



Saint Luke Catholic Church

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January 9, 2022

Baptism 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 9

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/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

Monday, January 10

1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

No Morning Mass

Weekday

Tuesday, January 11

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

8:00 AM † Tom Boos

Weekday

Wednesday, January 12

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

8:00 AM † Robert & Marie Guidinger

Weekday

Thursday, January 13

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

No Morning Mass

Weekday

Friday, January 14

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

No Morning Mass

Weekday

Saturday, January 15

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

Weekday

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

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

8:00 AM † George & Margaret Lubeley

10:30 AM † Gary Drinan

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 AND Dignity

Today’s Gospel reading reminds us that each of us is loved by God. Made in the image and likeness of God we are “beloved”. Every human being has been gifted with life and has dignity and worth. All life is sacred from the womb to the tomb because Our Lord God has breathed life in us. At Baptism we become part of the Christian community of believers, called to build God’s Kingdom on earth.

Abortion, poverty, war, and ethnic cleansing have robbed many of our brothers and sisters of their lives and dignity. Each of us can take action by advocating for their needs, rejecting individualistic values and working for the common good. At times, this may require us to make choices that may not be beneficial to us personally but benefit other vulnerable, beloved children of God.

To defend the lives of the unborn, visit www.usccb.org/prolife To learn more about ending poverty in the U.S.A. visit www.povertyusa.org. To learn how you can work to end poverty around the world, visit www.crs.org

Holy Mary Society

Ladies of the parish--a very Happy New Year to all of you! Next Sunday will be our first meeting of 2022 and we are excited to have our own Cathy Smith presenting the program. Please consider joining us in the Activity Center after the 8:00 Mass. We will have a light breakfast as in the past and continue to follow safe practices. If you have any suggestions for future programs or activities, please bring them to share! We hope to see you there.

Parish Auction - Saturday, January 22nd

Did you know that St. Luke has held an auction for 34 years? If you have not attended in the past, come and see why so many people return year after year on January 22nd. For only \$50 a person, you can experience appetizers, gourmet dinner, delicious beverages, tasty desserts, silent auction, live auction, raffles, and entertainment. This year’s entertainment will be an original variety show written and performed by the Brookfield Central High School Drama Club.

Don’t forgot to purchase raffle tickets for the Grand Raffle. Stop at the table in the Narthex to purchase tickets, turn in dinner reservations, donate auction items, or sign-up to help. 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.

If you have any scuba gear (masks, flippers, etc.) or large sea shells (4 inches or more) that we could borrow for decorations, please bring them to the parish office. They will be returned after the Auction.

- Sun., January 9 Faith Formation Classes**
9:15 - 10:15 AM Classrooms
- Sun., January 9 ‘Undeck the Halls’**
11:30 AM..... Church/Narthex
- Mon., January 10 Human Concerns Committee**
9:00 AM..... Narthex Meeting Room
- Mon., January 10 Youth Handchime Choir**
5:30 PM Church
- Mon., January 10 Handbell Rehearsal**
7:00 PM Church
- Tues., January 11.....Scripture Study**
9:00 AM..... Room 204
- Tues., January 11..... Perpetual Help Devotions**
6:30 PM Chapel
- Tues., January 11..... Choir Rehearsal**
7:00 PM Church
- Wed., January 12 Auction Decorating**
1:00 PM Carpenter Hall
- Wed., January 121st Reconciliation**
6:30 PM Chapel
- Wed., January 12Scripture Study**
7:00 PM Activity Center
- Sun., January 16 Faith Formation Classes**
9:15 - 10:15 AM Classrooms
- Sun., January 16 Holy Mary Society**
9:15 AM..... Activity Center



**Wednesday
January**

19

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



**SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Narthex at church: 18000 W. Greenfield Ave.

Please make your appointment at bit.ly/saintlukejan2022 or contact Bill at 262-844-0778 or kirsch.family@sbcglobal.net.

To keep everyone safe during this pandemic, all donors and staff are **REQUIRED** to wear a **MASK**, and each persons' temperature is taken upon entering the drive. Donors are asked about having Covid-19 symptoms and about being around others who have.

Giving warms the heart! Donate and receive a limited-edition pair of Versiti socks, while supplies last.





From Cathy's Desk

“...Jesus also had been baptized and was praying...”

We know Jesus did many great miracles, but he did many normal things too. Even when they are pointed out to us in the Scriptures, we are often too focused on the miraculous and miss the ordinary things Jesus taught us. Jesus spent a great deal of time in prayer. Jesus would pray before and after the time he spent with his followers. He was also looking to deepen his relationship with God. We too are called to deepen our relationship with God. Each of us who are baptized is called to live out our baptismal call to be in relationship with God and one another. We can pray to God for the world, our community, our families, and even ourselves. The more time we spend in prayer, the easier it is to talk to God. The next time you are reading your Bible try looking for the normal things that Jesus did for us to follow.



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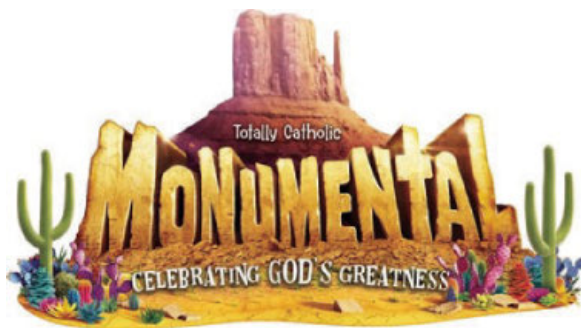
Adult Question: Do you think God was “well pleased” by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

Child Question: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God by being helpful to others?

Cathy Smith

Director of Faith Formation/Pastoral Associate

VBC 2022



It's coming!!!! Plan to join us for a fun and exciting time as we dive into Scripture, music, science, and snacks all related to **Celebrating God's Greatness!** We will be having a planning meeting on Monday, February 1st at 5:30pm. If you would like to be involved in this fun activity, please contact Cathy Smith csmith@stlukebrookfield.org or (262) 782-0032 ext. 106.

Luke's Literary Ladies



Luke's Literary Ladies will meet on Tuesday January 18th at 4:00 pm in the Narthex Meeting Room. We will meet with masks on and sit socially distant. The book selected is: *Sworn to Silence* by Linda Casillo. Please join us if you feel healthy and safe.

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.

Giving Tree Thanks

The Human Concerns Committee is appreciative for ALL who participated in the annual Giving Tree! Your Christmas generosity and support made Christmas Merrier for MANY! Pictured below are just some of the gifts. Thank you!



Dear People of St. Luke and Guests—Baptized Servants in our World— ALL!

From the Pastor



Greetings to one and all: People revealing Christ, Light of the Nations!

With the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we conclude our Christmas celebration of Emmanuel: God with us, but now ‘the work of Christmas begins.’ Amidst continued political unrest, racial tension and COVID-19 fear and fatigue we ‘live into our Baptism as we follow the Star’ leading to Christ in one another. Picking up on last Sunday’s ‘The Story of the Other Wiseman’ by Henry Van Dyke, while ‘we may not always find a King to worship; we find many to help’ as did Artaban on his journey of life. Yes, now, the real ‘work of Christmas begins’ as Howard Thurman wrote many years ago.

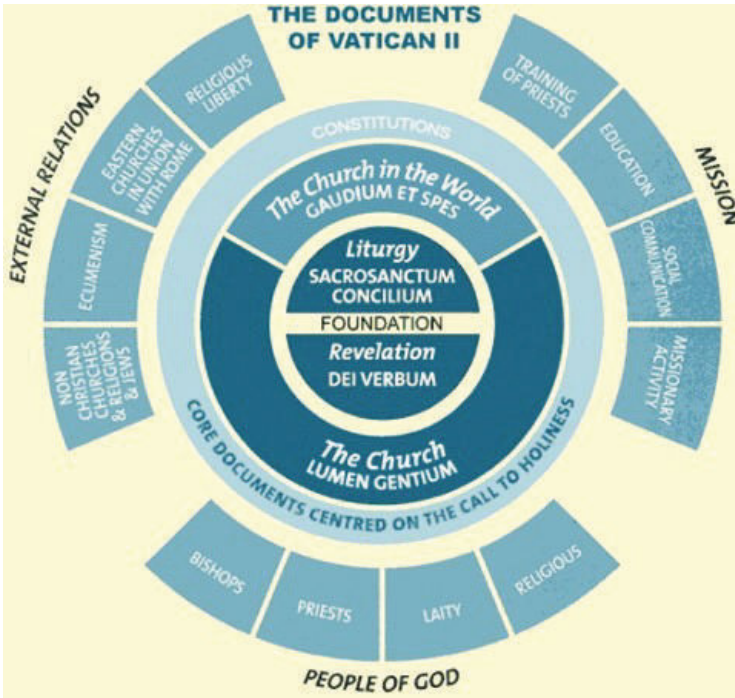
I found to be interesting and challenging, Fr. Pat Marrin’s ‘Pencil Preaching’ reflection for Epiphany. I offer it below and conclude with Howard Thurman’s poem, “When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled, the Work of Christmas Begins.”

Epiphany of the Lord by Fr. Pat Marrin, SJ

When Vatican II named its document on the church *Lumen Gentium*, “Light of the Nations,” it was describing its role and function in the world. The church exists to embody and magnify the mystery of the Incarnation, to illuminate and clarify the light of Christ for all people. The image with this column shows the foundation of the church as the Word and the Liturgy, God’s revelation and our response in worship, especially the celebration of the Eucharist.

Epiphany’s Gospel, the story of the appearance of the star, the journey of the Magi to find the child and Herod’s plot to kill Jesus, provides a dramatic context for the gift and the challenge the light of Christ introduced into history. One lesson is clear: the darker the times; the more important the light. Pope Francis has illustrated this.

Though the church is a small player among world powers, the pope’s voice on behalf of justice and peace has been both significant and often in sharp contrast to the drift toward autocratic rule and the return of nationalist and racist ideologies that promote division, competition, borders and exclusion. In his years as pope, Francis’ encyclicals on care of the planet, global cooperation, economic fairness, the centrality of the family and defense of the marginalized have been brilliant candles in the darkness.



The pope’s travels have focused light on the needs of developing nations, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, the plight of refugees and victims of poverty and war, on environmental stewardship, the aspirations of young people and the rights of workers. Francis’ persistent efforts to reform the church to make it more pastoral and less judgmental, more transparent and accountable, have often been met by inside resistance and even subversion.

Matthew’s Gospel shows us that even wonder, light and wisdom are ignored by those who will do anything to protect their power. Yet, even in the face of evil, God’s purposes continue to define the deepest longings and the highest ideals of humanity. The light of glory shone brightly on the cross when Jesus emptied Himself to reveal God’s love for the world. Resistance to the light and the reality of suffering have always been marks of the authentic church.

As members of the church, our incorporation at Baptism into the mystery of the crucified and risen Jesus makes each of us a light to the world. The small candle we received at Baptism is lit from the large Easter Candle. We celebrate Epiphany by taking our lights to the world. The familiar motto of the Christopher movement, “It is better to light a single candle than to curse the darkness,” reminds us that if we want a better, brighter world, we must be the candles that reveal Christ.

Fr. Pat Marrin, SJ, is the former editor of our sister publication, [Celebration](#), and he also served as NCR cartoonist. After retirement in 2016, Pat continues to contribute to NCR with his [Francis comic strip](#) and [Pencil Preaching](#). Contact him at patrickjmarrin@gmail.com

“The Work of Christmas” by Howard Thurman

“When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all,
To make music in the heart.”

Baptized into the Christ, it is our call, our privilege to bring and reveal Christ’s light to all in our earth family: to ‘do the work of Christmas’ for a Baptismal lifetime. Fr. Augustine



Go to the poor...there you will find God

-St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Luke Conference, strives to fulfill its mission of “A network of friends, inspired by gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with, and service to, people in need.”

Members grow spiritually by offering person to person service in the tradition of our founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam, and patron St. Vincent de Paul with devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patroness. All donations (100%) are used for charity.

Activities include:

- Home visits to those needing help.
- Monitoring the parish St. Vincent de Paul phone line.
- Sorting and distributing groceries monthly.
- Serving dinner at the Hope Center.
- Hosting a week of summer lunches in the park. Preparing food 5 evenings. Serving lunch in the park 5 days.
- Collecting school supplies in fall.
- Providing children’s Christmas gifts for the prison ministry Angel Tree Project.
- Promoting systemic change through the Getting Ahead program.
- Mini Vinnie activities for youth under age 18.

St. Luke Conference would like to encourage you:

- To have ears to hear the “cries of the poor.”
- To have eyes to “seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived.”
- To have hearts that “bring God’s love to the poor” through generosity and donations.

Please consider getting involved. Members of the St. Luke Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be available after all Masses, January 9, to answer questions or call Mary Freisleben, 262-544-4655.

Baptism of the Lord

Christmas Time comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, an event recorded in all four Gospels. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the Divine Son.

Because we associate Baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo Baptism seems out of place. The evangelists must have thought the same; as a whole, they downplay the incident. But the Baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God.

Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the "epiphany" events or the "manifestations" of Jesus, newly arrived on the biblical scene: the visit of the Magi, the Baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. Prior to 1969, we heard all three of these Scriptures in successive weeks: January 6, January 13, and on the following Sunday. All three stories form a unit because they progressively reveal the identity, the authority, and the power of Jesus.

In today's liturgical calendar, the Sunday readings spread over a three-year cycle. On the Baptism of the Lord, we hear a different evangelist's account each year. Only in year C does the following Sunday feature the Gospel of the Wedding Feast at Cana to unify the three celebrations.

In the United States, we celebrate Epiphany on a Sunday. But in countries where the Epiphany is a holyday of obligation, it is celebrated on January 6. In the United States, the Baptism of the Lord is usually the Sunday after the Epiphany, but if Epiphany comes late, falling on January 6 or 7, the Baptism of the Lord goes to the next day, January 7 or 8, a Monday, in order to make room for the weeks of Ordinary Time.

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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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