



Saint Luke Catholic Church

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March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

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

ANOIDING 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 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

Monday, March 22

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11

No Morning Mass

Lenten Weekday

Tuesday March 23

Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

8:00 AM † Margaret Boos

Lenten Weekday

Wednesday, March 24

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

8:00 AM † Melvin Krauss

Lenten Weekday

Thursday, March 25

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

No Morning Mass

The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday, March 26

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

No Morning Mass

Lenten Weekday

Saturday, March 27

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Lenten Weekday

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria

8:00 AM † Michael & Mary Marola

10:30 AM † Renata Berschdorf

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!



Life After Death

- Sun., March 21** **Faith Formation Classes**
9:15 - 10:15 AM Classrooms
- Mon., March 22**..... **Handbell Rehearsal**
7:00 PM Church
- Tues., March 23** **Adult Formation**
9:00 AM..... Room 204
- Tues., March 23** **Perpetual Help Devotions**
6:30 PM Chapel
- Tues., March 23** **Pastoral Council**
7:00 PM Narthex Meeting Room
- Wed., March 24**..... **Blood Drive**
3:00 - 7:00 PM..... Narthex
- Thurs., March 25** **Evening of Recollection**
7:00 PM (sponsored by Opus Dei) ... Chapel/Church/NMR
- Fri., March 26** **Drive thru Fish Fry**
4:30 - 7:00 PM..... Orders Taken in Upper Parking Lot
- Fri., March 26** **Stations of the Cross**
6:30 PM Church
- Sat., March 27** **1st Communion Retreat**
9:00 AM..... Room 204
- Sun., March 28** **Faith Formation Classes**
9:15 - 10:15 AM Classrooms

Saddened by the suffering and death of someone He loved, Jesus wept at Lazarus' tomb, even though He knew his friend would rise again. Jesus reminds us that He is the resurrection and the life. Death is a prelude to life everlasting, not the end of the story!

We weep for our loved ones when they die but how many of us have wept over the suffering of people in our world who are not our family and friends? We, like Jesus, are called to empathize with all who suffer and to do whatever we can to ease that suffering.

Today we weep over many deaths from natural disasters like the mudslides in Washington, and human-made disasters like abortion, the death penalty, substance abuse, malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, wars, and terrorism. Let us pray for the vision to see how we might bring life and healing.

During Lent consider donating to an agency like Catholic Charities that assists suffering people (www.ccmke.org) We might enjoy giving to a non-profit we've never supported before so we can learn more about the people they serve.

Last week Jesus gave sight to the blind man; this week Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead. Both stories show the glory of God and the Son, and that Jesus has the power of life within him.



Our task is to demonstrate in our lives what Christ has done for us. A gift to the St. Luke Society of St. Vincent de Paul is one way we can demonstrate that Jesus is in our lives as we raise up our friends and neighbors when they are in need.

Bulletin Deadlines

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

Human Concerns Grocery Collection




At all Masses for Sunday, March 28, we will be collecting needed groceries for the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program, the Mini Vinnies Little Food Pantry, and the Waukesha Food Pantry.

Please drop off your donation in the Narthex. We will have tables outside of the Narthex between 9:30 and 10:15AM for those not comfortable entering the building.

Thank you in advance for helping us spread the joy of Easter to our neighbors in need.

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!

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.



From Cathy's Desk

In today's Gospel story, we see just how human Jesus really is. Jesus was very close friends with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Jesus shows us his humanity as he weeps for his friend Lazarus. During this story there is conversation about why Jesus didn't save his dear friend from death. There was confusion with the apostles as to whether Lazarus was in deed dead or merely sleeping. In order to help all present Jesus gives thanks to God in a manner which gives proof that Jesus was sent by God. Upon Lazarus rising from the dead, Jesus gives the orders that Lazarus be untied and unwrapped from his burial clothes and bands. This is truly a remarkable story! We see love of family, love of friends, and compassion of community. These are indeed good things. However, I ask you to look at, "...The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go.'" Lent is a great time to get untied and freed from the things that keep us bound. Like Jesus, all we have to do is ask God's Spirit for a little help.

Child Question: What do you hope for after your life on Earth is ended?

Youth Question: Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?

Adult Question: The death from which we are called is healing from the things which bind us or hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, etc. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?

~ Cathy Smith

Director of Faith Formation/Pastoral Associate

Lenten Mercy Tree

We are now celebrating the 5th Sunday of Lent. During this time we have all been working on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Please continue to add the color and beauty to our tree as you continue your good works. To the families of the Christian Faith Formation program, please remember start bringing in your prayer chains, butterflies, as well as your "Works of Mercy Cards." If you have any questions please contact Cathy Smith csmith@stlukebrookfield.org or (262) 782-0032 ext. 106.



Lenten Alms Giving

St. Luke Church is an extremely giving community. This year during this season of Lent, the weekly donations for the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary, and the food collections for Waukesha Food Pantry, St. Vincent DePaul, and Mini-Vinnies has been tremendous! I am now reminding you of our Lenten Alms boxes which we handed out prior to the beginning of Lent. Our Sister Parish, St. Pius X in Gbagalape Nigeria is counting on your continued support as well. Remember, the monies collected will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Pius X so that they can give it to the families in most dire need. Last year **\$4,880** was collected and it would be wonderful if we could surpass that amount this year.

Holy Mary Society

Greetings ladies of the parish! It has been a long stretch of time since we have been able to get together and enjoy a program and each other's company. We are hopeful that with the large numbers of vaccinations being administered and lower number of cases being reported that we might be seeing a glimmer of light down this tunnel! We hope you are having a meaningful Lent experience and that more relaxed times are in our future. As always, we will keep each other solidly in prayer. Happy Spring!



Palm Sunday: March 28 Food Drive

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

On the Third Sunday of Lent we found ourselves listening to the conversation of Jesus and the woman at the well. Jesus' acceptance of her as she was; her conversion; coming to faith and her going forth evangelizing encouraged us on our journey from 'ashes to Easter's living font' and the renewal of our Baptismal Promises. Lent is first and foremost about Baptism!

From the Pastor



On the Fourth Sunday of Lent we stood in the company of a man born blind. Jesus gives the person the ability to see with the insight of Faith to overcome darkness. The irony is, although unable to see from birth, the unnamed blind person is the only one in the narrative capable of seeing Jesus for who He really is. The gospel scene is similar to government, society and family life—clouded by dysfunctionality and full of distractions. Like the Pharisees, disciples and the person's parents, we miss the point with so much of life. We live the distractions. We fail to see... our eyes do not shine!

The story of the person blind from birth is our story! *"We were blind but now we see!"* "ILLUMINATION IS THE GREATEST AND MOST MAGNIFICENT OF ALL GOD'S GIFTS!" ILLUMINATION - seeing: that is how the early Church referred to the conversion experience of Baptism. Our forty day Lenten retreat – this journey of conversion – is given us as a people of faith—that we might see differently - with shining eyes; to help us all see reality not as we want it, but as it is; and to illumine our blind spots which make life unmanageable. We ask ourselves which part we are playing in the drama and which part the Gospel calls us to play.

Franciscan Fr. Richard Rohr speaks about conversion and teaches that the Scriptures aren't trying to get us to love more but to see differently. Once we see differently—once we are illuminated we love more, but only in that order...

The Gospel stories of the woman at the well; the person born blind and the raising of Lazarus are our means of preparing for Baptism or our renewal of the grace of Baptism. In my forty-four years of ordained priestly ministry, I think due to our practice of Baptizing infants, more concern has been shown over the Ritual of Baptism than the "Illumination—the conversion experience of Baptism." Most of us have some 'conversion catching up' to do.

In last Sunday's homily I shared a 'seeing/doing with shining eyes' image. I happened upon a YouTube video of Benjamin Zander who helped found the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra. Some twenty years into his career Zander realized something that was life changing: 'the conductor of an orchestra or director of a choir doesn't make a sound; depending upon conducting styles, maybe lots of gyrations, but ultimately he or she depends on the ability to make other people powerful in the making of music. Shawn Rochon, our Director of Music and Liturgy, knows this to be true. Our hearts, certainly Shawn, Caitlyn and Vance's hearts ache, until our adult and youth choirs can again make music and lift our hearts in song.

What Conductor Zander said applies to all of us. He said, "My job is to awaken possibility in other people. Like with an orchestra or choir, if people's eyes are shining, you know you're doing it. If they're not shining you get to ask this question: "Who am I being that my children's eyes; the eyes of others are not shining?" Having eyes that see and shine helps everyone enjoy Newness of Life. It is obvious in preaching, our spoken and sung prayer and especially at Communion: I feel the connective communion when 'eyes are shining humanly and in Faith.'

Seeing differently with 'shining eyes—the eyes of Faith;' being 'Illuminated' - living into our Baptism' even during these times of pandemic - especially in these times of pandemic with the relief offered by a COVID-19 Vaccine, we begin to see glimpses of Resurrection's Newness of Life, or as Sister Joan Chittister, OSB suggests: *"The Miracles of Our Lives."*

Sister Joan writes: "It is very easy to forget the wonders God has done for us. God often performs these marvels when we are least hopeful they will happen, least sure they can happen. Out of death, after pain diminishes and numbness fades, new life so often comes forth. After the loss of one direction, another more vibrant than the first so often emerges. Beyond what the world says are our best years, comes a fullness of life unmatched by any other stage.

"These are the miracles of life. These are the wonders we stumble into, so obviously not our own making that they must be of God. These are the things that must be remembered in the midst of the daily, dull, depressing moments of life.

"Good has so often come out of even the shabbier parts of our own life. We retreat from religion because it disappoints, only to find no better answers elsewhere and return more spiritual than ever before. We fail ourselves miserably, then find new life when we discover that people loved us for ourselves, not our images. We get stopped in our indulgent, dishonest, ambitious, shiftless tracks and become newer, better selves. These are the wonders of life.

"Every life is filled with a series of small miracles designed to carry us through dark days, up steep mountains, down into the valley of death, beyond every boundary.

"One of the spiritual disciplines of Lent is to recognize these, to let praise raise in our hearts. We need to see the miracles of our lives as signs along the way that no path is too twisted, no burden so heavy, no social system so impenetrable as to confound us utterly. The God who has sustained us in the past will not desert us in the present.

"Praise and memory take us into tomorrow with open minds and certain hearts."

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Our journey of conversion; seeing differently with shining eyes; expecting, watchful and accepting of miracles leads us to today's story of the raising of Lazarus on this Fifth Sunday. We continue to scrutinize our lives along with our Candidates for the Easter Sacraments. The 'Raising of Lazarus' teaches us the tomb cannot hold us any more than the womb can hold a baby when birthing time arrives. Our fears of life and death often bury us alive or leave us like 'dry, life-less bones' scattered over the valley (Ezekiel). Not only to Lazarus, but to all of us waiting to be or already Baptized - 'Illuminated' Christ says, "I am Resurrection and Life. Be untied; unbound - GO FREE!"

Peace as we journey in these late Lenten days, *Fr. Augustine*

Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Registration is Required.

Please sign-up online at stlukebrookfield.org
for each service in which you plan to participate.

If you cannot sign-up online, please call Jane in the parish office.



Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28, 2021

Sat. 5:00 PM

Sun. 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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 Lord's Passion and Death

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

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)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Other _____



Day of Prayer and Reflection

"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>



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Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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Noon on Monday

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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