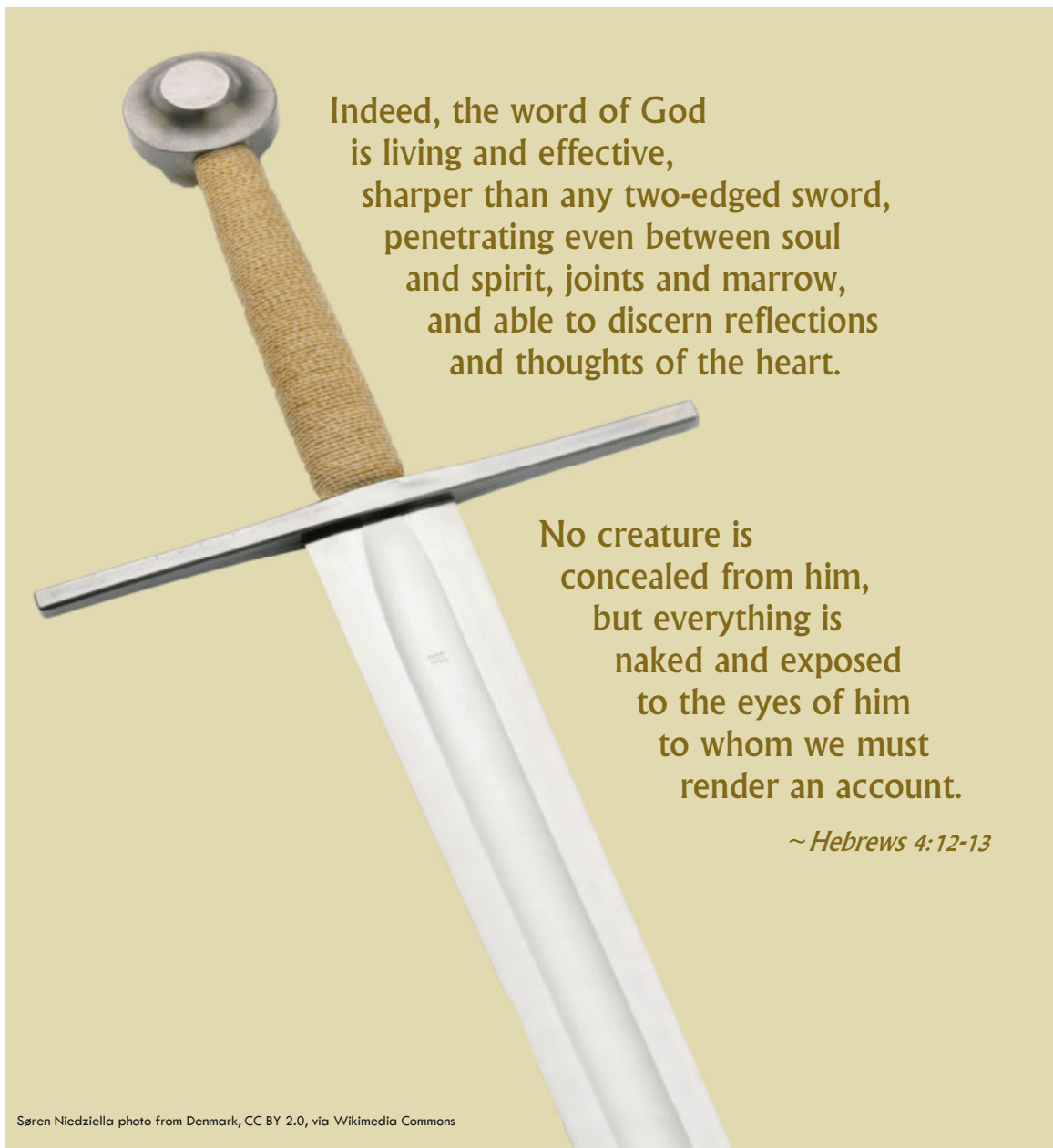


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OCTOBER 10, 2021 • 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Indeed, the word of God
is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
penetrating even between soul
and spirit, joints and marrow,
and able to discern reflections
and thoughts of the heart.

No creature is
concealed from him,
but everything is
naked and exposed
to the eyes of him
to whom we must
render an account.

~ *Hebrews 4:12-13*

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FROM THE PASTOR

As you know, I was supposed to be back from my vacation in Poland on October 1, but unfortunately I broke my left leg

during my first week there, and my plans had to change. My healing process is going well — the bone, while broken was not dislocated. My leg must remain in a cast until October 28, at which time I am scheduled for another X-ray and the orthopedic doctor will let me know when I may safely fly back to the U.S. One positive aspect of this situation is that I am staying with my elderly parents in their apartment for a length of time that I have never experienced in my adult life.

This necessary delay of my departure from Poland has resulted in my absence during the time when our new Mass schedule was announced. Since we united as a new parish, we have known that a new schedule would be required. I prayed over this many times and discussed the matter with Father Ed and the members of the Worship Committee before we presented our proposal to the Unification Committee. After more discussion and prayer, a new Mass schedule was created and will be implemented the weekend of October 23-24.

I am aware that because of the changes, some parishioners may feel hurt because their favorite Mass has been rescheduled or even cancelled. I truly apologize for that, but the changes were necessary. At this time, I would like to express my gratitude to members of the Worship Committee and the Unification Committee who dedicated their talent, time, and prayers during this process. Their support was very helpful.

I had really wished to be present in the parish at the time the Mass changes were announced, but my health condition did not allow that. I pray that the changes in the Mass times will be recognized by our parishioners as necessary and be accepted. Parishioners will have an opportunity to evaluate the changes in the first quarter of 2022.

As we move forward in the RMC process, some staff changes have also become necessary. As you know, the St. Luke campus will be the main church office where all sacramental records will be stored and the daily business operations of the parish will be conducted. It is with great sadness that I say “goodbye” to Kathy Teska, from the St. Bernardine campus office, who has served as the parish secretary for over 21 years. Daniel Szymanski, the business manager at the St. Luke campus, has taken on a new position at St. Alphonsus Parish in Chicago. Please



ST. LUKE CHURCH

Monday, October 11 - *St. John XXIII*

6:30 am † Dennis McDonnell

8:30 am † Bill Wolven

Tuesday, October 12

6:30 am † For the father of Libby Kelly

8:30 am † Kathryn Ann Froelich

Wednesday, October 13

6:30 am † Thomas and Helene Dittrich Kenney

8:30 am † Daniel Connolly and Edward Beckman;

† Darla Wasick

Thursday, October 14 - *St. Callistus I*

6:30 am † Joseph Giustino; Victor Giustino

8:30 am † Daniel Connolly and Edward Beckman

Friday, October 15 - *St. Teresa of Jesus*

6:30 am † Jerry Byrnes

8:30 am † Mary Margaret Jacobs

Saturday, October 16 - *St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

8:30 am † Joan P. Bartosic

5:00 pm † Witold Kapica

Sunday, October 17

9:00 am † Pat Carey; † Joseph Giustino;
and Victor Giustino

11:00 am † Patricia Boland

2:00 pm Timothy Ponsot/Mary Alice Wilson Wedding

ST. BERNARDINE CHURCH

Monday, October 11 - *St. John XXIII*

6:30 am No intention

Tuesday, October 12

6:30 am † Joseph Patrick O'Brien

Wednesday, October 13

6:30 am † Addie Metoyer

Thursday, October 14 - *St. Callistus I*

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

Saturday, October 16 - *St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

5:00 pm † Nello Rubio

Sunday, October 17

8:00 am † Carolyn Brown; † James Gleason

10:30 am † Robert and Dorothy Meyer;

† Klaus Boblitz

join me in thanking them both for their years of dedication to our parish. I wish them both well!

St. Luke School celebrates 100th anniversary this year! Bishop Kevin Birmingham will preside at the Mass of Thanksgiving, which will be celebrated at St. Luke Church next Saturday, October 16, at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. ~Fr. Stan

Don't succumb to the throwaway culture!

In today's "throw-away culture" — as Pope Francis so vividly refers to it — the dignity of each and every human person is not accorded the value inherent to it. In a culture that values profit, power, prestige, and pleasure over all else, many people end up being victims of this throw-away culture, from struggling immigrants and working poor to the elderly and physically challenged. This mindset also fuels damage inflicted on the environment, which especially adversely impacts the poor. But when it is an innocent human being's very existence — a moral absolute — that is thrown away, it is a sign that society has truly become severely disordered.

This is especially a time for Catholics, whose faith calls us to advocate for the universal good of a consistent ethic of life, in every stage and in every condition, to call our country back to respect for human life. And this is especially so for Catholics who are prominent in all walks of public life — entertainment, media, politics, education, the corporate world, and so forth — as they have such a powerful influence on shaping the

attitudes and practices of people in our nation.

Abortion is the axe laid to the roots of the tree of human rights: when our culture encourages the violation of life at its youngest and most vulnerable condition, other ethical norms cannot stand for long.

A prayer to the Child Jesus' defender in this Year of St. Joseph

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided your Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both the Blessed Mother and Child Jesus.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us to also welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Amen.

~Excerpted from "A Pastoral Letter on the Dignity of the Unborn, Holy Communion, and Catholics in Public Life" by Archbishop Joseph Cordileone on priestsforlife.org

The Illinois Catholic Conference just alerted us that our state lawmakers are meeting on October 19 to consider repeal of the Parental Notice of Abortion Act.

An overwhelming 72% of Illinois voters agree that parents or an adult guardian should be informed if their child is seeking an abortion, yet the Illinois General Assembly is threatening to remove that requirement.

Please join us in contacting your state legislators to support our God-given right to protect our children. There is a letter in the back of church today with more information and details on how to contact your state legislators about this issue, or go to www.ilcatholic.org.



St. Luke School's first graduating class

Come celebrate St. Luke School's 100th Anniversary!

Everyone is invited to join us on **Saturday, October 16**, for our school's **Centennial Homecoming Mass and Celebration with Auxiliary Bishop Kevin Birmingham**

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to get the latest details about the celebration and RSVP to join us!

Contact **Sheila Price** (708) 435-8927 or sprice@stlukeparish.org.

New Parish Music Coordinator starts today — Meet Colleen Ortega

It's an honor and a privilege to be the new Director of Music Ministry for St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish.



I grew up in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, where we have a saying: "Saskatchewan — easy to draw, hard to spell!" I have degrees in music education and fine arts, and I have performed as a pianist, organist, clarinetist, and vocalist in Canada, Europe, and here in greater

Chicagoland. Graduate studies brought me to the Chicago area, and I happily ended up in Oak Park. Within the Archdiocese of Chicago, I've worked at Our Lady, Mother of the Church, and for the last five years at Our Lady of Hope.

Enough about me! From the times I've worshipped at St. Luke and St. Bernardine, I've known both to be welcoming, full of great liturgy, music and people. I look forward to just that in our time together. Please keep me in your prayers, and I'll keep you in mine at this new beginning. Peace!

Please observe bulletin deadline

Please submit all announcements for both parish bulletins no later than 9:00 am Monday morning. All submissions after this deadline will be only used if space is still available. Keep in mind this saying: early is great, but submit late and you may miss your date.

Keep filling your AFW baby bottle

Thank you to everyone who picked up a baby bottle on Respect Life Sunday. We hope that you will keep it handy so you can drop in your loose change at the end of each day and offer a prayer for the Aid For Women pregnancy centers. They are counting on our support to assist thousands of women across the Chicago area who are experiencing unexpected or difficult pregnancies.

It's easy to say to these women to "just choose life" for their babies, but too many women do not feel prepared for motherhood, or feel peer pressure or stress to abort their babies from family members or the father of the child. AFW is there to tell them that we care for them and their unborn child. Every nickel, dime, and quarter you drop in your bottle gives them that encouragement.



Bring winter coat donations to Mass by next weekend

Collection boxes will be out at all Masses for this year's winter coat drive for the adult learners at The Learning Center and their children.

Founded by parishioners of St. Luke and the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa in 1983, The Learning Center (TLC) provides free educational programs for adults in Chicago's North Lawndale and Little Village neighborhoods, plus adult learners from over 20 different Chicagoland zip codes. Around half of the residents of North Lawndale and Little Village have less than a high school education!

New and gently used winter coats for adults and children, along with gloves, scarves and knit hats will be collected at both St. Bernardine and St. Luke churches this weekend and **October 16-17**. Please bring your donations in plastic bags and place them in the marked containers at the main entrance of church.

Thank you in advance for your tremendous generosity.

*Tony Graefe, parishioner and member of the TLC Board of Directors
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Join Peace & Justice meeting to learn about local issues

The Peace and Justice Committee will have its monthly meeting tomorrow (Monday) night at 7:30 pm in the St. Luke Hospitality House. The agenda includes planning for this year's Turkey Sunday and Christmas Giving Tree and a wide variety of other local social justice initiatives. For questions, contact Tony Graefe at tonygatty@aol.com.

Regular hours for parish office and Masses on Monday

St. Luke School will be closed for the Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples national holiday tomorrow (Monday), but the St. Luke Parish Office will be open for its regular hours: 9:00-Noon and 1:00-4:00 pm. Masses also will offered at the same times: 6:30 am at St. Bernardine and St. Luke churches and 8:30 am at St. Luke. Please call ahead if you'd like to stop by the Parish Office on the St. Bernardine campus.



Prayer opportunities this week

October is traditionally celebrated as the Month of the Holy Rosary. It's a good time to gather the family at home or join our morning Rosary Group and pray for our Blessed Mother's intercession on our behalf.

The Rosary Group meets right **after the 8:30 Mass** at St. Luke Church on weekdays to pray for the needs of our Church, the needs of our nation, and for personal intentions.



Then on Saturday morning, we have our weekly **Adoration Holy Hour**, which also begins immediately after the 8:30 Mass. It's another good opportunity to pray the Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The **Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation** also is available during this time.

If you would like more motivation to pray at home, we also have a monthly Prayer Newsletter that is sent out to anyone who wants to join the list by mail or email. It gives a rundown of feast days and other spiritual happenings during the month, plus timely prayers to add to your collection. To join, call the Parish Office or send an email to stlukeparish@stlukeparish.org and let us know how you'd like to receive a copy.

What's happening at St. Luke School?



Our 1st graders just completed a very ambitious service project. They collected money to buy lunch for our local first responders and delivered it with thank-you notes. In turn, the class was treated to a fascinating tour of the River Forest police and fire stations and equipment.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the week of October 11-17

Mon: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tue: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wed: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46

Thu: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Fri: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7

Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joe Burgio, James Froelich, Fr. Stan Kuca, Matthew Swan, Grace Martini, Carlotta Martini, Paul Johnson, Donald Rice, Frank Kurr, Adam Tiagonce, Brittany Billington, Virgilio Bungubung, Julie Doloszycki, Fran Darley, Betty Cunningham, Al Ronan, Sr. Colleen Nolan, OP, Stephanie Salerno, Gary Gould, Jelyn Vargas, Eugene Scheuring, Dr. Patricia O'Brien, Dan O'Brien, Patty Marino, Pat McKinley, Janet Berka, Christine Jumaoas, Paula Coonen, Claire Coonen, Doris Keating, Manza Fiori, Isaac Beal, Martin and Eileen Hudik, 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

Patricia Janowiak

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 if the listing is not renewed.

Weekly Offerings at St. Luke

	As of 9/26	Last Week	FY-to-Date
Cash Gifts	\$ 56,776	\$ 7,814	\$ 64,590
Electronic	<u>68,404</u>	<u>3,065</u>	<u>71,469</u>
Total Giving	\$ 125,180	\$ 10,879	\$ 136,059
Budgeted	<u>169,520</u>	<u>13,040</u>	<u>182,560</u>
Variance+/(-)	\$ (44,340)	\$ (2,161)	\$ (46,501)

(For Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - July 30, 2022)

We appreciate your continued prayers and financial support of St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish and its ministries.

Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me. ~Mark 10:21

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Saturday, October 16

5:00 pm *Celebrant* Concelebrated by visiting priests
Lectors St. Luke School students
Euch Min P Chase
Ushers M Willoughby, P Willoughby

Sunday, October 17

9:00 am *Celebrant* Fr. Wickowski
Lector I Flores
Euch Min C Saunders
Ushers E Liebner, 1 Needed

11:00 am *Celebrant* Fr. Fialkowski
Lector M Brown
Euch Min 1 Needed
Ushers A Dooley, J McInerney

St. Bernardine Church

Saturday, October 16

5:00 pm *Celebrant* Fr. Swierczynski
Cantor M Johnson
Lector H Kreidermacher
Euch Min N Isdale

Sunday, October 17

8:00 am *Celebrant* Fr. Fialkowski
Cantor D Celeschi
Lector E Cramer
Euch Min D Leninger

10:30 am *Celebrant* Fr. Swierczynski
Cantor P Baumann
Lector K Plepel
Euch Min J Plepel

Pray for end to domestic violence

The Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry of Chicago invites everyone to the 6th Annual Archdiocesan-wide Mass for Domestic Violence Survivors next Saturday, October 16, at 5:30 pm. Join in person or virtually to pray for an end to domestic violence and for the safety of all domestic violence victims and their families.

Are you confirmed yet?

The Archdiocese's Adult Confirmation Program prepares adults who have received the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Virtual sessions are starting this month in English and Spanish over Zoom. There is a fee of \$60.

To register for the sessions in English, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2021archconfirm>. For sessions in Spanish, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2021spanconfirm>.

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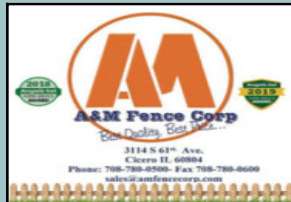
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