

# ST. LUKE AND ST. BERNARDINE PARISH

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 • 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### FROM THE PASTOR



We know we're approaching Advent when our Scripture readings begin to focus on end times.

St. Matthew's Gospel this week tells the story of the foolish virgins who were unprepared for the bridegroom's arrival. "Therefore stay awake, for you know not the hour nor

the day." In terms of our relationship to Jesus, what does staying awake mean?

The liturgical year keeps us awake through many reminders of the presence of Jesus in our lives. Every Eucharist, every holy day, every gathering of our parish community is actually an acknowledgement of our relationship to Jesus and a reminder that He is always present in our lives. He does not need to be reminded of us, but we do need reminders of Him.

Sometimes we may be exhausted by the bustle of activity in our lives, by the demands we feel we must meet, and by our often sad world where injustice, violence and suffering are all-too-common, and we wonder, "how can our loving God permit this to happen?" These are unfortunately predictable human conditions and equally predictable questions.

Staying awake means holding firm to the principles of our faith. It means keeping strong our identity as Christians. The models of our lives are Jesus and the many saints we love and respect. As we celebrate these heroes of our faith, we stay awake to the message of love that Jesus taught us. Our parish community also helps us stay awake by surrounding us with people whose lives, like our own, are striving for closer connection with Jesus and with the Gospel message. Community nourishes our individual faith much like the sun nourishes a plant. When we separate ourselves from our community of faith we can strive to stay awake, but we deprive ourselves of the spiritual energy we receive from others.

There was certainly plenty of energy at Game Day last week! Our parish gathered in this fun annual event and enjoyed being together even though the Bears lost, it was a great way to spend the afternoon. Later today, we look forward to the musical showcase, Jack and Jill of All Trades Recital. Next weekend, we look forward to the return of Turkey Sunday Weekend.

Lastly, the Archdiocese is conducting its annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) on November 18 and 19, supporting various community projects that bring hope to those in need. Last year, St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish made a significant contribution to the 2022 collection. We hope to surpass our last year's support in 2023, emphasizing the importance of increasing our impact. Please review the letter from the Archbishop of Chicago on page 7.

Staying spiritually awake is our guiding light, helping us navigate the uncertainties with the unwavering support of our parish community.

Fr. Stan

#### **Don't Miss this Musical Showcase Today**

All are welcome to attend an afternoon of music on Sunday, November 12 at 3 p.m. Bill and Colleen Ortega will present a program including works by Beethoven, Leoncavallo, Verdi, Bruch, and Donizetti. There will be a free will offering to benefit St. Luke and St. Bernardine parish. (see attached poster)

#### Jack and Jill of All Trades Recital!



# Sunday, November 12 at 3 p.m. St. Luke Church

528 Lathrop Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

William Ortega, clarinet, violin, voice Colleen Ortega, clarinet, organ, piano and voice with great assistance from the Lincoln String Quartet and Anatoliy Torchinskiy, piano

including works by Leoncavallo, Verdi, Beethoven, Bruch and Donizetti

free will offering to benefit St. Luke and St. Bernardine parish

## SLSB Turkey Sunday Weekend Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19

320 frozen turkevs have been ordered along with tons of other food. Volunteers with large capacity vehicles are needed Saturday mid-morning, November 18, to pick up most of our pre-ordered food from Caputo's and deliver it to the River Forest Community Center, where several of our young people are signed up to pack the bags of food; and Sunday midmorning, November 19, to collect those pre-bagged groceries and deliver them to our three distribution points in North Lawndale. Parishioners have already signed up to take over 50 frozen turkeys from Jewel to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry early Saturday morning, and to deliver about 270 turkeys, and hundreds of bags of potatoes and onions for distribution Sunday morning. A few volunteers are also needed to help with distribution at St. Agatha church. If you want to help on Saturday or Sunday, you can volunteer at https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0F4DAFA82DA3FA7-45299666-turkey#/.

The families being provided with food for Thanksgiving meals are both local, at the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry; and connected with our sharing parish, St Simon of Cyrene (St Agatha and St Martin de Porres churches), the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Youth Center, and The Learning Center/House of Connections, which is celebrating this year its 40th anniversary of providing free adult education programs for residents of the Chicago neighborhoods of North Lawndale and Little Village.

If you have already donated to support SLB Turkey Sunday Weekend, thank you very much. If not, you can donate using the QR Code below, by putting a check in the collection basket made out to St Luke and St Bernardine Parish with "SLB Turkey Sunday" on

#### **Submit your 2024 Mass Intentions**

This form is conveniently accessible on our website and at both of our church locations. Along with your information, please enclose a \$10.00 offering per Mass Intention, payable to St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish. How to submit your 2024 Mass Intentions

Preferred - Place in Sunday Collection Basket addressed to Carol.

Email: ckarlowski@stlstbparish.org

US Mail: St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish 528 Lathrop Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305

As always, you may also come in during office hours. QUESTIONS! Please contact Carol at

ckarlowski@stlstbparish.org

the memo line, or by giving cash or a check made out to our parish to the volunteers at each weekend Mass next weekend. We are providing meals to 1/3 more families this Thanksgiving and food costs have increased significantly over last year, so the need is great.

You can also donate by providing a large frozen turkey, 20 lbs. or more, before and after any Mass **next Sunday only** up to **12:15 p.m. 30 large frozen turkeys** are needed for the large families getting Thanksgiving meals



#### St. Luke and St. Bernardine

Turkey Sunday
https://ppay.co/9kkiP PQaFU

#### **Remembering Our Loved Ones**

During the entire month of November, there will be a space at both churches to place photos of loved ones that have passed. They will be displayed on the Marian altar at St. Bernardine and in a special spot in the back of St. Luke Church. All are welcome to place a photo. Even if you haven't lost a loved one this year, keep the memory of your loved ones alive with this tribute to them.







#### Food pantry update and needs

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP), St. Bernardine Conference, has been running the dry goods food pantry for many years, but is coming up to a two year anniversary since implementing changes to provide a grocery list for clients to fill out and wait while the order is filled. The clients are satisfied to receive what they select. Before, grocery bags were filled with staple items and given to the clients. Many items were returned as being not needed.

Our clientele has doubled over the last year, now serving 40-50 people per week. We count on the generosity of parishioners and benefactors to donate money or goods from the shopping list to stock the pantry. However, this has not been sustainable. The need has increased substantially and SVDP has been subsidizing a sizable amount of money each week to buy items to stock the pantry.

We appreciate you taking a pantry grocery list while you are shopping. The pantry needs items from the list and cannot accept outdated, open or used items.

A case of an item is also acceptable. Donations can be dropped off at the baskets located at the main entrance at St. Luke and by the south side entrance at St. Bernardine or on Saturday morning. To donate monetarily, please make a check out to the St. Vincent De Paul Society, St. Bernardine Conference and put in the Sunday collection basket or bring/send to the parish office. Any donations of clothing can be given to the SVDP drop off box at the St. Mary of Celle parking lot in Berwyn.

Starting December 1, 2023, SVDP's plan is to limit service to clients living in Forest Park, River Forest, Oak Park and Berwyn.

The pantry is open Saturdays from 9-11 a.m. at the St. Bernardine campus rectory, 7246 Harrison St., Forest Park. It stays open all year, unless inclement weather. Ellen Carr coordinates a designated number of volunteers to work on Saturday mornings and would

call or text to confirm with the assigned individuals beforehand.

Note: 2-4 volunteers needed to shop at Walmart, The Dollar Store or Aldi's once a week or every other week if the job is shared. Volunteers would also deliver these bought items to the St. Bernardine rectory, help unload and stock the shelves. Individuals would need a car, be able to lift heavier items and be available during the daytime hours. We would agree on a mutually agreeable time to deliver the goods.

If interested, please contact Donna Gawlas at (708) 771-8098 or dgawlas@yahoo.com.





#### **Calling All Servers!**

Altar Server training will be offered on **Tuesday**, **November 28**. The session will start at **3:15 p.m.** at **St. Luke Church** and is open to all, third grade and up, who would like to help out with this important ministry at Mass. For more information, please talk with Michele Dal Pino (708-435-8959), Colleen Ortega (708-435-8926) or with Fr. Stan.



#### **Empower our Youth**

Dear Community Members and Supporters,

Thank you for visiting our website and for your interest in our Youth Ministry. Our mission is to guide and inspire the youth in our community to know, love, and follow Jesus throughout their lives. We are reaching out to seek your generous support in providing the necessary resources for our youth ministry. Your contributions will make a significant impact on the spiritual growth of our youth.

Below is our Youth Ministry Wish List:

#### Gift Cards From:

Costco, Aldi, Jewel-Osco, Target, Dollar Tree, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Office Depot, Pizza Hut, Domino's Pizza, Subway, Panera Bread, Bertolli's Pizza, Culver's and Visa.

#### For the Youth Group Activity Room:

8ft + Rectangular Table Cloths (Any type - fabric or plastic - new or very clean used condition)

Hot Glue guns & refill glue sticks for glue gun (new or used)

Color Pencils, Pencils, Art Supplies, notebooks, writing tools, day planners, and folders.

#### For the Youth Group Prayer Room:

Young Saint Statues - any and all sizes.

#### For the Youth Group Kitchen and Dining Room:

Pink Lemonade, Soda, Gatorade, Hot Chocolate, Bottled Water, Orange and Apple Juice - individual servings, Chips, cookies, snacks - individually wrapped, Candy or treats - individually wrapped

Applesauce pouches or Fruit Cups, Pop Corn, Paper products (plates, cups, napkins), forks/spoons, Clorox wipes, plastic garbage bags, and hand soap.

#### For the Youth Group Backyard and Game Room:

Regular Board or Card Games

Jenga, Bingo,

Volleyball Net (portable)

#### **BIG "DREAM" ITEMS:**

Nintendo Switch four controllers

Mario Kart 8 Deluxe - US Version for four players.

Thank You for your prayers and support to our young.



#### **Our Weekly Offerings**

For October 30 - November 6, 2023:

Envelopes \$ 6759

Loose Cash & Checks \$ 3519

Electronic \$ 4278

Total This Week \$ 14,556

Total Year-to-Date \$ 265,065

End of Nov. Budget \$ 354,166.60

Variance \$ -89,101.60

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Yearly Budget: \$850,000

#### Stewardship of Treasure

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

#### **Elevate your November**

We will meet at the 5:00 p.m. Mass in St. Luke Church. After Mass, we will go to the Hospitality House, 533 Ashland Avenue. River Forest, IL 60305. Please use the school parking lot. On **Saturday, November 18**, we will have our Thanksgiving Gathering and Social.



#### Game Day, A Winner!

Well, the Chicago Bears may not have had a stellar game on Sunday, November 5, but the more than 200 parishioners and friends who attended Game Day had a great time! As promised, it was a feast of fun, good food and friendship.

A special thanks to the Game Day Team that worked tirelessly to plan and manage the event. Thanks also to all who supported the event through monetary or kind gifts, especially the 22 local business and municipal organizations. They are named on the parish website.

Finally, thanks to all who attended. Parishioners and friends filled Game Day with the true welcoming, inclusive, vibrant and joyful spirit of St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish.



#### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This month marks the third anniversary of the Holy Father's encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. As we reflect on all that has occurred over the past few years, let us call to mind the Holy Father's words that ground us in the Lord's love for his people: "Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts." Our faith is one of action and of active love towards the other, and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an example of just that. It is within each of us to act with love toward those on the margins of our city and our society right here in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

For more than 50 years, CCHD has funded organizations that lead the call for all of us to stand in solidarity with those who have been marginalized in their communities and who continue to act against injustice. For example, Chicago Coalition to Save our Mental Health Centers works to create community-controlled and sustainably-funded mental health centers in high need areas. For nearly 30 years, it has worked to unite mental health consumers, professionals, faith leaders and community residents to keep Chicago's system of centers open and fully funded in the face of constant budget cuts.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is proud that CCHD has its roots in the efforts of a Chicago priest and bishop, the late Most Reverend Michael Dempsey, during the years he served as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on the West Side. By emphasizing empowerment, participation and solidarity, CCHD continues the initiatives of Bishop Dempsey as it works to support resilient communities during continued adversity and struggle. To learn more about CCHD's impact or to donate online, please visit <a href="https://cchbchicago.org">CCHDChicago.org</a>.

Please consider contributing generously to CCHD through the second collection on **November 18** and **19**, and thereby continue to sow the seeds of hope amongst those who find themselves on the margins in Chicagoland.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

#### Youth Turnout at All Saints Day Mass

6 an 8 grade RE students attended the All Saints Day Mass at St Bernardine Church November 1 at 7 p.m.



# Recap of Confirmation Retreat with Mark Nimo

Parents, sponsors and Confirmation Candidates started the day with the opening song of praise and dance. Yay! 100% participation! The second photo shows parents, sponsors, catechists, and teacher catechists made a Tunnel of Fire that the candidates walked through arches of hands of support.



# Run with Team OLA in the 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Mission of Our Lady of the Angels (via the Franciscans of the Eucharist) provides hope to over 3000 families per month on the west side of Chicago. Consider running to support Mission OLA in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on Oct 13, 2024 Registration is open! Limited # of guaranteed entries

Fundraising minimum jumps from \$1250 to \$1750 on **Thursday, November 16, 2023** so time is of the essence!

Please see <u>missionola.com/marathon.html</u> for details.

#### Benefits of joining:

Enjoy guaranteed entries, t-shirts, pre-race Mass & dinner, place to stay the night before the race, assistance from Sr. Stephanie (a 2:53 marathoner), Hallow app subscription, and a dedicated prayer team!

Questions? Contact Sr. Stephanie at <a href="mailto:olamission@gmail.com">olamission@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:773-486-8431">773-486-8431</a> or to sign up!

#### Join the Parish Prayer Ministry!

Looking for more opportunities to pray? Join a network of parishioners who receive a newsletter via email with a list of parishioners' prayer intentions. Interested? Contact the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Michelle Dal Pino at <a href="mailto:mdalpino@stlstbparish.org">mdalpino@stlstbparish.org</a> to receive the newsletter.

Want to add an intention to the prayer newsletter? Send yours to Michelle Dal Pino at <a href="mailto:mdalpino@stlstbparish.org">mdalpino@stlstbparish.org</a>. No names are needed; God will know who we are praying for and so will you!



#### New to Our Parish? We'd Like to Say Hello!

We're happy to have you join our community of faith. You can learn more about our parish and organizations and how you can get involved on our website at <a href="https://www.stlstbparish.org">www.stlstbparish.org</a>.

You will also find a link to our registration page so we can welcome you as a full member of our growing parish. If you have any questions, call our parish office at 708-771-8250 Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

### THE WEEK AHEAD



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Monday, November 13

6:30 a.m. (SBC) Special Intention 8:30 a.m. (SLC) In Honor of Santa Lucia

†Flora Martini †Joseph DeVooght †William Francis Jacobs, Jr.

#### Tuesday, November 14

6:30 a.m. (SBC) †A. Hopkins 8:30 a.m. (SLC) Special Intention

#### Wednesday, November 15

6:30 a.m. (SBC) People of St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish

8:30 a.m. (SLC) Special Intention

#### Thursday, November 16

6:30 a.m. (SBC) Parishioner Intention 8:30 a.m. (SLC) †Al Cademartrie

Martini Family (living and deceased)

#### Friday, November 17

6:30 a.m. (SBC) †Genaro Ymbong †Peter Stempniak

8:30 a.m. (SLC) †Wilfredo Sr., Dela

#### Saturday, November 18

8:30 a.m. (SLC) † Louis and Patricia Dunaway

5:00 p.m. (STB) †Jean Villari

†Genaro Ymbong

5:00 p.m. (STL) †Joseph Gleason

†Kapica, Wysoczarski, Makowski, Mroczkowski and Grodzki Families

†Michael P. Keating

#### <u>Sunday, November 19</u>

8:00 am (SBC) †Carolyn Brown

†Ernest Dost

Tonitte Jumaoas (living)

9:30am (SLC) †Fr. Conway O'Conner

11:00am (SLC) †William O'Malley

(SBC = St. Bernardine Church / SLC = St. Luke Church)



Do you have a deceased relative or friend you wish to remember in a special way? An anniversary or special occasion? Someone who is ill or recovering from surgery, or some other special intention you would like our community to pray for?

Submit your 2024 requests for Mass intentions now by filling out the form available on our website,

https://tinyurl.com/mass2024

or at both church locations.

You can send your requests by email to <a href="mailto:ckarlowski@stlstbparish.org">ckarlowski@stlstbparish.org</a>, place them in the Sunday collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office at 528 Lathrop Avenue in River Forest, 60305.



## **DAILY READINGS**

**Mon:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6 **Tue:** Wis 2:23–3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wed: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

**Thu:** Wis 7:22b–8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk

17:20-25

Fri: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

**Sat:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8 **Next Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-

5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30/Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

#### **Reconciliation Times**

Time for Reconciliation is after the Saturday 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Luke Church and Saturdays at 4 p.m. at St. Bernardine Church.



#### PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Everyone is invited to join us in prayer throughout the week, starting with the morning Rosary after the 6:30 Mass at St. Bernardine and the 8:30 Mass at St. Luke.

On Tuesday evenings, our weekly Adoration Holy Hour is open for everyone for quiet prayer before the



Blessed Sacrament from 5-6:30 pm in St. Luke Church.

If you have a loved one who is injured or preparing for surgery or you have a job interview or are awaiting an important decision in your life, send your intention to us and we will ask our home prayer ministry members to add it to their prayers. You can email your request to mdalpino@stlstbparish.org. No names are needed; God will know who we are praying for and so will you!

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lauretta J. Froelich, Bill Keller, Arnie Goodman, George Martini, Lois Santarelli, Bob Gerger, Linda Dziubala, George Lane, Barbara Crawford, Gary Hopkins, Isaac Beal, Ann Stauffer, Helen Kreidermacher, Stafania Sewruk, Marianne O'Donoughue, Frank Kurr, Zachary Fernandez, and Fr. Paul Reicher

#### AND FOR OUR DECEASED

Lauretta A. Froelich and Dr. William Edward Davis

## PARISH INFORMATION



## CONNECT WITH US

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Call 708-771-8250

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#### MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, November 18

5:00 pm - SBC Celebrant Fr. Stan

Cantor G Ragalie Lector J Schuch Euch Min N Isdale

Ushers D Michalak, 3 needed

5:00 pm - SLC Celebrant Fr. Ed

Cantor G Donatille Lector J Bobak Euch Min P Chase

Ushers W Gamboney, 3 needed

Sunday, November 19

8:00 am - SBC Celebrant Fr. Stan

Cantor D Celeschi Lector R Leninger Euch Min D Dorney

Ushers B D'Souza, B Brown, D Leninger,

T Leninger

9:30 am - SLC Celebrant Fr. Stan

Cantor M Zeh

Lector D Hopkinson Euch Min 1 needed

L Tuzi, K van Meurs, 2 needed Ushers

11:00 am - SLC Celebrant Fr. Ed

Cantor J Doloszycki Lector NO'Malley Euch Min 1 needed

Ushers M Bauman, J McInerney,

2 needed

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