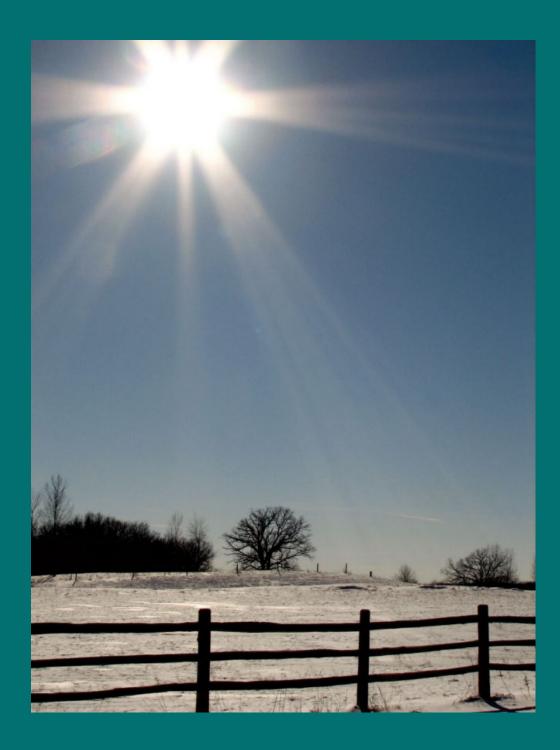


# Saint Luke Catholic Church

18000 West Greenfield Avenue • Brookfield, WI 53045 262-782-0032 • www.stlukebrookfield.org January 16, 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### Mass Schedule

Saturday Sunday	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Sunuay	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!

# Welcome to St. Luke

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

Eucharists for the Lord's Day 5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pi 8:00 AM + George & Margaret Lubeley 10:30 AM + Gary Drinan	ius X, Nigeria
Monday, January 17 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22 No Morning Mass	St. Anthony
<b>Tuesday, January 18</b> 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28 8:00 AM <b>†</b> Ellinore Mielke	Weekda
Wednesday, January 19 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 8:00 AM † Gioan Nguyen Van Ngon	Weekda
<b>Fhursday, January 20</b> <i>1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12</i> No Morning Mass	Weekda
Friday, January 21 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19 No Morning Mass	St, Agne

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMENeh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21Eucharists for the Lord's Day5:00 PM5:00 PM\*Mary Meyer8:00 AMParishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria10:30 AM\*Carlie Beaudin

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!

#### This Week at St. Luke

Sun., January 16	Faith Formation Classes
9:15 - 10:15 AM	Classrooms
Sun., January 16	Holy Mary Society
	Activity Center
	Youth Handchime Choir
	Church
Mon., January 17	Handbell Rehearsal
	Church
	St. Vincent de Paul Society
7:00 PM	Activity Center
Tues., January 18	Scripture Study
	Luke's Literary Ladies
•	Narthex Meeting Room
	Blood Drive
	Narthex
	Scripture Study
7:00 PM	Activity Center
	Grocery Collection

#### Justice Corner



#### Valuing Diversity

St. Paul reminds us that God's glory is revealed in the diversity of human gifts. Today's Gospel reminds us that all are welcome in the family of God. The Scriptures suggest that diversity is prized by our Lord and we too are to embrace our brothers and sisters regardless of differences in our appearance, resources, beliefs, racial/ ethnic background, or talents. Together we can work to build God's kingdom.

In our contemporary world meaningful dialogue seems elusive. Discussions about public policy and governance often break down because of differences between and among disparate groups. Too often dissenting opinions are characterized as moral or immoral choices creating alienation and division.

Today's Scriptures challenge us to seek common ground and work together for the benefit of all people. We pray for all elected officials – that they may seek common ground and provide opportunities for all people to share their talents for the benefit of the whole world.

## Parish Auction - Postponed

After consultation with the parish staff and pastoral council, the decision was made to postpone the auction. Watch the bulletin for further announcements, including the new date. The safety of the St. Luke community and guests remains our number one priority. With the increase of the Covid Omicron variant, moving forward with the auction during this time of record cases is just too risky. Thank you, St. Luke Auction Committee



In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they begin to believe him. Everyday, God gives us loving signs so we also can respond in faith

and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

# Human Concerns Grocery Collection

At all Masses for Sunday, January 23, we will be collecting groceries for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Outreach Program, the Mini Vinnies Little Food Pantry and the Waukesha County Food Pantry.



We are requesting the usual non perishable food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, soups, peanut butter, cereal, tuna, canned chicken or pasta items. Also appreciated are essential items not covered by Foodshare such as toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish detergent or toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Thank you in advance for loving and caring for our neighbors.

Please remember in prayer Cecilia Waddell, Al Bartosz and Stan Miles, all of St. Luke, who have died; and their families. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. R./And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soulsand the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R./ Amen.

# 2021/2022 Stewardship

December received:

December budgeted	\$70,005.00
December Envelopes / Offertory	\$59,385.00
Monthly over / short	-\$10,620.00
Year To Date Budgeted	\$247,955.00
Year To Date Received	\$237,680.00
Year To Date over / short	-\$10,275.00

"What return shall we make to the Lord for all God's goodness to us?"

Our Stewardship of time, talent and financial treasure is essential to our Gospel Mission as Saint Luke Parish! Thank you



#### "... To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good ... "

I just love today's passage from 1 Corinthians. Our Triune God gives us everything we need. This is different than saying we have everything we want. God has a plan for each of us. At times it may be difficult to discern what the plan is. Have no fear! God gives us what we need, when we need it, all for the glory of God's name. It is important for us to identify the gifts we have been given so we can truly make use of them as they were intended. Some people may question if they are the right person for a particular task. Remember, God doesn't choose the most gifted people. God chooses the people and then gives them the gifts they need.

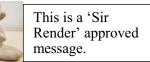
Adult Question: When have you stepped in, as Mary did at Cana, to try and make a difficult situation easier for someone?

Child Question: What can you do this week to help make someone's job a little easier?

Cathy Smith Director of Faith Formation/Pastoral Associate

### January is Poverty Awareness Month

During the month of January, we have the opportunity to consider poverty in its many



forms. As Catholic Christians we are called to live in solidarity with poor people. For more information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, please go to, <u>https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaignhuman-development/poverty-awareness-month</u>. Below is a quote from Pope Francis and his belief on our role in caring for the most vulnerable people.

"The future of humanity does not lie solely in the hands of great leaders, the great powers and the elites. It is fundamentally in the hands of people and in their ability to organize. It is in their hands, which can guide with humility and conviction this process of change. I am with you. Each of us, let's repeat from the heart: no family without lodging, no rural worker without land, no laborer without rights, no people without sovereignty, no individual without dignity, no child without childhood, no young person without a future, no elderly person without a venerable old age."

~Pope Francis, Address at the World Meeting of Popular Movements, Bolivia

# Luke's Literary Ladies



Luke's Literary Ladies will meet on <u>Tuesday</u> January 18th at **4:00 pm** in the Narthex <u>Meeting Room</u>. 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.

# "Under the Sea" Items Still Needed

Although the Auction has been postponed, we still need to borrow some things for our theme, "Under the Sea."

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. Thank you.



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 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm. If you would like to be involved in this fun activity, please contact Cathy Smith <u>csmith@stlukebrookfield.org</u> or (262) 782-0032 ext. 106.



Wednesday January

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3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy





#### SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

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.



#### Dear People of St. Luke and Guests,

With last Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord and the beautiful ringing of our Handbell Choir at 8 AM Mass; recognition and blessing of our



Vincentians, Associates and Mini-Vinnies, and our very well attended and most productive 'Undeck the Halls,' this Sunday seems like 'low Sunday' of Easter.

COVID-19 continues to make demands upon us for the common good and change our lives, like it or not. The Auction Committee met last Monday and after consultation with the parish staff and pastoral council, the decision was made to postpone the auction. Watch the bulletin for further announcements, including the new date. With the increase of the COVID Omicron variant, the safety of the St. Luke community and guests remains our number one priority. Moving forward with the Auction as a Community Building-Fund Raiser during this time of record cases is just too risky. The only thing constant in life is change. Be safe and well and help others be safe and well.

On Wednesday of this past week we gathered with the children prepared for First Reconciliation:

Colin John Antos, Grace Emily Antos, Cole Herbert Fenske, Rosemary Kathleen Mortag,

Mae Elizabeth Nguyen, Alfred Antonio Pulikkan, Vera Rose Zannikos.

The prayerful gathering and reception/party was definitely a Celebration of Reconciliation. We gathered singing, "We come to ask Your forgiveness, O Lord, as we seek forgiveness from each other. Sometimes we build up walls instead of bridges to peace, so we ask Your forgiveness, O Lord." Carey Landry © 1996, New Dawn Music. Used with permission. OneLicense.net #A-713267.

During the Christmas Season I quoted Annie Dillard who writes, "like the Christ Child in the manger we all "NEED TO BE PICKED UP AND COAXED INTO ADULTHOOD." Each Christmas; we go to the manger; accept God's gift and awaken the child in us that we might coax each other and generations to come into adulthood – to mature into Christ – 'live into our Baptism' as the Body of Christ - and make Christmas' 'yes' to humanity, happen each and every day, as family, for a Baptismal Lifetime! I am reminded also of what Sister Joan Chittister, OSB, writes, "We all need someone who will hold our lives in loving hands as we grow."

With the Celebration of First Reconciliation and the need for each of us to 'hold our lives in loving hands as we grow' I offer a reflection by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

#### "The Issues We're Afraid to Share"

"Sin, brokenness, as the Church has always said, can be a "happy fault," an invitation to a new beginning. It calls us to reflect on the way we live and think and direct our lives until we can change our bearings once again. It is this unending grace of change that is the tether to which we cling as the waves of life shred the sails that have brought us to this point.

"But silent admission is not enough. For that, the steps of humility have a clearer message. Growth is a process, an unending process, they teach us: Reflect on the pain. Discern its origin. Find models whose own experiences can help to reconstruct its meaning. And, most of all, understand that confession—the unburdening of the past—is never too late. Confrontation of the unfinished parts of ourselves and self-revelation is forever the key to freedom from the past as well as freedom for the future.

"It is one thing to talk, as Saint Benedict does, about self-revelation as a step to humility. After all, who would doubt that? What's left of hubris, of image, of pretense once we begin to expose the secrets of the soul? But, we have a right to wonder if superiors won't use the information against us. If friends won't reject us. If even the wisdom figures among us might not turn away. Those are fair concerns and deserve a great deal of thought before we begin to talk to anyone whose own spiritual depths are uncertain or whose ability to keep a confidence is in question.

"And yet, the far more important questions are: What happens to the person who does not deal with the secrets of the heart? What kind of energy can a person bring to life who allows the past to clog the arteries of the mind? How confident can a person be who lives with the stress of fearing exposure? How emotionally stable is a person who spends life ignoring the Achilles' heel that could well spill over into embarrassment—or breakdown—at any time? And how capable of helping others are those who harbor their own need to hide from themselves?

"The issues we're afraid to share, the things that rankle the soul but never get seriously examined, the researchers tell us, trigger an even greater search for meaning. We become rudderless, stuck in our aloneness with nowhere clear to go. The secret that lies within has control. The antidote to our fear is self-revelation with someone who can treat our scars daringly and lovingly. Then the liberation inherent in the fifth step of Benedictine humility is plain.

"Benedict of Nursia has been called the Great Psychologist by those who study his Rule and marvel at his understanding of human development. In this step of humility, he is particularly astute. His concern is not for sinfulness in the negative sense of the word but for the effects of sin and brokenness in all our lives. Without addressing our brokenness, whatever burdens we carry stand to block our growth. The basic point is clear: We all need someone who will hold our lives in loving hands as we grow. — from *Radical Spirit* (Convergent), by Joan Chittister. Reprinted for educational purposes.

> Happy Ordinary, Ordinal, Numbering, Green Time of Growth, Fr. Augustine

Dear People of St. Luke,

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We concluded our liturgical celebration of Christmas; began to reflect on Jesus' public ministry and renewed our Baptismal Promises and Professed Easter Baptismal Faith. In our liturgical calendar this is counted as the First Sunday of Ordinary (Ordinal) Time. So, this Sunday is already the Second Sunday of Ordinal Time. To give a context to these Sundays until Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd, I offer two short articles on 'Ordinary, Ordinal, Numbered, Green Time'

"Wasted time is not a prized commodity in American society. We are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would want to do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity.

"But the Creator of heaven and earth is described by the scriptures as the original and the best of players. Creative activity is playful, and creative people do not feel that what they do is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received. The Christian can speak of this and the contemplative vision which sees all reality as gift or grace. Our thankful response we call worship or Eucharist.

"We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon the critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on the first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever.

"What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living." Taken from the Saint Andrew Bible Missal; William J. Hirten Co., Inc., Brooklyn, N.Y., Brepols IGP, © 1982. All rights reserved.

G. Thomas Ryan writing for LTP has this to say about 'Ordinary, Ordinal, Numbered, Green) Time.'

"What do the words Ordinary Time mean? Dorothy Day said, the term 'Ordinary Time' in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me, no time is ordinary." She was right. The Ordinary in Ordinary Time refers to ordinal – counted – time, not to a lack of something to celebrate. The Roman document, General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, says: "Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character (Advent, Christmastime, Lent, Triduum and Eastertime), 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects."(#43)

"How do we celebrate "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects?" We gather every Sunday. Sunday is our original feast day. Christians have gathered every Sunday – the day of Christ's resurrection, the first day of the week – ever since there were Christians.

"Each year there are two blocks of Ordinary Time, one in the winter between Christmastime and Lent, and the other in Summer and Fall, from Pentecost through Christ King. When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. We systematically read through the gospels. The first readings from the First Testament of the Bible were chosen for their relationship to the gospel passages. The second readings come from the various letter of the Second Testament of the Bible. The mystery of Christ "in all its aspects" unfolds.

"What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our Eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, the Body and Blood. We are sent forth to be the Body and Blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world. None of this is ordinary by any means. This is the fabric of Christian living."

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### 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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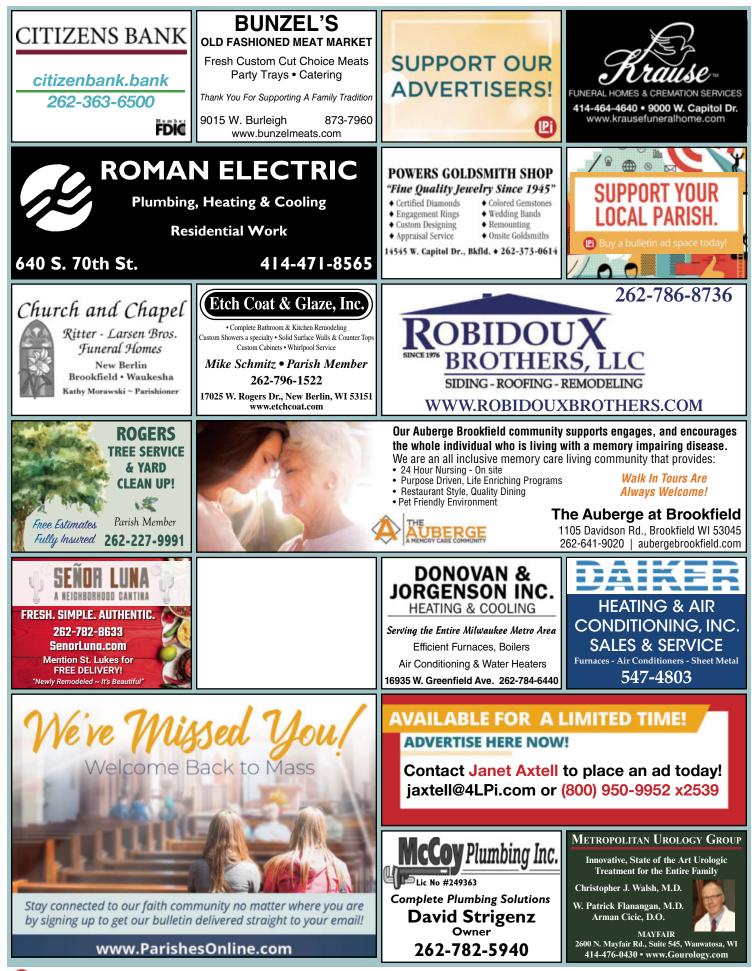
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#### St. Luke Mission Statement

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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