



March 10, 2024

Budgeted Sunday Support

\$3,780.77

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$4,305.41
Parish Projects	\$785.00
Easter Flowers	\$105.00
Easter	\$155.00
Initial Offering	\$200.00
Total	\$5,550.41

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



“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

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Parish Staff:

Roxanne Sleszynski - Administrative Assistant
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Chris Colangelo - Director of Buildings & Grounds

Welcome to St. Luke Parish

401 Cochise Court; Carol Stream, IL 60188

March 17, 2024



Fifth Sunday of
Lent

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

ILLINOIS
MARCH FOR LIFE

SPRINGFIELD, IL | APRIL 17, 2024



\$120/
PERSON
(18+ YEARS OLD)

Includes:

- Bus transportation
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner at Olive Garden

Scan the QR code to register
online



DEADLINE
April 1st

JOIN US!!

Join St. Petronille in Marching for Life at
the state capital on April 17, 2024.

St. Petronille Parish will have a 7 am Mass
and depart at 8 am with a return
approximately
7:30 pm.

Registration, waiver forms, and payment may be
completed in-person at St. Petronille Parish.

For more information contact:
Gabi McMahon
youngadults@stpetchurch.org
630-469-0404, ext. 2106

Nancy and Tim Donahue
adultfaith@stpetchurch.org
630-469-0404, ext. 2107

Sunday Reflection by Scott Hahn

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus - in His Death,

Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand.

The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see Jeremiah 31:1, 3-4, 7-8). Jesus too predicated His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see John 11:52). But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women. The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father - to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to loved and serve Him. In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion (see John 3:14-15). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the

Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see Isaiah 52:3). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see 1 Maccabees 8:13). Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offers himself to the

Father on the Cross - as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9).

Where He has gone we can follow - if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience - confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

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

Readings for the Weekend:

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23 Psalm 137: 1-6
Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

Mass Readings for the week and beyond:

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

Mass Intentions for March 16- March 22

Saturday, March 16

People of St. Luke
† Joseph Lewek

Sunday, March 17

† Kathleen Opalinski
† Elaine Rosser

Monday, March 18

People of the parish

Tuesday, March 19

People of the parish

Wednesday, March 20

Intentions for staff & students of the Universities
in the Diocese

Thursday, March 21

Intentions for St. Joseph Parish

Friday, March 22

Intentions for Immaculate Conception Mission



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.



Our Lenten Connection

St. Luke & La Libertad

Santa Ana Mission, La Libertad, Honduras

Open Hearts, Open Hands

Give Hope

For a numbers of years, St. Luke has supported Angel Noe Manzanares in his education and as a seminarian. He will be ordained a deacon in September and have a pastoral assignment.

Thank you for supporting this young man in his journey to the priesthood.

Be sure to check out the display in the foyer to learn about some of other young people who are now productive professionals because YOU cared.



*Angel Noe Manzanares at his
First Orders Ordination*

Feed My Starving Children

Thank you to the St. Luke crew that traveled to Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, March 9th. We helped pack 34,560 meals; enough to feed 95 children for a year! Watch for future FMSC sessions and sign up.

It's a great way to help make a difference.





Scholarship Opportunity!

Did you know that the Diocese has a CCW Bishop Blanchette Scholarship fund? Are you in 8th - 11th grade and are planning on attending Benet Academy, IC Catholic Prep, Montini, or St. Francis to name a few? Are you challenged to financially afford these school, but would like the opportunity to attend? We have an opportunity for you to gain a one time stipend paid to the school noted.

Find the application at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4FV06>
There is a \$40 fee to submit your application for financial review.

We pray that someone from our own parish can submit for this opportunity for financial assistance. If you have questions, please contact the parish office and you will be put in touch with the CCW executive team.

Deadline for application submission is April 3rd.

God bless and good luck to all applicants.

2024 EVENTS

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Young Adult Ministry



WEDNESDAY
APRIL 17

Michael Gormley
"The Lay Evangelist"



Michael currently serves as the Mission Evangelist for *Paradise Dei*, a ministry dedicated to helping men, couples, and families discover the superabundance of God. He is also the founder and creative director of LayEvangelist.com and the co-host to two successful Catholic podcasts: *Catching Foxes* and *Every Knee Shall Bow*.

Bring all your friends and join us for appetizers, drinks, faith and fellowship!

THURSDAY
JUNE 13

Reverends Jeremy Leganski, Alex Lorang, and Jared Rutnicki
Newly ordained priests of the Diocese of Joliet



Fathers Jeremy, Alex, and Jared were ordained to the priesthood in May 2023. They are excited to share their vocation stories as well as remark on the tenets of the current celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet: founded in faith, called to witness, sent forth to serve.

All events will be held from **6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** at the **BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER**
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

This Theology on Tap event series is part of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet. For a listing of events and activities, visit diojoliet.org/75th.

THURSDAY
OCT 24

Most Reverend Ronald Hicks
Bishop of Joliet



Bishop Ron Hicks was ordained to the priesthood in 1994. He served at several parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago before serving as regional director at Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos in El Salvador. He was Dean of Formation at Mundelein Seminary before he was appointed Vicar General, then auxiliary bishop. He was named bishop of the Diocese of Joliet in 2020.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Boosters are again hoping to gather many parishioners to a Schaumburg Boomers Baseball game. The date is Friday, June 14th at 6:30pm, tickets are \$15 per person. This is Father's day weekend, what a great way to start it by taking him to a game. Tickets will be sold beginning the weekend of May 18/19.



Fr. Mike shares a quote from St. Jacinta Marto: *"If only I could put into everybody's heart the fire I have in my breast, which makes me burn with such love for the Heart of Jesus and the Heart of Mary!"*

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22 - 7:00pm

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23 - 5:00pm

Sunday, March 24 - 10:00am

Holy Thursday - The Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 28 - 7:00pm

Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord

Friday, March 29 - 3:00pm

Holy Saturday - Easter food blessing

Saturday, March 30 - 2:00pm

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30 - 7:00pm

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, March 31 - 10:00am



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.



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 Hicks' Column

March 2024

SUPER BOWL SURPRISE



ON A SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, I gathered with my family and friends to watch the Super Bowl. It was entertaining hearing everyone's reasons for gathering around the game that day. Some were cheering on a particular team or player. Others couldn't wait to view the halftime show or catch a glimpse of Taylor Swift. A few just relished being in the company of friends and family and indulging in the abundance of food and drink. Regardless of each person's motivation, the Super Bowl provided us with an opportunity to come together in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.

I enjoyed the gathering and the game for all those reasons, but I must admit many of the commercials left me confused! I found myself asking, "What was that commercial about?" or, "What product were they trying to sell? I just don't get it!" Thankfully, there were plenty of younger people around to explain curious ads to me.

Then, to my surprise, a 30-second commercial popped up featuring the actors Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie. I did a double-take and blurted out in surprise, "Wait a minute! Did they just actually run a positive, CATHOLIC commercial?!" I convinced my family and friends to rewind it and rewatch it with me three times. Amazingly, the commercial urged viewers to take a break from the game, thank God, and enjoy a moment of prayer on this Sunday. The ad highlighted a 40-day Lenten prayer challenge to be found on the Hallow app. The last three words in the commercial nudged us to "Stay prayed up." If you have not yet seen this commercial, you can find it on Hallow's YouTube channel ([hallow.com/youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqW0k0k0k0k0k0k0k0k0k0k)).

I'm already a subscriber to the Hallow app. But I immediately clicked to join the 40-day prayer challenge which began on Ash Wednesday. It seems I was not alone in heeding that call! The day after Ash Wednesday, the Hallow app reached the number-one spot in Apple's App Store. I'm liking this structured and intentional Lenten challenge; it has enhanced my further spiritual growth during this season of Lent.

Here's what's stirred me: the Pray40 Community Prayer Challenge offers a different, well-prepared meditation or reflection from a variety of presenters, including Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Sister Mary Bernice, M.C.; Sister Miriam James, S.O.L.T.; and Father Mike Schmitz. Many of the days guide us through the astonishing, spiritual classic, *He Leadeth Me*, written by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. Fr. Walter was a Jesuit priest and missionary, imprisoned for more than 20 years in the Soviet Union. Amidst horrific and brutal conditions, Fr. Walter underwent a profound spiritual journey. He surrendered his life to God and gifted us with an extraordinary example of faith, humility, and hope in Christ.

I've noticed several testimonials about the positive, spiritual effects of using the Hallow app this Lent. One that was moving was from a man who shared "Hallow right now is bringing me back to my faith and I will see where it goes. I abandoned my Catholic upbringing because I struggle with religion being the root of so much division and war in our world. I've just recently introduced Hallow and am taking great comfort in welcoming God back into my life."

This Lent, I've been trying to spend less time on social media and more time in quiet and meditative prayer. So it seems like a paradox to me that Hallow's Lent Pray40 challenge is leading me back to my phone. Yet, using this particular app doesn't make me feel like I just wasted a large chunk of time—instead, it's guided me to feeling nourished, inspired, and blessed during my Lenten journey.

This Lent, I've noticed how many people are seeking to go deeper spiritually. So many yearn to return to God and the Church. The Church gives us so many beautiful paths to do so. Astoundingly, this year's Super Bowl commercial, which was broadcast to millions throughout the world, just might have been the voice of the Holy Spirit whispering with a megaphone to each one of us! We have been invited to draw closer to the Lord this Lent and become more fully the person God created us to be. So, here's my commercial: if you have not already done so, I encourage you to download the Hallow app and start following the Lent Pray40 challenge daily. It's never too late to stay prayed up!

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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



DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 18.