



Saint Luke Catholic Church

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December 25, 2021 Nativity of the Lord

December 26, 2021 Feast of the Holy Family



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.
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 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

Saturday, December 25

Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Christmas Eve

4:30 PM

Parishioners, especially Children of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria

9:00 PM

Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria

Christmas Day

9:00 AM

Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

8:00 AM † Jack Doffing

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria

Monday, December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

No Morning Mass

St. John the Evangelist

Tuesday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

8:00 AM † George & Joanne Grinker

The Holy Innocents

Wednesday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

8:00 AM † Gioan Nguyen Van Ngon

The 5th Day within the Octave of Christmas

Thursday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

No Morning Mass

The 6th Day within the Octave of Christmas

Friday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

No Morning Mass

The 7th Day within the Octave of Christmas

Saturday, January 1

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

9:00 AM

Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

8:00 AM † Jack Doffing

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria

THE EPIPHANY 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!



Holy Family

The scriptures this Sunday highlight the Catholic social teaching principle of solidarity - the recognition that we are responsible for each other – within our families, neighborhoods, country, and the whole world. Solidarity means committing ourselves to making decisions based on the common good of all God’s children, rather than what is best for us as individuals.

The second reading reminds us that we cannot be in solidarity with people whom we hold grudges against. We can only be in solidarity if we are one community, regardless of our differences. The Holy Family demonstrated solidarity when they travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast. It was a long, dusty, journey, but the importance of being present with others merited the effort.

As we begin a new year, may we grow in solidarity and make courageous decisions based on what is best for all God’s children, even if it is at the expense of our own interest.

Catholic Charities invites you to express your solidarity for the last time this year. We welcome year-end gifts at www.ccmke.org

Tues., December 28..... Perpetual Help Devotions
6:30 PM Chapel
Wed., December 29..... Auction Decorating
1:00 PM Carpenter Hall
Wed., December 29.....Scripture Study
7:00 PM Activity Center

Reminder

There will be no Individual Reconciliation or 5:00 PM Mass on January 1st.

Year-End Contributions

In order to be included in your 2021 Contribution Statement, all donations to St. Luke must be received in the Parish Office by Friday, December 31, 2021. Thank you.



December 26th is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the St. Luke Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring joy and hope to our “brothers and sisters” who are in need by assisting 14 families with food, rent, transportation, or utility bills. Thank you for your participation!

Do We Have Your Email Address?

We have tried to stay in touch with St. Luke members since the beginning of the pandemic by sending a weekly email to all registered households. If you are not receiving the email, it’s because we don’t have your email address. Please contact Jane in the parish office to be added to the list. You can send an email to jdunne@stlukebrookfield.org or call the parish office (262) 782-0032. Thank you!

Blood Drive - Save the Date!

We have added 2 additional blood drives at St. Luke for 2022. Our next drive will be Wednesday, January 19th, from 3-7pm. in the Narthex. Watch the bulletin for more information. Thank you for considering this vital outreach.

Auction News

All registered households should have received an invitation to our parish auction Saturday January 22, 2022. Please join us as we go “Under The Sea.” Raffle tickets will go on sale after all Masses next Sunday. Reservations can be collected at the raffle table, placed in the collection basket, or mailed to the parish. We hope to see you there!

Did you get a Christmas gift this year that you are not really excited about? Don’t fret, donate it to your parish auction! Our silent auction tables are empty and need to be filled. Please bring your donation to the parish office during normal office hours or drop off when you come to Mass. Questions to Paul Zarling at 262.352.4579 or zarling3@sbcglobal.net

Cleaners Needed

We are in need of additional people to assist with cleaning/ sanitizing the church after Masses. This essential ministry takes about 15 minutes and helps keep everyone safe. If you are able to help, please call Shawn in the parish office 262-782-0032. Instructions are provided.

Holy Day Mass Schedule - Mary, Mother of God

Friday, December 31
Holy Apostles - 4:30 PM

Saturday, January 1
St. Luke 9:00 AM



“And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and humankind.”

As a mother of four adult children I can say with great certainty that having a child advance in wisdom and age and favor before God and people is something for which to be strive. I was blessed to have four children in about six years. If you are doing the math, yes, they are very close together. With that being said, I sometimes wondered as a young mother would they all survive my parenting and the dynamics of our family. There were days when this was truly a question. Most of us wish for our children to do more than just survive. We want our children to thrive and be successful in their own way. Parenting is finding a balance between protecting them from pain and being present to them as they exert independence. Even now with them being aged twenty-six to thirty-two, these challenges still exist. This is why I am happy to know that even when they face challenges, they know that their father and I will be there for them, but more importantly, their God will be there for them.

Adult Question: How would you have reacted if you were Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the Temple?

Child Question: What do you think it was like for Jesus to be in the Temple for three days without his parents?

Cathy Smith

Director of Faith Formation/Pastoral Associate

“A Christmas Blessing” Free Concert Recording

The School Sisters of St. Francis joyfully present a musical Christmas gift recorded in the historic St. Joseph Chapel! Enjoy a concert of Christmas music featuring the Gaudete Chorale, the SSSF Chapel Singers, and a Christmas message and blessing from the sisters.

Shawn Rochon, our Director of Music and Liturgy, with his Native American Flute, and Jacki Thering, our Choir Accompanist, played an improvisation of 'Huron Carol' and Shawn accompanied the choir on another piece. Cathy Lundeen, one of the organizers of the Gaudete Chorale, and Bill Erickson both of St. Luke Music Ministry sang with the group.

“A Christmas Blessing” is available to watch online beginning Dec. 22. Simply visit the sisters’ website to watch on any computer or mobile device: www.sssf.org

Join the Human Concerns Committee

Greetings from the St. Luke Human Concerns Committee! We are seeking additional members for this important ministry as we restart our valuable efforts. Plans are currently underway for Blood Drives, Panera Bread Outreach, Giving Tree, Hope Center Lunches, and Educational Efforts. Kindly reach out for additional information and to become part of our group.

We welcome all!

Email Bill Kirsch (kirsch.family@sbcglobal.net) or call 262-844-0778.

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.



Christmas Memorials 2021

St. Luke would appreciate your donations to help in purchasing Christmas decorations. Sadly, we are unable to have instrumentalists again this year because of the pandemic. Please fill out the form below. This is a special way to remember a loved one or a special event. Your memorials will be published in the parish bulletin at the end of the Christmas Season.

Please return this form, along with your donation, in an envelope marked “Christmas 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 \$ _____

The Memorial Message (Please fill in one line only)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



Other _____



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

As we celebrate our Lord's Nativity on this Christmas Eve/Day and distribute the same bulletin for the Feast of the Holy Family we welcome all visitors, travelers, members and guests to our Saint Luke Parish Community. If you have joined us in worship during these COVID-19 times and/or live in the area we invite you to consider joining our parish to journey with us in Faith. A special Christmas Welcome to family members who have moved away from home and are home for a visit. We also send warm Christmas and New Year's Greetings to our parishioners who are hospitalized or homebound and receive this bulletin, and all who stay connected through our stlukebrookfield.org website or Facebook. We lift you in prayer. We send Christmas Greetings - 'tidings of great joy' - to all who join in celebrating Emmanuel: God with us! **'A Blessed and Merry Christmas to All!'**

Many of us are feeling the stress of the troubling times in which we live. Each day, we are confronted with the news of violence, economic challenges, racial injustice unrest, and certainly life COVID-19 style; like it or not. This Christmas, as a Nation and as Church, we find ourselves divided through political and racial struggles. Civility and honesty is indeed wanting in our relationships and in our society. With hope we long for peacefulness, equality and justice; a return to truth which gives light.

We also call to mind and celebrate all the goodness shown forth in so many people and organizations giving hope for a more just, loving, welcoming and inclusive society. There were over 400 gift tags on our Advent Giving Tree and all gifts were purchased and distributed brightening many hearts this Christmas. Other gifts just appeared: Thanks for them, too!

Perhaps our stress is even closer to home as we deal with the illness and maybe death of a loved one from COVID-19 or any illness, the loss of a job, discrimination of one kind or another, a broken relationship, tragedy or natural disaster. *"Letting go in life and in death is very hard work."* What we really want for Christmas is a little peace. Our God is closer to us than we are to ourselves and loves equally each and every member of our earth family. There in lies the message and beauty of Christmas! In the face of a baby our tremendous human potential is seen and celebrated.

Our celebration of Christmas brings to light the Word of God made flesh in Jesus and in US. Christmas is Easter in Wintertime! The crib and cross are one. From the manger bed, through life to the cross and beyond the grave, the Lord Jesus shows us the path to health, happiness and holiness.

In last year's Christmas message I wrote that as the saying goes, "Next year in Jerusalem" we would again hopefully enjoy our Music Ministry. Well, this year *'in Jerusalem'* we again have our Music Ministry back with us almost in full force. We welcome back the choral artistry of our wonderful choir (masked, of course), under the direction of Shawn Rochon and accompanied by Jacki Thering; our Handbell Choir under Shawn's direction; and our Youth Handchime Choir under the direction of Caitlin and Vance Dahl. Still in 'COVID-19 style,' we will sing limited verses of our Christmas Carols: '

This year our Singing Choir has prepared three selections from different countries; texts, melodies and harmony to lift our hearts: *'He Is Born (a French Carol);'* *'O Sanctissima,'* a traditional Sicilian Melody (*'O Thou Joyful day;'*) *'Once, As I Remember,'* a 17th century Italian Carol; *'Infant Holy, Infant Lowly;'* and finally, *'Christmas Lullaby'* which ties together Christmas and Easter as one Mystery in Faith. Without specific permission of World Library Publications I share only a few lines of Joe Mattingly's text from *'Christmas Lullaby'* - *"Christ by highest heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord. Look upon the cradle stand, nails shall pierce his feet and hands. O see now, our infant King shall bear our cross in suffering."* It is so tempting to keep the Christ Child in the manger, rather than listen to the Lord who grew up and showed us how to live and love as maturing People of God bringing God's Justice. We pray: *O Emmanuel, transform us on our Journey of Faith.'*



Again this year through the generosity of the Holy Mary Society of St. Luke each parish household and guest will receive as a Christmas gift, *"Life is Messy;"* by Matthew Kelly, and/or *"The Wisdom of Archbishop Fulton Sheen: 365 Days of Inspiration."* You are welcome to both. Thanks, Holy Mary Society members!

Our dedicated Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council join me in wishing one and all, a Blessed Christmas!

Pastoral Staff:

Jane Dunne	Cathy Smith	Shawn Rochon	Mark Vanchena	Bob Bernhardt	Fr. Augustine
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CHRISTMAS 2021

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds.

No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Jerome E. ListECKi

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi

Archbishop of Milwaukee

Kentucky Tornado Relief

Dear People of St. Luke and Guests,

As you know, tornadoes recently tore through multiple states in the South and Midwest. Many Catholics and others of good will have already donated to Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief to help with immediate response to the victims.

As our sisters and brothers move into the long-term recovery phase, Archbishop ListECKI has asked that we focus on one of the hardest hit areas, the Diocese of Owensboro, which is located in the western portion of the state of Kentucky and is the home diocese of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mayville, KY. We suggest making outreach contributions in one of the two ways below:

1. Giving baskets will be available at the church doors at the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses for Sunday, December 26th. This Feast of the Holy Family seems most appropriate for us to reach out in assistance. Please make checks payable to St. Luke Parish with Memo: Tornado Relief. One check will be sent from St. Luke to the Archdiocese on Jan. 3, 2022 and contributions will be forwarded to the Catholic Diocese of Owensboro.

2. Donations can be made online at <https://owensborodiocese.org/give/> or you may send checks directly to the Catholic Diocese of Owensboro at 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301. Please designate your check as "Tornado Relief."

Thanks in advance for your generosity as we reach out to our sisters and brothers. We make this journey together and the journey makes us one!

Fr. Augustine



A Christmas Wish and Prayer

*Good and gracious God,
above the clamor of our violence,
your word of truth resounds.*

*Over nations enshrouded in despair,
your justice dawns.*

*Grant your household on this earth
a discerning spirit and a watchful eye
to embrace the hour in which we live.*

*Hasten the advent of that day
when the weapons of war shall be banished,
our deeds of darkness cast off,
and all your scattered children gathered into one.*

*May the Light and the Peace,
the Hope and the Serenity,
the Unity and the Joy
of Emmanuel,*

*God-with-us in Jesus,
Be with you and yours during this Sacred Season!*

Merry Christmas!

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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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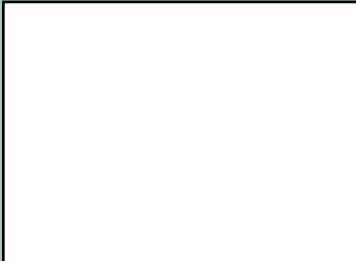
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