



Saint Luke Catholic Church

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March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

Welcome to St. Luke

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
10:30 AM
Tues. 8:00 AM

Sacraments

BAPTISM

Please arrange with the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 PM
and by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Saturday wedding schedule: 1:00 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call to arrange

Devotions

Mother of Perpetual Help
Tuesday.....6:30 PM

Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Tues. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
After hours for emergencies requiring a Priest
(262) 782-0032 ext.102

Membership

People new to the area are invited to register at St. Luke by contacting the Parish Office or stopping at the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

We welcome you to journey with us in faith!

We have both Sunday and weekday Masses available for 2021.

Please call the parish office if you would like to have a Mass celebrated for your deceased loved ones or for your special intention.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

5:00 PM † Nancy Hoepfner & Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X
8:00 AM † Bob & Jim Alexander
10:30 AM † Marie & Robert Guidinger

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday, March 15

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

No Morning Mass

Lenten Weekday

Tuesday March 16

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

8:00 AM † Gioan Nguyen Van Ngon and All Souls

Lenten Weekday

Wednesday, March 17

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

8:00 AM † Mike Zarling



Lenten Weekday

Thursday, March 18

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

No Morning Mass

Lenten Weekday

Friday, March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

No Morning Mass

St. Joseph

Saturday, March 20

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Lenten Weekday

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

5:00 PM † Jerry Morawski
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria
10:30 AM † Rose Forgette

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Guests? Possible New Members? Have you been worshipping with us and thinking about joining us? 'Sign-up' as members of St. Luke at the 'NEW MEMBERS TABLE' after Mass. WELCOME! JOIN US!

This Week at St. Luke

Sun., March 14..... **Faith Formation Classes**
 9:15 - 10:15 AM Classrooms
Mon., March 15..... **Handbell Rehearsal**
 7:00 PM Church
Mon., March 15..... **St. Vincent de Paul Society**
 7:00 PM Activity Center
Tues., March 16 **Perpetual Help Devotions**
 6:30 PM Chapel
Tues., March 16 **Luke's Literary Ladies**
 7:00 PM Narthex Meeting Room
Fri., March 19 **Stations of the Cross**
 6:30 PM Church
Sat., March 20 **1st Communion Preparation**
 9:00 AM Room 204
Sun., March 21 **Faith Formation Classes**
 9:15 - 10:15 AM Classrooms

Blood Drive



The gifts of blood and life are precious and we're relying on one another to create strong communities and hope for local patients every day.

There is an *immediate need for blood donations* and we're relying on our awesome donors, like you, to help ensure patients have the blood they need to survive and thrive! Please join us. Together, we can help save lives through this life-saving gift of blood. Thank you!

If you already scheduled your appointment... THANK YOU! **If you haven't, please schedule your appointment now at https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/203352 by contacting Bill Kirsch at kirsch.family@sbcglobal.net - Thank you!** You might win the weekly drawing for the \$500 Airbnb gift card: Thank you for sharing your life-saving gift with patients and their families in our community - we are so grateful for you!

2020 / 2021 Stewardship

February received:

February budgeted	\$31,512.00
February Envelopes / Offertory	\$40,057.00
Monthly over / short	\$8,545.00
Year To Date Budgeted	\$329,161.00
Year To Date Received	\$296,062.00
Year To Date over / short	-\$33,099.00
Auction Donations to Date	\$9,505.00

“What return shall we make to the Lord for all God’s goodness to us?”

Our Stewardship of time, talent and financial treasure is essential to our Gospel Mission as Saint Luke Parish! Thanks to all who are faithfully contributing!

Justice Corner



Spiritual Blindness

Few of us experience physical blindness. Yet our spiritual journeys are often blinded by the judgments we make based on outward appearances. We miss out on the lessons God wants to teach us because we fail to look beneath the surface. Samuel reminds us that we do not see as God sees.

We all have personal blind spots and prejudices. The Gospel story reminds us that even someone born blind can be healed. Jesus is eager to help us see things in a new way by examining our world through the lens of Scripture rather than the lenses of fear, nationalism, self-preservation, and selfishness.

As we reflect on the readings, we ask God to reveal our spiritual blindness. How might God be calling us to healing? Perhaps we can spend time building relationships with people we have avoided so we can see them as God sees them. Ask our Lord to reveal the Divine to us through these people/groups.



As Jesus was sent by God, and we are sent through our Baptism, Jesus gives sight to a blind man and sends him on a new life journey. The man’s passage from blindness to sight to insight reminds us to look for our neighbors who may need help. **Your gift to the St. Luke Society of St. Vincent de Paul helps us bring peace, kindness and assistance when we see the need in our neighbors.**

Luke's Literary Ladies

Luke’s Literary Ladies will meet on Tuesday March 16th in the Narthex Meeting room at 7:00pm. The book selected is: *Rainwater* by Sandra Brown.



Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for the Palm Sunday Bulletin are due in the parish office by Friday, March 19th. Articles for Easter Sunday are due by Thursday, March 25th. Thank you.

Save the Date

For the Next
St. Luke Drive-Thru Fish Fry
Friday, March 26th
4:30 - 7:00 PM

To help with the event, please contact Paul Zarling at 262.352.4579 or through email at zarling3@sbcglobal.net.



Dear People of St. Luke and Guests—Lenten Pilgrims, ALL!

Last Sunday, this Sunday and next Sunday in preparation for Easter, the Feast of Feasts, we are presented with three of the most significant symbols of our faith: water, light (sight) and life. Our teachers, on these Sundays when we scrutinize our lives along with those approaching the Easter Sacraments of Initiation are: A supposed disreputable woman A man blind from birth and a person, dead and buried for four days, come to life: three unlikelys who play our part in the story.

Whether it be our need for water; light (sight) or life itself, today, more than ever in these COVID-19 times, we know that certain things are a matter of life and death. How appropriate that water initiates us into the Body of Christ and through God's grace and the Sacrament of Baptism, we are illuminated; and given eyes of faith and Newness of Life now and for all eternity.

With all preparing for the Easter Sacraments we review our lives in a special way with these Sundays leading up to Holy Week and the Sacred Easter Triduum. Transformation; change and growth in Faith lived in service is our life privilege and challenge. Each Sunday of Lent we begin Eucharist by falling to our knees; admitting our sinfulness; and singing of God's mercy in the hope that God's Spirit will bring about the renewal of our Baptism and be shown in the transformation of our lives. Ridding ourselves of unhealthy, even sinful, patterns is a form of death. Our Mystery of Faith in Christ assures us that all death leads to life. Transformation of our world; eliminating injustices; 'doing' the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy; raising others to life begins with us letting God's Spirit change us as 'we live into our Baptism.' Thinking our way into a new way of acting seldom works. With the help of God's Spirit we can act our way into a new way of thinking. Once we think differently we act differently. As Franciscan, Fr. Richard Rohr teaches, the Scriptures are not meant to get us to love more; God's Word helps us see differently and once we see differently we love more.

Last Sunday I reprinted part 2 of an article on habits 'Getting rid of bad habits.' Part 1 of that article is reprinted below and helps us see that certain patterns in life; habits; behavior are, or can indeed be life-giving.

The Power of Habits Part 1: How Habits Can Be Helpful by *GoodTherapy*

Ah, January. It's the time of year when we're more likely to think about habits. We all have habits, good or bad. Some of us might find ourselves biting our nails, smoking, doomscrolling, or drinking too much coffee. We might also have habits of sleeping well, engaging in a relaxing hobby, and exercising regularly.

When we hear the word habit, we may imagine something bad or negative that is a problem in our daily lives. Actually, though, the term "habit" is neutral, the act of forming habits in the brain is a natural process. and we can harness the power of habits to help us create the lives we want and shape the selves we want to grow into. Gretchen Rubin, author of best-selling self-help books like *The Happiness Project* and *Better Than Before*, says "Habits are the invisible architecture of everyday existence." So what exactly are we talking about when we talk about habits?

WHAT IS A HABIT?

In simple terms, a habit is something that we do often and without much thought. It has become a part of our routine that we do without working very hard or thinking about it much – a habit basically skips the decision-making part of our brains.

According to British educator Charlotte Mason, whose philosophy of education is known for its focus on habit-formation, "We are all mere creatures of habit. We think our accustomed thoughts, make our usual small talk, go through the trivial round, the common task, without any self-determining effort of will at all. If it were not so — if we had to think, to deliberate, about each operation of the bath or the table — life would not be worth having; the perpetually repeated effort of decision would wear us out." This is what we call decision-fatigue, and Mason is right – habits help us cut down on the number of decisions we're making each day. The question, then, becomes whether the habits we have, that are bypassing that decision-making process, are the habits we really want.

Some habits are considered harmful because they do not contribute to our physical, emotional, or behavioral well-being. These are things that might be regarded as bad, like being late, not getting enough sleep, emotional drinking, or swearing in front of your 2-year-old nephew.

Good habits help us live healthier, happier, and more productive lives. Think of behaviors like brushing your teeth, connecting with your partner every day, and practicing mindfulness. These are considered good because they help us live healthy, peaceful lives both now and in the future.

BENEFITS OF GOOD HABITS

Self-Identity

Our habits help define who we are as individuals. Through them, we can establish ourselves in the world. One of the most encouraging things about habits is that each one started with an individual choice. So, if you decide you want to be the kind of person who reads for pleasure 30 minutes each day, you can start to become such a person by choosing to crack open a book and set a timer today. Engaging in healthy repetitive actions can help us learn to love ourselves and promote personal growth.

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Reach Your Goals

Utilizing and implementing good habits can help us reach our goals. Sometimes, our goals are harder to reach because our poor habits prevent us from achieving them. By establishing good actions in place of bad ones, we can finally achieve our goals.

Establish Consistency

Consistency is a critical component of good mental health. Establishing healthy repetitive actions throughout our life can help us establish a good and consistent routine. This consistency keeps us on a healthy track. By choosing which behaviors we want to turn into habits, we can essentially lay down the tracks we want the train of our lives to run on. (That's a Charlotte Mason metaphor, actually.)

Improve Quality of Life

With increased motivation and will to lean on what is good for us rather than what is bad for us, we get more out of life. Establishing good behaviors enables us to stray away from the things that hold us back and run towards what is good.

Sow Life-Long Change

Life-long change can be hard to achieve. When we have destructive behaviors in our lives, changing them can feel impossible. But that's not true. Establishing good habits is hard work, but it sows life-long change in our lives. By working hard to establish good routines, consistency, and repetitive actions, we improve the quality of our life for years to come.

Citations: Mason, C. (n.d.). Home Education. Part III. "Habit Is Ten Natures." V. The Laying Down of Lines of Habit. Retrieved January 13, 2021, from <https://www.amblesideschools.com/manual/Charlotte-Mason/part-iii-habit-ten-natures>

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Blessings as we continue our Lenten Journey 'from Ashes to the Living Font.' We are Easter People called to come to the water; be the light of Christ and raise one another to New Life in Christ as we 'live into our Baptism.'

Fr. Augustine

2021 Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday

April 1, 2021 - 7:00 PM
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

April 2, 2021 - 7:00 PM
Celebration of the Passion
and Death of the Lord

Holy Saturday

April 3, 2021
1:00 PM Blessing of Food
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021
8:00 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass

Not Only Food

Besides forgoing food and otherwise eating more simply and more consciously, consider other ways of fasting. We ask ourselves: What does my baptism cost me? Surely it requires that we fast from wasteful behaviors. Here are a few suggestions:

Fast from guzzling gas.

Drive the speed limit. Take public transportation. Ride a bicycle or walk when you can.

Fast from compulsive consumerism. Check your closets, cupboards, storage rooms and garage. How many items have you collected that you thought you needed — until you brought them home and had "buyer's remorse"? In reparation, choose some of these areas in your house to clean out. Fix, clean and deliver these items to those who need them more than you do.

Examine the ways in which you consume — and perhaps waste — nature's resources. Shorten your showers; save the warm-up water for your garden or houseplants. Recycle religiously. Refuse to use plastic. Use your own fabric shopping sack, or at least reuse paper bags until they are about to fall apart. Write on both sides of a piece of paper; recycle paper used on one side into a scratch pad. Lower your thermostat or air conditioner; add or subtract clothing in layers to keep comfortable.



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From Cathy's Desk

In the Gospel reading Sunday the Pharisees are rather indignant at the thought that Jesus would call them blind, let alone call them sinful. My question is how many of us are equally guilty of sin due to our inability to see what is so clearly in front of us? For me, I know I have been guilty of this. When my dad died I was very focused on the pain that my mom was going through. I was also aware of all of the business and legal ramifications connected to his death. As a daughter I was very focused on helping my mom. While many would say this is a good thing, I found out much later that I was blind to what one of my children was going through because of the loss of his grandpa. I find it difficult sometimes to be all things to all people. However, I need to admit that in my best efforts, I am still capable of disappointing people who I love and care about. So I guess what I am saying is that it is important to not only focus on the large issue directly in front of us, but we also need to be checking our peripheral vision to see if there is something else coming that needs our attention as well.

Adult Question: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Child Question: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for other to see?

~ Cathy Smith

Director of Faith Formation/Pastoral Associate

5th Sunday of Lent: March 21 Cleaning Supplies

Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent
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St. Luke Prayer Network



The prayer network is a group of people who pray for the intentions requested. Only the first names are used. Anyone who wishes to join the phone network is always welcome. Call Janice Theisen 262 521-8095 (jreader66@hotmail.com) with your intentions or to join us.

Easter Memorials 2021

St. Luke would appreciate your donations to help in purchasing flowers, other Easter decorations and for instrumentalists. This is a special way to remember a loved one or special event. Your memorials will be published in the parish bulletin at the conclusion of the Easter Season.

Please return this form, along with your donation, in an envelope marked "Easter Memorials". **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY to assure the correct spelling of names. Drop envelope in collection box or mail to the office.**

Your Name _____ Donation Amount for _____

The Memorial Message (Please fill in one line only)

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Noon on Monday

Day of Prayer and Refection

"Taking Time to Name, Claim, Reframe our Grief"

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9AM—3PM

Redemptorist Retreat Center 1800 N Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc

Presented by: Peggy Weber RN MSN

A Spring day of supportive, compassionate grief gathering is planned for those who have lost a loved one recently or long ago. We will reflect on healthy grieving as we review the Grief Cycle, Grief Process and Healing Journey; recognizing that we all move through our grief in our own unique way! Please consider joining this day as we pray, reflect, share and laugh together. This will be one presentation with a break for lunch. No meal will be provided. Bring your own bag lunch. Suggested Free Will Offering: \$ 10.00

To register by phone call 262-567-6900

To register by email rrc@redemptoristretreat.org

To register online <https://www.redemptoristretreat.org/days-of-prayer-reflection>

St. Luke Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Luke Catholic Faith Community, open to the Spirit, seek to grow in faith through liturgical participation, lifelong Christian formation, and social ministries of the Church.

We accept our responsibility as Christian Stewards in the sharing of our time, talents, and treasure as we journey together 'living into our Baptism'. We honor our past, celebrate our present, and embrace the future as together we build a household of faith and a world in which all are welcome.

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