



Saint Luke Catholic Church

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October 3, 2021

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome to St. Luke

Mass Schedule

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| 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.
9:00 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 and 2022. Please call the parish office if you would like to have a Mass celebrated for your deceased loved one or for your special intention.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINAL TIME

Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

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| 5:00 PM | † | Eleanor Baldus/Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria |
| 8:00 AM | † | Jack Doffing |
| 10:30 AM | † | Nancy Kohlbeck |

Monday, October 4

Jon 1:1--2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

No Morning Mass

St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday, October 5

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

8:00 AM † Mary Meyer

Weekday

Wednesday, October 6

Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

8:00 AM † The Joseph & Eleanor Baldus Family

Weekday

Thursday, October 7

Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

No Morning Mass

Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday, October 8

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

No Morning Mass

Weekday

Saturday, October 9

Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

Weekday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINAL TIME

Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

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| 5:00 PM | | Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria |
| 8:00 AM | † | Bob & Jim Alexander |
| 10:30 AM | † | Betty Jacob |

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!

Sun., October 3.....Intergenerational Faith Formation
 11:45 - 10:15 AM Carpenter Hall/Gym
Mon., October 4 Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Church
Tues., October 5 Scripture Study
 9:00 AM..... Room 204
Tues., October 5 Safety & Security Committee
 6:30 PM Narthex Meeting Room
Tues., October 5 Perpetual Help Devotions
 6:30 PM Chapel
Tues., October 5 Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Church
Wed., October 6 Scripture Study
 7:00 PM Activity Center
Sun., October 10..... Faith Formation Classes
 9:15 - 10:15 AM Classrooms

Recycling TV's for Our Common Home

Pope Francis has said that we need “an environmental conversion” to protect our common home and change our mentality when it comes to recycling. That is why we are looking for your help in properly disposing of our old televisions. These old televisions are not compatible with the new digital signals and are sitting around collecting dust. Many electronic devices contain toxic substances such as lead, mercury, beryllium and cadmium, to name a few. The City of Brookfield is collecting old televisions for proper disposal and recycling, but charging a \$35 fee per television. We are looking for a few Brookfield residents willing to pick up a television beginning after Masses on October 3rd and drop it off at the recycling center October 13th between the hours of 11 and 2 along with the \$35 fee. If you do not live in Brookfield, you can still help by contributing towards the \$35 disposal fee. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Zarling at 262.352.4579 or zarling3@sbcglobal.net . Thank you.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

Last week we were able to welcome our neighbors to St. Luke to shop for themselves at our monthly food drive for the first time this year. The St. Luke Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to deliver food to those who need it but it is so much nicer for them to make their own choices. Thanks to our St. Luke Community for generously providing the groceries to make this possible. Together we can bring the love and mercy of Jesus to our neighbors. Thank you!



Relationships & Solidarity

Today’s readings speak about relationships: between spouses, adults and children, and the special relationship between humans and Creation. Catholic social teaching is focused on “right relationships” that bind us together in solidarity with one another.

In the gospel, Jesus reveals a special love for children. “Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”

Did you know that most of the people in the world who live in poverty are children? As we listen to the endless rhetoric of elected officials and candidates debating budgetary priorities and deficits, we might ask ourselves, “What would Jesus do?”

As we grapple with this question we might contemplate three key principles of Catholic social teaching.

1. The Life and Dignity of every human being from the womb to the tomb
2. The Preferential Option for the Poor and
3. Rights and Responsibilities.

To download a discussion guide, go to <https://www.usccb.org/resources/rights-and-responsibilities-discussion-guide#:~:text=Rights%20and%20Responsibilities%20Discussion%20Guide%20cst-101-rights-and-responsibilities-discussion-guide.pdf>

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From Cathy's Desk

"Only when we give joyfully, without hesitation or thought of gain, can we truly know what love means."

~Leo Buscaglia

While today's readings discuss divorce and Mosaic Law, I prefer to look at *love*. Jesus is Love! We know love because God loved us first. "Let the children come to me...then Jesus embraced them and blessed them." The two Great Commandments are about love too,

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ~Mark 12: 30-31

I also believe that for many of us, the second great commandment may be difficult. The reason I say this is because for some it is difficult to love one's self, and until we are able to love ourselves, we won't have the capacity to love anyone else. Remember, we are all made in God's image. As a way of trying to love yourself, I ask you to look in the mirror and say, "I love you!" Once you can love yourself for being a beautiful creation of God, you will be surprised at how much easier it will be to love others.

Adult Question: What keeps you from embracing the Kingdom of God like a child?

Child Question: How do you feel when you hear wonderful stories of how much God loves you?

Cathy Smith

Director of Faith Formation/Pastoral Associate



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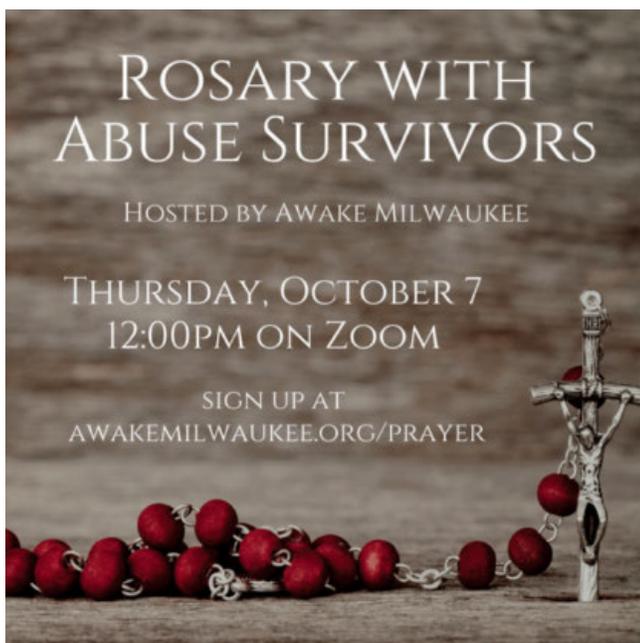
Peace and Blessings to your family!
Fr. Augustine

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.

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Dear People of St. Luke and Guests, Friends, ALL!

Unbelievable! Simply unbelievable! It's October! Most children are back in school (hoping to escape quarantine) with the daily unpredictability of COVID-19; Most of our children have returned to Christian Formation classes; our first of this year's Intergenerational/Whole Parish Catechesis focusing on 'Forms of Prayer' is today, October 3rd, after the 10:30 Mass. With October we also begin the observance of Reverence Life Month and conclude on October 4th, the Season of Creation. Last Sunday on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, in line with the Scriptures, we reflected on Pope Francis' hope of widening the 'we' to include all women, men and children; leaving no one behind be it at the Del Rio border crossing; Camp McCoy or wherever.

All of the above AND MORE, is about Reverencing Life - 'being Pro-Life.' I reprint below an article expanding on Pope Francis' hopes for our world as we widen the 'we' and truly Respect Life in all its forms and stages of development.

“Pope Francis: The Catholic Church must be welcoming”

By **Hannah Brockhaus** Vatican City, Sep 26, 2021



Pope Francis waves during the Angelus on Sept. 26, 2021/ Vatican Media

“Pope Francis on Sunday said the Catholic Church must be open and welcoming toward others, warning that division and exclusion come from Satan.

“We need to be vigilant about closure in the Church too,” he said before leading the Angelus prayer at the Vatican Sept. 26.

“Because the devil, who is the divider – this is what the word ‘devil’ means – always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude,” he added.

Speaking from a window overlooking St. Peter's Square, Francis said sometimes Catholics, instead of having humble and open communities, “can give the impression of being the ‘top of the class’ and keeping others at a distance.”

“Let us ask for the grace to overcome the temptation to judge and categorize,” he said, “and may God preserve us from the ‘nest’ mentality, that of jealously guarding ourselves in the small group of those who consider themselves good.”

Pope Francis warned that sometimes there are groups of people, such as a priest and his parishioners, some pastoral workers, or movements and associations with particular charisms which close themselves off to outsiders. “All this runs the risk of turning Christian communities into places of separation and not of communion,” he stated. “The Holy Spirit does not want closed-ness; He wants openness, and welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.”

After leading the Angelus, a traditional prayer about the Virgin Mary, the pope spoke about the Sept. 26 celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. He said “it is necessary to walk together, without prejudice and without fear, placing ourselves next to those who are most vulnerable: migrants, refugees, displaced persons, victims of trafficking and the abandoned. We are called to build an increasingly inclusive world that excludes no one.” Francis greeted several groups with the aim of helping migrants and refugees, which were gathered below him in St. Peter's Square.

“Thank you all for your generous commitment,” he said. The pope then invited everyone present to visit the “Angels Unawares” sculpture before leaving the Vatican. The 20-foot-tall bronze statue, unveiled in 2019, is based on Hebrews 13:2, “Be welcoming to strangers, many have entertained angels unawares.” The sculpture, by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz, depicts migrants throughout history crowded together on a boat with the Holy Family. Pointing to the statue in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis said, “dwell on the gaze of those people and welcome in that gaze the hope of starting to live again that every migrant has today.” “Go there, see that monument,” he urged. “Let's not close the doors to their hope.” (We have a miniature of this sculpture in our Narthex.)

Before the Angelus, the pope also reflected on the day's Gospel from St. Mark, in which the Evangelist recalls when Jesus said to his disciples: “If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.”

Pope Francis said Jesus wants us to stop judging others and to worry about our own behavior first. “Indeed, the risk is to be inflexible towards others and indulgent towards ourselves,” he noted.

“Jesus is radical, demanding, but for our own good, like a good doctor,” he continued. “Every cut, every pruning, is so we can grow better and bear fruit in love.” Let us ask, then: what is it in me that is contrary to the Gospel? What, in concrete terms, does Jesus want me to cut out of my life?”

“Let us pray to Mary Immaculate, that she may help us be welcoming towards others and vigilant over ourselves,” he concluded.”

Peace, Ken your pastor



Canadian sculptor Timothy P. Schmalz's sculpture, 'Angels Unawares.' Daniel Ibanez/ CNA

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Last Sunday we gathered singing, “God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle” calling us to allow God’s Spirit, given at birth and celebrated in Baptism, to be stirred up within us. On September 19th, when we commissioned/blessed Catechists ministering formally and informally we sang of our call to ‘fan the flame of Faith.’ We reflect on the fire of God’s life and love and consider how we can and must preserve our Common Home.

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At Home in Creation: The unquenchable fire in our heart

This article appears in the **At Home in Creation** feature series.

PAUSE

This week's reflections focus on fire.

READ

There is within us a fundamental dis-ease, an unquenchable fire that renders us incapable, in this life, of ever coming to full peace. This desire lies at the center of our lives, in the marrow of our bones, and in the deep recesses of the soul. At the heart of all great literature, poetry, art, philosophy, psychology, and religion lies the naming and analyzing of this desire. Spirituality is, ultimately, about what we do with that desire. What we do with our longings, both in terms of handling the pain and the hope they bring us, that is our spirituality. ... Spirituality is about what we do with our unrest. ... Everyone has to have a spirituality and everyone does have one, either a life-giving one or a destructive one. - Ronald Rolheiser, The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality. When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. — Acts 2:1-4

REFLECT

The sun is shining on my face as I sit on my porch and type. I close my eyes and appreciate its warmth as the cooler autumnal temperatures have finally, thankfully, arrived. Living in a place that can go long periods of time without a sunny day, I am grateful for the fire of the sun when it is around, especially as my mood and energy levels often drop in the winter months without its light. Sometimes on a day like today, the afternoon light will stream through a window in such a particular way that I stop in wonder at what Merton calls the "the cosmic dance."

The sun is a miracle. It provides the exact intensity of warmth needed for life to exist on Earth. Plants are fed from the sun's rays through photosynthesis, and through a fascinating process that I've honestly never thought much about until now, humans are able to produce vitamin D that strengthens our bones through exposure to sunlight.

The discovery of fire changed the course of human history. In one sense, this fire has allowed humanity to make amazing advancements that we benefit from today: electricity, access to life-saving technology, even the Internet where you're reading this reflection now.

We also know that fire can be destructive, and we feel this acutely as wildfires continue to rage on the West Coast of the United States. Burning unprecedented quantities of fossil fuels, a gift from the bodies of plants and animals that previously inhabited the Earth, has allowed some parts of the world to prosper while also speeding up climate change, often with disproportionate impacts on communities that have consumed the least.

Fire also has spiritual facets. The Holy Spirit is depicted as fire at Pentecost, and this fire helped the earliest followers of Jesus use their voices to spread the Gospel message in the midst of uncertainty. Like the disciples, we, too, are being called to speak courageously as we imagine a new way of being in relationship with nature, one in which we depend on the elements of the sun and wind instead of fossil fuels.

Our spirituality is our own internal fire and energy that moves us to act in response to our pain and our hope. As we consider the pain and hope we hold for the world right now, we must tend the embers of the spiritual fires that sustain us so that we can continue to share our light, unique gifts, and passions with the world. Only by tending these internal flames can we slow the exterior fires and illuminate a life-giving path forward.

- What gifts has the element of fire provided you?
 - Where or how do you connect with the element of fire where you live?
- How is God inviting you to channel the "unquenchable fire" inside of you to create the world you desire?

ACT

- If it is sunny where you are today, take a few moments pause and intentionally feel the warmth and energy of the sun on your face today.
- If there isn't sunshine in your area today, place a hand on your chest (if you are able) and pause to feel the warmth of your skin and the energy of your heartbeat. Share a prayer of gratitude for the unique fire and desires that God has placed in your heart.

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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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