National Eucharistic Revival. The theme is: ***“My Flesh for The Life of The World.”*** It began on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ), back on June 19, 2022. Our Bishop Ronald Hicks said, *“This is a national effort to increase and renew our knowledge, our love, and our relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.”* Here is a recap of the three years:

- #1. Year of Diocesan Revival (June 19, 2022 - June 11, 2023)** This first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priest to respond to the Lord’s personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through Eucharistic congresses and events.
- #2. Year of Parish Revival (June 11, 2023 - July 17, 2024)** The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.
- #3. Year of Going Out On Mission (July 21, 2024 - Pentecost 2025)** Having enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful, the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord.

For more information:
www.eucharisticrevival.org



Pivotal Players presents... St. Benedict of Nursia

**Thursday, March 14th
7:00pm in Jericho**

St. Benedict was an Italian Christian monk, writer, and theologian. Pope Paul VI declared Benedict the patron saint of all of Europe. St. Benedict founded twelve communities for monks. To learn more about this Pivotal Player, join us in Jericho.

taken from wikipedia.org & britannica.com

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

**March 12
7:00 pm**

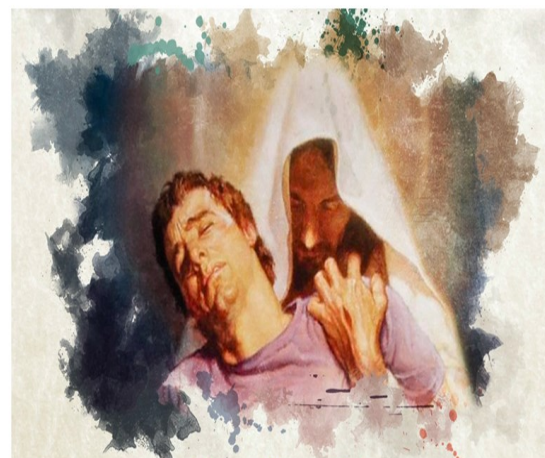


Please pray for the sick in our parish:

Karen Belmonte, Mike Bryant, Max Cumbee, Harold Ellingsworth, Angel Faulkner, 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.

Fr. Mike shares a quote from St. Gabriel Possenti: *“I will attempt day by day to break my will into pieces. I want to do God’s Holy Will, not my own.”*



Lenten Confessidons for the West DuPage Deanery

All 16 Parishes of the West DuPage Deanery are sharing in
TWO special days of Confessions with multiple priests

ALL DAY from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

on Friday, **March 15, 2024** at **St. Mark Parish, Wheaton**

and also

on Friday, **March 22, 2024** at **Divine Mercy Parish, Lombard**

Our Deanery priests will be assisting in this Holy Time of grace. We invite you all to take advantage of this opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession.

“When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul.”

(Our Lord to St. Faustina)



Congratulations to Liam Michael, son of Evan James Kirk and Morgan Nicole Fink, who was baptized on Sunday, February 25, 2024.

Heavenly Father,
In your love you have called us to know you,
led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours.

Surround this child with your love,
protect it from evil. Fill it with the Holy Spirit
and receive it into the family of your church,
that it may walk with us in the way of Christ,
and grow in the knowledge of your love.

Amen



Part-time Administrative Assistant
St. Luke Parish

The administrative assistant will support the parish priest. This administrative assistant will work two or three days a week. The office hours are Monday - Thursday 9 am to 3 pm. We are looking for a candidate who is good at multi-tasking and who has an outgoing personality.

Job Summary:

- Helping the priest, as needed, with appointments and other requests.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office - Word, Publisher, Excel and willingness to learn church database software.
- Answering phones, typing and printing the weekend bulletin.
- Managing the parish calendar.
- Maintaining the parish social media accounts (Instagram and Facebook) as well as the parish website.
- Scheduling mass intentions and providing Mass cards.
- Compiling sacramental documentation and scheduling dates of sacraments.
- Ordering liturgical and office supplies.
- Registering new parishioners in church database.
- Emailing prayer intentions on a weekly basis.
- Completing and submitting required forms/reports for the Diocese of Joliet.
- Working with Religious Education staff; handling all paperwork for the Religious Education program.

We are looking to fill this position as soon as possible. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email your resume to parishofficestluke@gmail.com.

Thank you for choosing St. Luke Parish as your home!



SPRING WINE AND CHEESE EVENT
SATURDAY, MARCH 16
AFTER MASS

Mark your calendars! CCW is hosting a complimentary Wine and Cheese event in Jericho. An invitation is extended to join us as we socialize with our fellow parishioners. Please sign up on the sheet if you are planning on attending. It is located on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Thank you!

CCW would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who volunteered or attended the Trivia Event held last Sunday. It was very successful and everyone who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. Hope you can attend the next time one is held!

CCW Sponsored
EASTER
Egg Hunt
at St. Luke Parish

March 24th 11-11:45 Refreshments and Pictures with the Easter Bunny
11:45 Egg Hunt

There will be special eggs and prizes for adults!

Bring a Friend

RSVP to parish office 630-668-1325 or sign up on bulletin board in hallway

Join us at St. Luke for Mass on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 10am.