



Saint Luke Catholic Church

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January 2, 2022

Epiphany of the Lord



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

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

Monday, January 3

1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

No Morning Mass

Christmas Weekday

Tuesday, January 4

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

8:00 AM † Margaret Boos

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday, January 5

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

8:00 AM † Ed and Jean LeRoy

St. John Neumann

Thursday, January 6

1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22

No Morning Mass

Christmas Weekday

Friday, January 7

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

No Morning Mass

Christmas Weekday

Saturday, January 8

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Christmas Weekday

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

5:00 PM † Mike Zarling
8:00 AM † Kathy Czachor (*Handbell Choir*)
10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria

BAPTISM 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!



Epiphany

We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord this week. This feast reminds us that Jesus came as a universal savior—for all people, not just the Jews. The Magi, who brought special gifts to the infant Jesus, came from distant lands. They recognized the Messiah in the tiny baby more than most of Jesus’ own people did. Sometimes it’s easy to forget that our Catholic faith is open to everyone. But the word “catholic” means universal—for everyone, everywhere, all the time. Our challenge this week is to give a special gift to someone who has been left out, someone who hasn’t been invited into the inner circle of friendship, someone who really needs an unexpected gift. It might be something material, but it could also be the gift of conversation, listening, paying attention.

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- Tues., January 4.....Scripture Study**
9:00 AM..... Room 204
- Tues., January 4.....Safety & Security Committee**
6:00 PM Narthex Meeting Room
- Tues., January 4..... Perpetual Help Devotions**
6:30 PM Chapel
- Wed., January 5..... Auction Decorating**
1:00 PM Carpenter Hall
- Wed., January 5.....Scripture Study**
7:00 PM Activity Center
- Sat., January 8 1st Reconciliation Retreat**
9:00 AM..... Narthex Meeting Room
- Sun., January 9 Faith Formation Classes**
9:15 - 10:15 AM Classrooms
- Sun., January 9 ‘Undeck the Halls’**
11:30 AM..... Church/Narthex

Blessing the Home on Epiphany

Lord God in Heaven and Earth, who has revealed the only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star: Bless this house and all who dwell in it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their love for others may truly reflect Christ’s love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MM+C+M+B+XXII

The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi-Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar- and come from the Latin prayer: “Christus Mansionem Benedicat: May Christ bless this house. Amen.”

*Parish Auction - Saturday, January 22
Under the Sea*

Do not forgot to purchase raffle tickets for the auction Grand Raffle. Do not miss your chance to win \$1,000! Stop at the table in the Narthex to purchase tickets, turn in dinner reservations, or donate a live or silent auction item. Auction items can be brought with you to Mass or dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours. Questions to Paul Zarling at 262.352.4579 or zarling3@sbcglobal.net



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.

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.



From Cathy's Desk

"Happy Birthday Dad!"

Today, January 2, 2022, my Dad would be 80 years old. While my Dad did not follow a star, I do consider him to be a *Wiseman*. During his time on earth he married the love of his life and with her had six children. He worked as many as three jobs at one time to help provide for his brood. Dad was a skilled laborer and was cleaver with his mind as well. He taught us that we should be grateful for the things we have, to work hard to get ahead, to share with those who are less fortunate than us and most importantly how to love. The lessons he imparted on us were sometimes explicit and other times implicit. He taught us how to live, and in the end, he also taught us how to die. My siblings and I know how lucky we were to have him as our father. Each of us honors him in different ways and for different reasons. Today, as many days, we miss him being physically present in our lives. There are many things we wish we could share with him. We know that it in time we will be with him again, so until then we wish him a Happy Birthday in heaven.

Adult Question: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Child Question: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

Cathy Smith
Director of Faith Formation/Pastoral Associate

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.

"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. You Tube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIdwkcP5AgA>

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,

A Blessed Christmas as we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord.

Within our cluster of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Holy Apostles and St. Luke, the pastors gather monthly for lunch. Our conversation is always thought-provoking, challenging, supportive and above all life-giving. Of course with Fr. Joe Aufdermauer and I being past retirement age, retirement has come up. Fr. Arul is nowhere near that milestone. Fr. Joe has said, his spiritual director tells him, ‘You don’t retire from something; you retire to something.’ With that in mind, I offer the following reflection by Cardinal Archbishop Blasé Cupich, of Chicago, entitled:

The Magi’s Conversion (January, 2021)

“On the first Sunday of this New Year, the Magi remind us that our faith life is a journey. It is a journey that leads to a conversion, for we are told that they “return home by a different way.”

““Conversion” is often associated with turning away from sin, such as we experience in the season of Lent. Yet, the story of the Magi prompts us to consider another kind of conversion, one that leads to a more mature understanding of the meaning of our lives. Their conversion is not so much about what we are to leave behind, but rather about our coming to a more profound understanding of what lies ahead, where God is leading us as we discern divine presence and action in the world. Two moments in their journey from the east to Bethlehem are instructive.

““First, notice the difference in the ways the Magi and the others in the Gospel react to the birth of the newborn king. The sages from the east focus on what God is doing, as they follow the rising star in the heavens. Their unwavering trust that God is leading them not only gives them the courage to leave the familiar surroundings of their homeland, but also fills them with a joyful sense of wonder as they travel. God is literally moving the heavens to show them the way.

“Herod and the chief priests, on the other hand, fix their minds on the thought of maintaining their positions of authority. They panic at the idea that someone could challenge their power, an obsession that blinds them to reality, for what is taking place in the skies above is available to them, if only they would look up.

“Pope Francis has urged us not to be trapped in the world of ideas, which are often reflective of our self-interests, to the point that we ignore what is really happening. Ideas, he writes in his latest book, “Let Us Dream,” are debated and argued, which leaves us divided. Reality, on the other hand, includes what God is doing and thus must be discerned, a task that unites us in a common quest to discover where God is leading us.

“The Magi call us to a similar kind of conversion of heart, particularly as we respond to the pandemic. They call us to move beyond limiting our thinking to self-interest, and instead first ask what is God calling all of humanity to learn from the suffering that is common to us all. Or, as Pope Francis writes, this is a moment to dream of a different future for humanity, one that chooses “fraternity over individualism...a sense of belonging to each other and to the whole of humanity...(for) the pandemic has exposed what while we are more interconnected, we are also more divided.” (‘Let Us Dream’)

“A second noteworthy scene in the Magi’s story is their arrival in Bethlehem, where they adore the newborn king. They pay homage to this child, not King Herod. Recently, I was talking to a family who welcomed their first grandchild. Starting already this Christmas, they are making plans to photograph every stage of the little girl’s life for future viewing — “perhaps at her pre-nuptial dinner,” gushed Grandpa.

“A great blessing in life is being able to mark the development and maturation of a child as she or he grows up. Yet, it is also true that we change as we learn to adjust our relationship with children, treating them differently as they mature. If we don’t, we hear about it, for no teen likes to be treated like a 7-year-old and no young adult like a teen.

The same goes for our relationship to Christ. As we age, our relationship with Jesus must develop appropriately, so that in adulthood we embrace our responsibilities as disciples for the mission of the church, lest we find ourselves stuck in the spirituality of our childhood. The call to an adult spirituality is at the heart of the renewal called for by the Second Vatican Council (and in the Chicago Archdiocese through Renew My Church). Adults bond together in pursuing what is good for all and are creative in looking for solutions to new challenges.

“The storied history of the church in Chicago (Milwaukee) is filled with remarkable achievements of the past, including the establishment and building of parish churches by immigrant communities who sacrificed greatly. We must honor this legacy of achievements, but we must also recognize that neighborhoods have changed, populations have shifted and we are in a different place. Legacies are like traditions. They must be preserved, but in a way that challenges us to sacrifice as our ancestors did for the generations to come.

“The Holy Father is fond of quoting the great Austrian composer Gustav Mahler when speaking about respecting tradition: “Tradition is not a repository of ashes, but the preservation of the fire.” The practice at the Easter Vigil of passing on the flame of the new fire, person to person, comes to mind.

“The Magi challenge us to take up a different kind of conversion, one that leads to a more mature understanding of the purpose and meaning of our lives as disciples of Jesus. It is a conversion not about what we leave behind, but rather a discernment of what lies ahead. It is a conversion that leads us to a mature spirituality, prompting a greater sense of responsibility for Christ’s mission in the world.

“Let us look to the Magi, and like them, be unafraid to take up the journey by a different way.”

Fr. Augustine

From the Pastor



Epiphany on Sunday

On many calendars, Epiphany falls on January 6th, but the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates it on whatever date Sunday falls during the week of January 2nd.

Epiphany means “manifestation,” and it celebrates the day that the infant Jesus revealed his divinity to the Magi. Traditionally, this event is connected with two others from the Gospels: the Baptism of Jesus and the Wedding at Cana. In all these events, the mystery of Christ became more manifest. The Magi, coming from the East, signify that gentile nations—not just Jewish nations—were coming to recognize Jesus as the savior of the world.

The Bible does not indicate on what day the magi visited—nor, for that matter, on what day Jesus was born. January 6th was probably chosen for this observance as an alternative for early Christians living in a culture where pagans already commemorated the birth of a sun god on the same day.

The day, the twelfth day of Christmas, gave rise to a host of customs, as well as a popular Christmas carol.

The biblical event is so important that the Catholic Church lists Epiphany among the solemnities that may be designated holydays of obligation. Episcopal conferences determine local holydays, and in the United States, January 6th was never included. In any country where Epiphany is not a holyday of obligation, the observance moves to a Sunday so that it may be celebrated by the entire Catholic community.

The transfer of Epiphany to a Sunday has the disadvantage of dividing the celebration among various Christian Churches of the world, but the advantage of helping the entire Catholic community proclaim and celebrate the meaning of coming of Christ.

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St. Luke Auction Invites you “Under the Sea”
January 22, 2022
**Take me out to the ocean, take me under the sea,
where mermaids and crabs and creatures abound,
this is the place where you want to be found!**

**5:00 PM: Hand Passed Appetizers, Silent Auction and
Cocktails**
7:00 PM: Dinner
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**9:00 PM: Raffle Drawing & Entertainment by the Brookfield
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Christmas is the Commitment to Life

It was not what I expected to have happen at a White House Conference in Washington, D.C. on the relationship of the faith community to race relations in the United States. But because of that meeting I began to realize what Christmas is really all about. We were black, white, and brown, Muslims, Hindus, Christians, Bahai, and Native Americans called together to discuss the relationship of religion to race. Ironically enough, it was the Indian chief who taught me the meaning of Isaiah.

Into the midst of the theological meanderings of those of us who wanted to write another paper, have another meeting, take another workshop to combat racism, the Indian chief brought the message of Isaiah again. He stood up slowly, folded his hands quietly in front of him, looked out over our heads and said softly, "I have spent my life teaching our children to say 'thank you': Thank you for the grass. Thank you for the rain. Thank you for the stranger. Thank you for all the people of the world. I think that if we learn to say 'thank you' for everything, we will come to realize its value, to respect it, to see it as sacred."

It was a simple speech but it had a kind of cataclysmic effect on my soul. It gave me pause. It made me think. It raised the specter of Isaiah in me all over again. It made me think newly about what the scriptures are really talking about when they tell us to "make straight the way of God." I suddenly realized that Christmas is time to shout "thank you."

Christmas is the commitment to life made incarnate. It is the call to see God everywhere and especially in those places we would not expect to find glory and grace. It is the call to exult in life.

Christmas is the obligation to see that everything leads us directly to God, to realize that there is no one, nothing on earth that is not the way to God for me. I knew instantly that the moment we begin to really celebrate Christmas, to look at everyone and everything as a revelation of God, to say "thank you" for them, that racism would be over, war would be no more, world hunger would disappear, everything would be gift, everyone would be sacred.

Indeed, it is simple but oh, so clear: All we have to do to "make straight the way of God" is to say "thank you," to learn to live intensely, to have a zeal for life, to develop a passion for life.

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Women's Christmas

There is a custom, rooted in Ireland, of celebrating Epiphany as Women's Christmas. We're extending the celebration from one day to four days. These four days are an invitation for you to rest, reflect, and contemplate where you are in your unfolding spiritual path.

Thursdays, January 13-27
10:30-11:30 a.m. via Zoom

&

Thursday, February 3
10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Firstfruits

For more information and event registration, please visit firstfruits.info/events or contact Joan Carey at firstfruits.joan@gmail.com.

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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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