

Saint Luke Catholic Church

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May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!



6th Sunday **OF EASTER**

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." - Jn 15:16A

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 OCD.

Welcome to St. Luke

Mass Schedule

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Noon on Monday

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, MAY 9

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

5:00 PM	† Joe Huber
8:00 AM	† Helen Hurley & Mary Marola
10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday, May 10

Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a

No Morning Mass

Easter Weekday

Tuesday, May 11

Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

8:00 AM † Tom Boos

Easter Weekday

Wednesday, May 12

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15

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

Easter Weekday

Thursday, May 13

Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

No Morning Mass

Easter Weekday

Friday, May 14

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

No Morning Mass

St. Matthias

Saturday, May 15

Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

Easter Weekday

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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!



Unconditional Love

- Mon., May 10 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 PM Church
Tues., May 11 Adult Formation 9:00 AM Room 204
Tues., May 11 Perpetual Help Devotions 6:30 PM Chapel
Tues., May 11 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Church
Wed., May 12 Scripture Study 7:00 PM Activity Center
Sun., May 16 Holy Mary Society 9:10 - 10:00 AM Activity Center
Sun., May 16 Faith Formation Classes 9:15 - 10:15 AM Classrooms

God's love is limitless, without conditions, and all-inclusive. As St. Peter says, "...God shows no partiality."

In many ways, the calling of motherhood reflects God's love for us. Mothers endure hardships, pain, disappointment, frustration, and fatigue so their children thrive.

Motherhood can be a most rewarding vocation. There is pure joy watching your children grow to become successful adults and hopefully, love you in return.

Many children in our world are motherless. Too many lose their mothers to domestic abuse, mental illness, war, violence, and diseases like HIV/AIDS.

As we celebrate Mother's Day today, ask God to identify children who need our love. Whether born to us biologically, through adoption, or brought into our lives by someone else, may we be shower them with the unconditional love every human being needs.

Holy Mary Society



Ladies of the Parish! We are excited to be able to host Jessica Michna once again next Sunday, May 16th. We will meet in the Activity Center and be seated socially distant. Masks will be worn. We are planning the time frame to be 9:10 to 10:00. There won't be any food or coffee served.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you."



Your gift and your partnership with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a good way to live this commandment.

Please Register for Mass

It is important to let us know if you are planning to come to Mass for Sunday. Besides using this information to plan seating in church, we also use it to determine the number of Worship Aids and Bulletins we print, how much Communion bread we'll need, etc.

Please remember in prayer Ellinore Mielke, of St. Luke, who has died, her husband, Jerry and their family.



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. R./And let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R./ Amen.

Luke's Literary Ladies

Luke's Literary Ladies will meet on Tuesday May 18th in the Narthex Meeting room at 7:00pm. The book selected is: Enchantress of Numbers by Jennifer Chiaverini.



A Mother's Day Blessing

Loving God, as a Mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You watch over Your Church.

Bless all the women in our lives that they may be strengthened as Christian Mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their daughters and sons, may honor them always with a spirit of profound reverence and loving respect.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Fish Fry News

If you missed our 3 Lenten fish frys this year, here is what people were saying:

- “The quality of the food was as good or better than any from local restaurants. Kudos to the chefs and order preparers.”
- “I have not had potato pancakes that good in the last 3 years.”
- “My wife’s review was that “it was the best fish fry she ever tasted” (she had the coconut shrimp) and I had the fried cod. The amount of food served in each portion was overly generous, but well received.”



Lenten Fish Fry 2021 were the most successful Fish Frys ever! Between the 3, we served over 1,000 meals with a profit of about \$8,300. We even had to purchase another deep fryer to keep up with the demand!

Special thank you to all of our cooks and fryers, the Brookfield Central National Honor Society and all of the YOU, our sponsors and patient patrons as we worked through our hiccups and learning curves. Our next fish fry will be held at the St. Luke Fall Festival Friday September 10th. We hope to see YOU there!

New Tax Exempt Number

St. Luke Parish has been issued a new tax exempt number and certificate by the State of Wisconsin. Anyone who makes purchases on behalf of the parish will need a copy of the new certificate and should contact Jane in the parish office to make arrangements to get a new copy. The old forms should be destroyed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Wednesday Evening Scripture Study

Our Wednesday Evening Scripture Study will resume on May 12th at 7:00 PM in the Activity Center. Ron Gaura will lead a discussion of the Sunday Readings and major themes of the bible. Social Distance will be observed during our time together and masks are required. This is a tremendous opportunity to ‘Break Open God’s Word,’ grow in understanding of the Scriptures and prepare for the upcoming Sunday Eucharist.

Email Scam Alert

If you receive an email that looks like it is coming from Fr. Augustine asking for money, gift cards, or requesting any items of purchase, please delete it. It is a scam!

Newly Baptized



We welcome
Evelyn Dawn McLoraine
to our St. Luke Family.

Evelyn was baptized
on May 1st

and initiated into the Mystery of Christ
as lived here in our St. Luke Community.

We congratulate her parents
Sean & Jill, and
Godparents **Cory Armendariz**
and **Erin McLoraine**.



Dear People of St. Luke – Easter Spirited People, ALL!

In 1973, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) produced a document ‘Behold Your Mother, Woman of Faith.’ In that document the Bishops clarified the focus of devotional life throughout the liturgical year:

From the Pastor



“The liturgical season should set the tone for Marian prayers at each particular time of the year, e.g. May devotions should reflect Paschal (Easter) and Pentecostal (Spirit) orientations. Advent provides a unique opportunity for the consideration of Mary. Following her example, the Church awaits the Lord, not only in His coming in Bethlehem, but also in His second coming, and indeed in that daily presence to which the Church as bride must ever be sensitive.”

As I read that, Advent is Mary’s time, and May of the Easter Season is focused on New Life in Christ and the power of the Spirit. Given that, traditions developed over generations continue to be clung to no matter what.

Over the years May has become Marian focused and less Spirit and Easter oriented. With that in mind I concede to teaching about Marian devotion during the month of May.

Iconography - images, icons, statuary - tells the story. If one looks at images of Mary from the early centuries of Christianity, Mary is always pictured with the child Jesus. Mary is Mother of God. With cultural adaptation over the centuries well into our own day, and variances in Christology (understanding and study of Christ; Theology, understanding and study of God; Mariology, understanding and study of Mary’s role in salvation), Mary is for the most part imaged as a sole figure standing alone; Mary without the child Jesus. Some say ‘a goddess figure.’

I certainly remember many Marian devotional activities, and I trust many of us do, but that which I learned in childhood does not always speak to life in an adult complicated society. For me, “Mary, Mother of God,” (the oldest Marian feast celebrated) is ‘the disciple par excellence’ – and a tremendous example of what it means to say a Godly “YES” when faced with life’s choices whether we understand it or not.

With Mother’s Day on this Sixth Sunday of Easter I share a reflection by S. Joan Chittister, OSB, entitled, *Thoughts on Mary*:

“Gerard Manley Hopkins, the great Jesuit poet, said in his poem, “The May Magnificat,” that the reason May is Mary’s month is that it is the season of growth. In Mary grew the vision that made her open to the Incarnation; in Mary grew the image of the strong and independent woman; in Mary grew the Christ who changed the lives of all of us. Mary is not a plaster statue. Mary is the woman whose commitment and courage saved the world from self-centeredness.



Mary, Mother of God statue from old St. Joseph Church, (now Holy Trinity) Oconto, WI

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“One of my favorite remembrances of grade school is the memory of the May altar. Everyday we said our prayers in front of it; everyday we loaded it down with fresh flowers purloined from every yard along the way to school. It was a child’s way of growing into the idea that heaven was not without a mother’s protection and a woman’s care. This culture has substituted machoism and power for feminine concern and openness. Maybe that’s why all the violence of our time is still such a shock to our systems. It is clearly time for May altars again.

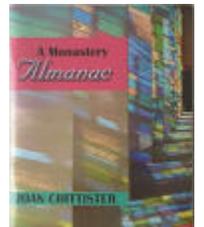
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“Mary, our mother,” is one of Mary’s most common titles. We cling to it all our lives. Why? Because “mothering,” the sense of being cared for and protected, supported and understood, is the human being’s primal need. “Mother’s Day” is the call to all of us to remember those—both women and men—who have mothered us in life and then be conscious of our call to mother those around us, as well.

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“The monastic prayer of Compline (Night Prayer) always ends with a Marian hymn. In the Easter season, monastics sing the *Regina Coeli*, or “Queen of Heaven.” It is amazing that the church’s attitude toward Mary has not marked the Church’s attitude toward women in general. Perhaps the reason is that we could not see beyond what culture told us that women were and so never really came to conversion. Whatever the reason, we all have a lot of growing to do if the woman, Mary, is ever to be seen as God saw women and saw her.

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“It is not insignificant that Mary, Queen of Peace, is also Mary of Nazareth and not Mary of Jerusalem, or Mary of Caesarea. The most significant woman of all time came from one of the area’s most insignificant of places. Mary made nothingness visible. It takes a lot of human growing to find value in the valueless—in small places and simple things and powerless people. But that is the basis for peace, both inside of us and in the world around us.

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“In the rosary, when we pray the mystery of the Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven, we see a woman raised to the feminine counterpoint of the Divine. It is a call to see equality as the fullness of the Will of God. Are we missing our own message? May is woman’s month. Do something to make the life of women better.”

—from *A Monastery Almanac* by Joan Chittister (Benetvision) Reprinted with permission.



A Happy Mother’s Day and A Blessed Easter,
Fr. Augustine



From Cathy's Desk

'Love Moved First' ~ sung by *Casting Crowns*

“...I remember where you found me,
I'm amazed by where I stand
Your cross is the proof,
That love made the first move...”

Words and Music Mark Hall, Matthew West and Bernie Herms

Our scripture passages this Sunday speak so much of love that they made me think of the song sung by Casting Crowns, 'Love Moved First.' This song speaks to the heart of what we hear today. In the Gospel we hear that we are friends of Jesus which makes it possible for us to truly "know" Jesus and God. It is in the knowing which makes it possible for us to love. However, this love cannot be one sided. Yes, God does love us and accepts us as we are, but we are called to love one another as well. It is our duty and privilege to bring the love of God to those who meet. Do me (yourself) a favor and listen to the whole song of 'Love Moved First.' Enjoy the music and the message.

Adult Question: How is love of others connected to love for God?

Child Question: Who needs Jesus' love this week? How can you show them his love?

~ Cathy Smith

Director of Faith Formation/Pastoral Associate

Christian Faith Formation News

While we only have a few more sessions left for our Christian Faith Formation for this academic year, we are already thinking about Fall. As things seem to be turning the corner related to Covid-19, we are currently thinking that we will only be offering in person sessions. In the next few weeks we will be sending out forms for people who are re-registering. If you have any immediate questions please contact Cathy Smith at csmith@stlukebrookfield.org or 262-782-0032 ext. 106.

Annual Morning to Beautify the Grounds of St. Luke - Saturday, May 22, 2021

Time: 8:00 a.m. to Noon—Please give us any time that you are able to, and we'll have the perfect job for you!

Meet: In the church parking lot, upper level. No need to pre-register, we welcome everyone!

We provide: COVID-19 safe refreshments, annual flowers for our pots, perennial flower beds that need sprucing up, and lots of mulch.

You provide: A love for beautifying your parish, energy and your favorite gardening tools. We'll need help spreading mulch, so please bring your gloves, labeled shovels and rakes.

All ages are welcome—this is a wonderful opportunity for families to serve together.



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 _____

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The Memorial Message (Please fill in one line only)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Other _____



Safe Environment News: Attorney General Update

Most of us are now aware that the Attorney General of Wisconsin, Josh Kaul, has announced a statewide review of reports of clergy and faith leader abuse in Wisconsin. While your personal reaction may be less than enthusiastic, or “not again!” --this investigation is necessary and even crucial for the Catholic Church in the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

Participating in the Safe Environment sessions this year at our parish, we used the materials, “Conversations About L.I.F.E: Love, Infatuation, Friendship and Exploitation.” In the session with our high school youth, one aspect that was discussed in depth was the impact that sexual abuse has on the victim. The slide we viewed stated the following:

Sexual abuse is like a
serious wound that
needs to be healed.
The wound won't go away.
It will fester if you don't deal with it.

One does not have to look far to read about the results of the festering wound of sexual abuse in society today. Just as Scripture says from Matthew 5:15 — “nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.” What is needed is light into this crisis, to begin to deal with the wounds that otherwise will not go away.

If you have any experience, witness, or knowledge of sexual abuse within the Church, whether by clergy, vowed religious or lay person, please contact the Department of Justice at <https://supportsurvivors.widj.gov/>, or by phone at 1-877-222-2620. Even if you have reported before, or have never reported, they need to hear from you. There are no time limits on these reports, and confidentiality will be maintained. It is only by finally bringing light to this issue through transparency, accountability, and justice that we can finally move forward.

Marian Lamoureux
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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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