

# ST. LUKE AND ST. BERNARDINE CATHOLIC PARISH

AUGUST 22, 2021 • 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" ... Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

~John 6:60, 67-68

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Many people give their allegiance to something until they are asked to do something challenging or radical. Then they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds true for God. Either we serve God, or we don't.

There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is truly Jesus' Body and Blood. For some, these things may prove too difficult, but truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

In our St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish, we are blessed to have the ministry of two full-time priests, (Fr. Ed Fialkowski as associate pastor and myself as pastor). Moreover, we have two resident priests who help in celebrating Masses at both campuses: the well-known Fr. Leroy Wickowski and newcomer Fr. Krzysztof (Kris) Swierczynski. Since Fr. Kris just joined us at the beginning of July, I would like to tell you a little bit about him.

Fr. Kris was born in Poland, where he spent most of his childhood. In 2002, after the last visit of Saint John Paul II into the country, he entered the seminary in Kielce. During his studies at the seminary, Fr. Kris was invited to come to the Archdiocese of Chicago, where he continued his formation. After a year of an ESL program at the University Illinois Chicago, he continued his studies at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. He was ordained by Cardinal Francis George in 2012 and was assigned to St. Mary Riverside Parish as an associate pastor. In his sixth year at the parish, he was asked to go for further studies at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada, where he studied Canon Law and obtained his licentiate in 2021. On July 1, he was assigned as a resident priest at our parish while continuing his full-time assignment at the Archdiocese's Metropolitan Tribunal. Fr. Kris' hobbies are books and good music. He is happy to be part of the community of St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish!

Our series of "Band Together" concerts gives us an opportunity to meet with friends and some new



### ST. LUKE CHURCH

**Monday, August 23** - *St. Rose of Lima*

6:30 am † Jane Clark

8:30 am † The deceased residents of Surfside Condo Building in Florida

**Tuesday, August 24** - *St. Bartholomew*

6:30 am † Rev. Dick Mueller

8:30 am † Michael O'Rourke

**Wednesday, August 25** - *St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz*

6:30 am † Margaret and John O'Neill

8:30 am † Teri Kolaski

**Thursday, August 26**

6:30 am † Kleven Phelan

8:30 am † Paul Tufts

**Friday, August 27** - *St. Monica*

6:30 am † Ed and John Shannon

8:30 am † Joann Moles

**Saturday, August 28** - *St. Augustine*

8:30 am † The Daley and Clark Families

5:00 pm † Rev. Thomas Dore

**Sunday, August 29**

9:00 am † Rev. John Fahey

11:00 am The People of St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish

### ST. BERNARDINE CHURCH

**Monday, August 23** - *St. Rose of Lima*

6:30 am The People of St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish

**Tuesday, August 24** - *St. Bartholomew*

6:30 am † Nello Rubio

**Wednesday, August 25** - *St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz*

6:30 am † Richard Dziedzic

**Thursday, August 26**

6:30 am † Open

**Saturday, August 28** - *St. Augustine*

5:00 pm † Segundo Nacar; Gian Earl Laput; George and Nancy Isdale on their wedding anniversary

**Sunday, August 29**

8:00 am † Carolyn Brown

10:30 am † Frank Markosek Sr.; † Marian Bernasor

parishioners and have a good time while listening to music and singing. If you missed the first two concerts, you still have one more chance to "band together." This coming Saturday, the Ryan Carney Cello Trio will perform at the St. Bernardine parking lot, and I hope that I will see many of you there! Remember to bring your own chairs, snacks, beverages, etc.

To date, we have collected \$1,217 for the Missionary Co-op Program. Thank you for your kind support!

God bless you. ~Fr. Stan



# St. Luke and St. Bernardine come together at first concert

Kathleen Lane opened our summer series last Saturday with some jazzy tunes



Summer Concert Series at St. Luke and St. Bernardine



Join us next weekend for  
the last in our free concert series  
**The Ryan Carney Cello Trio**

*Fun and elegant repertoire ranging from baroque  
and classical sonatas to jazz standards and famous  
pop melodies by The Beatles, Billy Joel, Dean Martin,  
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6:30 pm, August 28  
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BYO chair, blanket, refreshments, etc.

Events will be moved indoors  
in case of inclement weather.

## New beginnings for our retiring Director of Religious Education

For the first time in over 33 years, Ann Stauffer has a new mission. Instead of coordinating and planning the Religious Education Program (REP) for St. Bernardine children, she will be planning and coordinating her retirement.

Through all those years, Ann has touched many lives as head of the REP. First, and primary, are all the students and their families. This was always her priority, doing it with love, compassion, and faith. Next are all the “volunteers” whose arms she gently twisted to help the program in many ways. (How else could she get all the teachers, substitute teachers, aides, office assistants, greeters, and cooks for classes, pancake breakfasts, St. Joseph Day, Mardi Gras, and other fundraisers to come back year after year?) She also enlisted many golden-agers to be the students’ “Prayer Partners,” as they made a commitment to pray for a class every day while the class prayed for their “Prayer Partner” at every one of their sessions.

Ann planned the curriculum as well as many non-classroom events to reinforce what was taught in the classroom. The Halloween paraliturgy brought the saints to life for the students, especially those who participated in the service. Ann often came dressed as a saint herself to start the program. She seemed to take just as much delight from putting candy canes in the students’ shoes left in the hall on St. Nicholas Day as the students did in finding the treat.

Advent always had her leading a weekly prayer service starting with the song “Light the Advent Candle,” which most of us will never forget. When the student body was larger, she coordinated colorful Christmas pageants, and she also coordinated the Holy Family procession during the Christmas Family Mass. Lent gave her an opportunity to devise new ways for the students to participate and prepare their hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

First Communicants and their families learned from Ann the importance of receiving Jesus into our body and souls and the importance of sharing the “meal” with others. *Confirmandi* learned through Ann that becoming a full member of the Church

was much more than the rite of the Sacrament of Confirmation — it meant sharing our gifts with others, especially those who did not have as much as they did.

Ann knew the importance of prayer and community. She knew it took the whole “church family” to help guide the students in their lives. The bulletin boards in the back of St. Bernardine Church let the parish keep current with what the students were focusing on as the seasons rolled by. The number of parishioners and their families who showed up each year for the REP fundraisers was a testament to Ann’s ability to draw people together.

(Has everyone wondered how many pancakes were served under Ann’s leadership?) Ann planned the Lenten “Soup for the Soul,” recruiting cooks and speakers to help anyone who came to the spiritual program to reflect on what Lent was truly all about.

Ann was a resource for all the catechists who volunteered in the REP. She arranged for a speaker at the beginning of each school year to inspire the teachers and assistants in their mission of educating and conveying the faith to the students. She made sure the catechists had input each year into what worked and what could be done to improve the program. Though she thanked the teachers and volunteers in many ways, probably the best way was her “Winter Doldrums” party with its white elephant gifts — and Ann always made sure she got one of the “treasures.” There was much laughter at those parties.

Thank you, Ann, for all that you have done for St. Bernardine over the years. You helped make all of us better people. We look forward to seeing you now as just another member of our St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish and recounting some of the memories from the past.

If anyone is wondering what Ann is going to be doing in retirement, put your mind to rest. Much of her time will be taken up making homemade apple pies — with real crusts made by hand, not with any machine — something that she promised to be making when she had more time.

A celebration for Ann will be coming in the near future. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins.



Ann Stauffer





## New switch from Sundays to 24/7 for streamed Masses at St. Luke Church

Starting this weekend, all of the Masses at St. Luke, as well as St. Bernardine, will be live-streamed on **YouTube**. We have set up cameras so you can join the daily Masses as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Sunday services at home or wherever you may travel.

We are discontinuing the Sunday-only livestream on Facebook to be able to show one continuous feed on YouTube for both churches. The YouTube links are

[www.tinyurl.com/stlukestream](http://www.tinyurl.com/stlukestream)  
[www.tinyurl.com/stbernardineline](http://www.tinyurl.com/stbernardineline)

The main difference you will find is that YouTube only records for 12 hours at a time, so if you miss the start of a Mass you will need to click back on the timeline to find the beginning, and each day's Masses will disappear after 12 hours. However, everyone will now be able to join live online every Mass at both churches.

## Share the Good News!

Do you feel a calling to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic Faith? Please consider sharing your talents and time with our **Traditional Religious Education Faith Formation Program**.

We still need one or two catechists for many of our Grades 1-8 to help about three times a month from September through April, and you are needed!

We provide materials, lesson plans, training, support, and spiritual formation. You provide your enthusiasm for our Lord and your experience of his Gospel message in your own life.

We will have a first meeting for catechists on Sunday, August 29, so pray about this and contact Michelle Dal Pino at [mdalpino@stlukeparish.org](mailto:mdalpino@stlukeparish.org) if you have an interest and want to explore your calling as a catechist.

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**Student registrations also are now open for Religious Ed, which starts September 15. Go to [www.stlukeparish.org](http://www.stlukeparish.org) for an information packet.**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

For Masses of August 23-29

**Mon:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22  
**Tue:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51  
**Wed:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32  
**Thu:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51  
**Fri:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13  
**Sat:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30  
**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Al Ronan, Betty Cunningham, Sr. Colleen Nolan, OP, Stephanie Salerno, Gary Gould, Jelyn Vargas, Eugene Scheuring, Dr. Patricia O'Brien, Dan O'Brien, Teofilo Limosnero, Patty Marino, Pat McKinley, Peter M. McDonnell, Adam Bielawski, Bob Mullin, Celeste Arnold, Stephen Sonneveld, Janet Berka, Christine Jumaoas, Paula Coonen, Marion Venetucci, Claire Coonen, Doris Keating, Manza Fiori, Sam, Margo Karr, Isaac Beal, George Drucker, Martin and Eileen Hudik, Carmella Bielawski, July Murray, Ann Stauffer, Frank Martone, Ann Messerschmidt, Rita Daniello, Vince Pusateri, Mary Sladek, Rich Murphy Sr., Teresa Meyer, Shirley Hamilton, Helen Kreidermacher, Dan Martone and Betty Maslauskas

## AND FOR THE DECEASED

Charles Phipps and Yolanda Fonville

*Please pray for these parishioners, their families, and caregivers. Call the Parish Office to add or delete someone on the list. Names will be removed after three months unless the listing is renewed.*

## Our Weekly Offerings

	As of 8/8	Last Week	FY-to-Date
Cash Gifts	\$ 25,637	\$ 4,250	\$ 29,887
Electronic	<u>36,945</u>	<u>3,148</u>	<u>40,093</u>
Total Giving	\$ 62,582	\$ 7,398	\$ 69,980
Budgeted	<u>78,240</u>	<u>13,040</u>	<u>91,280</u>
Variance+/-	\$ ( 15,658)	\$ 1,881	\$ ( 21,300)

(For Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

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## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

### St. Luke Church

#### Saturday, August 28

5:00 pm *Celebrant* Fr. Kuca  
*Lector* L Hogan  
*Euch Min* P Chase  
*Ushers* P Willoughby, 1 needed

#### Sunday, August 29

9:00 am *Celebrant* Fr. Swierczynski  
*Lector* CK Kerstetter  
*Euch Min* B Maloney  
*Ushers* L Tuzi, E Liebner

11:00 am *Celebrant* Fr. Fialkowski  
*Lector* N O'Malley  
*Euch Min* 1 needed  
*Ushers* A Dooley, J McInerney

### St. Bernardine Church

#### Saturday, August 28

5:00 pm *Celebrant* Fr. Fialkowski  
*Lector* C McNulty  
*Cantor* J Doloszycki

#### Sunday, August 29

8:00 am *Celebrant* Fr. Wickowski  
*Lector* K Raza  
*Cantor* C Hopkins

10:30 am *Celebrant* Fr. Kuca  
*Lector* MB Beal  
*Cantor* C Hopkins



## Welcome back, students and faculty to St. Luke School and Church!

Classes resumed at St. Luke School this past week, and we welcome our youths back to the St. Luke campus and especially to the **weekly School Mass** at **8:30 am each Wednesday**.

Starting **this Wednesday, August 25**, the 8:30 Mass will be open to only students and teachers throughout the school year. Both St. Luke and St. Bernardine churches have a **6:30 Mass** on Wednesdays that is open to all.

Everyone is invited to watch the YouTube stream of the **8:30 Mass on September 1**. Fr. Ed will be explaining each part of the liturgy for the students as he celebrates the Mass of the day — a teachable moment for everyone who tunes in.

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